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Minister's Musings

Summer feels lazy and relaxed. And it is. The sun shines until well into the evening; vegetables and chicken cooked on the grill taste especially good on the patio or on the deck; and sometimes it's even cool enough for a walk with the dog in the late afternoon. Sometimes. (Yes, we got a new dog. His name is Rufus. That's him in the picture.)



Some groups don't meet during the summer; people go away and it's hard to get together on summer evenings. But worship still happens. Every Sunday. Songs and scripture, prayers and preaching, laughter and love. Because we're still called to love our neighbors. And to do justice. And to resist evil. Even when it's hot. None of these tasks is easy; they're harder when we try to go it alone. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Over the years most of us have realized that the best way to make disciples is to love people, letting them know by our behavior that the way of Jesus is gracious and accepting, welcoming and caring. If you're traveling, therefore, you can do the work of disciple-making by living Christ's love. If you're staying around town, you can do the same

work the same way. Worship, wherever you are on Sunday, refocuses your heart and reminds you why you do the hard work of love – because you are deeply loved, and it has made all the difference.

If you're not here in Farmingdale for worship in the summer, please remember that your prayers and your gifts are still needed. If you're around in August, plan to come to lunch at the new Table of Grace on Saturday, August 8 at noon. Or come help serve or cook. It's a great new ministry we're diving into, and your presence and your prayers will help it thrive.

People visit churches in the summer, trying out a new habit or looking for a community of faith to be a part of before their regular routine gets crazy. It's good if you're part of worship when visitors come. Your presence matters; your energy is part of what people are looking for. So, come to church this summer, regularly. Your heart needs it; your spirit enjoys it; and your church needs you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy



WORD AND WORSHIP

July 2026

Sunday, July 5

Genesis 24: 34-67; Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 12

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.



NURSERY SCHOOL GRADUATION

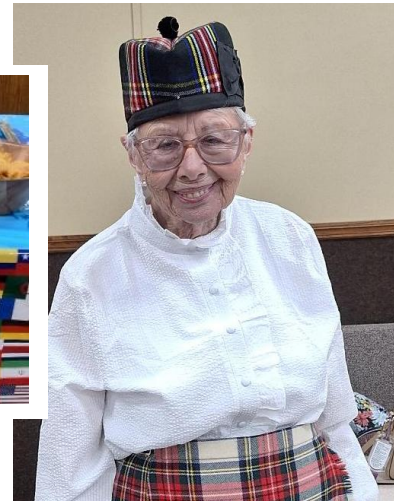


\$\$\$ Our Yard Sale was very successful. \$\$\$

Thank you to Jenn Lee and crew for their hard work and dedication!



Such a good time at our Multi-Cultural Day Celebration



AMERICA IS 250 YEARS OLD!!!

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1



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](https://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](https://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.



New Ministry - Table of Grace

We are delighted to announce that our Table of Grace will be serving a hot meal to the public on the Second Saturday of every month, beginning on August 8, 2026. Food will be served from

12:00 Noon to 1:30PM in Fellowship Hall. We welcome



feeding bodies
nourishing hearts

anyone who wants to share a meal, enjoy the company or just relax for a while.

*If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Mary Bing
marybing@gmail.com*

Announcement

Communion in July will be celebrated in worship on July 12 instead of on the first Sunday. All are welcome at our communion table. John Wesley encouraged us to celebrate Holy Communion 'as often as [we] can.' July 12 – see you then!

CAN YOU HELP?

The IT Team works in the background each Sunday to ensure the service runs smoothly, not only for the members present but for those joining us remotely on Zoom. We are at church up to an hour before service to make sure everything is ready; we control the flow of the slides on the main screen in the sanctuary; and we adjust audio levels and cameras so Zoom users have full access. One of our team members has to leave due to work and family obligations. It is imperative that we maintain coverage, especially with summer here, and that requires more helpers. If you are interested, please stop by the tech desk at the back of the sanctuary after service.



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!



Remember - we are open all summer long!





Notes From the Loft



Romans 8:38-39 reads, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Walter Scott wrote, "Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, And men below, and saints above: For love is heaven, and heaven is love."

Lord Byron wrote, "Yes, love indeed is light from heaven."

I cherish reading books that tell of Near-Death Experiences (NDE). In one of the many books I have that tell of NDE's, one man, Randy Kay, who died from a heart attack brought on by septic shock, ... describes meeting Jesus and being filled with His love. He recounts: "When He gazed into my eyes it was as though they illuminated every dark place in my being. I had never been in the presence of such light and love before." Randy ultimately returned from heaven with a newfound belief in Jesus and an insatiable desire to help others discover God's profound love.

