



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Cathy Schuyler

THE MESSENGER

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Ministerial Musings

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philippians 4:21-23

The apostle Paul called the members of the early churches he frequented 'saints.' A few hundred years later, the church decided to remember and especially honor those followers of Jesus whom they considered exceptional in their faith by setting them aside and identifying them as 'saints.' Same word, but a more limited meaning. I think Paul had it right. We are identified in the church primarily by our relationship with Jesus, and we all honor that relationship. It's Jesus who makes us saints, who makes us holy, and who welcomes us as his own after death. So on the first Sunday of November, November 1 this year, we will celebrate and remember those who have died in the past year, members of the church or those who were loved by members of the church. Which means that your brother or your best friend from high school whom you loved is someone we want to remember. We'll include a list of those who died in the past year, since last November, and read the names in worship. Then we'll be together in a quiet time when other names of those we've loved can be spoken. None of us will know everyone on the list, but we'll know they are someone who was loved.

So, we will remember them with love and respect. Please get names you'd like included to the office by the last week of October.

One hundred years ago this fall the Methodist Church of Farmingdale walked down Main Street to this new building to continue their witness to the gospel in a brand-new place. The church was gathered in 1842; it had outgrown its old building by 1926. We weren't there, but we are thriving today because of work they did then. The new sanctuary had beautiful windows and more space for new people to join the growing church. We who have arrived since then still love the windows and the grand doorway to Main Street. A few decades later the church added the rest of the building, extending their footprint in town down the Grant Street block. We will celebrate our presence here on this corner in worship on October 18. And we'll continue the celebration with a 'extended' coffee hour downstairs, which will be overflowing with good food. I hope you will be with us for this celebration!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy



WORD AND WORSHIP

October 2026

October 4

World Communion Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;

Philippians 3:4b-14; *Matthew 21:33-46*

October 11

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

100 Years at 407 Main Celebration

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 96:1-9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Laity Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Guest preacher: Shanna Wurth



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.



November Events

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, parrots, and/or horses – outsiders may refer to them as our pets, but we know they are family, loved and cherished as gifts of God to us for companionship and joy. Bring your favorite animals to the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 1:00 pm. We'll gather on the front lawn of the church, facing Main Street, for the service, rain or shine.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember all those who have died in the past year. Use the form below, or simply send a note or an email to the Pastor, to list friends, family or heroes whom you would like to include on our All Saints list. Please include the date of death, if known.

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026

Name

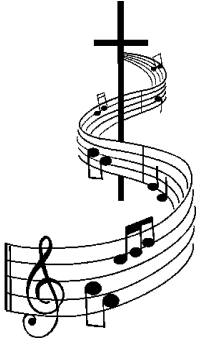
Date of death

CAN YOU HELP?

The IT Team works in the background each Sunday to ensure the service runs smoothly, not only for the members present but for those joining us remotely on Zoom. We are at church up to an hour before service to make sure everything is ready; we control the flow of the slides on the main screen in the sanctuary; and we adjust audio levels and cameras so Zoom users have full access. One of our team members has to leave due to work and family obligations. It is imperative that we maintain coverage, especially with summer here, and that requires more helpers. If you are interested, please stop by the tech desk at the back of the sanctuary after service.



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 71:8,12,14-16, 23-24a reads, "My mouth is full of praise and honor to You all day long. God, do not be far from me. My God, hurry to help me. But I will hope continually and will praise You more and more. My mouth

will tell [SING!] about Your righteousness and Your salvation all day long, though I cannot sum them up. I come because of the mighty acts of The Lord GOD. I will proclaim [SING!] Your righteousness, Yours alone. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praise to You, because You have redeemed me. Therefore, my tongue will proclaim [SING!] Your righteousness all day long...."

Why do You go to Church? Verse 16 (above) sums it up pretty well: "I come because of the mighty acts of The Lord GOD. I will proclaim [SING!] Your righteousness, Yours alone."

I do not go to church to express to God and those around me of my goodness, my righteousness, my ability to forgive others for their offenses, and my gracious generosity. No. I fall seriously short on all counts in those areas. We go to church to express our gratitude to our Savior-God, Who acts mightily in all of those areas. We sing of His righteous, gracious attributes. We sing about His amazing saving, redemptive power. Where would we be without Him? We adore and worship God alone.

