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Minister's Musings

Christ be with me, Christ within me; Christ behind me, Christ before me;

Christ beside me, Christ to win me; Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me; Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;

Christ in hearts of all who love me; Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

These words are a translation, by C. F. Alexander, of part of a song known as St. Patrick's Breastplate. There are a number of translations around; the hymn/poem is attributed to St. Patrick, the bishop of Ireland in the fifth century. I am not Irish as far as I know, but I do love green. And I do love St. Patrick. This hymn of his is a beautiful and powerful declaration of his steadfast faith in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each section begins with a bold statement of faith, "I bind unto myself today" the power of God, the faith of the church, the beauty of the world around us, the story of Jesus, etc. And then there is this interlude, which I included above, recognizing and celebrating the presence of Jesus Christ in our daily life, every day, all around us. There is truth here, friends. Truth to get you through the tough days. We aren't at this alone; Jesus Christ



is behind us and before us, within our hearts and in the hearts of all the people who love us. This is why I celebrate St. Patrick's Day with joy. Because at the end of a long, lonely winter, in the middle of the blustery, soggy Lenten month of March, we are reminded of the ancient wisdom of a hero of our faith. Sixteen centuries after Patrick's life and ministry, the words of his poetry still ring true. Jesus Christ is with us, wherever we go, in whomever we meet. So find a green shirt, grab a green hat for the day, sing a verse of *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*, listen to the Pogues, and celebrate St. Patrick on March 17, basking in the good news that we are always in the presence and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cathy



Rev. Schuyler's Trip to Washington, D.C.

I was in Washington, D.C., this past Wednesday, February 25, joining United Methodists from all over the Conference and all across the country. The primary message we brought to our legislators was that all people, immigrant and native-born, are precious in God's sight. We were there to witness for compassion and justice and to object to laws and practices of government agencies that exhibit cruelty and racism. The

day began with a beautiful worship service; then almost 2000 United Methodists marched from the churches where we'd gathered to the Capitol. We met with members of Congress, or members of their staff, in the afternoon, sharing stories and concerns with them. Over forty members of the New York Annual Conference – clergy and laity – participated in the events of the day.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, March 29

On that day when he rode into Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him with shouts of 'Hosanna!' Only a few days later, they cried "Crucify!" On Sunday, March 29, we will read the stories of that last week of Jesus' life. We will celebrate Jesus with the waving of palms, and we will hear of his passion. Plan to be at worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

We will celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples in scripture and with communion on Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday, April 3

There will be a Good Friday service, remembering Christ's crucifixion, at 7:00 pm

Sunrise Service, April 5

"On the first day of the week, early in the morning, the women went to the tomb..." We will follow the women's example and gather early on Easter morning.

At 6:15 am, on Easter, April 5, we will gather, probably on the Village Green, for a short, joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please join us!

Easter Sunday Morning Worship, April 5

There will be joy! There will be much singing and celebration as we rejoice in the news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! I hope you will be there!



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](#).



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 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.



Happy March!
ASH WEDNESDAY



Pastor Cathy gave Ashes to Go on Main Street and at Farmingdale Adult Day Care



Thank you to all who helped us survive another blizzard of 2026!



Congrats to the Seahawks. You chose the winner again!
Many thanks to all who donated to our Souper Bowl collection.
\$273.10 - the most we've ever collected - will go to our Food Ministry.



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 33:1,3 reads, “Sing joyfully to the LORD.... Sing to Him a new song. Play skillfully and shout for joy!”

A few days ago I read a devotional message that began this way:

One of the most effective ways that truth about God is taught is through singing. As one writer put it, “Christian hymnody contains some of the most tightly packed, concise doctrinal and devotional thought of the church. Through congregational song God’s people learn their language about God; God’s people learn how to speak with God. Songs of worship shape faith.”

Do you ever have trouble expressing your heart, your needs, your gratitude to God in prayer? In those times pick up your hymnal and sing to God the texts that reflect what you want to say.

As we proceed through Lent and approach Palm Sunday and The Day of Resurrection, how can you fully express your cares, your needs, your doubts and fears, and your inexpressible joy? Sing with us in church and then go home and sing to God as you pray. Our hymn books have a lot of fuel to feed your soul’s desire and need to commune with God.



Supporting Neighbors in Need

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless provides food and other household needs to anyone in need across Long Island. We support them with our donations. A basket is in the back of the sanctuary, or you can access their wish list on Amazon. They are especially in need of shelf-stable protein, e.g., peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God’s love through your generosity and compassion.



Word and Worship

March 2026

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; *John 3:1-17*

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11; *John 4:5-42*

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-11; *John 9:1-41*

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11; *John 11:1-45*

Sunday, March 29

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11; *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

Texts in italics are sermon texts.



Upcoming Events

Zoom Meetings

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

Regular Meetings

Regular Church Services: every
 Sunday at 9 AM

Village Events

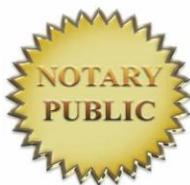
No Scheduled Village Events for this month....

NOTICE FROM THE TRUSTEES

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

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 Messenger 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.



Please note : Thrift
Shop hours
 Tuesday & Wednesday
 10AM-1PM
 Thursday 6PM-8PM
 Fourth Saturday of month
 10AM-1PM



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

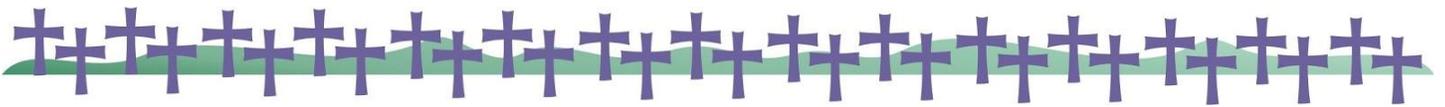
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Worship Service is available on Zoom.
Click the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVTElWUjNlXkVlbnRlcmlMaG9wTVJkZj09>

Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship Service <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	2	3	4 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	5 6:30pm Worship	6 5:30 A.A.	7 Daylight Savings Time Starts Overnight
8 SPRING AHEAD 9:30 Worship Service <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 11:00 am Confirmation Class	9	10 7:00pm Vision Outreach	11	12	13 5:30 A.A.	14
15 9:30 Worship Service <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	16 Finance Committee 7:30pm	17	18 5:30 pm Cooking Ministry 7:00pm SPR	19	20 5:30 A.A.	21
22 9:30 Worship Service <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	23 Ad Council 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27 5:30 A.A.	28
29 9:30 Worship Service <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	30	31		Church Office Mon thru Thurs 10:00am-2:00pm closed Fridays	 Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org	



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