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THE MESSENGER

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Minister's Musings

The sun is out, the flowers are beautiful, the grass is a lush green, and the kids from the Nursery School are loving its excellence. No matter what age you are, it's easy to give thanks to God on a day like this. 'Thanks, God, for the beauty of the peonies and the warmth of the sun.' I went for a walk a few nights ago, and the world felt different. I could still smell the flowers, but the light of the streetlights was harsh, not much like warm sunshine. There was no moon, nor could I see stars, and it was cold and damp. I felt alone, even though there were a few others on the sidewalk of Main Street. On walks like that, I need to be deliberate about remembering the presence and love of God in my life. God's love for me doesn't change in the few hours between the cold night and the warm afternoon. God's love is a constant thing. The challenge for me is holding onto that truth when life isn't sunny and joyful. Sometimes life takes us to the uttermost parts of the sea, far from the security of home, far from the certainty of our chosen routine. You and I both know there are times when we feel far away from God and all that is good. Grief and sorrow, anger and shame can seem to carry us far away from the joy we thought



we knew in the love of Jesus Christ. Life can and does bring us difficulty and struggle, and at times it is our own choices whose consequences have brought us down. We can't always choose to be happy; we can't always choose to feel good. What we can do is make deliberate choices to

remember, to hold on to the truth we know, that God's grace does not leave us alone. If music speaks to you, sing a hymn to yourself. Read the Psalms over again – Psalm 23, Psalm 139, Psalm 27. Our feelings are powerful, but they are not the ultimate arbiters of reality. God's love and grace are at the foundation of all that is. Yes, the irises and the lilacs shout their own version of 'Alleluia' to the goodness of God in the world, but I recommend that you store a soft 'alleluia' or two deep in your heart. Let them come out when fear or sadness threaten to overwhelm you.

Let them remind you again just how deeply you are loved.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy



Announcements

Another word from the Pastor:
Let's get together. I'd like to use the lazier days of summer to visit with people in the church. Invite me for coffee, meet me for a conversation on a bench in the park, grab a donut with me at Dunkin'. I'm happy to drive or bike to see you, wherever you are. It will improve my knowledge of LI geography. You don't need to be sick or worried or theologically wondering to meet with the pastor; I'd like to hear your story and get to know you better. Email me – revcathy@gmail.com or text me – 218-349-0869.

I look forward to being with you.

The Wednesday morning Bible study is focusing on a program, *Jesus Is Lord*. You are welcome to join us, on the FUMC Zoom link, the same link that works for Sunday worship. We'll finish that program by late June. For the rest of the summer,

there will be informal Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30, in between vacations, etc. We'll look together at the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. We'll start a more scheduled book again in September. You are always welcome!

The New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet at the Stamford Marriott in Stamford, Connecticut, June 11- June 14. Pastor Cathy will attend; Lois Muller will attend as the lay member from Farmingdale UMC.

Plans are afoot for a Juneteenth Celebration for the Long Island East District, on Saturday, June 20, 10 am – noon. The Rev. Ronald McHenry, from St. James Church in Harlem, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Lunch will be served. Location details will be shared soon.



Word and Worship
June 2026

Sunday, June 7
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Multi-Cultural Sunday
Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 14
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

Sunday, June 21
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11; *Matthew 10:24-39*

Sunday, June 28
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Italicized texts are sermon texts.

Pastor Cathy will be at the New York Annual Conference on June 14.
Our guest preacher is Betty Gastelua.



Sunday Church Service 9:30AM

Church will be open for in-person worship at 9:30am.

We will continue to hold our worship service on ZOOM as well.

ZOOM <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>

(Meeting ID: 516 694 3424, Password 11735)



Alternate Giving may be done through [Tithe.ly](#).



There are three methods of giving - pick what works best for you.

1 - Farmingdale UMC website: From the home page, go to the Donate tab, then Online & General Giving, then click on the "Donate" button. This will direct you to the giving page for our church.

