



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Autumn has arrived once again. School is well underway, the days are getting cooler and noticeably shorter, and the leaves are changing. Fall is also traditionally the time for talking about money, as many churches kick off their annual stewardship campaigns. It's time for the annual "Sermon on the Amount" (a very funny joke that, strangely, I heard for the first time only recently). One of my friends used to say it was time for "Palm Sunday," because the minister would always be standing there with his hand out, palm-up.

This year, our stewardship campaign theme is "Generosity as the Fruit of the Spirit." Generosity naturally flows from a life connected to God's Spirit. When we give—whether our time, talents, or resources—we actively participate in God's abundant and transformative work, allowing His fruits to flourish within us and in the world around us. Together, we are called to embody the Fruit of the Spirit, generously giving of ourselves as Christ did for us.



Christian generosity holds an interesting mystery. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul assures us that God will provide "all we need." Yet, if we've given away our resources to serve others, how can this be true? The answer lies in the transformative nature of giving. When we regularly and generously give, we begin to see "what we need" in a new light. This spiritual practice allows us to look at our finances—our earnings, expenditures, and savings—through God's lens, helping us focus on what truly matters.

It's a mystery: the practice of tithing blesses and benefits the giver just as much as it strengthens the church's mission and ministry. Can I prove it? Perhaps not, but there is one way to experience it for yourself.

May God's Spirit continue to bear fruits in your life, and may your generosity be a reflection of the boundless love and grace you have received.

With gratitude 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.

Happenings at FUMC

Our Fall Fair was a huge success, thank you all!



*Pastor once again
offered her services*

*We celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day with
cards, candies & flowers.
We truly cherish Pastor Claire!*



WE BLESSED OVER 20 ANIMALS!



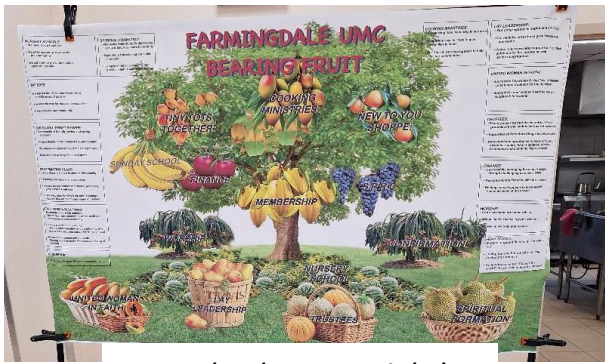


ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Annual Church Conference was held in Fellowship Hall on 10/27/24 with District Superintendent Rev. Richard Lawton Hanse presiding. DS Hanse reviewed our Report and was very pleased with the contents. He especially congratulated us on taking such good care of our Pastor Claire!



OUR CO-OPERATIVE PARISH



Thank you, Dwight!

The nine churches of the North Shore and Central Nassau Cooperative Parish joined in worship at Ban Suk Korean UMC in Old Westbury and exhibited their ministries. Lots of Fun, Food and Fellowship!

Thanksgiving Food Drive - November 24th



Detailed lists are available in the transept. Thank you for your support!

Our Food Ministry prepares meals each month that are given to the Hicksville UMC Food Pantry.

We are in need of the following non-perishable items (feel free to choose your own brand).

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

Minced Garlic in Water, 32 oz Jar

Long Grain Enriched Rice, 5 lbs

Tomato Sauce, 29 oz or more

Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Carton Size Reduced Sodium Chicken Broth

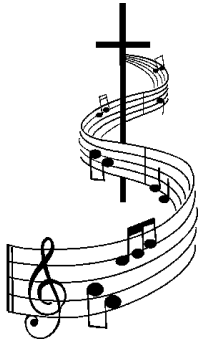
Knorr Granulated Tomato with Chicken Flavor Bouillon

Ground, 32 Oz Jar or any size

Chili Powder any size



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 95:1-2 reads, "Come, let us shout joyfully to the LORD! Shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation! Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout triumphantly to Him in song."

The first hymn section of each of the UMC hymnals is titled, "PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING." The organizers of these hymnals wisely decided to encourage the UMC congregations throughout the world to meet together – always and first of all – singing hymns in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving.

