



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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**Grace and peace to you from God our Creator, Christ our Savior,
and the Holy Spirit who breathes life into us all!**

Holy Week and Easter always seem like a whirlwind. The weeks leading up to Palm Sunday feel long—filled with planning, preparation, and prayer. It's as if Easter will never come. But then suddenly, it's here. Palm Sunday arrives, and everything accelerates. Before you know it, it's Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter Sunday. The beauty, the power, the awe of it all—it takes your breath away. That God would take on human form, live among us, die, and then rise again—for our sake. So we might know the hope and promise of eternal life.

And then... it's over. The flowers are tossed, the cross goes back into storage, and there's a collective sigh of relief—the busiest week in the church year is done. In fact, in many churches, the Sunday after

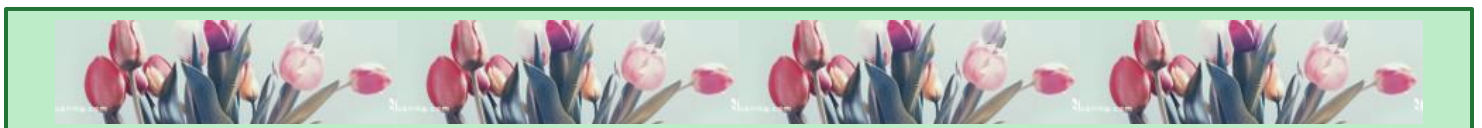


Easter is nicknamed “Low Sunday” for a reason: it's often the lowest attended.

But here's the thing—Easter isn't just a day. It's a season. The Great Fifty Days of Easter stretch all the way to Pentecost. Just as Lent gives us 40 days for repentance and reflection, Easter gives us 50 days for celebration and joy—a whole season to bask in the glory of the resurrection and the good news of salvation.

So don't let Easter be a one-day high. Let it lift your spirit for the whole season. Carry the joy and beauty of Easter with you. Let it raise your faith, your hope, and your gratitude. Celebrate life—life now and life eternal. Let yourself be renewed, redeemed, and re-energized in your journey of faith.

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.



HOLY WEEK 2025

Thank you to Pastor Claire Hojung Wu for a wonderful Holy Week!



Wonderful Cantata
by our Chancel Choir
under the direction
of Dr. David Majoros



Voices at the Table
Great Job by Joan
Ganz and Crew!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -
FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY**

It is Duck Season (not Rabbit Season - for you Looney Tunes fans)

We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Duck games. Our days/nights will be on **Saturdays and Sundays**.

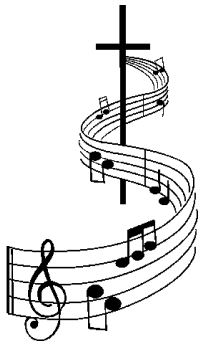
FUMC receives 10% of gross sales from the concession stands plus tips. Last year we made over \$12,000!

Garry Wurth will hold a brief meeting immediately following church on Sunday, March 30th, for those who are interested in volunteering or want more info. If you cannot make the meeting, reach out to Garry - garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 122:1 reads, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’”

The Scottish writer, George MacDonald, wrote, “... all that is not music is silence.”

When we go to church, ... there is music in our singing and in our playing of instruments. There is music in our reading of God’s Word and in the teaching and preaching of God’s Word. There is music in our asking for prayer, and in our sharing of God’s blessings in our lives.

Do you have a song to sing to the Lord? Come to the church and sing it. We want to hear it, and you need to sing it. Come to church and sing with us.

The poet, Maya Angelou, wrote, “A bird sings not because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.”

Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” That’s us. We have ears. Let us hear from one another what God would sing through us.



WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UMC,



REID
MORGAN
OVERMILLER





Save the Dates

Please join us for Blessings in the Afternoon at the Farmingdale Village Green Gazebo, presented by the nine church members of the UMC North Shore and Central Nassau Cooperative Parish. Please bring your family and friends (and a chair!) for an afternoon of Gospel Singing and Praise. Snacks and drinks will be available. Call 516 694-3424 for further information. All are welcome! (If raining, we will meet inside the church)

If you can help at this event, please contact Karen Gierie Newman

Blessings in the Afternoon at the Gazebo

Gospel Singing and Praise!

Sat., May 3, 2025 at 4:00pm

**Farmingdale Village Green
361 Main Street**

(Parking available off Rosa Street)



Please note new Thrift Shop hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 10AM-1PM

Thursday 6PM-8PM

*Fourth Saturday of month
10AM-1PM*

WALK WITH A PURPOSE - UMC

Long Island East District

7th Annual Mission 5K Walk & Picnic

Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 9:30AM



We will walk to raise money for the Long Island Council for the Homeless. Food, entertainment, activities & more will be provided. Walk with your children, walk with your puppy, walk with your friends!

Registration forms are in the transept or register individually at:
liedistrict.com/MissionWalk,
or contact the church office.

REQUEST RE VISITORS' DESK

Please do not use the desk as a dumping ground. It is difficult to work there when it is covered with papers, discards and all kinds of things. Thank 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:

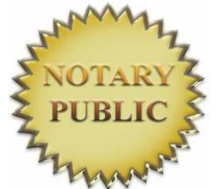
Saturday 5/3 Blessings in the Afternoon
at the Gazebo, 4:00PM
Saturday 5/10 District Mission Walk & Picnic,
Belmont Lake, 9:30AM
Monday 5/26 Memorial Day Parade, Main Street,
10:00AM

Village Events

Sundays 6/1-11/23 Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Thursdays 7/10-8/21 Music on Main, 5:00PM-9:00PM
Sunday 9/14 Art in the Park, Village Green

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP

We are updating records and need your help. Much of our information is sent via email but we are missing many addresses. If you have not been receiving our newsletter or regular communication from us, please provide your correct email address. And if you have a new residence address 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.



NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Please, please do not tape anything to any wood
surface - door, pew, whatever.
Thank you!





FUMC's Calendar of the Month

MAY 2025

Worship Service is available via Zoom.
Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWRTVElWUHNXbGVNcnNMcG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	3 8:00 Men's Bible Study
4 9:30 Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Easter	5	6 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	7 10:30 am Bible Study	8	9 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	10 8:00 Men's Bible Study
11 9:30 Worship Service 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	12	13 7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	14 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	15	16 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	17 8:00 Men's Bible Study
18 9:30 Worship Service 5th Sunday of Easter Heritage Sunday Choir Recognition	19	20	21 10:30 am Bible Study	22	23 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	24 8:00 Men's Bible Study
25 9:30 Worship Service 6th Sunday of Easter	26 Memorial Day	27	28 10:30 am Bible Study	29 Ascension Day	30 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	31 8:00 Men's Bible Study



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