

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace to you! And blessings from God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Sustaining Holy Spirit!

We are currently in the midst of Lent, a period of time dedicated to self-analysis, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. During the dark, cold days of winter, we tend to reflect upon our humanity, our weaknesses, and our flawed nature. Lent is a time for honest and direct questions and for the pursuit of truthful answers.

How well are we prioritizing our lives? Are there any distractions that are preventing us from connecting with God? What minor changes can we make during Lent that could potentially lead to greater changes later on? It may seem negative to refer to Lent as a time of "giving up," so perhaps we should start considering taking something new on, such as radical receptivity to God's amazing grace. However, before we can take something new on, we need to make some room for it. I pray that you are making the most of Lent, taking the time to reflect upon your life, praying, fasting, denying yourself, and repenting.

I also pray that you are doing all of that with the sure and certain knowledge of God's grace, the promise of resurrection, the joy of salvation, and the hope of eternal life. May this bring you safely out of winter and into spring. You'll experience the many special services that Lent has to offer: Youth Sunday (March 3), A Dramatic Reading Service - The Wife of Pilate (March 17), Palm Sunday (March 24),



Holy Tuesday (The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Joint Worship Service, March 26), Holy Thursday (March 28), Good Friday (March 29), and Easter Sunday (March 31). Youth Sunday will be led by the youth who will take on roles in the worship service as liturgists, welcoming, reading the Scriptures, and assisting Communion. A dramatic reading service, "The Wife of Pilate," will provide a meaningful and deepening experience to enhance our Lenten journey. On Palm Sunday, we will remember the last few days of Jesus' life before his arrest. Our renowned

Chancel Choir of Farmingdale United Methodist Church will perform the Easter Cantata under the musical and spiritual leadership of Dr. David Majoros, the music director. The six churches belonging to the Central Nassau Cooperative Parish will hold a joint service on Holy Tuesday at the Risen Rock Ban Suk Korean United Methodist Church located in Old Westbury. This service will help us develop a special reflection to guide us through Jesus. Holy Thursday will commemorate the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Good Friday will be a series of retellings of the crucifixion. And, of course, Easter Sunday will be the joyous celebration of the resurrection. Please share this season of Lent with us, remember what Christ has done on our behalf, and renew your relationship with God.

Blessings,

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.



Ash Wednesday



Over twenty people received ashes to go on Ash Wednesday.

Then Pastor Claire visited the Farmingdale Adult Day Care.



Thank you, Trustees, for clearing our walks, we really appreciate it!

Church Fundraiser - Sunday, 5/19/24 - 2:00PM

Concert by Twin County Chorus of the Sweet Adelines

It's never too early to start!



PLEASE donate new items for silent auction
solicit donations from merchants
purchase and sell tickets (\$20)
and join us for the fun!!!

See Jackie Suwalski for info



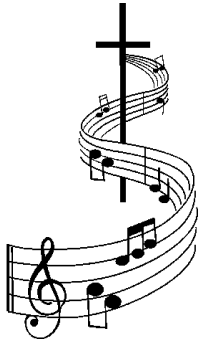
Volunteers Needed - It's L.I. Ducks time!

We will again be working concessions for a percentage of gross sales plus tips (last year we made over \$11,000!). We've moved up the ranks and this year our days/nights are Saturdays and Sundays.

Please see Garry Wurth for the sign-up schedule
garrywurth@gmail.com/516-524-2530.



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 42:8-11 reads, "By day the LORD directs His love. At night His song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my Rock, 'Why have You forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?' My bones suffer mortal agony, as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, 'Where is Your God?!"

Why are You downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God!"

I have really, really good news for you today. In fact, it's GREAT NEWS! It's the best news that anyone can ever receive! I sing this news all day, and I sing it during the night. There is an old hymn that declares this news: "I serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today." Then it goes on to sing, "HE LIVES! HE LIVES! CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY! HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY!"

Isn't that the greatest news you have ever heard????!!

When I was about 4 years old, we lived in a third-floor apartment. I remember hanging out of the kitchen window and singing that old hymn with all of my strength and as loudly as I could! There was a neighbor lady, way down below, in her backyard hanging her wash on a clothes line. She turned to go into her house, but when I started singing, I remember how she paused to listen to me in the doorway – one foot in the house and the other foot still outside – just listening to me. And I sang all three verses by heart. We sang that hymn a lot in Sunday School and in the Church preaching services. Oh, how I loved to go to Sunday School and learn about Jesus and sing those songs! I loved it! And I remember singing for that neighbor lady. And she just stood there and listened.

Listen to me now: I don't doubt that we will sing that hymn on Easter Sunday morning. Why don't you plan to come to church with everybody in the family – all the children and grandchildren, the Moms and the Dads, the Grandmas and the Grandpas – and join with the choir and me in singing that great old hymn? We'll all stand up together and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ together. Pastor Claire will sing too (she has a gloriously beautiful voice, though she's terribly modest about it), and she'll preach her heart out – telling us how much she loves and worships her living Lord Jesus. And we'll just sit there with tears welling up in our eyes, because we will all be together there in church – right where we belong on Easter Sunday morning. Won't that be great?