Wouldn't it be something wonderful if each of our families this year met together for the traditional Thanksgiving meal with a hymn of thanksgiving?! For example, consider this: The entire family sits down at the dining room table, and Dad or Mom or Grandpa or Grandma announces, "Before we offer our prayer of thanks, let us sing one verse of "How Great Thou Art." And then everybody sings, "O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

Our children and grandchildren would, no doubt, remember that event, and would, no doubt, tell their children and grandchildren about it: "You know, ... I remember so many years ago when my Dad and Mom and Grandpa and Grandma sat with our whole family at the Thanksgiving table and – before the prayer of blessing on the food was offered – they led all of us kids in LOUDLY(!) singing a great old Thanksgiving hymn. We kids kind of laughed at first, but Dad and Mom and Grandpa and Grandma were serious about thanking and praising God in song before we ate our Thanksgiving

dinner. It was really special to them. And their singing made it special for us too. We weren't the greatest singers in the world, but ... you know what? I remember that they had tears in their eyes. They were not ashamed to show their love and thanks and praise for our God, for our great country, and for God's blessings that He has abundantly, abundantly poured out upon us."

I remember with joy and pride such events as this with my family, as I grew up. My Dad always led the singing LOUDLY(!) and then he always prayed with tears of joy and thanks in his eyes. Oh, how he loved our God! Oh, how he loved our family! Oh, how we loved our Dad! I follow my Dad's model when our children and grandchildren get together for holiday dinners.

If this has not been your particular family Thanksgiving experience, then by God's grace let this be the first year. Begin now. Be the memory-maker that your children and grandchildren talk about. Be God's model. Be the minister to your family.

However your family does it, with whoever is there, meet and eat in a spirit of reverence and thanks and praise. Meet and eat with prayer – and – have courage! – sing a song to our God Who graciously provides everything for us. Our God is worthy of our unashamed, heartfelt, thoughtful worship and praise.

As Christians this is what we do and how we worship in our homes. And this is how we Christians celebrate our Savior-God, the Lord Jesus Christ, every Sunday morning – in a spirit of Thanksgiving.



Our world-famous Candy Lady made her annual visit! With candy in multiple pockets, the kids were ecstatic!



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

Sunday 11/3 All Saints Day
Farewell to Denise & Dwight
Sunday 11/17 Consecration Sunday, Commitments
received
Sunday 11/24 Thanksgiving food collection

Village Events

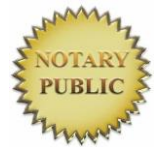
Sundays thru 11/24 Farmer's Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Saturday 12/7 Gingerbread/Chocolate House Competition, Chocolate Duck, 12-4PM

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

*One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from Psalm
100*

Hint: Z = D

WMNWU JLC RDNWC OLNJ NJDMXCRLELMR DMZ JLC VISUNC OLNJ
FUDLCW; RLEW NJDMXC NI JLB DMZ FUDLCW JLC MDBW.



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



NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES will begin November 17th.
Please contact Pastor Claire for info.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY 2025

If you are in 7th grade, or higher,
and would like to
Know your story, Confirm your faith,
& Live your commitment,
Please contact the church office at
516-694-3424 by December 15th

**Advent begins December 1st and our Giving
Tree will once again be in the sanctuary with
ornaments bearing a need for a local child or
adult in need.**



Gift cards to local retailers are also appreciated.
Should you prefer that we shop for you, checks can
be made payable to **FUWF** (formerly United
Methodist Women) and mailed to Karen Gierie
Newman, 1309 6th Street, West Babylon NY 11704.



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

NOVEMBER 2024

Worship Service will be on Zoom.
Click the link below
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVTElWUHhXbjVNcnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org Website: www.farmingdaleumc.org Office hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9am-1pm						
3 9:30 Worship Service 24th Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Campaign Begins All Saints Sunday Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Election Day 7:30 Trustees Meeting	6 10:30 am Bible Study	7	8 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	9 8:00 Men's Bible Study
10 9:30 Worship Service 25th Sunday after Pentecost Vision Bearers Mtg 11 am	11 Veteran's Day 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	12	13 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Food Outreach Ministry/ Cooking Night	14	15 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	16 8:00 Men's Bible Study
17 9:30 Worship Service 26th Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday Stewardship Campaign Ends	18	19	20 10:30 am Bible Study	21	22 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	23 8:00 Men's Bible Study
24 9:30 Worship Service Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	25 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting	26	27 10:30 am Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30



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