We go to church to listen for God's voice speaking to us from His Word, but also to speak to Him in personal and corporate prayer – and to SING! to Him of our pain and hope, sorrow and joy, fear and love.

We're all in this together, you know. You, me, and our Savior-God. Us. Together. The Church.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 1:00PM



Thank you to Bagel Hut for its generous donation to our second Table of Grace Community Meal! Our next meal will be on Saturday, October 10th, from 12:00-1:30PM. Doors open at 11:30AM. We look forward to welcoming our community back to the table!



Rally Sunday



RAIN COULD NOT Dampen
OUR RALLY SUNDAY!



Did you know that our beautiful building is 100 years old?! We moved from our original site on Main Street (now Moby Drugs) to this beautiful house of worship, which was designed by Julius Gregory and built in 1926 by church member Christopher Bierling, on land donated by Nathaniel Ketcham. We've become a landmark! Please join us to celebrate the occasion on October 20, 2026.



And our New-to-you Thrift Shoppe is 50 years old! Fifty years of providing lost-cost clothing and household supplies to the community with proceeds going to local benevolences. Thank you, Jenn and Karen K.



Our annual Church Conference was held on September 22nd. Conference Reports are available in the Transept, please take one.



Church Conference Summary

Thank you to everyone who attended our Church Conference on September 22. Thank you, too, to everyone who filled out forms and contributed reports to the Church Conference Report. There are copies of the Report in the transept; if they've been claimed, let the office know. We can print more. The whole report is a testimony to good work done here in the church over the past year. And it's a promise from those who

were elected to serve in leadership in 2027 that we will continue to do good work, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Claim a copy for yourself, and plan to be part of the loving things that happen here at Farmingdale UMC in the year ahead. An Annual Financial Report will be printed and shared early in 2027.

Ministry Plan for 2027

The New York Conference has asked each church to assemble a Ministry Plan for the coming year. The plan for our church was presented at the Church Conference on September 22.

There is a thorough printed explanation of the plan available in the transept or in the office. Essentially, it sets forth the three projects for the church to begin in the coming year.

In 2027, we will:

- 1) make the church building more accessible for those who are physically challenged;
- 2) plan and execute a week-long Vacation Bible School for children in our church and community;
- 3) complete the renovation of the fellowship hall and kitchen.



FALL FAIR



SATURDAY 10/10 - 10:00AM-4:00PM

New, Used & Vintage Items!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!



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	10/4	Blessing of the Animals, Main Street, 1:00PM
Saturday	10/10	Fall Fair Yard Sale, 10:00AM-4:00PM
		Table of Grace, 12:00PM-1:30PM
Sunday	10/18	Building Celebration, 9:30AM

Village Events

Saturday	10/3	Art in the Park, 11:00AM-3:00PM
Sundays	10/4-11/22	Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Friday	10/9	Farmer Department Carnival, 12:00PM
Saturday	10/10	Columbus Day Fair, Main Street, 10:00AM
		Fire Department Carnival, 12:00PM
Sat/Sun	10/11-10/12	Columbus Day Parade, 6:00PM
Tuesday	10/20	Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM-9:00PM
Saturday	10/24	Trunk or Treat, 1:00PM-4:00PM



FUMC Car Decals now available \$10

3 x 5 Oval, white lettering or black lettering

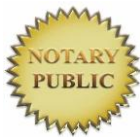
Custom colors upon request

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!



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 Worship 9:30am Blessing of the Animals 1:00pm 		https://www.facebook.com/FarmingdaleUnitedMethodistChurch/ Rev. Catherine Schuyler (218) 349-0869 • Email: revcathy@gmail.com			2 A.A. 5:30pm	3
11 Worship 9:30am	5	6 Trustees Meeting 7:00pm	7 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	8	9 • A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	10 • Table of Grace Noon—1:30pm • Thrift Shop: Columbus Day Fair 10-4pm
18 Worship 9:30am Celebration of 100 Years @ 407 Main St. 	12	13	14 • Bible Study Zoom 10:30am • Cooking Ministry 5:30pm	15	16 • A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	17
25 Worship 9:30am 	19	20 Finance Committee 7:00pm	21 • Bible Study Zoom 10:30am • SPRC Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 • A.A. 5:30pm • Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	24
	26	27	28 • Bible Study Zoom 10:30am • Ad Council 7:00pm	29	30	31 Don't Forget! 



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