And – another thing – please plan to bring the whole family to church the Sunday before that – Palm Sunday – when the choir will (hopefully) sing a wonderful, gloriously beautiful, inspiring cantata. We are all working very hard on it, and the choir is trying to be patient with the crazy choir director's ranting and raving and complaining. But, somehow, by God's grace we'll get it together and be a blessing to one another and to you .

Please, ... don't miss any of the worship services throughout March. The preaching and the singing and the Scripture reading and the praying will be a little bit of heaven on earth. These moments in Church are some of the sweetest things that our children will remember and that we will take with us, when we go to be with Jesus forever.

We'll all sing that hymn together: "YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES. HE LIVES ... WITHIN MY HEART!!!"



On Palm Sunday, March 24th, our Chancel Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Majoros, will perform an Easter Cantata. Don't miss it!



Coming Attractions



Our Sunday Lenten Study continues with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and program at 6:00PM. This year we are studying the book, Revival, which follows the life of John Wesley and explores the defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. We also need volunteers to host an evening. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman,

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton visits Long Island East District

March 14th – Bible UMC – 1201 Carlls Straight Path, Dix Hills

6:30PM dinner (must register LIEdistrict.com/Bishop)

7:30PM meeting with Bishop – Open to All

Do not miss this opportunity to hear wonderful words of wisdom!



THE WIFE OF PILATE

During the 9:30AM service on March 17th, there will be a presentation of "The Wife of Pilate". The action takes place at the palace of the governor of Judea, who is Pontius Pilate, right after Pilate has released Jesus to the Jews so that they may crucify Him.

Claudia, Pilate's wife, pleads on behalf of Jesus, but to no avail. Failing in her purpose, Claudia leaves Pilate and goes to join Jesus' followers.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MISSION WALK - Sunday, May 11th - Belmont Lake State Park

Whatever funds we raise will be used for whatever mission we choose!

Please support this fun event. Register at

liedistrict.com/MissionWalk

or call church office for info (516) 249-3424.



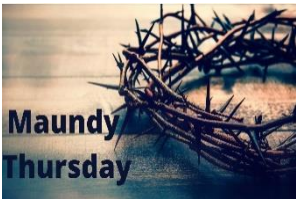


PLEASE JOIN US



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE - 3/24 - 9:30AM - CANTATA

Palms To Go - 11:00AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 3/28 - 7:00PM



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 3/29 - 7:00PM



EASTER SERVICE - March 31st - 9:30AM



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
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Sundays 2/18-3/24 Lenten Potluck & Program,
5PM & 6PM

Sunday 3/17 The Wife of Pilate, 9:30AM

Tuesday 3/26 Holy Tuesday service, Risen Rock
Ban Suk, 7:30PM

Sunday 3/22 Palm Sunday, 9:30AM, Palms to Go,
11AM

Thursday 3/28 Maundy Thursday Service, 7PM

Friday 3/29 Good Friday Service, 7PM

Sunday 3/31 Easter Service, 9:30AM

Village Events

Sunday 3/10 St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2:00PM
Saturday 3/23 Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny 11AM

MARCH SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from John 3

Hint: L = O

YLM BLX DL QLTEX ZNE ALMQX ZNHZ NE BHTE NOD LCE HCX LCQI DLC...

HELP WANTED

A member is in need of weekday care for elderly mother in Patchogue. Please contact Pastor Claire at office (516 694-3424) if interested.

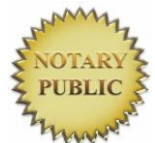
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Farmingdale Adult Day Care on Morton Street, is looking for someone to assist their Program Director on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10AM-4PM. Please be energetic, creative, and genuinely love people! Call Michael at 516 203-8928.

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A member is looking for help for his power washing business, perfect for students/retirees for spring and summer.

Call Dillon at 516 305-0096.



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



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

*Worship Service will also be on Zoom.
 Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>
 Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

MARCH 2024

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3 9:30 Worship Service <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	4	5 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	6 10:30 am Bible Study	7	8 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	9 8 am Men's Bible Study
Lenten Study 5-7 pm						
10 9:30 Worship Service <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	11 7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	12	13 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Food Outreach Ministry/ Cooking Night	14	15 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	16 8 am Men's Bible Study
Lenten Study 5-7 pm						
17 9:30 Worship Service <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	18	19 7 pm Skip Newman Scholarship Committee Meeting	20 10:30 am Bible Study 7 pm Nursery School Meeting	21	22 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	23 8 am Men's Bible Study
Vision Bearers 11 am Lenten Study 5-7 pm						
24 9:30 Worship Service <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25 7 pm Church Council Meeting	26	27 10:30 am Bible Study	28 7 pm Holy Thursday Service	29 7 pm Good Friday Service	30 8 am Men's Bible Study
Lenten Study 5-7 pm						
31 9:30 Worship Service <i>Easter Sunday</i>						



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