



Greeting in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I hope that you all were able to find some time for rest and renewal this summer. It is a good thing to take some time to refresh our spirits

*As we approach the Fall Season it can be a time to "get back to church" and we will celebrate **Back to Church Sunday on September 11th**. In this newsletter you will find a variety of ministries and groups to be involved in and you are encouraged to find your place to join in!*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH THIS FALL

SMALL GROUP NEWS

"The Good and Beautiful Life"
meeting at the home Barbara Hurley
1 Kearney Street, Farmingdale

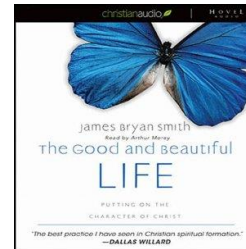


**Starting Wednesday, September 7th
7PM-8:45PM and will continue for 12 weeks.**

We will read and discuss the book
" *The Good and Beautiful Life*"

"I have never met a person whose goal was to ruin his or her life. We all want to be happy, and we want it all of the time." So begins James Bryan Smith in *The Good and Beautiful Life*. The problem is, he tells us, we have bought into false notions

of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: **anger, lust, lying, worry and judging**. Eventually we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction.



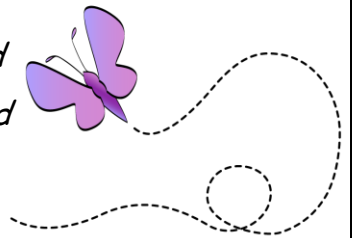
Following the Sermon on the Mount, this follow-up to *The Good and Beautiful* God guides us to look behind these character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God.

During this study we will read the weekly readings practice the disciplines for the week and then meet to discuss the topic, support one another, and pray for one another.

The cost of the book \$15.00 payable at first meeting. This meeting is open to 12 participants - there is a core group in place but openings are available - **please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor George's office to insure you a place today.**

NOTE any new participants should first read *The "Good and Beautiful God"* but it is not required.

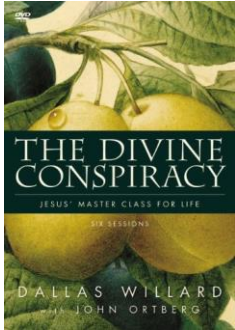
Happy Moments, *Praise God*
Difficult Moments, *Seek God*
Quiet Moments, *Worship God*
Painful Moments *Trust God*
Every Moment, *Thank God*



Sunday Morning Adult Seminar
Sunday, Sept. 18th - 8:45AM -9:45AM

THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY
Jesus' Master Class for Life

Six Session Study - Pastor George



Through this small group study, by DVD & the participant's Guide, renowned teacher Dallas Willard offers a timely and challenging call back to the true meaning of Christian Discipleship.

Gracefully weaving biblical teaching, popular culture, science, scholarship and spiritual practice into one cohesive group study, Willard shows you the necessity in making profound changes in how you view your life and live out your faith.

This group study masterfully captures the core of Christ's teaching in a fresh relevant light, **revealing a way to experience God . . . by knowing him as an essential part of your here and now**, rather than only as a part of the hereafter.

Based on the *Sermon on the Mount*, and his bestselling book "The Divine Conspiracy", Willard calls you to live a deeper, more authentic faith, and then offers a practical plan so you can answer the call.

Please let Pastor George know if you plan to attend so enough participants guides (cost \$7.00) can be on hand.

It is also recommended but not required, that you read the book "The Divine Conspiracy" by Dallas Willard as a part of the study. The Book is available at Barnes and Noble or other outlets. Those interested will need to purchase it themselves.



Sunday Seminars coming up soon on "PRAYER" and in the New Year - Introduction to the "OLD TESTAMENT"

United Methodist Women

Tuesday September 20th - 6:30pm



PROGRAM: The Power of Prayer
GUEST SPEAKER: Virgie Brandl



Plans will be confirmed for the Candy Cane Bazaar
Saturday, November 5th

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, October 19th - 10:00am



PROGRAM: *To be announced*



All Women are invited to all meetings and events

Are you in need of a Birthday Card, Anniversary Card,



Get Well Card or almost any other greeting card you can think of? See the UMW's greeting card table in fellowship, I'm sure you

will find your special card there and at the same time you will be supporting the many mission projects the UMW has.

We are grateful to Jody Branin who continues to keep our **Web Site** up to date.

Thank you

The web site can be found @ [http: Farmingdalefumc.weebly.com](http://Farmingdalefumc.weebly.com)



Jody for all your good work!