2 - Or use the direct URL link to the giving page for our church. <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1697513>

3 - You can also download the App onto your mobile phone. Download the "[Tithe.ly Finance](#)" app with green logo. It will next prompt you to look for our church - enter Farmingdale United Methodist Church. You will be directed to the giving page for our church.

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mission Statement

Our mission is sharing God's unconditional love by serving our neighbors, connecting with all God's children in Christian fellowship and providing safe spaces for everyone to grow in faith and love.

FUMC Code of Conduct Statement

In alignment with our Mission Statement to provide safe spaces to grow in faith and love, Farmingdale United Methodist Church expects appropriate and respectful behavior at all church meetings and functions. Behavior that is hurtful, divisive and destructive will not be condoned.



Availability of Space and Rooms



Our Fellowship Hall is now available for ongoing programs, meetings, parties, etc., and we have several other rooms that can be used for smaller groups or private worship. If you know anyone who may be interested in utilizing space, please have them call the office at 516 694-3424.



Film, Food, and Discussion

Centennial Celebration, September 20

The church building is 100 years old this year! We're going to celebrate. Plans are still in progress, but save the date of September 20 for a time to come together.

Multi-Ethnic Sunday, June 7

We are one body of Christ from many different backgrounds. On Sunday, June 7, you're invited to come to church in clothes that celebrate your ethnic heritage. And we'll share a pot-luck lunch after worship, so bring your specialty for us to enjoy!

The Table of Grace

Lunch for everyone on the second Saturday of each month, beginning in August, noon to 1:30 pm. We'll cook a meal and invite the world to join us. We'll need volunteers – to cook, to serve, to clean up – and we'll need people to come. It's for people who get hungry – for food, for fellowship, for good work to do. If you're interested in being a part of making the Table of Grace happen, talk with Mary Ann Nataro, or with the pastor, who will send you to Mary Ann.





May Happenings



Dominic Frank Petitio was baptized



THE NURSERY SCHOOL PRESENTED A PUPPET SHOW



Danny Gastelua's famous cooking skills were put to use at the LIE District's 7th Annual Mission 5K Walk & Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park. We raised money for the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. Thank you to all who donated.



Upcoming June Events

YARD SALE

Saturday June 6, 2026 - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Huge variety of new, used & VINTAGE Items!

If you can help, please see Jenn Lee



FUMC MULTI-CULTURAL DAY!

Sunday, June 7, 2026 - 11:00AM



We will celebrate all the uniqueness that makes FUMC so special!

Please wear your heritage clothing and bring a favorite ethnic dish to share.



United
Women
in Faith

It's picnic time! All women are invited.

Tuesday, June 9 - 6:00PM - Karen K's
in Amityville

Cost: \$15 & bring a dessert to share

RSVP and money due 5/31/26.

Please see Karen Gierie Newman

(newman1309@aol.com)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Duck games.

Our days/nights will be on **Saturdays and Sundays**. FUMC receives 10% of gross sales from the concession stands plus tips. Last year we made over \$12,000! See Shanna or Garry Wurth.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 118:14 reads, “The LORD is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.”

There are so many reasons to sing: the beauty of spring, the happiness of family life, the wonder of romantic love, and the expression of sorrow and loss.

But for the Christian our greatest and most overwhelming and enduring reason to sing is our gratitude toward our great Savior-God, the LORD Jesus Christ. Constantly bubbling up from within us is this fountain of unspeakable joy and gratitude to The One Who came down from heaven, humbled Himself by taking on flesh, sacrificing Himself by submitting Himself to a horrific death at the hands of the cruelty of humanity to provide for the covering, the taking away, the atoning of our sins, and then powerfully, miraculously resurrecting from the dead for our justification.

Oh, what joy! What relief! What life-confidence springs from our faith in Christ!

So we sing at home, in the car, in the supermarkets (yes, I do!), and even (quietly) at work. Our songs of thanks and praise cannot be stifled or contained. We cannot help ourselves!

