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Pastor Cathy Schuyler

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Minister's Musings

Simplicity, thy name is Summer. No extras needed these days. No frilly scarves, socks that must match, or extra layers in the hot weather. Just a light dress or a t-shirt and shorts with sandals. No heavy cream sauces with deep flavors or a mulled cider with complex spices necessary; a salad, a lemon cookie and a glass of iced tea will suffice, thank you very much. So, too, with our faith lives. When the leaves turn again, we can inquire into the intense questions of the paradox of the presence of both evil and good within the human heart. In the depths of winter, we can delve into the intricacies of the mysteries of the Trinity. Now that the sun shines on our days and the mood of the world pulls us to action not rumination, we can choose to focus on the simplicity of discipleship, the basics of love and forgiveness, the daily works of justice and grace. Simplicity does not mean ease or lack of difficulty. The work of forgiveness is real



work, hard work. It takes effort to decide to look forward into a future of community which includes someone who hurt you deeply. It takes time to do the work of love, of caring, of writing a note of concern and dropping it in the mail. The hard work of organizing and planning for the Table of Grace takes great attention to detail. But the idea of feeding people who are hungry and finding community by being with others is pretty basic to following Jesus. Do find some time to relax this summer, to grab a simple glass of lemonade and swing in a hammock. But do not neglect the simplicity, the joy, the great reward of the simple work of putting your faith into action through small acts of love. Enjoy!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy



WORD AND WORSHIP

August 2026

Sunday, August 2

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 9

Rev. John Calhoun, guest preacher

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 16

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a; Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday, August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 30

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Italicized texts are Rev. Schuyler's sermon texts.



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.



Announcements



We share food with our hungry neighbors through the work of the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. All non-perishable food is welcome. There's a [new wish-list on Amazon](#) for the summer. The link is also on the church website.

Table of Grace begins on Saturday, August 8. Please let Mary Bing (marytbing@gmail.com) know how you can help for our first lunch on August 8. Or sign up to work next month, on Saturday, September 12.



The Rev. John Calhoun will be the guest preacher in worship on Sunday, August 9, 2026. He has preached here at Farmingdale before. Rev. Calhoun is a member of the New York Annual Conference who has served as a UMC Global Ministries missionary for the past 26 years, the last six years as pastor of the English-Speaking UMC in Vienna, Austria. He retires at the end of the summer. Please plan to be here to send him into retirement with love.



*We were blessed with
special music in July*

*Charis Edwards & Sharon
Lensky sang*

and Tina Lauro



*graced us with the
lovely Bells*



Paint and Praise

The Long Island East District's Anti-Racism Task Force is excited to invite you to a **Paint and Praise Party** as we commemorate the anniversary of the **Voting Rights Act of 1965**.

Under the guidance of **Rev. Ronald McHenry**, we will be inspired by the prophetic witness and enduring legacy of **Congressman John Lewis**. Together, we will reflect on his call to "make good trouble" as we express our hopes, prayers, and commitment to justice by creating meaningful works of art on canvas. Our completed paintings will then be displayed at the Nassau County Legislative Building in Garden City on **August 6, 2026**, where they



will serve as a visual witness during a community celebration of the Voting Rights Act filled with song, praise, prayer, and testimony.

We invite you to join us at one of two Paint and Praise Party locations as we come together in faith, creativity, and fellowship to affirm the dignity of every person and continue the work of eradicating racism for the sake of future generations. The Paint and Praise Party will last just **one hour**—an **Hour of Power** dedicated to faith, justice, and hope. We hope you will join us as we paint, praise, and stand together for a more just and beloved community.

Paint Party Locations:

August 1st at
the First Church Baldwin, 1 pm
881 Merrick Road, Baldwin, NY
11510 (516) 223-1168

August 1st at
the North Shore UMC, 1 pm
260 NY-25A Wading River.
631-929-6075

Reminder

**FUMC FAMILY NIGHT AT TANNER
PARK**

Sunday - August 2, 2026 - 5:00PM

**All are Invited to Come and Enjoy
the Fun!**





New Ministry - Table of Grace

We are delighted to announce that our Table of Grace will be serving a hot meal to the public on the Second Saturday of every month, beginning on August 8, 2026. Food will be served from

12:00 Noon to 1:30PM in Fellowship Hall. We welcome



feeding bodies
nourishing hearts

anyone who wants to share a meal, enjoy the company or just relax for a while.

*If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Mary Bing
marybing@gmail.com*

Announcement

Communion in July will be celebrated in worship on July 12 instead of on the first Sunday. All are welcome at our communion table. John Wesley encouraged us to celebrate Holy Communion 'as often as [we] can.' July 12 – see you then!