You do not have to die to meet Jesus. In fact, Jesus, Himself, strongly advises you give your heart to Him BEFORE you take your last breath. It was Jesus Who said, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (JOHN 3:3). He also said, "I AM the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

People who have had NDE's typically tell of meeting Jesus and being immersed in His love and light, of meeting people who have gone before them into eternity, and of meeting angels and hearing the angels SING(!). These NDE witnesses say that they have heard the most exquisite and indescribable music and SINGING(!) in heaven.

Another person who experienced an NDE, Don Piper, wrote this: "Above me in heaven I heard angels singing and remarkably, the flapping of angel wings. All angels do not

possess wings but I could hear the rustling of those who did. It was such a comforting sound. But it was the praise music of heaven that left a deep impression on my soul. Thousands of songs, all praising God (He alone is worthy of our worship) were being offered simultaneously unto Him. This is certainly a recipe for utter chaos on earth no matter how well the songs are rendered. We don't want even two songs sung at the same time here on earth. Yet in heaven, each of the songs was sung or played (there were incalculable numbers of tunes), and they all fit together. They were symbiotic. Still, I could distinguish each of the many pieces of music with my heavenly ears. When I returned to earth, besides the faces of my greeting committee, these magnificent melodies returned with my spirit. I can close my eyes today and still hear them. The more challenging life becomes here on earth, the louder the music grows inside me. I can't wait to hear it again in person. I want you to hear it. Even though the music is expressly offered to God, I think He wants us all to hear it. In heaven, you will."

WOW! What a testimony!

I also believe that something very, very close to the music and SINGING(!) in heaven can be heard among Christ's followers when they worship together here on earth. Come to church and discover for yourself if what I am saying isn't true. Oh, ... I know that you may hear some off-notes or squawky sounds from time to time. But ... I invite you to look around at people's faces as they sing. See if there is not heavenly light emanating from them. God is not impressed with empty, heartless, "beautiful" sounds. God listens and receives the honest, sincere love we express from our hearts. For God, true "beauty" from His people comes from their hearts. Yes, it's true. We, who go to church, don't claim to be perfect in anything we do or say or try. But we dare you to find other places where more Brotherly and Sisterly love is expressed.

If you will come to church and REALLY open your hearts and REALLY open your ears, you will hear Jesus Himself singing with us, along with a myriad of angels, among God's very imperfect people.



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

Wednesday	weekly	Bible Class	10:30AM	Zoom led by the Pastor open to all
Fridays	weekly	Ladies Small Group	7:30PM	Zoom a covenant group open to all women
Saturdays	weekly	Men's Bible Study,	8 AM	Zoom a study session open to all men
Saturday	August 8	Table of Grace community meal, 12:00PM		

Announcements

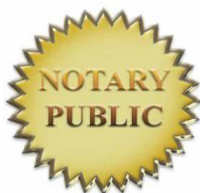
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Village Events

Wednesdays	7/1-7/29	Village Pops concert, Village Green, 7:30PM
Tuesdays	7/7-8/4	Movie Night, Village Green, 7:30PM
Thursdays	7/9-8/6	Music on Main, 5:00PM
Sundays	7/5-11/22	Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM

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.



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

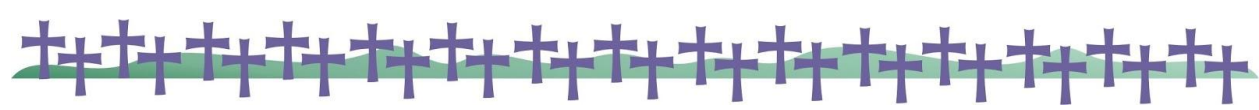


Please note : Thrift Shop hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 10AM-1PM

Thursday 6PM-8PM

Fourth Saturday of month
10AM-1PM



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

Church Office Telephone
516-694-3424
Office Hours Mon thru
Thurs 10:00am-2:00pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ●10:30am Bible Study zoom ●7:00pm Trustees	2	3 ●7:30pm Ladies' Small Group zoom	
5 ●9:30am Worship	6 ●7:00am Table of Grace Meeting	7	8 ●10:30am Bible Study zoom ●5:30pm Cooking Ministry ●7:00pm Worship Committee	9	10 ●7:30pm Ladies' Small Group zoom	11 ●8:00am Men's Bible Study zoom
12 ●9:30am Worship	13	14	15 ●10:30am Bible Study zoom ●7:00pm SPR Meeting	16	17 ●7:30pm Ladies' Small Group zoom	18 ●8:00am Men's Bible Study zoom
19 ●9:30am Worship	20 ●7:00pm Finance Committee	21	22 ●10:30am Bible Study zoom	23	24 ●7:30pm Ladies' Small Group zoom	25 ●8:00am Men's Bible Study zoom
26 ●9:30am Worship	27 ●7:00pm Church Council	28	29 ●10:30am Bible Study zoom	30	31	Worship Service is available live on Zoom. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVlUWUHNXb1VncnNMZG9wTVJrZz09 Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708



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