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Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace! May God's full blessings fall on you this summer.

May you have the blessing of rest and relaxation!

Someone from the South recently complained to me about the Northern habit of slowing down over the summer, but after a winter of shoveling snow and huddling in the cold, we Northerners deserve a little lying in the sun. God can be found in the warmth, too.

May you have the blessing of health and fitness!

Get out of the house and move, walk, play, stretch your body - your mind and heart might follow. God can be found in the movement, too.

May you have the blessing of praise and thankfulness!



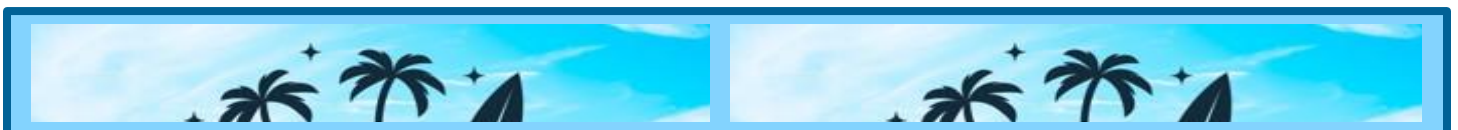
Remember who is the source of all the beauty around you. Remember who gives life to the flowers, ebb & flow to the ocean, cool breeze to the mountain. Remember to give thanks and praise. God can be found in moments of gratitude, too.

May you still have the blessing of worship amid all your summer adventures!

Whether you are at Farmingdale or on vacation, remember to dedicate time for worship. It's not about the location, but about the connection with God that matters. By the way, we will sing our favorite hymns this summer. Come worship and praise and see.

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.



Skip Newman Scholarship

For those of you who did not have the pleasure of knowing Skip Newman, he was a beloved member of our church who died at the young age of 52 in March, 1994. At the time of his untimely death, Skip bequeathed to Farmingdale United Methodist Church a legacy of unmatched godly commitment to its membership, its youth, and all others whom he could inspire. He was a teacher to many, a tireless mentor to the young, a counselor to people in distress, and a friend to all those who were in search of the Christian way. Skip displayed his love of God through his love for people and greeted everyone with warmth and a great smile. After military service as a “green beret”, Skip returned to his roots and for many years volunteered his services as a line fireman at Farmingdale’s Main St. fire station. It has been in recognition and remembrance of the love and work of this deeply religious man that the youth of this church have been celebrated through a scholarship fund established by his wife Charlene Newman.

At the time that this scholarship was created, no instructions were provided as to how it should be

administered. It evolved over time and went through many changes in how the scholarship should be awarded, the requirements for application and the dollar amounts of the rewards. The scholarship committee put a great deal of thought into these decisions each year.

The first year that a scholarship was awarded was in 1995 to Amy Suwalski. Over its 30-year history sixty-two (62) of our youth have been awarded scholarships totaling \$55,000. It is not clear the amount that Charlene first gave in 1994 but in 1997 the fund held just \$10,000 – a combination of her bequest and donations made in Skip’s memory. The fund was invested in various CDs for many years and eventually moved to the United Methodist Frontier Foundation where it continued to grow.

The scholarship has now run its course. With the award to Zach Smith in 2024, it has gone from A to Z with Amy to Zach! This will be the last year that it is offered but we will never forget Skip and will continue to celebrate his legacy.

Zachary Smith is awarded the Skip Newman Scholarship:



and congratulated upon his HS graduation.



CELEBRATIONS



A LOVELY CELEBRATION FOR OUTGOING
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT JULIA YUEONHEE YIM



Rev. Julia's Farewell



Where's Pastor Claire?!



Our Choir sang beautifully!



Special Song by Korean Women Clergy



THE REV. DR. CLAIRE WU
PREACHES HER FIRST
SERMON

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are all so proud of you!



Sunday School



Jenn Lee, Superintendent of Sunday School, and teachers and leaders Bob Carle, Sue Jones, Shanna Wurth and Betty Gastelua were honored for their service.



Remember - we are open all summer long!



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

Our church bell is working again and we need bell ringers!!!

Please See Danny Gastelua.



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 122:1 reads, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"

As Director of Music for FUMC, I know that I should have warned you all about this, but I did not want to cause you undue sorrow, stress, frustration, and disappointment. But the time is way past due for me to announce this:

THE CHOIR IS "OFF" UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER LABOR DAY.

Honestly, I was unaware that I had worked the choir so mercilessly until some poor, anonymous soul left a note on my door threatening to call the ASPCA and have my choral directing time demands investigated. Well, being the loving, caring spirit (humble too and terribly modest) that I am, I gave in and permitted the choir to "take a break."

