



Farmington Presbyterian Day School ended the school year with a fantastic music and art show.

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Deepening our Discipleship

Rev. Rebecca Luter

Summer is hot. So, we slow down. This summer, listen to your body and your spirit. You know how good that tall glass of ice water is for your body? Worship brings the same refreshment for your spirit!

Come and worship with the Farmington Family!

June 4th is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church! We wear red to symbolize the description of the Holy Spirit coming down in Acts, “They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”

June 11, 18 and 25 we welcome three guests to the pulpit in our June Scholars Series.

June 11—Dr. Courtney Pace will be preaching on “Shalom” in Mark 5:21-34. Dr. Pace is Assistant Professor of Church History at Memphis Theological Seminary. Her interests include race, gender, Baptist history, the Civil Rights Movement, and social justice in American religion.

June 18-Dr. James McClanahan will be preaching on Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 5:8. Jim is an honorably retired PC(USA) minister in the Presbytery of the Mid-South and served 22 years as Professor of Religious Studies at King University in Bristol, TN.

June 25—Dr. Pete Gathje will be preaching on the story of Hagar and Ishmael, “Rivalry and Redemption.” Dr. Gathje is Professor of Christian Ethics and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Instruction at Memphis Theological Seminary. He is founder of Manna House and involved with Room in the Inn. He writes a weekly blog on the practice of hospitality at www.radicalhospitalityblog.wordpress.com.

Hanging with the Choir



For the past 20 years our robes and sashes have hung on Oak Hall hangers and as we recently received a donation of additional robes we were in need of a means to keep them in good form.

It isn't every day that someone enters Oak Hall seeking to buy hangers but my seemingly strange inquiry was met with grace and patience. Oak Hall donated all the hangers we need to keep our robes in top shape for years to come. Thank You to Oak Hall for their support of Farmington Presbyterian Church choir and our Germantown community"



Day School News

Our theme as a school this year has been "Shine Bright." As we look back on the 2016-17 School Year, some things "Shine Brightly." We were once again awarded 3 Stars by DHS, the highest level of childcare center. We implemented new technology with online payment and registration, an updated interactive website, and updated emergency radio and telephone systems. For our teachers, we entered the second phase of our Employee Talent Management System with training events on STEM Activities, Emergency/Intruder Training, and Millennial Parents. We also enjoyed our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner together, our Christmas Party and gift exchange, Secret Valentine Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon. The year for children and families was filled with opportunities to learn and grow. The list of events includes:

- A Parent Seminar with Dr. Allison Weatherly titled "Is your child ready for Kindergarten?"
- Parent Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner
- "Buggy for Books" reading program
- Thanksgiving Play "10 Little Indians and 10 Little Pilgrims" and Thanksgiving Feast

- Scholastic Book Fair
 - Pirates and Princess Nighttime Story Time
 - Usborne Book Display
 - FPDS Celebration Sunday
 - Christmas Music Program
 - Visits from Firemen, the National Weather Service, and a dental hygienist
 - Field Trip Priddy Farms
 - Coffee and Cocoa Drive-Thru Line for parent appreciation
 - Kids Kountry Petting Zoo
 - Handwriting without Tears Curriculum added
 - Visit to Germantown area schools for rising Kindergarteners
 - Cop Stop joining together Community, School, and Church
 - St. Jude Trike- A-Thon
 - Spring Music Program and Art Show
 - Networking with Area Preschool Directors
 - New partnership with GMSD to provide consultation with Anne Quinn to intervene as soon as possible when special services or alternative approaches to learning may be needed.
- The year has been filled with traditions and exciting innovations. As you can see, we "Shine Bright" at FPDS!

FPDS Music and Art Show



The Spring Program was all about Memphis with an “Alphabet (Jailhouse) Rock” and iconic Memphis art including everything from A. Schwab to MemPops and Gibson Guitars to Gibson Donuts! Our art teacher, Ms. Courtney, wanted the preschoolers to create the iconic symbols of Memphis so that they not only learned about dimensionality using a variety of mediums, they learned to be proud of what makes Memphis unique.

