

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

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Beloved Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope you are doing well during this Lenten season. As we journey through this time, I pray for each of you a renewed spirit, strengthened faith, and a deeper understanding of God's love in our lives.

As we progress through each day of Lent, our journey will culminate on Easter, April 20th. However, this is not the end of our journey, but the beginning of new life in Christ. Christ is alive, and we are an Easter people, not just on Easter Sunday, but every day of the year! The truth and reality of Christ's resurrection allow us to celebrate wherever we may be.

Easter teaches us that we are a people of resurrection. Through the darkness of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday, we reach the dawn of new hope, new life, and new beginnings. The empty tomb is not merely a historical event; it is an eternal promise that God's love triumphs over death, that grace abounds despite our failures, and that hope shines even in the darkest valleys.



This Easter, we find ourselves in a world that is still yearning for healing and restoration. Many among us carry burdens of grief, uncertainty, and weariness. Yet, the resurrection of Jesus calls us to trust in the renewing power of God's

love. Just as Mary Magdalene wept at the tomb and then rejoiced at the sight of her risen Savior, we, too, are invited to open our eyes to the ways Christ is alive among us—through acts of compassion, words of encouragement, and the unbreakable bond of our faith community.

We are called to live as resurrection people—not just today, but every day. The power of the empty tomb inspires us to be bearers of justice, peace, and reconciliation in a world that desperately needs the hope we proclaim. Let us commit to being instruments of God's love. Let us extend our hands to those in need, speak words that uplift rather than tear down, and live in ways that reflect the grace of Christ.

May this Easter be a time of deep renewal for your soul. May you experience the joy of knowing that you are deeply loved by God. May the hope of



resurrection give you the courage to walk boldly in faith, trusting that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work within you.

Many blessings,

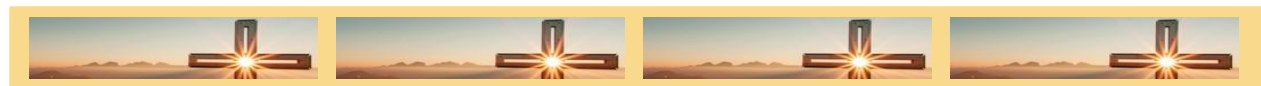
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P.S.: During the upcoming Holy Week, we will reflect on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Below is the schedule for our services:

- **Passion/Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 13th, 9:30 am:** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfill an ancient prophecy. Farmingdale UMC will present the Easter Cantata on this day.
- **Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 17th, 7 pm:** Jesus shared the Passover meal in the upper room, where the loaf of bread and cup of wine represented His body and blood, which would soon

be sacrificed and shed. Farmingdale UMC will present the play "Voices at the Table." After the play, we will have an opportunity to share communion at the table of Jesus.

- **Good Friday, April 18th, 7 pm:** Jesus was nailed to the cross, freeing us from the guilt and sins that burden us. Farmingdale UMC will host the Good Friday Tenebrae service.
- **Easter, Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am :** Women went to the tomb and discovered that the heavy stone sealing the entrance had been rolled away. Christ is risen! May the joy and hope of Easter, this wonderful Good News of new life, bring blessings to you and your family. Come and be refreshed in God's never-ending springs of comfort, abundance, and love.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



<i>Sunday 4/13</i>	<i>9:00AM</i>	<i>Palms to Go, outside on Main Street</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>Church Service</i>
<i>Tuesday 4/15</i>	<i>- 7:30PM</i>	<i>Cooperative Parish Service at Ban Suk UMC</i> <i>11 Old Powells Lane, Westbury</i>
<i>Thursday 4/17</i>	<i>- 7:00PM</i>	<i>Voices at the Table - a live retelling of The</i> <i>Last Supper, a beautiful invitation from</i> <i>Jesus to receive his gift of life</i>
<i>Friday 4/18</i>	<i>- 7:00PM</i>	<i>Good Friday service with Tenebrae</i>
<i>Sunday 4/20</i>	<i>- 9:30AM</i>	<i>HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!</i> <i>EASTER SUNDAY!</i>



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.



UWF Pancake Supper



Thank you to all who made our UWF Pancake Supper such a success!



It was great to see old and new friends.

Special thanks to chefs Danny & Garry.



Seats are still available for our Lenten Study, Sundays at 11AM in Fellowship Hall, through April 13th. Bring your own snack/lunch, drinks will be available



What a great community we have - the response to our drive for shoes for Souls4Soles and personal and household goods for the LICH was overwhelming. Thank you all!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

It is Duck Season (not Rabbit Season - for you Looney Tunes fans)

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**.

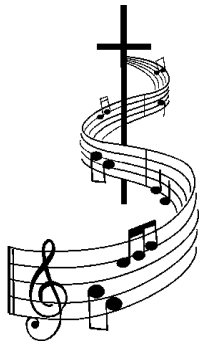
FUMC receives 10% of gross sales from the concession stands plus tips. Last year we made over \$12,000!

Garry Wurth will hold a brief meeting immediately following church on Sunday, March 30th, for those who are interested in volunteering or want more info. If you cannot make the meeting, reach out to Garry - garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Notes From the Loft



anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!"

(from THE MESSAGE)

That is what the people of FUMC are: a Choir, not only in our singing voices but in the living out – the singing out – of our lives in the community called Farmingdale.

