



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Cathy Schuyler

THE MESSENGER

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Ministerial Musings

Our Annual Church Conference is on Tuesday, September 22, at 7 pm. Rev. Ric Hanse, our District Superintendent, will be with us to guide us through our challenges and accomplishments in 2026 and our hopes and dreams for 2027. If you're in charge of something or other at the church, the office needs a report of how it's gone; we'll include it in a report to the congregation.

But even if you're not in charge of anything in particular, your presence is requested at the Church Conference. (We used to refer to this meeting as a Charge Conference. An Annual Church Conference is a more precise name, if sort of possibly unspecific.) Your voice, your attention, your presence, and your vote are important, because this gathering is when we hear and discuss the whole vision of our church.

We have a lot to be proud of this year. We've all weathered a sudden change of pastors with aplomb; we've worshiped and studied and prayed and loved the kids; we've maintained a beautiful church building; we've started a brand-new ministry, Table of Grace, sharing lunch with the community.

What's before us for 2027? We have been asked to come up with a ministry plan for the year ahead; the Church Council is already pondering what goals we might consider embracing for 2027. The large goals are easy – preach the gospel, love our neighbors, care for each other, welcome visitors, serve the community and the world in love. The challenge is getting specific. We do good stuff already (see 2026 accomplishments). Where should we plan to expand what we do? What new direction might we take to let Christ's love be seen among us? We ask the Spirit, we ask each other and trust that the Spirit speaks through our conversations. But we miss some of the Spirit's input if you aren't there. Please plan to come.

(The Staff Parish Relations Committee meets with the District Superintendent at 6:30. The main meeting starts at 7:00.)

See you there, if not before,

grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy



WORD AND WORSHIP

September 2026

Sunday, September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14; *Matthew 18:15-20*

Sunday, September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Guest preacher, Lois Muller

Sunday, September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30; *Matthew 20:1-16*

Sunday, September 27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



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.



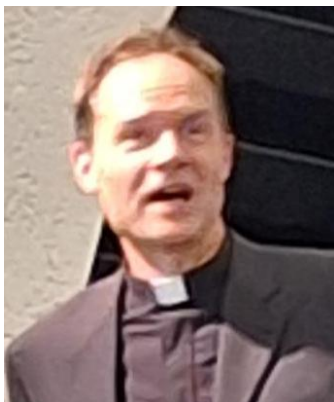
Availability of Space and Rooms



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.



August Events



We welcomed a special guest in August, the Rev. John Calhoun.

Rev. Calhoun, a missionary since 2000, has served in New York, Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow and Ukraine, where he established a new faith community for international students displaced by the Russian invasion. He has coordinated relief and church development in Kenya and Jordan and is currently pastor of the English-speaking United Methodist Church of Vienna, Austria.

Thanks to our Change the World collection (and a very generous donor), Megan, Kevin, Elizabeth & Nathaniel Orofino were able to supply four local students with all their needs to start the school year!
Job well done!



Our first **Table of Grace Community Meal** was a wonderful success! We were blessed to serve 34 guests, with many taking extra meals home. Thank you to all who helped plan, cook and serve, and a special thank you to Peter and Jenn from Savage AG Organic Farm in Amityville for their generous donation of fresh produce. Our next community meal will be on Saturday, September 12, from 12:00–1:30 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. We look forward to welcoming our community back to the table!





Mark your calendars & join us on Rally Day

September 20, 2026 – Service – Blessing of Backpacks – Barbeque

School is starting, and among those who are back to school this month are many children with connections to the church. Some of these students will be back in classrooms at some point this year; others may spend the year, or at least the fall, studying online. Please include these children, all our children, in your prayers throughout the month of September, not because any of the

Praying for Our Kids

them need special help, or because we're especially worried about them, only because we love them and seek God's presence and power with them day by day. Remember, too, the kids whom we don't know by name, your neighbors, especially kids whose lives are tougher than they 'should' be. Pray for them all.

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!



Notes From the Loft



MATTHEW 26:40 reads, “Jesus asked Peter, ‘Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.’”

In the church where I grew up, we were a first-and-last-verse-singing church. I guess we wanted things to be kept short and sweet. And ... I guess you might say that we liked, mostly, singing the melodies and harmonies.

Then I found myself in UMC churches that often sang more than just the first and last verses. I discovered to my spiritual surprise that in my younger years I had been missing out on a lot of really, really good, meaningful, soul-blessing, singing texts. THEN(!) I met Pastor Cathy Schuyler who likes (to my absolute utter delight) to sing every verse of the hymns. Oh, I was thrilled when she told me that she wanted to sing all the verses of the hymns! AND(!) on top of that, she is a GREAT SINGER! She truly is A SINGING PASTOR! She leads us magnificently and powerfully through all of the singing in the service.

When you worship at FUMC, you discover that we LOVE to sing the melodies, and we LOVE to sing the harmonies. But the most important parts of the hymns (and this is a singer-musician saying this) ARE THE VERSES! Yes! We enjoy singing the melodies! Yes! We find delight and

musical satisfaction in singing the harmonies. But we try to focus on singing THE WORDS thoughtfully and meaningfully most of all!

Are you hearing me?! SING THE WORDS TO GOD MOST OF ALL! When we leave the worship service, we find that THE HYMNS’ WORDS – MOST OF ALL – CARRIED BY THE MELODIES REMAIN WITH US AND ROLL AROUND IN OUR MINDS AND FEED OUR SOULS throughout the rest of our week!

We are in church on Sunday morning for only about (give-or-take) an hour or so. So make the most of it while you are there. Listen and read along with the Scriptures. Read aloud with thoughtfulness the spoken readings on the screen and in the bulletin. Listen carefully, of course, to the sermon. And(!) ... sing with full intent of heart and mind the verses of the hymns.

Get the most out of your worship time. We are together ... singing together and worshipping together ... really ... for such a very brief time each week. Let us take to heart Jesus’ words to Peter: basically, about one hour of worship with Jesus in church. Watch (pay attention, be alert – no snoring in the pews!) and be prayerful. And sing with all your heart, mind, and soul.

P.S. If you would like to sing with our Chancel Choir, talk with me about it! We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30, beginning September 17th.



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

Sunday 9/6 We will include a remembrance of 9/11/2001 in our worship

Village Events

Sundays 9/6-11/22 Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM



FUMC Car Decals now available \$10

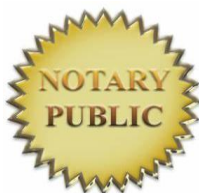
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Custom colors upon request

Please See John or Melanie Muller

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Council Goals Meeting 7pm	2 Trustees Meeting 7pm	3	4 A.A. 5:30pm	5
6 Worship 9:30am 9/11 Observance in worship 	7	8 Nursery School Starts Nominating Committee 7pm	9 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am Cooking Ministry 5:30pm	10	11 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	12 Noon—1:30pm  TABLE OF GRACE feeding bodies nourishing hearts
13 Worship 9:30am Guest Preacher: Lois Muller	14	15 Finance Committee 7:00pm	16 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	17	18 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	19
20 Worship 9:30am Rally Day 	21	22 Church/Charge Conference 	23 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	24	25 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	26
27 Worship 9:30am Confirmation, Part 2 Ella Zandbaf	28 Church Council 7pm	29	30 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	https://www.facebook.com/FarmingdaleUnitedMethodistChurch/ Rev. Catherine Schuyler (218) 349-0869 • Email: revcathy@gmail.com		



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