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Minister's Musings



October's beautiful sunny days kept me in denial, but I'm afraid the truth is upon us; it's mid-autumn, it's getting dark, and the end of the year approaches. I don't mean that ominously, but the approach of the holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, in my life – forces me to be aware of the passage of time. Pilgrim salt and pepper shakers, large platters for turkey, and ornaments for the tree tend to get used but once a year. Pulling them out of the cabinets reminds us that we're still around, still able to give thanks and to experience joy. It also reminds us that there were many regular days in the past 365 which we may not remember precisely, but were filled with events that added to the fullness of our lives. Maybe this year your prayers of Thanksgiving will include healing from illness, maybe they will include the opportunity to hold a grandchild in your arms or on your lap. Perhaps the prayers will be more difficult to speak this year because it's been a tough one; we will read almost twenty names on Sunday, November 1 – friends, family members, people we've loved who have died in the past year. Loss is hard, and holidays can be especially difficult times as we celebrate without someone dear to us. The wisdom of the gift of time is that even the holidays will pass, the intensity of pain and/or joy that they bring will not last, but God's love will last; God's love will go on beyond even this life itself. That's the good news that can keep us going – at Easter or Thanksgiving or Christmas or any and all of the days in between. God's steadfast love endures forever – those are the Psalmist's words from three thousand or so years ago. And they are our words as well. May God's steadfast love hold you fast, encourage you in your weakness, and fill you with peace.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

WORD AND WORSHIP
November 2026

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3; *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sunday, November 8
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-35; Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15
Consecration Sunday
Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22
Christ the King Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23; *Matthew 25:31-46*

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Lectors in Worship

Nov. 1 Danny Gastelua
Nov. 8 Karen Gierie Newman
Nov. 15 Betty Gastelua
Nov. 22 Rev. Rick Edwards
Nov. 29 Sharon Lensky

Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov. 1 Annmarie & Melanie
Nov. 8 Lois & Kimberly S.
Nov. 15 Amanda & Kathy
Nov. 22 Rita & John
Nov. 29 UWF

Sharing Food with Our Neighbors

"When I was hungry, you gave me food." That's what Jesus celebrates about those who follow him. We have three ways we feed our hungry neighbors here at Farmingdale UMC. Table of Grace offers lunch to anyone who shows up on the second Saturday of each month. And cooks gather on one Wednesday each month to cook a whole lot of Arroz con Pollo (chicken, rice, veggies, and sauce) which is shared in frozen family-sized portions with the food pantry at Hicksville UMC. And all year long we collect non-perishable food for the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

When you bring food for our food drive on Sunday, November 22, consider bringing cans of soup for Table of Grace, or items from the flyer below for the Cooking Ministry. All food donations will be used in one way or another. Thanks.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 22nd

Support the Farmingdale UMC Cooking Ministry

Below are non-perishable items that we use each month when we prepare meals that are given to the Hicksville UMC Food Pantry.

Feel free to choose your own brand.



Minced Garlic in Water, 32 oz Jar



Carton Size Reduced Sodium Chicken Broth



Long Grain Enriched Rice, 5 lbs



Tomato Sauce, 29 oz or more



Knorr Granulated Tomato with Chicken Flavor Bouillon Ground, 32 Oz Jar or any size



Extra Virgin Olive Oil



Chili Powder any size

If you would like to help cook the meals, please see Mary Ann Nataro.

The food ministry thanks you for your donations!

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.

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 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.

October Doings





Pastor Appreciation Day



We celebrated Pastor Cathy with food, banner and a special gift from

the church school children – a family tree made with their fingerprints!

100th Anniversary!

And we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our beautiful building

with a lovely cake and loving fellowship.



Laity Sunday

Shanna led the service celebrating our valued Laity



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 36:9-10 reads, "For You are the fountain of life! Our light is from Your light! Pour out Your unfailing love on those who know You! Never stop giving Your blessings to those who long to do Your will!"

In 1620 William Bradford, the first Governor of Plymouth Colony, wrote:

Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His hand that made all things of nothing and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shown unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all praise.

In her book, GOD BLESS AMERICA: SCRIPTURES, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS: A 60-DAY DEVOTIONAL, Bonnie Rickner Jensen wrote:

William Bradford arranged the first Thanksgiving, long before President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation for the observance in 1863. The first settlers offered their gratefulness to God, where it belonged. "So we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations" (Psalm 79:13). The pilgrims risked the dangers of the unknown and saw God "make all things from nothing." The settlers worked hard and witnessed, from meager and difficult beginnings, the grace of God unfold day by day. From sunrises over the Atlantic to sunsets following days of loss, suffering, and sacrifice, they trusted the sovereignty and strength of God to see them through.

All through this glorious month of November, 2026 we, the people of FUMC, will raise our hearts and voices in reading God's Word and preaching and singing, as we remember and thank and praise our great Savior-God for His gracious, tender, loving watch care over us.

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Pledge cards should arrive in your mailbox in early November. Please pray about your support for the church and our ministries as you fill it out. Pledges will be collected and consecrated on Sunday, November 15.

Thank you to Diana Overmiller and Chick-fil-A for its generous donation to our Table of Grace Community Meal! Our next meal will be on Saturday, December 12th, from 12:00-1:30PM. Doors open at 11:30AM. We look forward to welcoming our community back to the table!

Our Thanksgiving food drive is on Sunday, **November 22**. Please bring a non-perishable item for our food drive.





And believe it or not, Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th! The UWF Giving Tree will again bear ornaments with items requested by local organizations that serve the needy. Please put all gifts unwrapped under the tree by December 13th.
(Gift cards to general retailers like Target, Walmart, etc. are also appreciated)
Should you prefer that we shop for you, checks can be made payable to FUMW and given to Karen Gierie Newman.
Thank you!!!

Volunteer Opportunities

Can you say hello to people? Can you pour coffee? Are you interested in IT? Then you are perfect to join our greeters, coffee hour hosts and IT team! Please see Lois, John or Karen GN.



Upcoming Events

Meetings

Wednesdays	weekly	Bible Study, 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	11/1	All Saints Day, 9:30AM
Sunday	11/15	Consecration (pledge) Sunday, 9:30AM
Sunday	11/22	Thanksgiving Service & Food Drive, 9:30AM
Sunday	11/29	First Sunday of Advent, Giving Tree begins, 9:30AM

Village Events

Sundays	11/1-11/22	Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Wednesday	11/11	Veterans Day Ceremony, Village Green, 11:11AM
Tuesday	11/17	Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM-9:00PM
Saturday	11/21	Village Parade, Main Street, 12:00PM-2:00PM

FUMC Car Decals now available $10

3 x 5 Oval, white lettering or black lettering

Custom colors upon request

Please See John or Melanie Muller

or email rellum.john@outlook.com for details

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

Note: Items for the Newsletter may be submitted to newman1309@aol.com or the church office at least three days before the end of the month!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 •Trustees 7pm	4 •Bible Study 10:30am Zoom	5	6 •A.A. 5:30pm •Ladies' Small Group, 7:30pm Zoom	7
8	9	10	11 •Bible Study 10:30am Zoom	12	13 •A.A. 5:30pm •Ladies' Small Group, 7:30pm Zoom	14  
15 	16	17 •Nursery School Board 7pm •Finance 7pm	18 •Bible Study 10:30am Zoom • SPR 7pm	15	16 •A.A. 5:30pm •Ladies' Small Group, 7:30pm Zoom	17
22 	23	24 •Ad Council 7pm	25 •Bible Study 10:30am Zoom	26 	27 •A.A. 5:30pm •Ladies' Small Group, 7:30pm Zoom	28
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