AND ... last but certainly not least, ... we sing in church!

Come and join with Pastor Cathy, the choir, and the entire congregation of FUMC in singing to our Savior-God! Come and listen to the reading of The Word and the proclaiming and explaining of The Word. Do not let these great opportunities for worship and praise along with Christ’s people escape you. Make every effort to join with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we hold high our Savior and lift one another up in Christian fellowship and joyous song.



Do you have a favorite hymn? We will be playing them during July and August. Please email your selection to office@farmingdaleumc.org.



Upcoming Events

Meetings

Saturdays weekly Men's Bible Study, 8 AM
 Wednesday weekly Bible Class 10:30AM
 Fridays weekly Ladies Small Group 7:30PM

Meetings

Saturday 6/6 FUMC Yard Sale, 10:00AM-4:00PM
 Sunday 6/7 Multi-Cultural Day, 9:30AM
 Tuesday 6/9 UWF Picnic, Amityville, 6:00PM

Village Events

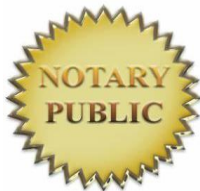
Sundays 6/1-11/22 Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
 Saturday 6/6 FFD Street Fair, Main Street, 10:00AM-4:00PM
 Tuesday 6/11 Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP - Please!

We are updating records and need your help. Much of our information is sent via email but we are missing many mailing addresses. If you have not been receiving our Messenger newsletter or regular communication from us, please provide your correct address. And if you have a new residence within the past two years, please provide the update. All info should be sent to newman1309@aol.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES

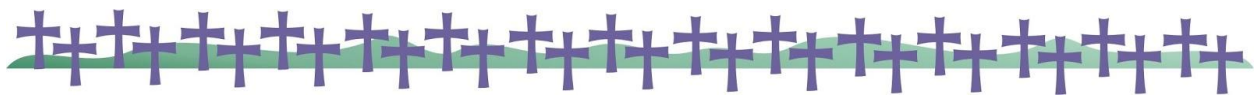
Please, please do not tape anything to any wood surface - door, pew, whatever. And remember - no one may mar the doors or walls with nails, hangers, etc., without prior Trustee approval. Thank you!



In need of a Notary Public?
 Contact Joan Ganz or Karen Gierie
 Newman.




Please note : Thrift Shop hours
 Tuesday & Wednesday 10AM-1PM
 Thursday 6PM-8PM
 Fourth Saturday of month
 10AM-1PM



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

June 2026 Farmingdale United Methodist Church

Church Office Tel: 516-694-3424
 Mon thru Thurs 10:00am-2:00pm
 closed Fridays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	• Table of Grace Meeting 6:30pm		• Bible Study 10:30am • Trustees 7pm	• Choir 7:30pm	• A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group via Zoom 7:30pm	• Men's Bible Study via Zoom 8am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• Worship 9:30am • Multi-Cultural Day		• Picnic UWF 6pm	• Bible Study 10:30am • Cooking Ministry 5:30pm	• New York Annual Conference • Choir 7:30pm	• New York Annual Conference • A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group via Zoom 7:30pm	• New York Annual Conference • Men's Bible Study via Zoom 8am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
• New York Annual Conference • Worship 9:30am	• Finance Council 7pm		• Bible Study 10:30am	• Choir 7:30pm	• A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group via Zoom 7:30pm	• Men's Bible Study via Zoom 8am • Juneteeth Celebration, L.I.E., Hempstead UMC 10am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
• Worship 9:30am  Father's Day	• Church Council 7pm		• Bible Study 10:30am		• A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group via Zoom 7:30pm	• Men's Bible Study via Zoom 8am
28	29	30				
• Worship 9:30am			Worship Service is available live on Zoom.			



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWFTVElWUHNXbjVNCnMmMG9wTVJrZz09>

Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708



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