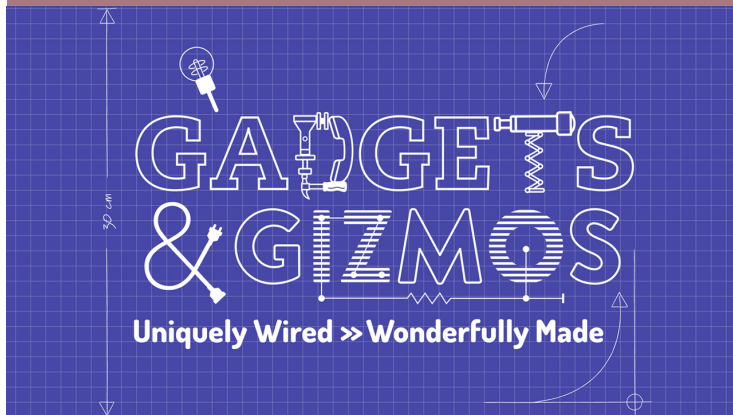
Ms. Anita, our Music Teacher, shares these highlights of the year in music:

Music ignites all areas of child development and helps the mind and body work together. We began the year singing alone and as a class during welcome time. We explored dynamics, rhythm, tempo, and pitch. We listened to the various sounds of instruments and discovered that instruments have families too. We MARCHED, we CLIMBED, we SWAM, and we ROARED!! We sang about the little baby in the manger. We boogied and had fun with body percussion. We expressed ourselves through the use of scarves and bean bags and rhythm instruments. We practiced starting and stopping together. We presented and Christmas program and now a Spring Program. We’ve GROWN so much and become more confident learners through self-expression and teamwork. All of this progress and more happened each week during music time for 20 minutes. WOW!!! Congratulations to your children!



Christian Education

Elementary



Creativity is a reflection of the character of God.

From the opening pages of Scripture, we encounter God's creativity in action. With words, *Let there be light*, the poem of creation unfolds as light gives way to time, oceans and mountains form, galaxies are set in motion, and the earth is filled with birds, fish, and every creature imaginable. But God is not finished creating. God decided that He wanted His image to populate the earth. He created people in His image to take care and develop His magnificent creation. Humans are unique in that we reflect God in how we interact with each other and the world around us. That interaction includes God's creativity. We may not form mountains and oceans, but we create art and music, build cities, solve problems, and innovate technology—all of which starts with our God-given creativity.

Jesus showed us creativity in action.

Jesus was the Word that spoke God's creation into existence at the beginning of time. And when Jesus arrived on planet earth to fulfill God's plan to rescue humanity, that same creativity was evident in every interaction we read throughout Scripture. Through stories, Jesus could explain something difficult or confusing

about the Kingdom of God. With unconventional materials, Jesus healed the sick and hurting. With the right question, He could point to His disciples and the religious leaders what is most important to God. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus showed us the difference we can make in the world through creativity.

We think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about Creativity—imagining what you could do because you are made in God's image.

Our Memory Verse for June comes from Psalm 139:14.

In Psalm 139:14, we read, *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that* (NIRV). Through this Psalm, David acknowledges God's continued provision for his life. He worships God for His care and concern for even the smallest aspects of life. Being created in God's image, means that we are special compared to the rest of creation. We reflect God in amazing and wonderful ways.

As we help kids discover more about God's creativity, we head to the beginning—Genesis—and learn more about God's creativity in the creation of the world.



Nursery & Preschool

THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY, WE WILL TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT KIDS FROM THE BIBLE WHO TOTALLY ROCKED! THEY DID WHAT GOD WANTED THEM TO DO AND THAT TOTALLY ROCKS.

Through the story of Jesus as a boy, our preschoolers will learn that they can tell others about God. Young Samuel will show them how they can listen to God. Young David will show them that they can be chosen to lead. And, finally, David will also show them that they can be brave.

God used each and every one of these guys, at such a young age, to do amazing things. They were kids! But that did not stop them for doing what God wanted them to do. We want our preschoolers to know that they can do what God wants them do too – and that totally rocks!



Farmington Youth Fellowship (FYF)



My plan was to use the week of Memorial Day to build Vacation Bible School. But the week before, I received calls from youth wanting to come build. For four days between the hours of 9 and 4 the Youth Room was in shambles as Madison, Michael, Eddie, Kate, and Zach cut foam boards, built crests for crews, decorated a mailbox, and carved a hole in time and space to make this VBS a memorable experience for all ages. It was unbelievable work. A special thanks to all the heroes creating VBS this year!

-Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School

June 12–16 from 9am–12pm.



The time has come for heroes to band together and change the world for the better. God's heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power. During the week of June 12–16, Farmington Presbyterian will be a hub of heroes great and small. Children will be lead to several stations throughout the day to explore God's word through Music, Recreation, Science, Crafts, Snack and Bible Stories. Our Station leaders are Elizabeth Demaree, Susan Philips, Renee Canter, Becky Hutchins, Laurinda Ingram, Jinney Hart, Madison Lewis, Liv Palmer, Shelley Wann, Sandy Wann, Jayme White, Rachel Barr, Mary Shelley Ritchey, and Cydnee Young. These are just a few of the heroes it takes to put on a successful Vacation Bible School. We also thank the Day School Staff for being our Crew Leaders.

Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, June 15 @ 5:15pm & @ 5:45 pm

Supporting Farmington Presbyterian's
Cistern Ministry Mission Trip

July 11-18, 2017

Come to dinner on: Thursday, June 15

Arrive at: Take-Out orders begins @ 5:15

Dine-in dinner begins @ 5:45

Where do I go? West entrance for Take-out

Fellowship Hall for Dine-in

How much does it cost? Donations Accepted





Summer Swim

June 2, July 7, & August 4

Summer Pool Parties will be held at the Luter's home on the first Friday of each month: June 2, July 7, and August 4. Make plans to attend and bring your friends who might be looking for a church family. The address is 2605 Meadow Run (Germantown). We will gather @ 5:30 pm and grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share, your camp chairs, towels, and pool toys!

Worship

4pm— We will gather in one Spirit from the many congregations around the presbytery at Rhodes College. Voices from all over will be incorporated into our liturgy and choir.

Stop Hunger Now

5pm— We will bag 10,000 nutritious meals for those in need. All ages are encouraged to participate and each church can support this ministry by donating \$100 to the cause.

Dinner

6pm— The event will close as the church gathers to give thanks and break bread together in the Bryan Campus Life Center.

Adults \$10

Children



A Pentecost Gathering

of the Presbytery of the Mid-South

June 4, 4pm—7pm

Sunday School is at 9:30 am and
Worship is at 11:00 am. Join us!

Children gather in the Sanctuary with music and then proceed to their classroom (A6).

Youth gather in the youth room at 10 am for The Story: Finding yourself in the narrative of the Bible.

Adults choose between Numbers in the *Interpretation Bible Study* in the East Room and a study of Debby Irving's Waking Up White at 10 am in the room closest to the West entrance.

Committee Meetings

Congregational Care

10:00 am Monday, June 5

Session

6:00 pm Monday, June 5

Property and Grounds

7:30 am Friday, June 9

Worship

12:30 pm Sunday, June 18

Administration

6:00 pm Monday, July 10

School Board

5:30 pm, Thursday, July 13

Session Report

The 2016 Year End Financial Review by Brundige Payne & Co. was approved. A new position description for a Data Specialist for FPDS was approved. Updates were given on several projects including the Outdoor Garden Eagle Scout Project, Pew Modification, Kitchen Renovation, and Director of Music Search.

A Congregational Meeting was called for June 4 following worship for the purposes of hearing and acting on the report of the Elder Nominating Committee.

Acolyte Schedule

June 4	Elizabeth Luter
June 11	Cole Ritchey
June 18	Bailey Wann
June 25	Kenny Williams

June Birthdays

4	Kay Patterson
6	Anthony Jones
6	Susan Ossario
10	Nathan Williams
12	Walker Ward
12	Mary Collins
13	Vesta Andrews
13	Kathy Doelling
14	Sandy Wann
16	Tony Howard
21	Leah Douglas
22	Brandon Wann
23	Jerry Renfrow
23	Lorraine Howarth
24	Jean Wiseman
27	Rhonda Byrne
30	William Ingram
30	Shelley Wann
30	Simone Bourgeois

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office to be added. We would like to celebrate with you.



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If you have content for the July edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than June 26 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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