



Farmingdale United Methodist Church

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Pastor Claire Wu

THE MESSENGER

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Peace and grace to you in the name of Jesus!

Fall has always been my favorite season. I love watching the leaves change, breathing in the crisp air, pulling on a cozy sweatshirt, and decorating with pumpkins and fall flowers. Beyond its beauty,

I treasure fall as a season of harvest—a reminder of God's abundance and grace.

Fall is a time for gathering what has been planted, for appreciation and reflection. It also points us toward what is coming next. What choices can we make now to prepare for a more fruitful season ahead? Are our words and actions encouraging others to desire God in their lives?

Rev. DS. Ric Hanse, our district superintendent, preached on September 28 and gave us a powerful question to consider: ***"What makes you come alive for the ministry?"*** That question lingers with me. It reminds us that ministry is not about



obligation but about joy, passion, and faithfulness.

Jesus said, ***"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"*** (John 15:16). Are we reflecting Christ in such a

way that His grace is revealed in the world around us? How is God leading us to bear Kingdom fruit?

As a church family and as individuals, let us prayerfully consider:

- How are we bearing fruit that blesses our communities and ministries?
- What fruit will we offer in this season and the next?

May this fall be a season of renewal for all of us. Let us give thanks for God's goodness, embrace God's calling, and move forward with hearts prepared to share God's love.

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.



September Events



*We honored 9/11
with a
Remembrance
Service*



*Pastor Claire
blessed backpacks!*



*Thank you to all
who made our
Rally Sunday
& Barbeque a great
success!*



*We were honored to host District
Superintendent Richard (Rick)
Hanse who reminded us to be
joyful, passionate, and faithful in
our ministry!*

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

We continue to collect toiletries, non-perishable food, and household items for the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. There are a collection bin and a flyer in the transept showing the items needed, or you may scan the QR code on the flyer to shop via the Amazon wish list and have items shipped directly to LICH. Thank you.

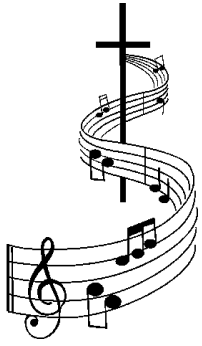
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All Members are invited to our annual Church Conference (CC) with District Superintendent Richard (Rick) Hanse on Sunday, October 4, 2025, at 3:30PM. We will review current church status and elect Trustees.

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Notes From the Loft



hearts to the Lord.”

COLOSSIANS 3:16 reads, “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your

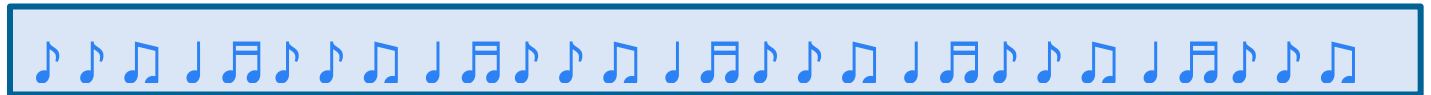
There have been times of difficulty or depression that descended upon me. From out of nowhere, the Holy Spirit will send a melody rolling around in my head, and I’ll think, “What is that tune?” Then the words will attach themselves to the tune, and by God’s grace it will be exactly what my soul needed at that moment to overcome the darkness. How truly gracious is our shepherding God. He tenderly cares for His sheep.

Don’t you just *LOVE* to hear the singing in the church? Don’t you just *LOVE* to sing in the church? God loves it all too.

Come and join us on Sunday morning. God misses you when you are not there.

It was Martin Luther who said, “When I cannot pray, I always sing.”

One of the blessings that comes with being a church choir director is the inevitable, constant, and GLORIOUS sound of the choir and congregation singing in my mind and heart throughout the week. Oh, I am so thankful for those voices of praise and thanks pouring out of our souls each week. It is God-inspired music that carries us along through the highs and lows of living. I especially appreciate the texts that are attached to the melodies.



FUMC FALL FAIR

SATURDAY 10/11 - 10:00PM-4:00PM

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

Please see Jenn Lee if you can help



And after you’ve visited us, please visit Hardscrabble for their Fair!



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

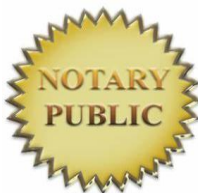
Saturday 10/4 Blessing of the Animals, 10:00AM
Sunday 10/5 Church Conference (CC), 3:30PM
Saturday 10/11 Fall Fair, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday 10/19 Laity Sunday, 9:30AM

Village Events

Saturday 10/4 Fire Department Open House, Main Street, 12:00PM-4:00PM
Sundays 10/5-11/24 Farmer's Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Sunday 10/6 Art Crawl, Main Street
Friday 10/10 Carnival, Lot #4, 5:00PM-11:00PM
Saturday 10/11 Doggie Runway Show, Village Green, 10:00AM
Columbus Weekend Fair, Main Street, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Carnival, Lot #4, 12:00PM-11:00PM
Sunday 10/12 Columbus Weekend Fair, Main Street, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Parade, Main Street, 6:00PM
Monday 10/13 Carnival, Lot #4, 12:00PM-6:00PM
Tuesday 10/21 Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM
Saturday 10/25 Halloween Parade, Village Green, 2:00PM-4:00PM



REMINDER – 11/1 set clocks back one hour for the end of
DST on 11/2/25



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

OCTOBER 2025

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVZWUwUHNXbWVncnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708 OR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Farmingdale United Methodist Church (516) 694-3424 Email: office@farmingdaleumc.org			1 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	2	3 5:30 A.A.	4 2 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
5 9:30 Worship Service 17 th Sunday after Pentecost "Vision Meeting"- 11a.m. Church Conference - 3:30 P.M.	6	7	8 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	9	10 5:30 A.A.	11 10a.m.-4p.m. Fall Festival
12 9:30 Worship Service 18 th Sunday After Pentecost	13	14 7:30 pm Finance Committee	15	16	17 5:30 A.A.	18
19 9:30 Worship Service 19 th Sunday After Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24 5:30 A.A.	25
26 9:30 Worship Service 20 th Sunday After Pentecost	27 7:00 pm Church Council	28	29	30	31	



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