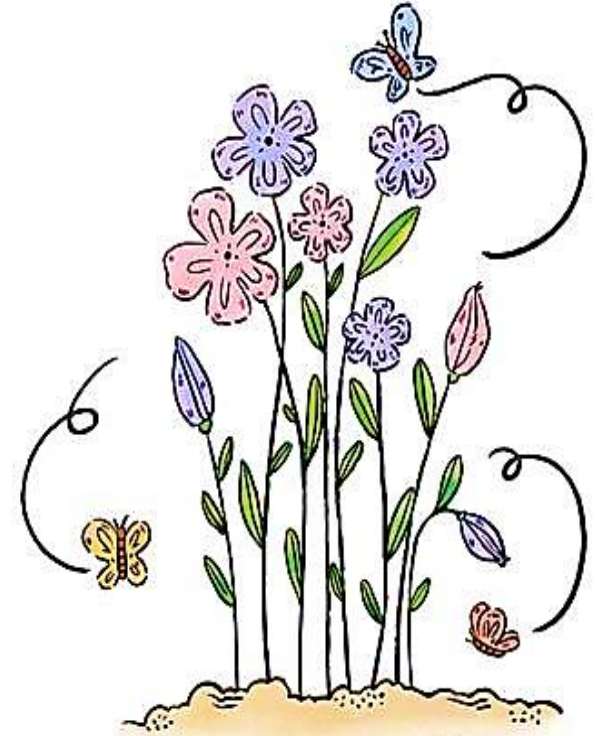




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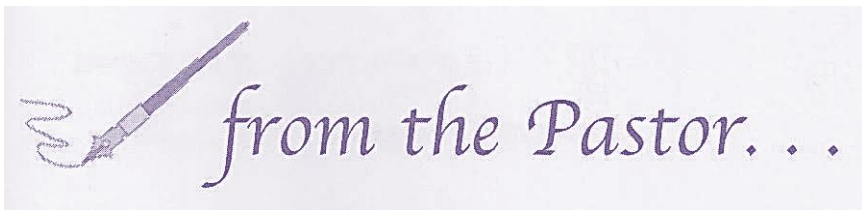
# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGDALE



SPRING is here!

**SPRING/SUMMER**  
May/June 2024  
**NEWSLETTER**





Greetings in the Name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

I extend warm greetings to each of you in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.



I am delighted to report that our recent study of the Book of Joshua, which took place over the months of February and March, was conducted with great success, by the grace of the Lord. I extend my heartfelt thanks to

all who diligently participated in this study: Allaine, Christine, Jeff R, Jeff W, Mary, MaryAnn, Paul, Susan, Virgie, and Walter. Our next study session is scheduled for July and August, where we will delve into the reading of "Matthew as a Whole Congregation," followed by an exploration of the Book of Kings in the fall. Your active participation is eagerly anticipated.

With your prayers and active involvement, we were able to successfully conclude the ministries of the past Lenten season and Easter Sunday. Particularly, our Maundy Thursday service, led by our church in collaboration with West Grove UMC, Squankum UMC, and Pierce Memorial Presbyterian Church, was concluded with abundant grace. Sincere thanks to all the saints who prepared and participated in this worship service.



**Sunday Service  
now at 10:30AM.  
Please join us  
In-Person  
or Via Zoom!**



## WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date:	Readers	Greeters	Slideshow
May 5	Dave Bahney	Judy Matthews	Joseph Park
May 12	Walter Brand	Earl & Anessa Perry	Jean Park
May 19	Leigh Shaffer	Bob & Karen Lewis	Christine Zita
May 26	Mary Carole Brand	Walter Brand	Mary Ann Scutro
June 2	Gina Pezzino	Allaine Sensbach	Joseph Park
June 9	Susan Hurley	Mary Ann Scutro	Jean Park
June 16	Mary Ann Scutro	Gina Pezzino	Christine Zita
June 23	Christine Zita	Judy Matthews	Mary Ann Scutro
June 30	Joe Zita	Earl & Anessa Perry	Jody Branin



*Hello Spring!*

**JOSHUA HOUSE**  
FOOD & CLOTHING PANTRY  
Mondays 10-Noon  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 1-3PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 1-6PM  
42 Main Street, Farmingdale

**Joshua House Needs:**  
**May**  
**Condiments**  
**June**  
**Toiletries**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Linda Dugan  
4th Luciano Catuogno  
5th Ralph Andreen  
6th Steven Reid  
9th Judy Matthews  
12th Karen Lewis  
15th Brandon Pilecki  
16th Margaret Trupio  
17th Joe Zita  
19th Antonia Trupio  
20th Cindy Smith  
23rd Ed Tilley  
24th Shayne Zigich  
25th Katie Barnes  
26th Terry Van Benthuysen