Deepest Sympathies goes out to Linda and Glen Dugan and family on the loss of Linda's mom Jean Morrell on August 25th. You are in our thoughts and prayers



DIRECTORY



Kitty Baxter will reside year-her Florida home –
121 Lantern Lane
North Fort Myers Fl.33917

She would love to hear from her friends here in Farmingdale

Rally Day



CALLING ALL KIDS

Sunday School begins

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 10:00AM

Children start by attending worship service with parents then are dismissed to their classes. Classes are available for children kindergarten through high school.

Following worship is our annual

Rally Day Picnic.

Good food, fun, and special activities for kids as well as fellowship for all.

An adult class is held at 8:45am, starting, Sept. 18th
Hope to see you September 11th, & every Sunday!!!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
K-5 th grades	... Jennifer Hoff, Kristin Sundberg
6 th - 8 th grades	... Laura Smith, Theresa Zigich
9 th - 12 th grades	... Dave Bahney, Christine Zita



2016 Church Conference

Saturday, October 29th

to be held at the

First United Methodist Church (Toms River)

129 Chestnut St.

Gathering & Refreshments/Chat with DS,

Rev. Gina Hendrickson 1:45-2:00PM

Church Conferences 2:00-2:45PM

with Farmingdale UMC	Christ UMC: Lakewood
Church of the Master	Lacey UMC
Bethesda UMC	West Farms UMC

Worship & Seminar 3:00-4:30PM

Thank you

Steve Tanay for sharing your wonderful garden fresh vegetables. The tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and

zucchini were absolutely delicious. There is nothing like garden fresh vegetables to help appreciate summer months.



Thanks again Steve!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 th Eric Lee	17 th Hannah Hale
5 th Paul E. Clites	19 th James Andreen
7 th Kathryn Thor	20 th Kathleen Dugan
	21 st Harry Brion
9 th Mary Scullion	24 th William Lewis
13 th Jen Hoff	26 th Johnathan Lewis
15 th Jacob Peters	29 th Andrea Garcia

September Anniversaries

16th David & Cheryl Bahney 27th Joe & Christine Zita

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 th Amy Blaine	13 th Mary Hall
6 th Lois Werner	14 th David Bahney
8 th Marie Andreen	16 th Brooke Bahney
9 th Barbara Hurley	19 th Doug Thorn Sr.
12 th MacKenzie Foran	24 th Alan Trupio
12 th Tom Hoff	26 th Jaclyn Matthes
12 th Bob Schmidt	29 th Scott Dugan

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 th Bill and Mary Hall
8 th Robert and Karen Lewis
11 th Anthony and Ellen Catuogno
12 th Stephen and Janine Klein
15 th Charles and Nancy Tsakiris
22 nd Norm and Verna Revere
24 th Alan and Susan Trupio



USHERS and GREETERS NEEDED

Please consider your service to the church, as a Sunday Servant. Training will be given for all positions.



Ushers serve on a team of four, once every five weeks and Greeters serve for a five week period, then off for about eleven weeks. This time OFF could increase with more greeters on the rotation schedule.

If you don't have the time to commit to the full schedule, we could use you as a substitute.

Please call Karen Lewis
if you are interested or have any questions.

732-938-7239

CHANCEL CHOIR & WESLEY BELLS

The Chancel Choir will resume practice on Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7:45PM. The Wesley Bells will resume their practice at 7PM on the following Thurs. Sept. 15th.



**New ringers and singers are
always welcome!**

Stop by on Sunday and see our music Director Renee McGowan if you are interested in joining either of these musical groups. She would love to hear from you.



DAYCARE NEWS

The 2016-17 school year for our Center starts Monday, September 12th! A "Meet & Greet" session is scheduled for Friday, September 9th from 10-11am for our newer students to visit their classroom & teacher! Our three morning classrooms will be held from 9am-12pm, Monday-Friday. Our teachers this year are Miss Dana Keegan (Pre-K), Miss Melissa Sapienza (Preschool) and Miss Heather Stahl (Terrific Toddlers). We also have several teacher assistants who help during the morning classes, as well as throughout the day for those students who stay for daycare hours until closing time at 5:30pm.



We are excited to be joining with the church to sponsor a "Child Identification Program" on Sunday, September 18th from 11:30am-2:30pm in fellowship hall. Through this program parents will walk away with a FREE identification card, courtesy of New York Life Insurance Company, that includes your child's photo, digital fingerprints and other vital information. Light refreshments will be provided by the Daycare Center. This is a community event, so all family & friends of our Daycare Center and church members are welcomed to participate! Flyers will be going out soon, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call Ellen Catuogno, Daycare Director at 732-938-5657 or email us at farmingdaledaycarenj@gmail.com.



Peach Festival 2016

Another Great Success

I hope all enjoyed the peach festival this year. We had a large group of helpers in all departments. Many of our regulars returned to their favorite areas of help and we had several first timers picking, peeling, and working the kitchen. It was a great time to make new friends and fellowship with old friends. Again it was great to have so many youth out helping. This project is for you.

