

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

A long time ago, I attended a mid-day Ash Wednesday service at the United Methodist Church, where I was a member. When I returned to the office, one of my coworkers noticed the ashes on my forehead and said, "I didn't know you were Catholic!"

As I reflect on my Methodist upbringing, I realize that none of the churches I was a part of emphasized Lenten observances. This seems to be the case for many Protestant faiths as well. However, I believe that Protestants are missing out by not focusing on this important aspect of our Christian heritage. I am glad that we are now rediscovering this richly meaningful part of our heritage.

Many of us view Lent as a time of suffering and inconvenience, where we have to give up things we enjoy and do things we don't



want to do. However, Lent is not meant for self-denial for the sake of it. It is a special opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God. It provides us with forty days to reflect on our priorities and put things in their proper perspective. Lent is

God's invitation to find a quiet place and come closer to Him, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place..." (Mark 6:31)

So, I'm inviting you to Lent. Try it out. Set aside a little extra time to pray. Worship regularly. Join your friends for a Lenten study. Spend time in service to others. And yes, maybe even give something up and focus instead on the God who gave you life. Go with God to a quiet place. Receive the abundance of God's grace, mercy, and love.

Peace,

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.



VALENTINE PASTA MINGLE

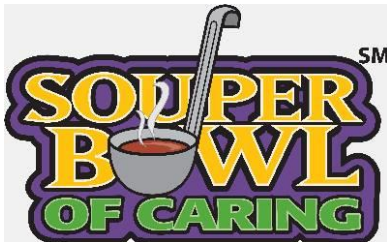
Saturday, February 10th – 5:00PM



Adults \$10 Children 4-10 \$5 Under 4 years – free

Children will enjoy pasta and fun activities apart from their parents

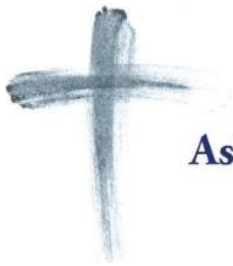
See Shanna at coffee hour



SUNDAY February 11th

Support your favorite team and help the hungry!

Selected soups will be served at coffee hour



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024

Ashes to Go - Main Street - 11:30AM-12:30PM

Ashes to Stay - Church Service - 7:00PM

SAVE THE DATE

Church Fundraiser - Sunday, 5/19/24 - 2:00PM

Concert by Twin County Chorus of the Sweet Adelines

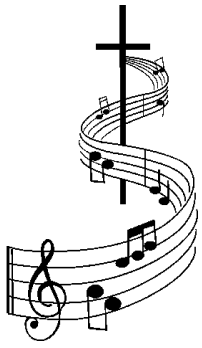
We need you - to donate new unused items for silent auction

- to seek donations from merchants
- to purchase and sell tickets (\$20)
- to join us for the fun!!!

- Thank you for your support -



Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 13:6 reads, "I will sing to the LORD, because He has blessed me so richly."

It is cold outside, but the Farmingdale United Methodist Church is nice and toasty warm inside. Do you know why?

Because we have the love of God to keep us warm. Hearing the Word of God read and explained and proclaimed stirs up our hearts and inspires us to loudly and confidently sing to the honor and glory of our Savior-God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no god in the earth like our God. There is no other god who poured out his own life's blood, to provide a covering, a payment, an atonement for the transgressions of his people. No other god can make that claim. No other god expressed his love for his people in that way or to that degree. It is only the God of the Hebrew Scriptures Who did this, Who gave His ALL, to provide an eternal heavenly home for His people.

This God – OUR GOD – CHRIST JESUS IS THE ONLY GOD Who is worthy of our thanks and praise,

honor and glory. OUR GOD – CHRIST JESUS IS THE ONLY GOD Who is worthy of our SINGING!

Hey! Here's a great idea: How about planning to come to Church this Sunday – and every Sunday – with everybody in the house – all of the children and grandchildren, all of the adults – EVERYBODY! – come to Church and SING TO OUR SAVIOR-GOD with all of your heart, mind, and strength! Hey! That's a great idea!

Lay aside your doubts and fears, put your troubles behind you, and step forward in faith, believing that THE LORD, YOUR SAVIOR-GOD will meet with you and sit with you and SING WITH YOU in Church!

Hundreds of thousands of people will sit for hours(!) in frigidly cold sports stadiums, but we Christians meet together in God's warm house to sing and share His love. What a great idea!



Your
Trustees
At
Work





2024 LENTEN STUDY

*Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, February 18th through March 24th, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.*

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.



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
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Saturday 2/10 Valentine Pasta Mingle, 5PM
 Sunday 2/11 Souper Bowl of Caring & Soup at coffee hour
 Wednesday 2/14 Ashes to Go, Main Street, 11:30-12:30PM
 Ash Wednesday service, 7PM
 Sundays 2/18-3/24 Lenten Potluck & Program, 5PM & 6PM

Village Events

Sunday 3/10 St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2:00PM
 Saturday 3/23 Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny 11AM

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE QUOTE! CAN YOU SOLVE IT?

One letter simply stands for another. This month's quote comes from 1 Corinthians 13

Hint: Z = T

PSC SEA ZHTGT ZHKTT KTIPYS: JPYZH, HEQT PSC MEFT.

HELP WANTED

A member is in need of weekday care for elderly mother in Patchogue. Please contact Pastor Claire at office (516 694-3424) if interested.

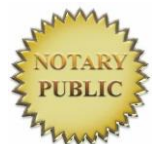


Farmingdale Adult Day Care on Morton Street, is looking for someone to assist their Program Director on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10AM-4PM. Please be energetic, creative, and genuinely love people! Call Michael at 516 203-8928.



A member is looking for help for his power washing business, perfect for students/retirees for spring and summer.

Call Dillon at 516 305-0096.



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



FUMC's Calendar of the Month

*Worship Service will also be on Zoom.
Click the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVEiUwHNXbjVmcnNMac9wTVJrZz09>
 Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

February 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 9:30 Worship Service <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> | 5 | 6 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting | 7 10:30 am Bible Study | 1 | 2 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp. | 3 8:00 Men's Bible Study |
| 11 9:30 Worship Service <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> | 12 7:30 pm Finance Committee | 13 | 14 Ash Wednesday 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am to 12:30 pm—Ashes 7 pm—Service | 15 | 16 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp. | 17 8:00 Men's Bible Study |
| 18 9:30 Worship Service <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> Lenten Study 5—7 p.m. | 19 | 20 | 21 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry | 22 | 23 5:30 A.A. 7:30 Ladies' Covenant Grp. | 24 8:00 Men's Bible Study |
| 25 9:30 Worship Service <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Lenten Study 5—7 p.m. | 26 7:00 pm Church Council | 27 | 28 10:30 am Bible Study | 29 | | |



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