

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGDALE



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MARCH/APRIL
NEWSLETTER

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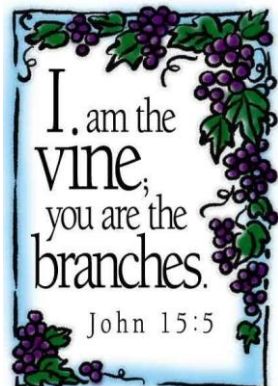
Message from the Pastor



May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

As we bid farewell to the long winter, the refreshing air of spring welcomes us. Just as the changing seasons evoke awe, may your lives remain steadfast and faithful before God, operating in His divine order.

In our previous newsletter, I shared our commitment to emulate Jesus by getting closer to our neighbors. The Care Bear ministry has now been activated to assist newcomers in settling into the church and reaching out to those who may have been absent for a while. Let us pray for the Care Bear committee, led by Lori Cochrane, as they extend the love of Jesus to our brothers and sisters.



As a church, it is time to contemplate how we can spread the Gospel to the world. The Mission Committee will gather to seek wisdom for this important task. Let us unite our hearts and prayers for the Great Commission, trusting that God will guide us in reaching the ends of the earth.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



This Lenten season, starting with Ash Wednesday on 2/14, let us deeply reflect on the grace of Jesus' cross and draw closer to Him as we seek forgiveness for our sins.

Special services during Lent include:

**Maundy Thursday Service: 3/28 at 7 PM,
a joint service with Squankum UMC and Pierce
Memorial Presbyterian Church at our church.**

**Good Friday Service: 3/29 at 7 PM
at West Grove UMC (102 Walnut St, Neptune).**

**Easter Sunrise Service: 3/31 at 6:30 AM at our church,
followed by fellowship and a simple meal.**

**We will also have our
Traditional Easter Service: 3/31 at 10:30 AM**

I invite all of you to attend these special services.

In gratitude for the unchanging love and grace of our Lord, I pray that His glory may be revealed in your lives every day. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His love,
Pastor Sean





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



WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVANTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

12th Sean O'Neill
17th Carolyn Reid
17th Roland Willuweit
22nd Nancy Tsakiris
23rd Natalie Bamonte
25th Anne Willuweit
29th Bob Lewis

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5th Donna Thorn
7th Edward Smith
7th Alaina Zigich
9th Christian Zita
9th Evan Zita
13th Stephen Klein Jr.
13th Judy Schmidt
16th Emily O'Neill
22nd Douglas Farry
29th Jamie Warwick

Date:	Readers	Greeters	Slideshow
Mar. 3	Dave Bahney	Mary Ann Scutro	Joseph Park
Mar. 10	Walter Brand	Gina Pezzino	Jean Park
Mar. 17	Leigh Shaffer	Judy Matthews	Christine Zita
Mar. 24	Mary Carole Brand	Earl & Anessa Perry	Mary Ann Scutro
Mar. 31	Gina Pezzino	Bob & Karen Lewis	Lori Cochrane
Apr. 7	Christine Zita	Walter Brand	Joseph Park
Apr. 14	Susan Hurley	Allaine Sensbach	Jean Park
Apr. 21	Mary Ann Scutro	Mary Ann Scutro	Christine Zita
Apr. 28	Joe Zita	Gina Pezzino	Mary Ann Scutro

Happy Anniversary!



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

24th Andy and Kathy O'Neill



Hello Spring!

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

Joshua House Needs:
March
Peanut Butter & Jelly
April
Canned Tuna/Chicken



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:

March 12th and April 9th



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March Meeting will be

Tues., March 19th at 6PM

Program: "Hope Starts with You
– The Invisible Children of New Jersey"

Speaker: Gina Pezzino

April Meeting will be

Tues., April 16th at 6PM

Program: "Visualize God's Glory"

Speaker: Mary Ann Scutro

ALL Women of the Church are welcome!



Farmingdale Christian Daycare Center News:

The daycare is at capacity and adding names to a waiting list for interested families.

We have been enjoying our children's service with Pastor Sean and our religious education with Miss Leigh Shaffer.

We are always accepting crocheted blanket donations.

Thank you for the continued support of our program!

"Miss Lori" Cochrane 732-938-5657



From our Trustees:

A Contractor has been selected for construction of the handicap lift and a small addition to house the lift. Town permits have been finalized and construction should start soon. The approximate cost is \$56,000.00. Construction cost doesn't include the lift. Lift is being investigated by Bob Lewis and cost will be soon determined.

The floor in the parsonage has been refinished. Carpets were removed from the dining area and front room. Approximate cost \$1,000.00.

