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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

When I was in college, I had the opportunity to celebrate the 4th of July in Oxford, England, with a British scholar delivering an address on “The Recent Discontent in the Colonies.” As we celebrate our independence as a nation, may we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy. We are a people who respect and protect the right of all to be heard and to participate in their own governance. We are a people who respect and protect the right of all to worship without governmental interference. We are a people who respect and protect the right of each person to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I encourage you to reflect on and be grateful for the freedoms you enjoy as you celebrate the 4th of July. Remember and be thankful for the sacrifices that others have made to secure them and preserve them. As we enter this election season, let us pray for our nation and seek God’s guidance.

May we be engaged in our government that is of the people, by the people, and for the people. May we apply the teaching and example of Jesus in our civic involvement, so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be pleasing to God.

*The prophet Isaiah told of the year of the Lord’s favor:  
“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” - Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)*

*After Jesus was baptized and tempted in the wilderness, he went to the synagogue and opened the scroll and read these words from Isaiah and proclaimed, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” - Luke 4:16-21*

***May the Spirit of the Lord be on the United States of America.***





# Farmington Day School

Happy Summer!

The Day School has kept busy with over 150 campers each week! The weather has gotten hotter, but the fun hasn't stopped. Even though we have another month of summer fun ahead we are also looking at back to school!

We still have a few openings in our part time and full time classrooms. We would love to welcome new families to our Farmington Family this fall.

Hope everyone is getting to enjoy summer time with friends, family, a trip or a cool swimming pool!

Stay cool.

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea



## Farmington Presbyterian Day School

2024

## SCHEDULE

**Week 5** - July 1 - 3  
(Closed July 4 & 5)  
America the Beautiful

**Week 6** - July 8 - 12  
Festival of the Arts

**Week 7** - July 15 - 19  
Secret Agents

**Week 8** - July 22 - 26  
So Long Summer

**CLOSED** - July 29 -  
August 2  
Teacher In-Service

**August 5 & 6** - First Day of Preschool Classes & Holiday Care

## ALL WOMEN WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED

## MOMS-ERCISE

**July 11** (additional dates TBD)  
6:30pm - Youth Room  
\$5 per class

In July, we are honoring ALL WOMEN, moms or not. July 11 will feature *Dance Jam*, an aerobic dance class. Other classes are planned with dates to be determined. These are **all level workouts**.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## PW End of Year Dinner & Farewell to the Oests

Farmington Presbyterian Women dined together recently in May to celebrate the conclusion of the Horizons Bible Study and to honor Nadine, Melanie, and Meredith Oest who are relocating to New England for school and family. We will miss them and appreciate all that they have done for our church and community. Farmington Women will remain active during the summer attending conferences, serving on projects, and enjoying fellowship with each other.



## August Bible Study at Pinecrest

**Register now** for the Horizon Bible Study Review, Saturday August 24th at Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center. Spend time with Presbyterian Women from many churches in our Presbytery to review and learn more about the 24-25 "Let Justice Roll Down" bible study. Cost is \$25 per person, breakfast and lunch included.



Saturday, August 24, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Pinecrest Conference & Retreat Center  
21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Nametag \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 - Refreshments and Lunch Total \_\_\_\_\_

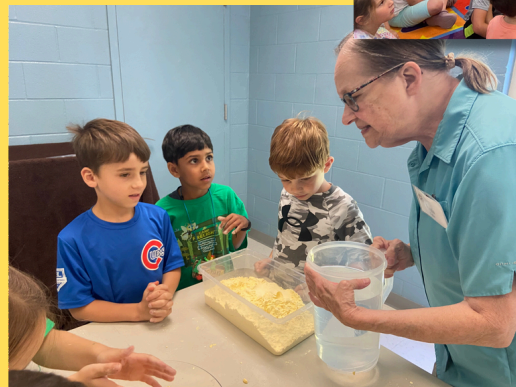
\$11 - Study Book to be picked up at Pinecrest Total \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

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# VBS 2024 RECAP





# July Guest Preachers

## Tom Sauer, ruling elder, will be leading worship with us on July 14.

Tom was born and raised in Ohio. He has degrees in chemistry, zoology, and engineering. In 1992, Tom accepted a position with International Paper, and the family moved to Germantown.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Tom has served on various congregational and Presbytery committees and offices, including deacon, elder, clerk of session, and, more recently, as Moderator of the Presbytery.