Yes. Yes. Yes. It is heartrending news. But! ... We shall endure and look to the bright side of things (however dimly lit those "things" might be). And ... time will sloooooowly pass, as it does, until that bright and glorious Sunday morning when the choir will once again bless us with their angelic musical gifts.

However, this absence of the choir, for purposes of well-deserved rest and recreation, provides us with an opportunity for offerings of "SPECIAL MUSIC" on summer Sundays. If you have ever wanted to solo-sing a hymn in church that you especially love, or play a special

instrumental solo, please let Maria in the church office know. I will GLADLY work with you and help you choose a date for your longed-for time in the spotlight.

By the way, did you know that the Choir was honored to be invited to sing an anthem on June 23rd at a special worship service thanking God for the service of D. S. Rev. Julia Yim, who served as FUMC Pastor some years ago? This special event was held at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills, and it truly was an afternoon that we shall all long remember. The applause following our singing was endless and deafening. Of course, then all of the invitations to sing elsewhere started pouring in – Paris, London, Vienna, and a monastery somewhere in the middle of the Sahara Desert. The entire choir unanimously voted to say "NO" to all of these invitations, as we do not wish to away from FUMC for even one Sunday! (That is, until sometime after Labor Day.)

We may not hear the choir sing for a few Sundays, but the Lord Jesus is ALWAYS with us, walking the aisles, sitting beside us in the pews, and singing from His great heart. (Sometimes when we are singing with Him, He becomes quiet and just listens to us, because ... sometimes ... He just wants to hear the expressions of your heart.) Early on each Sunday morning, make a point to announce to your loved ones, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Jesus will meet us all there.



Please see Garry Wurth for the sign-up schedule
garrywurth@gmail.com/516-524-2530.

Volunteers Needed - It's L.I. Ducks time!

We will again be working concessions for a percentage of gross sales plus tips (last year we made over \$11,000!). We've moved up the ranks and this year our days/nights are Saturdays and Sundays.



Farmingdale Adult Day Care Center



The Farmingdale Adult Day Care Center, 1 Morton Street, is a non-profit interfaith service providing support for the elderly who are unable to meet their daily needs without assistance.



Founded in 1995, it is a cooperative of FUMC, St.

Thomas' Episcopal Church, St. Kilian's Roman RC Church and St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and offers a nutritious hot lunch, socialization, stimulation, and personalized attention, with music therapy, arts and crafts, pet therapy, live entertainment, birthday and holiday celebrations, group exercise, blackboard activities and special "Motivate the Minds" workshops. A twice-monthly support group is offered for caregivers.

FADC holds open houses on Tuesdays and Thursdays - stop in, call, or visit our website.

(516) 293-8928 <http://www.farmingdaleadultdaycare.org>

HELP WANTED

The Center is seeking a part-time Program Aide/Activities Coordinator.

Please call (516) 293-8928 or submit resume to
Farmingdaleadultdaycare@gmail.com.



Pray for traveling mercies for our Vacationers





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

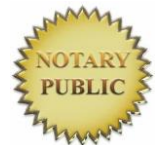
Sundays thru 11/24 Farmers Market on the Village Green, 10:00AM
Wednesdays 7/3-31 Farmingdale Pops Concerts, 7:30PM, Village Green
Tuesdays 7/9-8/20 Movies on Village Green, dusk
Thursdays 7/11, 25 Music on Main, 5:00PM-9:00PM
Sunday 7/14 Second Sundays, Main Street
Thursday 7/18 Open Mic & Jam Session, Village Green, 7:00PM

JULY SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

*One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from
Ephesians 6*

Hint: P = I

PE PY JHW JWVVIHO EFGE KFWPYE FGY YVE LY JWVV.
YEGTI JPWO, FVT, GTI IH THE RVE CHLWYVRMVY
DV DLWIVTVI GSGPT DC G CHUV HJ YRGMVWC.



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







FUMC's Calendar of the Month

JULY 2024

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVEiWUHNXbjVncnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	3 10:30 am Bible Study	4 	5 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	6
7 9:30 Worship Service <i>7th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	8 7:30 pm Finance Committee	9	10 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	11	12 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	13
14 9:30 Worship Service <i>8th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	15	16	17	18	19 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	20
21 9:30 Worship Service <i>9th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	22 7:00 pm Church Council	23	24	25	26 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	27
28 9:30 Worship Service <i>10th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Sunday	29	30	31	<div> Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org Website: www.farmingdaleumc.org </div>		



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