



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

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Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well!

As I sit down to write to you, I can't help but feel grateful for each of you and the amazing ways God works in our lives. As we continue to explore the inspiration from God through the

sermons, I just wanted to share a little reminder that's been on my heart: *God is with us in every moment, inspiring us to live fully in His love.*

The Bible reminds us in Acts 17:28, "*For in Him we live and move and have our being.*" Isn't it amazing to think about? God is close in every breath we take and every step we make. Whether it's a sunny morning, a good laugh with friends, or even a tough day - God is right there. Have you noticed God in your everyday life? It might be in something as small as the sound of leaves rustling, a smile from a stranger, or the stillness of a quiet moment. God loves showing up in the ordinary if we just take the time to notice.

Sometimes, we're quick to look for God in the "big stuff": miracles, answered prayers, or life-changing



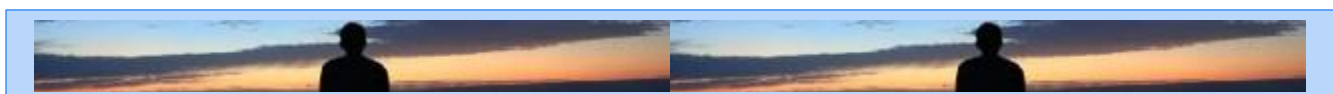
events. And while God is absolutely there, God is also present in the little things. As we go about our daily lives, let's remember to keep our eyes open. God is there when you're making dinner, sitting with a friend, or tackling your to-do list.

So, here's a question for you: What's one way you can

reflect God's love today? Maybe it's encouraging someone, helping someone, or forgiving someone who's hurt you. No matter how small it seems, God can use it in a big way.

Psalm 118:24 reminds us, "*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*" Today—right now—is a gift from God. Let's not miss it! In good times, let's thank Him. In hard times, let's lean on Him. And in the uncertain moments, let's trust Him. God is weaving something beautiful in our lives, even when we can't quite see it yet. May it be so!

With love and 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.



FUMC January Events



*We celebrated the baptism
of Micheal Mastrosimone*



*And welcomed Micheal & Amanda
Mastrosimone
and Joseph Zeng as new members*



*And we bid
farewell to
cherished friends
Veronica, Adriana
& Cassandra and
Family*



**Thank you to all who helped
to make our Winter Funfest
Family Game Night a success!**



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 32:7 reads, "You shall surround me with songs of deliverance."

Dr. Billy Graham published a book of daily devotional messages titled, HOPE FOR EACH DAY. The following is the message for January 1:

Out West an old shepherd had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone "A." The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on that particular day the true tone of "A" was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune – out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master, we too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

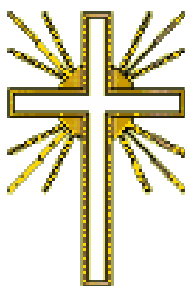
As this new year begins, ask God to help you tune your life every day to His Word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you.

In the front part of the UM hymnbook, page vii, John Wesley's seven directions for singing is listed. The seventh direction reads: *Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.*

As Director of Music at FUMC, I am most concerned, most focused on encouraging the choir and everyone else in the church to sing with all of our heart, mind, and soul. Our kindred goal is to get "in tune with the Master." Singing is a miraculous activity, designed to draw us closer to The Eternal. Some people sing with their voice. Some people sing through their hands at a keyboard. Some sing through a flute or a trumpet or a violin or some other musical instrument. Some sing through painting or sculpting or pounding nails through roofing materials to keep the rain out of a building. Mothers sing all the time by changing their baby's diaper and drying their child's tears. Singing carries with it elements of healing and of therapeutically releasing pent up prayers and frustrations and sorrows and joys.

In church singing is useful as one way to help people to humbly reach out beyond themselves in order to connect and communicate with our omnipresent God. Singing in church also encourages us to humbly reach out beyond ourselves in order to connect and communicate with our fellow human beings.

Come to church this week and every week to join with Pastor Claire, the choir, and everybody else in the building as we draw closer to our singing God and to one another. Sing with your voice and with every other means you have available. Open your hearts and worship with your whole being. You will not be alone in this. We are all there doing the same thing ... together.



**We mourn the passing of long-time member Fred Gerhard,
and Yung Hoon Yim, mother of Pastor Julia, who at 92
went home to the Lord.**

You blessed us and we shall miss 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:

Sunday 2/9 Souper Bowl Sunday
Tuesday 3/4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,
5PM-7PM

Don't miss out on your chance of being a winner!
Join our annual Souper Bowl and cast your vote
for the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia
Eagles and enjoy delicious homemade soups

Sunday February 9th Fellowship Hall



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Save the Date - Tuesday - March 4th -
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5-7PM



Adults \$6.00 -
Children under 12
\$3.00
See Evelyn,
Jackie, Karen GN
for tickets

NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES

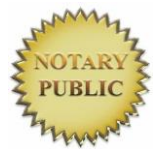
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pew, whatever.

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from 1 John 4

Hint: N = E

GN SRPN DOW MNFTZAN DN QOUAI SRPNC ZA.



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



Do you know someone in need of some cheer, support,
or good wishes, please contact Diane Puchta at (934)
500-9034 (text or call) or dmpuchta@gmail.com.

Please include name, address or email address.



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

February 2025

Worship Service will also be on Zoom.
Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWRTVElWUHNXbjVncnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship Service 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	3	4 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	5 10:30 am Bible Study	6	7 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	8 8:00 Men's Bible Study
9 9:30 Worship Service 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring	10	11 7:30 pm Finance Committee	12 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 Cooking Ministry	13	14 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	15 8:00 Men's Bible Study
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