



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

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Dear Church Family,

Peace and grace
to you in the
name of Jesus!

September always
feels like a turning
point, doesn't it? The

days grow a little shorter, the evenings a
little cooler, and our routines begin to shift
as schools reopen and summer winds down.
Here in Farmingdale, we see God's
handiwork in this gentle change of season—
the last warm breezes of summer mingling
with the first hints of autumn, the beaches
becoming a little quieter, school buses
returning to their routes, and the sense of
new beginnings all around us.

This new season is a gift—an opportunity for
us, both as a church and as individuals, to
prepare for what God has in store next, and
we are invited to prepare our hearts for
growth, renewal, and service. September
often brings fresh starts: new schedules,
new studies, new ministries. It is also a
wonderful time to renew our commitment
to the mission Christ gave us—to love God



with all we are and to
love our neighbors
generously.

As a *church family*, this
season invites us:

- To gather in
worship with joy.
- To deepen our walk with Christ
through prayer, study, and fellowship.
- To reach beyond our walls with
welcome, care, and service, sharing
Christ's love across our community.

As *beloved children of God*, this season
invites each of us:

- To pause and reflect on how God has
been leading us.
- To renew our spirits through prayer,
Scripture, and worship.
- To ask, ***"Lord, how can I serve You in
this season of my life?"***

The Apostle Paul offers us this
encouragement: ***"Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the***



Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:11–12). I can't think of a better guide for stepping into this new season together.

So, friends, let's not think of September as the end of summer, but as the beginning of a new chapter in our journey with Christ. May our church continue to be a place where hearts are renewed, lives are transformed, and the light of Christ shines brightly in our community.

I also want to invite you, your family, and your neighbors to join us for worship and upcoming events this month:

- *Worship Service - Every Sunday at 9:30 am*

- *Sunday, September 7 – 9/11 Remembrance Service at 9:30 am*
- *Sunday, September 14 – Blessing of the Backpacks & Ice Cream Social (11–11:30 am) on the church front lawn, open to the community*
- *Sunday, September 21 – Rally Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by our Church BBQ*

I give thanks for each of you, and I look forward with joy to what God will do among us in the days ahead.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Claire Wu



A Sad Farewell



We honored Steven Joel Diamond, a dear and valued member, lost in a tragic accident.



Our Steve was a true blessing, and he (and his deceased wife, Irene) will be sorely missed and long remembered.



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.



Remembrance Service



9/11



Please join us on Sunday, 9/7/25, for our Remembrance Service. Following the service, we will gather by the Memorial Tree dedicated to Lt. Christopher P. Sullivan, FDNY, who generously led our Nursery School children in fire safety.



It's Back to School Time!

Let us give you a boost at the Blessing of the Backpacks

on Sunday, 9/14/25 at 11:00AM, after our service, and enjoy Ice Cream Sunday. Bring your friends!



Sunday, September 21st



Service at 9:30AM, followed by a Church Barbeque. Greet old friends, make new ones, and have fun!

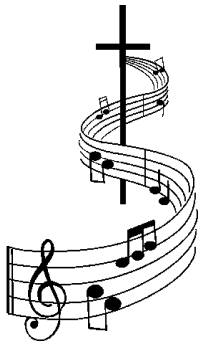


United
Women
in Faith

Be on the lookout for our Random Acts of Niceness!



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 63:1-4 reads,
“God! You are my God!
I can’t get enough of
you! I’ve worked up

such hunger and thirst for God,
traveling across dry and weary
deserts. So here I am in the place
of worship, eyes open, drinking in
Your strength and glory. In Your
generous love I am really living at
last! My lips brim praises like
fountains. I bless You every time I
take a breath. My arms wave like
banners of praise to You.”

David wrote these words when he
was out in the Judean wilderness,
where it can get so very hot and

dry and lonely. Sometimes our
home lives can feel like that: hot,
dry, and lonely. But then we make
our way to church and we hear
God’s Word. Then, miraculously,
from somewhere deep within us, a
fountain of cool, fresh water
breaks open, and out of our
mouths come streams and rivers
of praise. We have to go to church
to sing with the congregation our
expressions of praise and thanks
to our Savior-God.

It has been a long, hot summer.
We have traveled far and wide. It
is time to return to God’s house
and commune with Him and our
family of believers.





Upcoming Events

Zoom Meetings

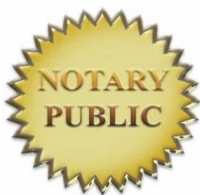
Saturdays weekly Men's Bible Study, 8 AM
Wednesday weekly Bible Class 10:30AM
Fridays weekly Ladies Small Group 7:30PM

Regular Meetings

Sunday 9/7 9/11 Remembrance Service
Sunday 9/14 Blessing of Backpacks & Ice Cream Sunday
Sunday 9/21 Rally Day & Open Barbeque

Village Events

Sunday 9/14 Art in the Park, Village Green, 11:00AM-3:00PM
 (no fee to exhibit art work)
Tuesday 9/16 Open Mic, Village Hall, 7:00PM



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 2025

Worship Service is available on Zoom.
Click the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVEiWUHNXbjVncnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org		2	3 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	4 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting	5 5:30 A.A.	6
7 9:30 Worship Service <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9/11 Remembrance Service	8	9 7:30 pm Finance Committee	10 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	11 7:00 p.m. Nomination Meeting	12 5:30 A.A.	13
14 9:30 Worship Service <i>14th Sunday After Pentecost</i> 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Blessing of Backpacks	15	16	17	18	19 5:30 A.A.	20
21 9:30 Worship Service <i>15th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Rally Sunday & Church Barbeque	22 7:00 pm Church Council	23	24	25	26 5:30 A.A.	27
28 9:30 Worship Service <i>16th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	29	30				



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