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2nd Walter Brand  
4th Megan Conway  
7th Elsie Andreen  
10th Kristin Smith  
16th Lois Harris  
27th Andrew Branin

*Happy Anniversary!*

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

21st Glenn & Linda Dugan  
25th Jack & Jody Branin

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Rev. Wayne and Dawn Richards  
13th Frank and Kristin Sundberg  
17th Walter and Mary Carole Brand

Throughout April and May, we will embark on a sermon series delving into the parables of Jesus every Sunday. Jesus often used parables during His earthly ministry to convey the Word of God, drawing upon common experiences of daily life to elucidate His teachings. These parables serve as excellent educational tools for us today, aiding in a better understanding of God's Word. I personally hope that as we explore each week what Jesus intended to convey to His beloved disciples through these parables, it will be a time for us to better understand God's will. I encourage you all to attend worship each Sunday, eagerly anticipating valuable moments of enlightenment through Jesus' parables.

During April and May, I plan to meet each of you personally for pastoral care. As previously announced in Sunday announcements, please sign up on the sheet with your preferred date, time, and location, and I will personally visit you for a time of prayer and fellowship. Whether it's inside your home, in your front yard, or any other location of your choice, I'm flexible. Cafes nearby or parks are also suitable. Through this ministry, I aim to assess your spiritual well-being, understand your prayer requests more specifically, and pray for you. Though I understand your lives are busy, I kindly ask for a little of your time to afford me the opportunity to meet with you.

As the long winter gives way to the beautiful spring, may the abundant grace of the Lord breathe new life into your lives, just as all creation awakens to new life. Wherever you go and whatever you do, I pray that you live according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings in His Name,

In His love,  
*Pastor Sean*





### PRAYER LINE

Prayer Line meets the second Tuesday of every month at **10:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Your loved one is placed on our list at your request.

Just give us the name and reason for prayer.

If you wish, we will call the person or send them a card if you supply a phone number and address.

Please keep us posted of any progress your loved one makes.

We keep your request in our prayers for three months unless we hear otherwise from you.

**Next Prayer Line Meetings:**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 11th**



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

May Meeting will be  
**Tues., May 21st at 6PM**

Program: "Stretch to the Heavens", Part 1

Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Speaker: Christine Zita

June Meeting will be

**Tues., June 18th**

UMW Annual Luncheon

Time and Place TBA

**ALL Women of the Church are welcome!**

*UMW will take a break in July & August  
and will resume in September.*



### ***Farmingdale Christian Daycare Center News:***

*We are wrapping up our School year and will be having our last Children's Church Service in May.*

*Thank you to Leigh Shaffer and Lily Keaney for all your hard work to provide the Easter Presentation.*

*Thank you to Virgie Brandl for providing our Sign Language Enrichment program.*



*The Art Show was a great success and enjoyed by all.*

*We have invited our Daycare Families to attend the Mother's Day Service and hope to enjoy the sounds of children in our Sanctuary.*



*Our Graduation is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
We wish our Pre-K Students all the best in their futures and pray for their continued love of education.*



*As always, it is with the support of our Church members that our Center continues to be a success and we appreciate all that you do.*

*Our Summer Program begins June 24<sup>th</sup>  
and we are still taking registrations.*



*Thank you for the continued support of our program!*

*"Miss Lori" Cochrane 732-938-5657*

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

All proceeds go to Troop 13's High Adventure Trip 2024

**TICKETS - ADULTS \$15; CHILDREN \$10**

Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Beverage



**FARMINGDALE  
TROOP 13  
FUNDRAISER**



**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

**5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**FARMINGDALE FIREHOUSE ON MAIN STREET**

For Additional Purchase:

\* GAMES \* PRIZES \* BAKE SALE \*

\*CLASSIC FIRE TRUCK RIDES & DISPLAY\*

Click here for:

[Registration/Tickets](#)



## Troop 13 Farmingdale

Troop 13's Meetings are 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month 6:30pm – 8pm. During our meetings we review camping

trips, prepare for the next trip, and practice camping skills & merit badges. These meetings are essential in making sure no Scout falls behind. **Web Site:** [www.bsa13nj.com](http://www.bsa13nj.com)

## On the road to Eagle Scout:

Doyle ~ Scott ~ Polukort ~ White ~ Ashley

## Cub Scouts / Pack 13 Pack Meetings:

Meetings are held at the Farmingdale Community Center. 2 Meetings per month, 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.



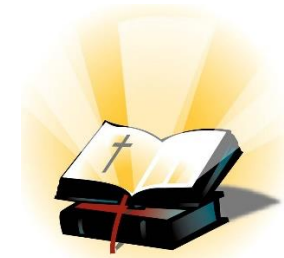
**Care Bear Committee  
Welcomes new members!**

**Current Team:**

Pastor Sean, Lori Cochrane,  
Sue Hurley, Anessa Perry, Christine Zita,  
Mary Carole Brand, Debbie Frost. Join us!

