



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Dear Church Family,

Have you ever felt like you're being pulled in a hundred directions at once? Like your mind's spinning and your heart just can't keep up? If so, you're definitely not alone.

We explored the Gospel of Luke and encountered someone who might be the original "too busy" person: Martha.

Long before smartphones, email notifications, and endless group chats, there was Martha — doing good work, trying to serve Jesus, but feeling overwhelmed in the process.

Luke tells us she was **"worried and distracted by many things."** And honestly... don't we get that? Sometimes it's not even the loud stuff that drains us out. It's the quiet stress — the financial worries, the relationship struggles, the pressure at work, or the weight of uncertainty. We stay busy to feel productive. We push ourselves, but somehow feel more scattered than ever.

Here's the beautiful thing: Jesus doesn't criticize Martha for serving. He just gently points out what's



really going on — her heart's being pulled in too many directions.

And then we see Mary — sitting at Jesus' feet. Not because she's holier than Martha, but because she recognized what was most important in that moment.

She paused. She stayed close to Jesus.

That's what Jesus invites us into too: not more pressure or more doing, but presence. He says: Come. Sit. Breathe. Be still. Make space for peace. Re-center your heart on Jesus.

So, here's my summer encouragement to you:

- *Take a little time each day to sit with Jesus.*
- *Let go of the pressure to have it all together.*
- *Make space for prayer and rest.*
- *And when you serve, let it come from a heart full of love.*

Because in Christ, **all things hold together** — including you. Even in the chaos. Even in the quiet. "You are worried and distracted by many things... but only one thing is needed." — Luke 10:41-42

Grateful to be on this journey with you,

Pastor Claire Wu





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.



FUMC's July Happenings



Baptism

*Congratulations to Caleb
Jackson Ragoo ~
given the sacrament of
baptism by Pastor Claire*



Recognition of Service

*Shanna Wurth did a great
job while
Pastor Claire was on
vacation!*



Saying goodbye

*We wish Sherry & Mark Tuscano
Much happiness as they become Pennsylvanians
We will miss them dearly!*



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON

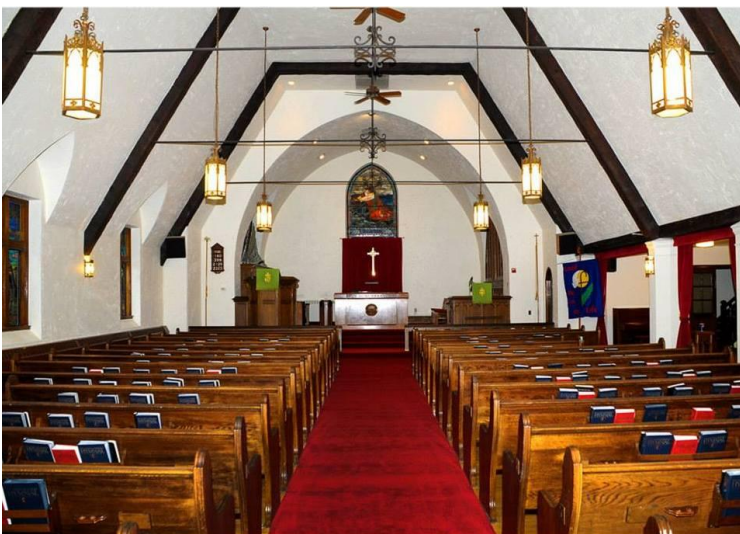
We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Duck games. Our days/nights will be on **Saturdays and Sundays**. FUMC receives 10% of gross sales from the concession stands plus tips. Last year we made over \$12,000! Please contact Garry Wurth, garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Food Drive

We continue to collect toiletries, non-perishable food, and household items for the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. There is a collection bin and a flyer in the transept showing the items needed, or you may scan the QR code on the flyer to shop via the Amazon wish list and have items shipped directly to LICH. Thank you.



MISSING...

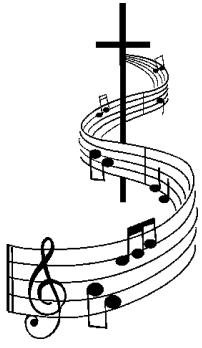
Who's missing from church this Sunday!?

