



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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“Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.” – Psalm 34:8

**Dear Beloved Church
Family,**

Grace and peace to
you in the name of
our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ!

As summer warms
Farmingdale, we are
reminded of the
blessings that come with this season:
longer days, family gatherings, beach
walks, and the vibrant beauty of God’s
creation all around us. As July arrives,
bringing with it the hum of cicadas, ocean
breezes, and backyard laughter, I find
myself reflecting on the subtle gifts of
summer.

There is something sacred about this time
of year—the way the sun stays a little
longer, the way we notice the sky’s colors,



the way God seems to
whisper through the
rustling trees and
rolling waves. I
believe July invites us
not just to relax, but
to find joy—in God, in
one another, and in
the beauty that

surrounds us.

A Season to Deepen and Delight in Creation

In the rhythm of our church calendar,
summer is often a quieter time. Yet, in the
quiet, God speaks. Beaches, backyards,
and community parks offer a front-row
seat to God’s handiwork. Take time to go
outside with open eyes and an open
heart. You may bring a psalm with you.



Watch how creation praises God simply by being what it was made to be. You were made to delight in the Lord, too.

Deepen Your Spiritual Roots

Summer's slower rhythm gives us a chance to deepen—not just in rest, but in our walk with Christ. Here are a few gentle ways to grow spiritually this month:

- Commit to a short daily devotional (even 5 minutes makes a difference).
- Spend time in prayer.
- Begin a gratitude journal—one line a day is enough.
- Plan and read one Gospel this month—Mark is short and powerful.

God doesn't require us to do everything. But God invites us to stay close. It is a holy invitation.

A Gentle July

There is no pressure this season—just presence. If you're traveling, resting, or reconnecting with family, know that the Spirit travels with you. And if you're in town, we'd love to see you at our worship service every Sunday at 9:30 am. Whether you come to the sanctuary or join via ZOOM from your backyard, you belong here.

You are deeply loved by God and this church family. Let July be a month where your soul breathes deeply.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Claire Wu



POSITION AVAILABLE

We are looking for an Administrative Assistant to work in the office Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-1:00PM (flexible), under the general supervision of the Pastor to aid the ministries of the Church with diplomacy, discretion, and professionalism.

Requirements are Associate's Degree or equivalent work experience in performing general office work, excellent interpersonal

and communication skills, computer competency (Internet /Windows /Word /Excel /PowerPoint), solid time management and organizational abilities.

Niceness is a plus!

Submit resume to
sprc.farmingdaleumc@gmail.com



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 Joys of June



Baptism

The sacrament of baptism was given to Jack James Camos, son of Jessie Farrell and Justin Camos and grandson of Trudy and Jim Farrell. Congratulations!



Recognition of Graduation

Caleb Carle graduated from Farmingdale High School.



Our wonderful Church School staff was recognized.

Pictured left to right are: Men's Prayer Group Leader Robert Carle; teachers Jayme Majoros, Sue Jones, Mary Bing; Superintendent Jenn Lee.

Not shown are Men's Prayer Group Leader Tim Wilson; Confirmation Class teachers (and Ladies Small Group leaders) Shanna Wurth and Betty Gastelua; and Tiny Tots Program Leader Mary Ann Nataro.



Tiny Tots Together



Tiny Tots Together, a program for children 12 -30 months attending with a caregiver, began in the fall of 2021. Our early days were difficult due to masks and covid but we had a successful start. After four years Mary Ann Nataro, founder and director of the program, is retiring. Congratulations to her on her well-deserved retirement after 35 years in early childhood programs. We are sad to say this also means Tiny Tots Together is coming to an end. Thank you, Miss Mimi!



VOLUNTEERS STILL 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! Please contact Garry Wurth, garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

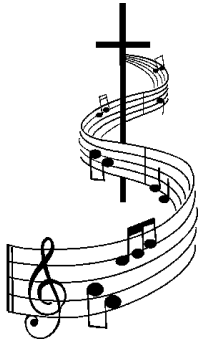


Food Drive

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.



Notes From the Loft



THE MESSAGE is a paraphrased rendering of the BIBLE. The following is how THE MESSAGE renders the first three verses of the 138th Psalm:

"Thank You! Everything in me says, 'Thank You!' Angels listen, as I sing my thanks. I kneel in worship facing Your holy temple and say it again: 'Thank You!' Thank You for Your love. Thank You for Your faithfulness. Most holy is Your name. Most holy is Your Word. The moment I called out, You stepped in. You made my life large with strength."

Every time God's Covenant People gather to worship Him, He Himself attends and brings along with Him a host of angels as witnesses. Our eyes are veiled, so we do not see them. But if our hearts are truly sincere and poured out in a spirit of humility and repentance and praise, God cannot keep Himself from being in attendance, receiving our prayers, and basking in our praises. The angels, as the psalm says, witness our gathering and "listen" to us.

Come to church throughout the summer. Come and sing! It's healthy for your lungs and your spirit. Don't hold back! The Lord and His angels are longing to hear you.



Favorite Hymn

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



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER - BUT DON'T FORGET US!



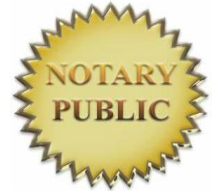
Upcoming Events

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

Wednesdays	7/2-7/30	Village Pops concert, Village Green, 7:30PM
Tuesdays	7/8-8/10	Movies on the Green, dusk
Thursdays	7/10, 24	
	8/7, 21	Music on Main, 5:00PM-9:00PM
Wednesday	8/13	Shakespear'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



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

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY 8/18-FRIDAY 8/22 -

9:30AM-11:30AM



Operation Overboard -

Dare to Go Deep with God!



Please note new

Thrift Shop hours

Tuesday & Wednesday

10AM-1PM

Thursday 6PM-8PM

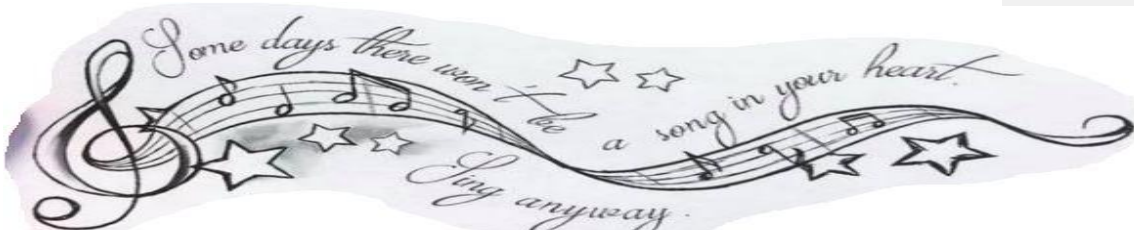
Fourth Saturday of month

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

JULY 2025

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWRTVElWUHNXbjVNcntNMaaG9wTVJrZz09>
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		1	2 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	3	4 	5
6 9:30 Worship Service 4th Sunday After Pentecost 11 am Vision Bearers Meeting	7	8 7:30 pm Finance Committee	9 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	10	11 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	12
13 9:30 Worship Service 5th Sunday After Pentecost	14	15	16	17	18 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	19
20 9:30 Worship Service 6th Sunday After Pentecost	21	22	23	24	25 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	26
27 9:30 Worship Service 7th Sunday After Pentecost	28 7:00 pm Church Council	29	30	31		



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