Thanks to the team leaders for your help in leading the members in your group.

Picking - Jody B.,

Peeling - Allaine S. and Megan C and Marie A.,

Organizing Kitchen - Sue T. and Jody B.

Dining hall prep - Jack B and Hoff Family

Chief Shopper - Jody B. always looking for a bargain or sale.

Bake Table Salesman - Roland W.

Chief dish washer - Jim A.

Thanks to all who helped pick peaches.

Thanks to those that helped set up and decorate the dining hall Sunday, after church.

Thanks to those that worked the kitchen both for peeling and during serving hours.

Thanks to our youth servers. You all do a great job.

Thanks to Kevin Cotta and all the dining room cleanup crew.

Thanks to the kitchen cleanup crew - a tireless group.

And all the jobs big and small in between.

Thanks you to all who did the **home baking** of pound cakes & crisps.

The addition of A-La-Mode of crisps and pies on the menu has become a favorite and great success.

Also items sold well from the home baking and bulk table.

Thank you to the bakers for this table.

We filled 116 orders both take out and eat in. With the addition of the bake table, bags of peaches, bags of sliced peaches and quarts of ice cream we cleared \$837.00 so far with items yet to be sold.

(See flyer for list of donors)

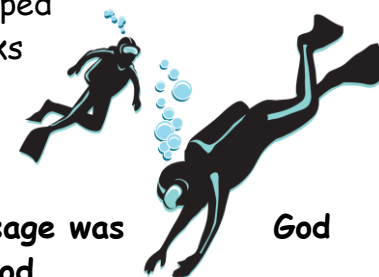
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DEEP SEA DISCOVERY

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with VBS. And a special thanks to Jen Hoff who was the director and saw it out to its completion.

The program was Deep Sea Discovery by Standard. **The message was**

hears me, God knows me, God strengthens me, God loves me and God sends me.



Each night there was a beginning and closing exercise with joyous singing, classroom, crafts or a game and a delicious and creative snack.



Every night donations were collected for the Heifer International

Ministry. We raised \$251

with that we will be able to purchase a goat at \$120 a flock of hope at \$60, a flock of chicks at \$20 and a hope basket at \$50.

VBS was an enjoyable time, and the children learned how much God cares for them each and every day in good times and bad times.



**AN INVITATION FROM THE FOLKS AT
BEYOND YOUTH NIGHT AT KESWICK**



It's not your usual youth group gathering, it is Beyond Youth Night at Keswick!

We are so passionate about our ministry geared toward teens and students, and we are encouraged by the powerful ways God is moving at Beyond Youth Nights every month

**Join us for fun, friends, music,
and a strong focus on the Word of God.**

After hearing our powerful worship band, one of our youth leaders' shares a message focused toward today's generation. After the message, be sure to stick around for competition on the basketball and volleyball courts, a dip in the pool, a visit to our snack shop, and much more.



**Starts @ 6:45PM!
Thursday, October 20th**

All Middle School and High School students are invited. We will leave the church at 6:00pm. Please let Pastor George know if you plan to go. There is no cost but bring some \$ for snacks.



**The Candy Cane Bazaar
is coming!
Saturday, November 5th**

**9AM-2PM
(save the date)**

Contributions are welcomed:

Handmade items Silent Auction Jewelry
Christmas Table Baked Table

NO "Flea Market" items please

Used items are welcomed for the Jewelry & Christmas Tables

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please call Donna Jordan at 732-458-2232

*Come and support the United Methodist Women
and their many mission projects.*

Daylight Savings time ends
Sunday, November 6st
Don't forget to change your clocks.



**Congratulations to Antonio Trupio
who was the Scholarship recipient
for the Farmingdale 1st UMC
scholarship this year.**



THANKS to all who donated items or cash and especially the following businesses:

Eastmont Orchards for their donation of **8 bushels** of peaches this is their 25th year of supporting our festival.

Delicious Orchards for generously donating **10 peach pies** to serve in house.

Shop & Bag, Farmingdale, for their generous donation of **all the whipped cream and crushed ice**.

Stop and Shop of both **Freehold and Howell** for **gift cards** for supplies.

ACME, Adelphia, for a **gift card** to purchase supplies.

Saker ShopRite Inc. for a **gift card** to purchase supplies.

Scherrey Clites and Wemrock Orchards, Manalapan, for pie dough for homemade pies.

Tilley's Garden Center donation of peaches for home made pies.

Please try to support these businesses that support our church.

Also a special Thank you to all those that were **ready** to kick in with connections and financial support for getting peaches if we had a problem.

Thank you, also, to our many eaters. For without you the festival would not happen.