CAN YOU HELP?

The IT Team works in the background each Sunday to ensure the service runs smoothly, not only for the members present but for those joining us remotely on Zoom. We are at church up to an hour before service to make sure everything is ready; we control the flow of the slides on the main screen in the sanctuary; and we adjust audio levels and cameras so Zoom users have full access. One of our team members has to leave due to work and family obligations. It is imperative that we maintain coverage, especially with summer here, and that requires more helpers. If you are interested, please stop by the tech desk at the back of the sanctuary after service.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Duck games. Our days/nights will be on **Saturdays and Sundays**.

FUMC receives 10% of gross sales from the concession stands plus tips. Last year we made over \$12,000! See Shanna or Garry Wurth.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

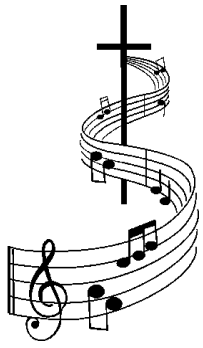


Remember - we are open all summer long!





Notes From the Loft



PSALMS 122:1 reads, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let's go to the house of The LORD.'"

It's summer time, and we try to take advantage of the beautiful weather and the sunshine to do outdoor activities with the family. We try to go away for vacations and weekend outings and day trips away from home. All of this is important in family life.

But let us not forget that the most important part of family life is worshiping God together, praying together, reading and talking about God's Word together. We are planning with our family and loved ones for to spend ETERNITY together. There is nothing more important than this. NOTHING.

Of all the memories I have of my young life with my parents, the thing I cherish most is remembering how we went to church together. My Mom would play the piano, while my Dad and I sang hymns in the living room of our home, and then we would take what we rehearsed at home to Sunday School and the church services. I remember sitting in church with my Mom and Dad listening to the preaching. Then after church Dad and I would visit the sick and the elderly people who were not able to get to church anymore. We would sing with them and pray with them. There were many tears of joy

and gratitude to God shed at those times with these precious people who had few family members, if anyone else, to invest time with them.

I remember.

I have many precious, sweet memories of growing up with my family, but the very sweetest things I remember were of singing and worshiping our Lord together as a family. Really. I mean it. I shall go into eternity remembering how we worshiped and served the Lord together as a family here on the earth.

Here is something for you to consider:

The Adult Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing sometime in September. You should think and pray about singing with us. The Holy Spirit will bless your life, and those melodies and harmonies will ring in your soul all week long. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30. It is always, always, always a time of worship and praise for us. You should seriously consider singing with us.

You can talk to me in church about it, or you can phone me at home: 516-433-4323. We would love to have you join us. Talk to me. (I'm the old guy who plays the piano and the organ and directs the choir. I'm not as mean as I look. But don't ask the choir members what they think.)



Do you have a favorite hymn? We will be playing them during July and August. Please email your selection to office@farmingdaleumc.org.



Meetings

Wednesday	weekly	Bible Class 10:30AM	Zoom led by the Pastor open to all
Fridays	weekly	Ladies Small Group 7:30PM	Zoom a covenant group open to all women
Saturdays	weekly	Men's Bible Study, 8 AM	Zoom a study session open to all men

Saturday August 8 Table of Grace community meal, Fellowship Hall, 12:00PM

Village Events

Tuesdays	8/4-8/18	Movie Night, Village Green, 7:30PM
Thursdays	8/6-8/27	Music on Main, 5:00PM
Sundays	8/2-11/22	Farmers Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM

FUMC Car Decals now available \$10

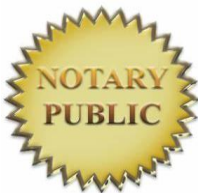
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Custom colors upon request

Please See John or Melanie Muller

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP - Please!

We are updating records and need your help. Much of our information is sent via email but we are missing many mailing addresses. If you have not been receiving our Messenger newsletter or regular communication from us, please provide your correct address. And if you have a new residence 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:30am  Sunset gathering, Tanner Park @ 5pm	3	4	5 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am Trustees Meeting 7:00pm	6	7 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	8 Noon—1:30pm  TABLE OF GRACE feeding bodies nourishing hearts
9 Worship 9:30am	10	11	12 Cooking Ministry 5:30pm	13	14 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	15
16 Worship 9:30am	17 Finance Committee 7:00pm	18	19 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	20	21 A.A. 5:30pm Ladies' Small Group Zoom 7:30pm	22
23 Worship 9:30am	24 Church Council 7pm	25	26 Bible Study Zoom 10:30am	27	28 A.A. 5:30pm	29
30 Worship 9:30am	31	Worship Service is available on Zoom. Click the link below: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09 Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708				



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