Tonight, I received an email from a friend that included a YouTube video of Amish employees working in a Lancaster County, Pennsylvania pretzel factory (Martin's Pretzels). Everybody (men and women) in this room was rolling out pretzel dough on huge tables– and singing praises to God with all of their hearts. They were singing "How Great Thou Art!" They work there and sing all day long.

Is that what you do where you live and work?

You may not work in an environment where you can sing out loud, but you can sing quietly, in your heart. You can pray in your heart. And your face and demeanor will radiate the joy of your life.

Will you come to church this month and sing out loud? Will come to church this month and bow your heads and pray quietly in your hearts? Will you come on Palm Sunday and hear our choir sing a special mini-cantata? Joining with us will be a number of visitors from our community and Farmingdale and Syosset High Schools. What a great blessing these "extra" singers are! Will you be there to share in the blessing with us? Please say that you will.

The Lord Jesus will be there, you know. This is all about Him, and it's all FOR Him, so He'll be there with a number of His angels to sing with us.

Please be there too to witness it all. We will altogether be singing "The Song of Redeeming Love." We do this every week at FUMC, but it will be especially true throughout the month of April.

Please bear with me, as I want to add one more thing for us to ponder upon, as we look toward the commemoration of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This, by the way, makes tears collect at the backs of my eyeballs, when I read this. Know what I mean? So have some kleenex at hand when you read this:

MATTHEW 28:5-7 reads, "The angel spoke to the women: 'There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as He said. Come and look at the place where He was placed. Now get on your way quickly and tell His disciples, "He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there." That's the message.'"

The text you just read above is from the BIBLE paraphrase I am reading through this year. It is called THE MESSAGE by Eugene H. Peterson. And what the angel said to the women at the tomb is "THE MESSAGE." In just a few words, that is exactly what the gospel of Jesus Christ has to say to us. It is "THE MESSAGE" that the angels gave to the women at the tomb: HE IS NOT HERE. YOUR GOD, YOUR SAVIOR-GOD, IS NOT DEAD. HE IS ALIVE. BELIEVE IT! HE CAME TO DIE AND RESURRECT FOR YOU! BELIEVE IT! OPEN YOUR HEART TO SING IT. LET IT BE THE SONG OF YOUR LIFE. IT IS THE SONG OF REDEEMING LOVE.

That message from the angels to the women at the tomb is our message too. Let us proclaim it and sing it EVERYWHERE!!!





Save the Dates

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 4:00PM

*Blessings in the Afternoon at the
Village Gazebo*

*Presented by the nine churches in our
Cooperative Parish*

*Invite your family, friends and
neighbors to join us!*

Snacks will be provided.

**Blessings
in the Afternoon
at the Gazebo**

Gospel Singing and Praise!

Sat., May 3, 2025 at 4:00pm

**Farmingdale Village Green
361 Main Street**

(Parking available off Rose Street)

*We will walk to raise money for the
Long Island Council for the
Homeless*



Please note new Thrift Shop
hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 10AM-1PM

Thursday 6PM-8PM

**Fourth Saturday of month
10AM-1PM**



**Please join us for a
special Coffee Hour
(including an Easter Egg
Hunt)**

**in Fellowship Hall
following Easter Sunday
service!**

NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Please, please do not tape anything to
any wood surface - door, pew, whatever.
Thank you!

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!



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:

Sundays 4/6-4/13 Lenten Program, Fellowship Hall, 11:00AM
 Sunday 4/13 Palm Sunday & Cantata, 9:30AM
 Tuesday 4/15 Meditation Service, Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC, 7:30PM
 Thursday 4/17 Maundy Thursday Service, Voices at the Table, 7:00PM
 Friday 4/18 Good Friday Service with Tenebrae, 7:00PM
 Sunday 4/20 Easter Service, 9:30AM

Village Events

Tuesday 4/15 Open Mic & Jam Session, 7:00PM-8:30PM
 Sunday 3/16 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Main Street, 2:00PM
 Saturday 4/12 Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt, Village Green, 11:00AM

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP

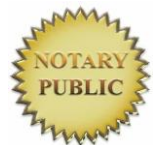
We are updating records and need your help. Much of our information is sent via email but we are missing many addresses. If you have not been receiving our newsletter or regular communication from us, please provide your correct email address. And if you have a new residence address within the past two years, please provide the update. All info should be sent to newman1309@aol.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

APRIL SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from John 11

Hint: B = E

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 Public?
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 Joan Ganz
 or Karen
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**HAPPY APRIL
 FROM PEANUT
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FUMC's Calendar of the Month

APRIL 2025

Worship Service is available on Zoom.
Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVEiWUHNXhjVnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting	3	4 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	5 8:00 Men's Bible Study
6 9:30 Worship Service 5th Sunday in Lent Lenten Study 11 am	7	8 7:30 Finance Committee Meeting	9 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	10	11 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study
13 9:30 Worship Service 6th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday Easter Cantata Lenten Study 11 am	14	15	16 10:30 am Bible Study	17 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 7 pm Good Friday Service	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study
20 9:30 Worship Service Easter Sunday	21	22	23 10:30 am Bible Study	24	25 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	26 8:00 Men's Bible Study
27 9:30 Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Easter	28 7 pm Church Council	29	30 10:30 am Bible Study 7 pm Nursery School Board Meeting	<div> Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org Website: www.farmingdaleumc.org Office hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9am-12pm </div>		



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