\$300 in donations were received at our Holy Thursday Service and donated to Joshua House!

Many thanks to all who attended and participated which included members and friends from West Grove UMC, Squankum, UMC, Pierce Memorial Presbyterian Church, and our First UMC Farmingdale. It was so nice to see the pews so full and it was a beautiful service.



## **Sermon Series on the Parables of Jesus continues:**

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| May 5th  | “The Parable of the Vine” - John 15:1-11                                       |
| May 12th | Mother's Day and Ascension Sunday<br>“Mother's Love”                           |
| May 19th | Pentecost<br>“The Parable of the Ten Virgins” Matthew 25:1-13                  |
| May 26th | Trinity Sunday<br>“The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats”<br>Matthew 25:31-46 |



Farmingdale Christian  
Daycare Center  
732-938-5657

<https://farmingdalechristiandaycarecenter.weebly.com/>

**We are celebrating over  
52 years of service!**  
\* Open year round,  
Monday-Friday 7AM-5:30PM  
\*Accepting ages 2.5 – 6 years  
\*Before and Aftercare available  
up to 10 years old  
\*Flexible Part-Time & Full-Time  
Daycare spots to suit your needs.



**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!  
Sign-Up Sheet in the  
back of the Sanctuary!**

We would like to have at least 2 people  
per Sunday available to care for the little ones during  
our Service. Please consider helping us out!

Please see Lori Cochrane or text her at  
732-618-8403 if you are interested. Thank you!

As our Sunday School grows,  
we will be needing more Volunteers!



**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS:**

Choir practices are Thursdays at 7PM.  
There's always room for more choir members.

Thinking about joining?

See Renee or any Choir member after service!  
*Choir takes a pause Mid-June through August.*



**MEMORIAL DAY**

*Remember those who served*

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE BEGINS  
AT 1pm**

**CHURCH AND FELLOWSHIP HALL USE**

Day of the Week	Event	Time	Place
1st Sunday	Communion Sunday	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
2nd Sunday	Fellowship Sunday	After Service	Fellowship Hall
4th Sunday	Children's Sermon	During Service	Sanctuary
4th or 5th Sunday	Coffee Hour Sunday	After Service	Fellowship Hall
5th Sunday	Hymn Sing Sunday	During Service	Sanctuary
2nd Tuesday	Prayer Line	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall
3rd Tuesday	UM Women	6:00PM	Fellowship Hall
Every Tuesday	Boy Scout Advancement Meeting	6:30PM	Fellowship Hall
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	Boy Scout Meeting	6:30PM	Fellowship Hall
	Boy Scout Adult Committee Meeting		
2nd Wednesdays		7:00PM	Fellowship Hall
2nd Thursdays	Children's Service Daycare	10:30AM	Sanctuary
Thursdays	Choir Practice	7:00PM	Sanctuary
	AA	8:30PM	Fellowship Hall



**Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Father's Day** is Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Please consider Honoring your relatives  
with this Honor Roll.

"In Loving Memory" or "In Honor Of".

Please see the back table for our  
Mother's Day & Father's Day Honor Roll Forms.

Mother's Day Form is due May 5<sup>th</sup>,

Father's Day Form is due June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Fellowship & Coffee Hour Sundays

May 12<sup>th</sup> – FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Theme: **“Pancakes & Sausage”**



May 26<sup>th</sup> – COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY



June 9<sup>th</sup> - FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Theme: **“Pot Luck!”**

**Bring your favorite Lunch Dish.**



June 30<sup>th</sup> - COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY



Watch for Sign-Up Sheets  
and please stay after and join us!



**Gussie Lewis Scholarship**

If anyone is interested in applying for the church scholarship,  
please contact Linda Dugan more details and an application at  
732-938-7969 or duganlinda62@gmail.com

**Cut off is May 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Our Annual Peach Festival funds this scholarship along with  
interest from the Gussie Lewis Scholarship Memorial.*

### **Looking Ahead:**



*Our Annual **Peach Festival** will be in August!  
Please watch for Volunteer Sheets in June.  
We will need all kinds of helpers to make this a success!*

*Advertising  
Donations Organizer  
Peach Pickers  
Peach Peelers  
Bakers  
Servers  
Cashiers  
Kitchen Help*

*Proceeds benefit our  
Gussie Lewis Scholarship Fund.*

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June 2024



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Communion Sunday 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Ascension Sunday Mother's Day Fellowship Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Pentecost Heritage Sunday 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday Coffee Hour Sunday Memorial Sunday	27 Memorial Day 	28 BSA 6:30PM	29	30 Choir AA 7PM 8:30PM	31	