

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Church Family,

Through the grace of God, I have been truly blessed and privileged to serve you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of Farmingdale United Methodist Church. During the past five years, you have been a source of my joy and strength. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have celebrated our joys and cried together when we were placed in difficult or sad times. I am grateful to God who gave me and my wife, Sunghee, the great opportunity of knowing you individually. If there's something I did wrong to you, please forgive me. If there's something I did well to you and your family, let us celebrate it in the glorious name of Jesus who united us together as the church family. I will never forget my wonderful experiences I have had with you all. I love you.

You have supported me unceasingly with your encouraging words and prayers. I am not a competent person. Your generous understanding and cooperation, however, compensated my lacking and inefficient areas of my ministry. Without the sufficient grace of God and your generous support, I could not have come this far. Finishing my ordained ministry here at Farmingdale is also meaningful to me, my wife and family. For that I am so grateful to God and you as well.

It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit guides and sustains you all, now and in the days ahead, as you endeavor to accomplish the great commission of our Lord Jesus—that is drawing the people of the community to Christ by proclaiming the good news of salvation and serving them with compassion and humility. Your passionate desires for building God's church will please the Lord. When we are faithful to God, God also will be faithful to us. When we have such desires, God will be cooperating with our plans.

I have no doubt that the leadership of your new pastor, Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, will make great influences on your faith life. He will bring many gifts to the life of the church. May God bless you on your daily journey bearing good fruit of the Holy Spirit.

I will miss your love and support, yet we know you and I will pray for each other.

Yours faithfully,
Your pastor and friend, Gunshik

COMBINED SERVICE: June 11th 9:30am Pastor Shim's last Sunday. Special *Coffee Hour* following the service.

TRANSTION CONSULTATION Part B: Wednesday, June 14th, 7:00pm led by Rev. Penny Gadzini. All members are encouraged to attend.

☞ UPCOMING in JUNE ☞

- **SKIP NEWMAN AWARD PRESENTATION: June 11th at 9:30am service.**
- **BABY BAPTISM: June 11th** at 9:30 am service. *Abigail Jordan Perrotta* (daughter of Steve Perrotta & Calin Mason).
- **NURSERY SCHOOL GRADUATION: Monday, June 12th** in Fellowship Hall.
- **UMW PICNIC: Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00pm** at the home of Sue Jones, 98 Birch Avenue East, Farmingdale. Sue's home is handicapped accessible. The pool will be open. All women are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per person. (Kids 5 & under are free) For tickets, please contact *Sue Jones* at Coffee Hour or call 631/454-6758.
- **J.J.C. CAFÉ: Saturday, June 17th, 7:00pm** featuring "Gracious Vine". Suggested donation \$5.00.
- **FATHER'S DAY: June 18th** celebrating and honoring fathers. Please join us as we worship the Lord and give thanks for our fathers.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Shim will be on vacation the last two weeks in June. For pastoral need during this time, contact Rev. Bob Leibold at 516-754-3691. Please call the FUMC Church Office first during office hours. Danny Gastelua will preach on June 18th and Faustina Gyedu will preach on June 25th.

175th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE: Our anniversary journal is available on our website, and we are selling 175th Anniversary keepsake Christmas ornaments priced at \$5.00 each (plus shipping if necessary). See *Joan Ganz* or call 516-249-2119.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Beginning in June, the *Church Office* will be open Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm and will be closed on Fridays. The Summer Hours (for the months of July & August) are as follows: Mon-Tues-Wed 9:00am-1:00pm Thursdays 9:00am-12:00pm; closed Fridays.

THANK YOU to all who so generously responded to the call for Soup Group volunteers. We still have a great need for men to work security at the door. If we have enough volunteers, we will only need to call each person once every 8 weeks. Please see *Mary Bing* or *Mary Ann Nataro* if you can serve in this respect. Also, we still need servers and cooks for the month of August. Thank you for hearing the call of the needy!

FUMC SUMMER NURSERY PROGRAM: has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Any questions, contact *Mary Ann Nataro*, Nursery Board Chair, at 516-433-2687.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY: June 11th. Your offering helps support global outreach and conference-related peace with justice ministries. Offering envelopes are available in the *So. Transept*.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Dorothy Paine, Frank Suwalski, Ken & Kim Bush, Emily Brown, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 11th

- Sun. **9:30am Combined Service**
Baptism - Abigail Perrotta
Skip Newman Award Presentation
Peace with Justice Offering
1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
- Mon. 6:00pm Nursery School Graduation
7:00pm Paisley Circle
- Tues. 6:00pm UMW Picnic @Sue Jones'
7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
- Wed. 7:00pm Transition Consultation - Part B
Sanctuary (*Rev. Penny Gadzini*)
- Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir
- Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall
- Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
8:30am Tai Chi
7:00pm J.C. Café "*Gracious Vine*"

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 18th

- Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
Father's Day
Danny Gastelua Preaching
11:30am Worship with Praise & Songs
1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
- Tues. 12:00pm Gold Circle
7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
- Wed. 9:30am ADC Support Group – Library
7:15pm Martha/Mary Circle
- Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir
- Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall
7:30pm Covenant Group
- Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
8:30am Tai Chi

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THE MESSENGER



Weeks of June 11 & 18, 2017

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