



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for  
Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2022**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

**\*The YouTube option is no longer available. Please use Zoom instead.**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday in Advent

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor  
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music  
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

**GATHERING** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” [2X]

UMH #204

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH #234 (vv. 1&3)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## THE ANGELS’ MESSAGE: HEAR (RESPONSIVE LITANY)

During Advent we recall God’s promises spoken to us long ago.

**For You are great and do marvelous deeds, You alone are God.**

During Advent we anticipate promises yet to unfold.

**For You are great and do marvelous deeds, You alone are God.**

During Advent we recall God’s mighty deeds from ages past.

**For You are great and do marvelous deeds, You alone are God.**

During Advent we anticipate mighty deeds yet to come.

**For You are great and do marvelous deeds, You alone are God.**

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*(The second candle is lit while the congregation sings  
the second stanza of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”) #211 (v. 2)*

Today we light the **two candles**. The **first candle** reminds us that Advent is a time to hear again the message of hope offered through Jesus Christ. In a season when our lives abound with activity, Advent is a time to listen with faithful expectation. The **second candle** invites us to recall the mighty deeds God has performed throughout the ages, and to recognize the marvelous ways God is at work today. As we continue our Advent journey let us hear what God has spoken and believe what God has promised.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, we thank You that Your word never changes and Your promises never fail. In faith we know that everything You have spoken about will come to pass. Yet like Your people of old, we often struggle during times of waiting. As we cast our faith in Your unfailing promises, enable us to also trust the timing of Your response. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH #251

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER



**What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to Your purposes, amazing God! May our offerings spread the knowledge of Your ways across this earth, widening the circle of inclusion to embrace all Your children, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

FWS #2034

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" [v. 1]

F&S #2034

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

Upcoming Liturgists:

December

11 – Betty Gastelua

18 – t/b/a

Christmas Eve Readers:

7:00 pm – Karen Geirie Newman

10:30 pm – t/b/a

Christmas Day:

Diane Puchta

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

12/1/22 – Food Outreach Ministry, 5:45 pm

12/6/22 – Trustees Meeting, 7:30 pm

12/7/22 - Nursery School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm via Zoom

12/26/22 – Church Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

12/28/22 – Finance Committee, 7:30 pm

**CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:**

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE FOOD PANTRY:**

We have discovered that many students at Farmingdale State College do not have funds to purchase food for themselves or their families, and the College has started a Food Pantry to help them. We are now working with the school to provide donations of non-perishables on a regular basis by having a continuing monthly food drive. If you would like to help, there will be a receptacle in the transept where you can deposit your monthly donations. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman. Thank you.



## **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER TIME!!!!**



(Message from Jenn Lee.)

Give them as gifts or do what I do.... I buy gift cards for stores I frequent...Shoprite, Bath and Body Works, Target, Old Navy..... Then use them in person or online. You only pay the face value of the gift card. The church gets a percentage back for participating. Be sure to check the %. The higher the percentage, the more money the church makes.

Orders will be placed online and they can be picked up at church or delivered to your door by an elf in a SUV. Turn around is pretty quick so I should have them within the week once all orders are done. I will finalize and confirm the order with the company on the afternoon of the 4th.

Contact Information: [jbruun@aol.com](mailto:jbruun@aol.com)

### **GIVING TREE:**

Our Giving Tree once again bears ornaments with items requested by the Family & Children's Association. Gifts should be wrapped with the ornament attached so we know what is inside. Gift cards to general retailers (Target, Walmart, etc.) are also appreciated as they can be used for specific needs or emergencies. All gifts should be put under the tree by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Should you prefer that we shop for you, checks can be made payable to FUWF and given to or mailed to Karen Gierie Newman at 1309 6<sup>th</sup> Street, West Babylon NY 11704.

### **WOMEN IN FAITH ("UMW") CHRISTMAS GATHERING:**

All Women of FUMC are Invited!

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 11:00am – Christmas Luncheon

Ladies, it is time! Since evenings are a problem for some, we will meet after service in Fellowship Hall to get ready for 2023 and enjoy a traditional Christmas PIZZA luncheon!

Please bring a baby/childhood photo of yourself to play Who the Heck is This?

Cost is \$10 per person. Please see Karen GN or Evelyn for info and tickets.

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON:**



#### ***"BE A PART OF CHRISTMAS 2022 WITH FARMINGDALE UMC!"***

- **BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
In-person and Live Streamed at 9:30 am. Each week's service will include music, carols, Advent candle lighting.
- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DURING THE DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE**
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**  
We will meet in the Sanctuary. We will visit Hardscrabble Apartments and church members.
- **SOUP AND GRILLED CHEESE SUPPER, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> AFTER CAROLING**  
After caroling we will gather for food, fun and fellowship in the fellowship hall. Please sign up in the South Transept!

- **CHRISTMAS CANTATA: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
This year our chancel choir will offer their gifts in worship. Join us in worship for this creative and musical retelling of the Christmas story, and Christ's miraculous birth.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022:**  
7:00 PM – Family Service  
10:30 PM – Candlelight Service  
INVITE & BRING OTHERS to WORSHIP CHRIST!
- **CHRISTMAS DAY:**  
In-person and Live Streamed at 9:30 am. It will include the Christmas story, music and scripture.
- More events and activities are coming. We will announce them soon!

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**Church Office Hours: Tuesdays- Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**For a link to view the service via on-line please visit [www.farmingdaleumc.org](http://www.farmingdaleumc.org)**