

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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**Pastor Claire Wu**

**THE MESSENGER**

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**Dear Friends,**

As the days grow shorter and the air carries the crisp coolness of autumn, we find ourselves immersed in one of God's most beautiful creations—the season of fall. Nature, in its quiet transformation, invites us to pause and reflect on the wonder of



God's design. It is a time when the world around us puts on a magnificent display of color, reminding us of the beauty that comes with change and the rhythm of life.

The vibrant hues of red, orange, and gold that paint the trees are like a living testament to God's creativity. Each leaf, as it falls gracefully to the earth, whispers a message of surrender and trust. Just as the trees let go of their leaves, we too are called to let go of our worries, our burdens, and the things we hold too tightly, trusting in God's perfect timing and plan. This season is a reflection of the cycle of life, growth, and renewal, reminding us that even in times of transition, there is beauty to be found.

In our fast-paced world, autumn encourages us to slow down, to reflect, and to find joy in the small, simple moments. As we take walks in the cool, crisp air, or

gather with loved ones around a warm fire, let us take time to thank God for the blessings He has provided. Each season of life—like the seasons of the year—brings its own challenges and joys, but through it all, God is with us, guiding us with His love and grace.

This season, let us be inspired by nature's beauty and embrace the spiritual lessons it offers. As the earth prepares for a season of rest, may we too find rest in God's presence, trusting that He is working in our hearts and lives, even in the quiet, unseen moments. Let us reflect on the ways we can let go of what no longer serves us, making space for God's continued work in our lives.

As we walk through this season of fall together, may the changing leaves remind us of God's unchanging amazing love. And as we witness the beauty of God's creation, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, awe, and a renewed sense of purpose.

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.





## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 9/8/24



The Hon. Jake Blumencranz, Assemblyman, 15<sup>th</sup> District, joined our Remembrance Service to honor the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and the placing of flowers around the Memorial Tree dedicated to Lt. Christopher P. Sullivan, FDNY, who generously led our Nursery School children in fire safety.



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## RALLY DAY & BACKPACK BLESSING & BARBEQUE



*Thank you to all  
who helped make  
the day a  
success!*





## ANNUAL FALL FAIR

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> - 10AM-4PM

Please see Sue Jones to help



*And when you've finished shopping at our Fair, please stop in across the street at Hardscrabble Community Building for their fundraising Chinese Auction, Plant Sale, Bake Sale and Snack Bar!*



**BRING YOUR CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL  
ON LEASH OR IN CARRIER (OR STUFFED)  
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 - 2:00PM**

**TO BE BLESSED!**







## Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 7:17 reads: "I will sing praises of the name of the LORD most high."

It is true. I love to sing the name of my Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn #170 begins, "There is a name I love to hear. I love to sing its worth. It sounds like music in my ear. The sweetest name on earth! Oh, how I love Jesus! ... Because He first loved me!"

Then there's hymn #171, which begins, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! ... Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!"

And how about #174, which begins, "His name is wonderful... Jesus, my Lord!"

Martin Luther had an interesting perspective on music. Listen to what he said:

*I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.*

When I read Luther's line, "Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song,"

I, of course, thought *immediately* of our church choir. Oh, what a jolly group they are! And their singing never fails to brighten me. Many people from the congregation have told me the same thing. My response to them is this: "Before the choir sings, we always ask God's blessing on our efforts. We ask our Savior-God to sing with us, and we ask Him to send some angels to join with us too." Our Lord Jesus never fails to respect our humble request. We are quite lost and empty without Him, you know. And He *does* love to sing with us.

By the way, ... you are invited to sing with our choir too. We will soon begin rehearsing music for Christmas. Wouldn't you just *love* to sing with us at Christmas time, especially. Just show up in the South Transept on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. I am not nearly as nasty and mean and grumpy as the choir says I am. I mean, ... I have my bad days, just like anyone else. But then, ... the choir begins to sing, and I am automatically catapulted to somewhere close to heaven.

Please come and join us on Thursday evenings.

And DEFINITELY sing with the Pastor (who has a gorgeous voice herself) and the choir and the entire congregation on Sunday mornings. Jesus will save a spot right next to Him. He'll help you. Yeah, ... there's a voice I *love* to hear!

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Thank you to Garry Wurth and all who worked at the L.I. Ducks games

We don't have final figures yet but you guys did great!



## Upcoming Events

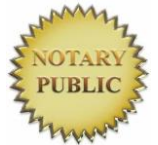
### Zoom Meetings:

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

Saturday 10/12 Fall Fair, 10AM-4PM  
 Sunday 10/20 Laity Sunday  
 Blessing of Animals, 2:00PM  
 Sunday 10/27 Special Guest  
 1:00PM Church Conference with DS  
 4:30PM Risen Rock event

### Village Events

Friday	10/6	Carnival 5:00PM-11:00PM
Sat-Sun	10/7-8	Carnival 12:00PM-11:00PM
Saturday	10/7	Puppy Parade, Village Green, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Sat-Sun	10/7-8	Street Fair, Main Street, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday	10/8	Halloween Parade, 6:00PM
Monday	10/9	Carnival 12:00PM-6:00PM
Friday	10/17	Youth Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM
Saturday	10/28	Halloween Parade, 2:00PM-4:30PM
Sundays	thru 11/24	Farmer's Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM



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

### OCTOBER SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

*One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes  
 from Proverbs 27*

*Hint: E=W*

QJ VJR UJWKR WUJDR RJJHHJE, GJH

AJD QJ VJR OVJE EZWR W QWA LWA UHMF






# FUMC's Calendar of the Month

## OCTOBER 2024

Worship Service is available on Zoom.

Click the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMGMaG9wTVJrZ09>  
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org Website: www.farmingdaleumc.org</div>						
6 9:30 Worship Service 20th Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday	7 7:30 Finance Committee	8	9 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cooking Ministry	10	11 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study Fall Festival 10-4 pm
13 9:30 Worship Service 21st Sunday After Pentecost	14 7:00 Finance Committee	15	16 10:30 Bible Study	17	18 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study
20 9:30 Worship Service 22nd Sunday After Pentecost Laity Sunday 2 Blessing of Animals	21 7:00 Nursery School Board Meeting	22	23 10:30 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 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Reformation Sunday Pocket Lady's Sunday 1 Church Conference 4:30 Church Conference Parish Celebration & Worship @ Risen Rock Bansuk UMC	28 7:00 Church Council	29	30 10:30 Bible Study	31		



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