Don't let it be you - Come to the 9:30 am services every Sunday you can; bring a friend. Bring two or three friends. Or - even bring your entire block of neighbors!

We love visitors! We love all our members!



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 119:169 reads, “May my song enter before You, O LORD. Restore my life by Your Word.”

We can travel all over the world seeking peace and rest and relaxation and rejuvenation. But the peace we REALLY need, the joy that REALLY fills and satisfies, and the rest for which our soul so longs can only and REALLY be found by communing with the God of peace, the Savior Who rescues and lifts up and resurrects and gives new life.

That is why we go to church – to have our lives restored – to be filled up and rejuvenated – each and every week.

Come to church. Bow your head and your soul and worship your Lord – along with everyone else in the congregation. We’re all in this together, you know. Open your ears and your heart and hear what your God will say to you through His Word. Sing your songs of praise and thanks and sorrow and loss and need and fear and doubt. Pour out the song of your heart, the song of your life. Your God is waiting to hear it and receive it.



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



Remember - we are open all summer long!





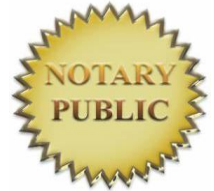
Upcoming Events

Zoom Meetings

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

Village Events

Tuesdays	8/5-8/19	Movies on the Green, duck
Thursdays	8/7, 21	Music on Main, 5:00PM-9:00PM
Wednesday	8/13	Shakespeare's Henry IV Part I, Village Green 6:30PM
Sat/Sun	8/23, 24	Vendor Fair, Village Green, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday	9/14	Art in the Park, Village Green, 11:00AM-3:00PM (no fee to exhibit art work)



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



United
 Women
 in Faith

ATTENTION LADIES - PLEASE JOIN US!

*All women are invited to our summer meeting on
Sunday, August 24, 2025, after service, in Fellowship Hall.*

*You may bring a snack or bag lunch, drinks will be
 provided*

*We will work on "Random Niceness", a project where we
 create little pieces of joy to leave in random spots
 to bring a smile to a stranger who may be having
 a bad day. See flyer or Karen GN for details.*



Please note new
Thrift Shop hours

Tuesday & Wednesday
 10AM-1PM

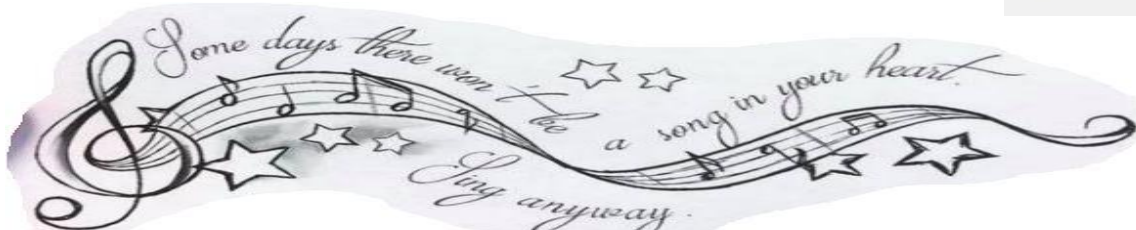
Thursday 6PM-8PM

Fourth Saturday of month
 10AM-1PM

REQUEST RE VISITORS' DESK

Please do not use the desk as a dumping ground.

**It is difficult to work there when it is covered with papers, discards
 and all kinds of things. Thank you!**





FUMC's Calendar of the Month

AUGUST 2025

Worship Service is available on Zoom.
Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVElWUHNXbjVncnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

30Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org					1	2
3 9:30 Worship Service 8th Sunday After Pentecost	4 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting	5 7:30 pm Finance Committee	6 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	7	8 5:30 A.A.	9
10 9:30 Worship Service 9th Sunday After Pentecost	11	12	13 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	14	15 5:30 A.A.	16
17 9:30 Worship Service 10th Sunday After Pentecost	18	19	20	21	22 5:30 A.A.	23
24 9:30 Worship Service 11th Sunday After Pentecost 31 9:30 Worship Service 12th Sunday after Pentecost	25 7:00 pm Church Council	26	27	28	29	30



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