

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

**"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."**

**(2 Corinthians 4:6-7, ESV)**

What a beautiful image we find in these words from the Apostle Paul. It reminds us that compared to the treasure of God's light, we are truly the humblest of vessels.



We are nothing more than jars of clay – plain, coarse, and fragile.

How can we become impressed with our own importance when we remember that we are merely containers to carry God's greatness and very common ones at that? The book of Ecclesiastes famously reminds us that we all come from dust, and to dust we will all eventually return.

Yet, paradoxically, in our humble state, we share the ultimate calling: carrying the light of Christ that shines in our hearts to a world that desperately needs it. Like containers that carry life-giving water to the parched earth, God

has entrusted us with a gift that is of no use unless it is shared.

Think about it as you enjoy the blessings of summertime. Could you imagine a better time to offer a cool drink to a thirsty neighbor?

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.



## ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM



AT TANNER PARK IN COPIAGUE  
(123 Baylawn Ave, south of Montauk Highway)  
See Shanna Wurth for Details



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **ATTENTION LADIES - PLEASE JOIN US!**

*All women are invited to our summer luncheon/work meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024, after service, in the bike room.*

*Please bring a bag lunch and your favorite mug (drinks provided).*



***Pray for traveling mercies for our Vacationers***







## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### FARMINGDALE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MADE A HOUSE CALL!

We visited Bethany House, a local safe haven for women, and enjoyed an evening of fellowship and Bingo



Every year FUWF (which is open to all FUMC women) donates money to our national organization's mission giving and votes on which ecumenical and community programs and projects to include in

our local mission giving. Bethany House was the recipient this year. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to deliver goody bags and desserts for all ten residents along with a cash gift.

**Thank you, ladies!**

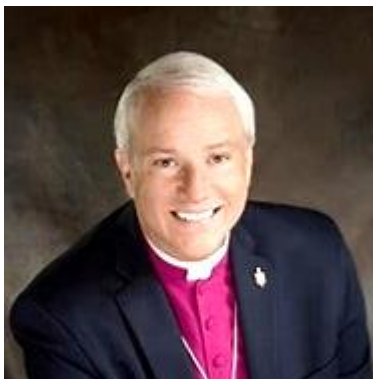
### AND THAT'S NOT ALL ...

Every month, our children collect coins for Change the World. Over the past few years, they have collected a total of **\$4,304.26!!!** Periodically our Ad Council discusses various needs, here and abroad, and decides where



best to use the money. At its last meeting it was agreed to donate \$100 to Bethany House toward their purchase of much-needed patio furniture. Thank you all!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP THOMAS J. BICKERTON!



The UMC 2024 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference has assigned bishops to six newly reconfigured episcopal areas. Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will continue to serve our New York Annual Conference along with the New England Annual Conference.



## Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 66:1 reads, “Sing to the Lord all the earth! Sing of His glorious name! Tell the world how wonderful His is!”

This morning, I found myself humming a certain tune. I paused to recall from where this particular, unusual melody had come. Then I remembered that it was the main theme from a piece I played on the organ during the “Gathering” portion of our church service last Sunday.

I rejoice that there are so many melodies that soar through my mind that I get from going to church. What’s even better is that so many of these musical themes have words attached to them.

“Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art!”

“I love to tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory! To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

“Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o’er His foes! He arose a Victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign.”

“He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.”

“There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place. And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.”

“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.”

There are at least a thousand more that continually ring in my soul every day.

I often hear my precious sweetheart of a wife, Jayme, softly singing songs to herself that she hears on the Christian radio stations. She has a beautiful voice, and I love hearing my gift-of-God companion sing melodies and words that glorify her Savior God. Do you want to bless your home? Sing hymns of praise as you cook and clean and do laundry. Do you want to bless your car? Sing as you drive! Keep your eyes on the road, but sing praises to your God!

When you go to church each Sunday morning, you will notice that we sing as many songs as we can during our worship service. We want to glorify God this way, as He is surely worthy of our thanks and praise, but we also sing to feed our souls with melodies carrying words that will carry us with them out into the world.

I’ve been singing these wonderful, wonderful, inspired, joy-filled songs ever since I was a little boy. They’ve carried me through thick and thin for all these years. And I hope with all my heart that they help and heal you and your loved ones in these days of uncertainty.

To close this little article ... here’s another great song that we need to sing more often in church. (Somebody needs to remind the Director of Music about this one. He means well, you know. But he’s not the brightest crayon in the box.) :

“Through it all – THROUGH IT ALL! – I’ve learned to trust in Jesus.”



## 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.

Please see Garry Wurth for the sign-up schedule  
[garrywurth@gmail.com](mailto:garrywurth@gmail.com)/516-524-2530.



## Upcoming Events

### Zoom Meetings:

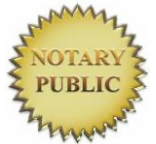
Saturdays weekly Men's Bible Study, 8 AM  
Wednesday weekly Bible Class 10:30AM  
Fridays weekly Ladies Small Group 7:30PM

Sunday 8/11 FUMC Family Beach Night at  
Tanner Park in Copiague,  
5:30PM

Sunday 8/18 FUWF Luncheon/Work  
Meeting, bike room, 11:00AM

### Village Events

Sundays	8/4-11/24	Farmer's Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Tuesdays	8/6-20	Movies on the Green, dusk
Thursdays	8/8, 22	Music on Main, 5:00PM-9:00PM
Sundays	8/11, 9/8	Second Sundays Art Crawl, Main Street, 12:00-4:00PM
Thurs-Fri	8/22-23	Craft & Gift Fair, Village Green, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday	9/15	Art in the Park, Village Green, 11:00AM-3:00PM



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

### AUGUST SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

*One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from Psalm  
74  
Hint: D = T*

SD HWE VKM HIK EBD WYY DIBJKMPTWNSBE KC DIB BWNDI; VKM  
UWTB JKDI EMUUBN WPT HSPDBN.

*Love God with all your heart!*





# FUMC's Calendar of the Month

## AUGUST 2024

\* Worship Service is available on Zoom.  
Click the link below:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHhXbjVNcnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>  
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>Farmingdale United Methodist Church</b> (516) 694-3424 Email: <a href="mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org">office@farmingdaleumc.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.farmingdaleumc.org">www.farmingdaleumc.org</a>				
<b>4</b> 9:30 Worship Service 11th Sunday After Pentecost	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 Trustees Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	<b>2</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>11</b> 9:30 Worship Service 12th Sunday After Pentecost Family Beach Night Tanners Park, Copiague	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 Cooking Ministry	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	<b>17</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>18</b> 9:30 Worship Service 13th Sunday After Pentecost	<b>19</b> 7:30 Finance Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	<b>24</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>25</b> 9:30 Worship Service 14th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday	<b>26</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 Nominating Committee	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp.	<b>31</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study



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