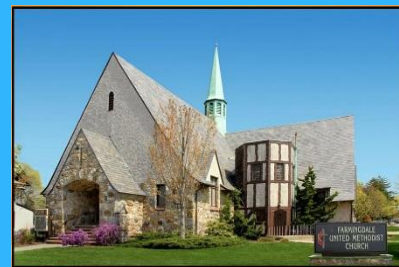




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Dear Beloved Friends in Christ,

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

(Psalm 107:8-9)

Happy November! 🍁

This is one of my favorite times of the year — a season filled with gratitude, good food, and time spent with the people we love. As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, we’re reminded of the beauty of God’s creation and



His constant faithfulness in every season of life. Thanksgiving gives us the perfect chance to slow down and reflect on all the blessings God has given us — big and small. From daily strength and answered prayers to laughter with friends and the gift of salvation, we truly have so much to be thankful for! Even in life’s challenges, we can still say, ***“The Lord is good, and His love endures forever.”***

As a church, we’ve seen God’s hand at work this year — through growing ministries, faithful volunteers, and the joy of worshipping together

each week. What a blessing it is to be part of this family of faith!

So as you gather around the table this Thanksgiving, may your home be filled with joy, love, and the warmth of God’s presence. Take a moment to thank God for His goodness — and maybe even share what you’re thankful for with those

around you.

This month, I’m also offering a special *Bible Quiz* focused on Thanksgiving. I hope you’ll take some time — on your own or with family and friends — to explore the answers. Please feel free to share your responses or any questions with me on Sunday!

I am truly grateful for each one of you. Thanks be to God — and thank you all for being such a blessing!

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.



THANKSGIVING BIBLE QUIZ!

Let's celebrate the season with some Bible fun! Gather your friends and family and see how many you can answer together.

1. Who was the first person in the Bible to offer thanks to God?
2. What kind of offering did Noah give after leaving the ark? (**Genesis 8:20**)
3. In Luke 17, how many lepers did Jesus heal—and how many returned to give thanks?
4. What does Paul tell us to do “in everything” according to 1 Thessalonians 5:18?
5. What kind of heart does Psalm 100:4 encourage us to have when we enter God's presence?
6. Who said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”?
7. In which book of the Bible do we find the phrase, “His mercy endures forever”?

Bonus Question:

What are three things you are most thankful to God for this year?

(ANSWERS WILL BE SHARED IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!)





OCTOBER WAS A BUSY MONTH!



BLESSING
of the
Animals



*We blessed the
animals . . .*



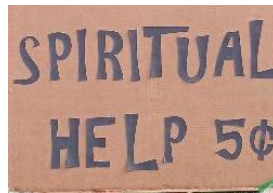
Also...



Pastor baptized Rylee Noel Dinda . . .



*Our Fall Fair was a success, thanks to Jenn
Lee and crew for all their hard work . . .*



Pastor manned her booth . . .



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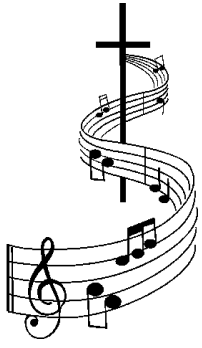


We celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day . . .





Notes From the Loft



MATTHEW 26:30 reads, “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.”

Jesus and His disciples had just finished “The Last

Supper.” The disciples did not know what that particular, final, Passover meal meant, but Jesus did. But He led them in singing a hymn of praise in spite of what He knew – that in a matter of a few hours He would be beaten almost to death and then nailed to a cross to die ... alone.

On Sunday, October 5, 2025, during our morning worship service we read together in the “Call to Worship” these words: “Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.” During that service I circled with pencil those words. I wanted to remember them. In my teaching studio at home, I have a framed page of words by Emory Austin that read, “Some days there won’t be a song in our heart. Sing anyway.”

There will be days when you will not want to go to church. Your heart may be filled with sorrow and discouragement and loneliness. Or you may want to just have a little time to yourself. You might say, “Oh, ... I can pray at home while I’m lying in bed or sitting in my recliner!” You may not want to meet with other people. You will not want to even hear songs of praise, let alone sing them.

Go to church anyway. Sing hymns of praise anyway. Listen to the readings. Hear what our precious Pastor Claire and others say from their hearts. The words are all for you.

Don’t give up. Believe. Hope. Live. And LOVE.

If you will go to church, Jesus will sit with you.

Then go home with Him in the car and sit in your recliner. He’ll sit with you there too. You may have to scrunch a little to the side, but He will fit in there. He’s kind of a thin guy. Wherever you are, He always fits in.



A FOND FAREWELL *We ask God’s blessings upon our friend and long-time member Dorli Retinger as she relocates to New Jersey.*



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

Sunday 11/2 All Saints Day, 9:30AM
Sunday 11/16 Consecration (pledge) Sunday, 9:30AM
Sunday 11/23 Thanksgiving Service & Food Drive, 9:30AM
Sunday 11/30 Advent begins, 9:30AM
Advent program, Fellowship Hall, 11:00AM

Village Events

Tuesday 11/18 Open Mic Night, Village Hall, 7:00PM
Saturday 11/22 Holiday Parade, Main Street, 12:00PM
Saturday 12/6 Gingerbread House Competition, Chocolate Duck, 12:00PM
Sundays 11/2-23 Farmer's Market, Village Green, 10:00AM-2:00PM



Our Thanksgiving service is on November 23rd. Please bring a non-perishable item for our food drive.



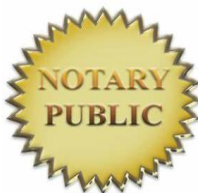
Believe it or not, Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th! We will again have our Giving Tree in the sanctuary. Please take an ornament and put your unwrapped items under the tree by Sunday, December 14th. Thank you!



And please join our Advent Program every Sunday, beginning on 11/30, in Fellowship Hall at 11:00AM. You may bring your lunch or snack with you!



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

NOVEMBER 2025

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVncnNMdG9wTVJrZz09>
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						
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30 Worship Service 21 st Sunday after Pentecost <i>All-Saints Sunday</i>	3	4	5 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting & Nursery School Board Meeting	6	7 5:30 A.A.	8
9 9:30 Worship Service 22 nd Sunday After Pentecost	10	11 7:30 pm Finance Committee	12 6:30 pm Cooking Ministry	13	14 5:30 A.A.	15
16 9:30 Worship Service 23 rd Sunday After Pentecost <i>Consecration Sunday</i>	17	18	19	20	21 5:30 A.A.	22
23 24 th Sunday After Pentecost <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	24 Church Council 7:00pm	25	26	27  thanksgiving	28 5:30 A.A.	29
30 1 st Sunday of Advent						



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