-Frank Sundberg - Trustees



Troop 13 Farmingdale Boy Scout Meetings

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

Upcoming Events:

Fri Mar 01 -> Sun Mar 03 (Troop)

Annapolis Camping, Annapolis, MD

Fri Apr 12, 2024 -> Sun Apr 14, 2024

Allamuchy Boy Scout Reservation

Sat Apr 27, 2024 5:00pm Troop 13 Pasta Fundraiser

Location: Farmingdale Fire House

(Raising Money for The Summit High Adventure Trip)

*High Adventure/Bechtel Scout Reservation

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.

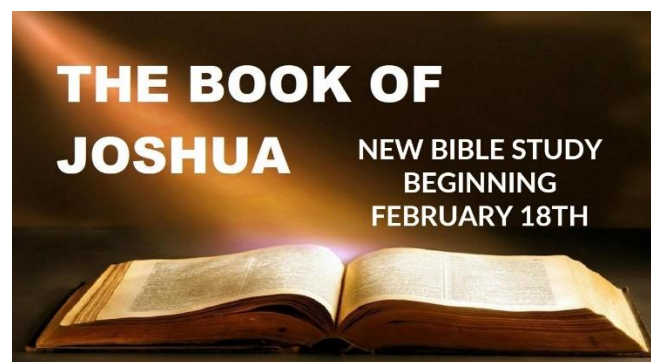
2 Meetings per month, 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.



**Care Bear Committee
Welcomes new members!
Current Team:**

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

**We donated 41
Cans of Soup
and \$50.00
for Joshua House!**



This Bible Study Continues:

March 3, 10, 17 & 24th



**Daylight Savings Time
March 10th
"Spring Forward"
Don't be late for Church!**



Hosanna!

**MARCH 24TH
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
10:30AM Service at FUMC**



**March 28th – HOLY THURSDAY
7PM Service HERE at
First United Methodist Church, Farmingdale
With the Farmingdale Presbyterian Church
& Squankum UMC**



**March 29th – GOOD FRIDAY
7PM Service at West Grove UMC
102 Walnut St., Neptune, NJ**



**March 31st – EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service at: 6:30AM
(Breakfast to follow – Please sign up if you are
planning to attend. Head count for breakfast.)
Traditional Easter Service at 10:30AM**



**Farmingdale Christian
Daycare Center
732-938-5657**

**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.

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



**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!

**Church Council Meetings
are Quarterly,
Last Sunday of the Month.
Next Council Meeting will be
Sunday, April 28th
After Service.**



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
2nd Wednesdays	Boy Scout Adult Committee Meeting	7:00PM	Fellowship Hall
2nd Thursdays	Children's Service Daycare	10:30AM	Sanctuary
Thursdays	Choir Practice	7:00PM	Sanctuary
	AA	8:30PM	Fellowship Hall

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!



Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone that ordered flowers this year. They are always a beautiful addition to our Service. Please wait until **after** Easter Sunday Service to bring them home so as to not disrupt the altar arrangement.

Please be careful to refer to the Easter Flower Honor Roll for the type and quantity of flowers you ordered.

Many thanks, Jody

Upcoming Fellowship Sundays

March 10th

Theme: **"Pancakes & Sausage"**



April 14th

Theme: **"Now that's Italian!"**



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 5th



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





March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Communion 3rd Sunday in Lent Bible Study	4	5 BSA 6:30PM	6 BSA 6:30PM	7 Choir 7PM AA 8:30PM	8	9
10 4th Sunday in Lent Fellowship "Pancakes" Bible Study	11	12 Prayer Line 10AM BSA 6:30PM	13 BSA Leaders 7:00PM	14 Children's Service 10:30AM Choir 7PM AA 8:30PM	15	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent	18	19 UM Women 6PM BSA 6:30PM	20 BSA 6:30PM	21 Choir 7PM AA 8:30PM	22	23
24 Passion/Palm Sunday Bible Study Coffee Hour 	25 	26 BSA 6:30PM	27	28 Holy Thursday Service 7PM HERE at FUMC with the Presbyterian & Squantum UMC Churches AA 8:30PM	29 Good Friday Service 7PM at West Grove UMC	30
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30AM Traditional Service 10:30AM 	31 					



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		BSA 6:30PM	BSA 6:30PM	Choir AA 7PM 8:30PM		
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter Communion	8	9 Prayer Line 10AM BSA 6:30PM	10 BSA Leaders 7PM	11 Children's Service 10:30AM Choir AA 7PM 8:30PM	12	13
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter Fellowship "Italian"	15	16 UMW 6PM BSA 6:30PM	17 BSA 6:30PM	18 Choir AA 7PM 8:30PM	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter	22	23 BSA 6:30PM	24	25 Choir AA 7PM 8:30PM	26	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter Coffee Hour	29	30 BSA 6:30PM				