In 2011, after 18 months of study and examination, Tom was commissioned by the Presbytery of the MidSouth to lead worship at the LaGrange Presbyterian Church, a service which lasted nine years.

In 2013, Tom retired from International Paper and was commissioned to also serve the Germantown Presbyterian Church as minister to senior adults; in this position, he visits senior members who find themselves homebound or in the hospital and also leads worship from time to time.

Tom served Farmington Presbyterian last year during Rev. Luter's sabbatical, and he is excited to return to worship with us.

Tom and his wife, Kim have 2 children and 5 grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. Tom and Kim are members of Germantown Presbyterian Church.



## On July 21, Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham will be guest preaching for us.

She served as our Associate Pastor from 2001-2006. Along with her husband and mother, both FPC members, Ruth has been a part of the Farmington family once again since 2017 and lives here in Germantown.

Rev. Ruth, as she was affectionately called during her ministry here, is a lifelong member of our Presbytery. Raised at Highland Heights, she was an active participant in the Presbytery's Youth leadership both as a youth and later as a young adult. She was on staff at Camp Pinecrest for many summers and represented our Presbytery as Youth Advisory Delegate to the PC(USA) General Assembly in 1994.

While earning her undergraduate degree in College Scholars from UT Knoxville in child and family studies, psychology and religion she considered the Presbyterian Student Center on campus (now UKirk) her home away from home. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, she worked with several Atlanta area congregations during seminary. Ruth has also served on various Presbytery Committees, led youth ministry for Grace and Shady Grove Presbyterian, guest preached in numerous pulpits and served as Pastor of Cordova Presbyterian Church.

In between Ruth's ministries here and Cordova she was Manager of Family Care for our community's organ and tissue procurement organization, offering crisis and grief counseling to potential donor families at the time of their loved one's death. She holds a certificate in Grief and Loss from the Center for Loss and Colorado State University and has been named a Certified Thanatologist by The Association for Death Education Counseling. Companionship others in grief is one of her greatest passions in ministry.





## SAVE THE DATES



**No Sunday School during  
the summer months.  
We will pick back up  
in August.**

### **Blessing of the Backpacks August 11 during Worship**

Bring your school satchel to church on Sunday, August 11th for a blessing of the backpacks during worship. The congregation prays for students as they return to classes and we bless the backpacks as a reminder that God goes with you wherever you go.



## Session Report

Session approved a motion from Property and Grounds for concrete projects which include replacing the front steps and modifying the southeast sidewalk for better mobility access from the parking lot. The May 2024 financial report was accepted. A motion was approved for an additional two weeks of vacation for calendar year 2024 for Rev. Luter. Session expressed appreciation for all of the added duties Rev. Luter has assumed while we seek an Associate Pastor. Session approved Rev. Joshua Narcisse to preach on Sunday August 18 and Paul King to preach on the Sundays of October 13 and 27.



# REDBIRDS GAME

RESCHEDULED

CARDINAL SUITE  
AUGUST 22  
7PM

Autozone Park  
GWINNETT STRIPERS  
APRIL 5TH

Join us at Autozone Park for a Redbirds game with the Farmington Family, August 22 at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$100 family maximum with the church! Email [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) to purchase tickets.

RSVP by August 4.





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Scott Hutchins
- 4 Annette Main
- 5 Beverly Bivens
- 7 Stephanie Nagel
- 14 Catherine Johnson
- 15 Elsie Black
- 16 Vickie Street
- 17 Judith Cassidy
- 17 Paul King
- 21 Polly Knight
- 24 Carolyn Demaree
- 24 Susan Bryant
- 25 Jonas Haguewood
- 26 Jenn Paine
- 26 Jim Thrash
- 29 Emma VanFrank

## Sunday Worship Online

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, [www.Farmingtonpres.org](http://www.Farmingtonpres.org), or on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian). Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.

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## Session Members

Moderator - Rev. Rebecca Luter  
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Content for the August New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, July 23rd.  
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at [shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:shelley@farmingtonpres.org)