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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

This morning as I walked down the hall of Farmington, I met a preschool class going outside to gather fall leaves. I was tempted to join them in the joy of discovering the yellow of the ginkgo leaves and the red of the Japanese maple. This time of year makes me think of pumpkin spice and campfires with roasted marshmallows, of harvest and hayrides under blankets, of caramel apples and stewardship. Ok, my association of the wonderful things of fall with stewardship might seem unusual, except that fall is a time of gathering in, of huddling close, and reflecting on the blessings in our lives. It is a joy to give thanks to God who gives them, and that is what we are doing as we make our commitments to God's ministry through Farmington Presbyterian.

Our stewardship theme this year is "Inspiring Shouts of Joy." It comes from Psalm 65:8, "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; from where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy." When I think of the sun rising, I think of new beginnings and hope. What wonders have you experienced in your life? What blessings? What joys? When I think of the sun setting, I think of the cooling of the evening and sometimes the chill and the dark. What challenges have you experienced in your life? What crises? What sorrows? How has God been present with you in both joy and sorrow, blessings and crises, wonders and challenges? How are we, Farmington Presbyterian, as the Body of Christ in the world, being present to others as witnesses to God's love and grace? How are we inspiring shouts of joy?



Happy Fall Ya'll!

This is one of my most favorite times at the school. The weather is cool, the children are well into their routines and all the excitement of holidays is right around the corner! We have already been busy with events and lots of classroom fun. We finished out September with our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to receive over \$1,000 in free books and products! Thank you to all that supported our book fair.

We combined our Family Classroom Picnic with the Church's Friendsgiving event. We look forward to supporting the church and having the classroom families meet other families in their child's classroom. (The event takes place Friday after this article has gone to press.)

Our Pre-K four-year-old classes will get to go on their first field trip on October 1st to kick off fall at Menagerie Farms. The three-year-old classes will have a pumpkin patch later in the month here at school to pick pumpkins to take home.

We will have a visit from the fireman to learn more about fire safety. They will bring their trucks and we hope they will not get a call while they are visiting us. Yes, this has happened more than once over the years!

The teachers have been challenged to come up with a trunk for the church's Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 27th . This is well attended by our school kids and always a lot of fun to see everyone in their Halloween costumes.

We will end the month of October with our classroom Halloween party! We have 6 different rotations that the children get to visit. Story time, Dance party, Craft, Snack, Games and Trick or Treating in the office!

Friday, November 1st will be a movie and pajama day at school!

FPDS Day School wishes you all a Happy Fall.

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea

Farmington Day School





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Potluck Salad Dinner

Many women of the church gathered at Ann Erickson's home recently to share some marvelous salads, dessert, and fellowship! This was our first gathering in quite a while so we had a lot to catch up on with one another. The women of Farmington Presbyterian Church have the opportunity to gather throughout the year for our Horizon's Bible study and fellowship. Please check out the attached calendar for our 2024-2025 events. Remember, all women of the church are invited!



PW Schedule 2024-2025

October 23 Lessons 2 & 3. Meet at Jinney Hart's house at 5:00 for wine and appetizers

November 22 Lesson 4. Pot Luck Lunch at 11:00 in the East Room. Meeting to follow

December 11 Bake Sale 10:00-6:00

January 26 Lesson 5. Meet in the East Room at 12:30 PM

February 14 Lesson 6. Valentine treats in the East Room at 2:00 PM

March 23 Lesson 7. Meet in the East Room at 12:30 PM

April 16 Bake Sale 10:00-6:00

April 27 Lesson 8 & 9. Meet in East Room at 12:30 PM

May TBD Possibly a pool party



October Gathering

Mothers in Community

Corn maze at the Agricenter

Moms only.

We will meet at the Agricenter **Thursday, Oct 24** at 6:30. Will purchase tickets there and walk the maze at 7. Bring your best Halloween/ Witches hat for a prize.
Sunday 27th trunk or treat church parking lot 4-6. Bring the family.



Bee Happy.

We will meet in the fellowship hall **Thursday, Oct 10th** for Potluck and a fall craft. Please bring one bag of candy to donate to trunk or treat.

Trunk or Treat at FPC

Please join us **Sunday, Oct 27th** for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot from 4-6. Bring the family and invite your friends.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27, 2024
4 - 6pm

We will have hot dogs, popcorn, trunks, costumes, treats, and more. Join us for this festive celebration. Sign up to host a trunk!

Contact Liv Palmer for volunteer opportunities.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



October 6 is World Communion Sunday

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we are united with Christians in all times and all places around the Table. Each year, the Presbyterian Church receives an offering to support peacemaking and Christian witness around the world.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides exposure to active peacemakers as well as education and resources to empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers, themselves. These collective efforts support resources in dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.



**Every time the world is
troubled, and we dare
to wake and see;**

**every time our neighbors
call us, and we stand
with those in need;**

**and every time we are
peacemakers, and the
fearful are set free,**

**In our living, in our giving,
we are there.**

We are there, planting seeds of
peace, and when we all do a
little, it adds up to a lot.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Sundays at 10am-10:45am in the Transition Kindergarten room (A6) on Sunday mornings.

This fall we will be following a Travel Guide to the Beatitudes. You won't want to miss this trip! All children K-5 are encouraged to attend.



Youth Sunday School

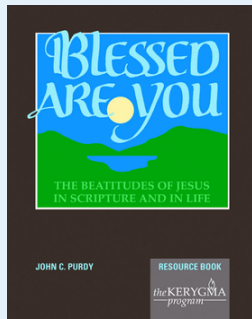
Students in 6th-12th grades will have Sunday School from 10am-10:45am in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings.

The youth will choose what they will study at their Pizza Party Kick-off Event on Sept. 8th.

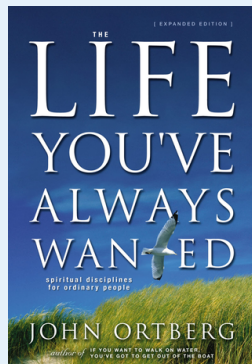
Sunday School for Adults

Rev. Rebecca Luter will be facilitating a study of The Beatitudes for Youth and Adults in the Youth Room from 10am-10:45am on Sunday mornings. These are the questions that will guide our discussions:

- How is Jesus teaching us to live?
- What does he mean, and what is he promising?
- Who lives that way?
- Do we? Do we want to?
- So, what does that look like?



Cooper Patterson will be leading a study of John Ortberg's *The Life You've Always Wanted* in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 10:30am.



Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meets on Tuesday nights, either in person or virtually.

After meeting the requirements of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Midsouth our committee was provided with a liaison, Rick Baker, for assistance with any questions that we might have as we proceed in viewing resumes matching our MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile). If you know of anyone that is interested in applying for the position of Associate Pastor for Community Life, our email is apnc@farmingtonpres.org. As we continue with our search, we ask that you pray for our committee as well as our Farmington congregation.

APNC Committee,

Elizabeth Moots (Ch.), Tom Bryant, Mike Colley, Kay Patterson, Sandy Wann, Rick Baker (COM Liaison)

ADVENT *Candle Lighting*



Let Rev. Rebecca know if you would like to light the advent wreath on Sunday during Advent or Christmas Eve

- December 1
- December 8
- December 15
- December 22
- December 24 (5pm, Christmas Eve)
- December 29
- January 5



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

You can HELP

Farmington Presbyterian is collecting food pantry items for Oakland Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry. Any items would be greatly appreciated.

- Soups and stews
- Grain breakfast
- Canned or dried beans
- Canned fish, meat
- Peanut or other nut butters
- Pasta sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned vegetables

Drop-off Items in the Basket at the west doors

FIRST WEDNESDAYS @ FPC

October 2

Dinner (Fellowship Hall) - 6pm

Menu: Creamy pasta jambalaya, vegetable medley, and garden salad.

- \$10 Adults
- \$5 Kids (12 & under)
- \$30 Family maximum

RSVP to church@farmingtonpres.org



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

We gather for Fellowship Coffee following worship. If you would like to provide Sunday Morning snacks, please sign up on our website.

www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-up

Session Report

Session welcomed Chris and Ashleigh Williams who will officially be joining Farmington as members in the coming weeks. The August 2024 Financial Report was accepted. Session approved the pastor health benefits selection for 2025 and approved adding a medical savings plan. A motion was approved to support Pinecrest again this year through a Spark level sponsorship at the Campfood & Cocktails fundraiser. Session received a report on the current curricula for Sunday school classes and youth group. Paul King presented the Commissioners Report from the Stated Presbytery Meeting on August 20, 2024.



**Sunday, October 20
5-7 pm**

**Shady Grove
Presbyterian Church**

Enjoy the glowing fires, strumming guitars, and tasty twists on traditional camp foods. New this year will be a bourbon tasting by our friends at Blue Note! You won't want to miss this chance to browse the auction items, participate in the wine pull, and most importantly, sit fireside with friends and catch up.

Individual tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by emailing Lucy and mailing a check or search CampFood and Cocktails on Eventbrite. Tickets are \$85 at the door.



CAMPFOOD

& Cocktails



Saturday, October 19

Youth will be going to the Corn Maze. Email Davis to get in the group chat and stay current with all the info! davis@farmingtonpres.org

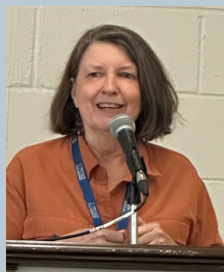
The Youth Group meets every Sunday night from 6-8pm. All students 6th grade and up are encouraged to attend and bring friends!





Mexican Cistern Ministry Mission Trip January 12-18

Will you go with us to build the 701st cistern? Each person is responsible for their airfare (currently approx. \$500). We fundraise our in-country expenses (travel from the airport to Xpujil, room and board). The church budget contributes to the cost of building the cisterns. If you are interested in knowing more, or if you have a friend or family member who may want to travel with us, please let Rev. Rebecca know.



Lisa Anderson, Founder and Executive Director of Room in the Inn was our speaker in September. We all learned more about the need for shelter in Shelby County and the importance of our participation.



Adult Ministries Luncheon October 24, at Noon

The Adult Ministries Group will host a luncheon on Thursday, October 24th at noon. The speaker will be announced at a later date. Please mark your calendar to attend this event. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann to make a reservation by Monday, October 21st.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

October 18, 6 pm

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will return Friday, October 18th at 6pm. Signup on our website by October 15th with your preference for SOB Collierville, Amerigo, or Salsa. You will be notified regarding your reservation by 1pm on the 15th. Sign up to enjoy this opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones!



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
**4TH ANNUAL
FRIENDSGIVING**

BENEFITING

**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

FEATURING



**The rain may have
forced us inside,
but it didn't dampen
our spirits!**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cole Ritchey
- 3 Jack Ritchey
- 3 Jim Collins
- 3 Steve Demaree
- 3 Jerry Hosier
- 4 Gerry Wilder
- 8 Charlie Smithers
- 13 Annette Hosier
- 14 Aiden Barlow
- 18 Gretchen Burch
- 18 Paula Gale
- 31 Myrt Saxon

Sunday Worship Online

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

And don't forget to like, share, and hit that subscribe button!



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