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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER



Did you know that Farmington Presbyterian Church will celebrate 50 years in ministry this year on Pentecost Sunday?

**Mark your calendar now for June 8, 2025!**

### What will we do?

- We will give thanks to God!

### Who will come?

- We will invite all friends and members of Farmington Presbyterian over these 50 years of ministry to celebrate together.

### How will we celebrate?

- The details remain to be determined. Will there be a luncheon, a dinner, a weekend of activities with a guest preacher, or something else?

Help us decide what should be remembered about the ways the Spirit has moved over the last 50 years as we set our sails to catch the wind of the Holy Spirit for the next 50 years!

If you would be willing to be part of a group that begins planning this celebration, please let Rev. Rebecca or any member of Session know or come to an initial time of idea-sharing on Tuesday, February 18, at 4pm in the East Room.

# Farmington Day School



This month we wanted to take a little time to tell you about the specials that we offer here at FPDS. The children enjoy spending time in music, art, chapel, science and Spanish class. Unfortunately, our Spanish teacher moved and we are still looking to hire a teacher. However, all other specials are in full swing and doing great things. In Kindermusik class Ms. Marsha is getting the kids ready to learn their songs for their upcoming spring program in April. This past December they performed a Christmas Concert for all to enjoy!

This year in Art class the kids are creating art based on children's books. Ms. Valorie, our Art teacher has chosen the art show theme to be art created from books. The art show should be a colorful and thoughtful art show. The kids love to paint, color and create and we have quite a bunch of talented Picassos!

The children have learned all about snow, snowflakes and even made their own snow in Science class. Our little snow day couldn't have come at a better time. Ms. Carly, our Science teacher gathered snow from outside to add to her lesson that week!

We all appreciate all that Rev. Rebecca does and this year she added Preschool Chapel to the list of things that she contributes to the church and day school. Davis Howe leads the Elementary Chapel. Each week the students go into the Sanctuary and hear stories, songs and lessons from the Bible.

The children enjoy leaving the classroom and getting to visit different classrooms in the building. They get to learn new things, have enhanced lessons and have fun while learning! We want to thank all our special teachers for all that they do! They are such an asset to our program and we appreciate them all very much!

Until next month,

**Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea**





# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Farmington PW will meet on **Valentine's Day, February 14** in the East Room at 2:00 to discuss Lessons 5 & 6 of Horizon's *Let Justice Roll Down*. Valentine treats will be provided.

Farmington Presbyterian is hosting the Annual Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Mid-South on April 5! Be sure to mark your calendar and register to be here.

## PW Schedule 2024-2025

**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



**Mothers  
in  
Community**

## Bee Kind.

### Valentine Meeting

in the fellowship hall Thursday, Feb 13th  
6 pm - 8 pm | Free childcare provided

### Social Event

Valentine's Shopping Party  
February 2nd, 12 pm - 4 pm



Mothers in Community (MIC) provided the church and school with an Angel Tree during the holidays. The tree was adorned with "wish list" items for Room in the Inn Family Inn downtown Memphis. Executive Director of Room in the Inn, Lisa Anderson, greeted us at the door and expressed appreciation for our generosity in providing necessary clothing, diapers, and hygiene supplies for those in need. This is just one of the ways Farmington Presbyterian Church demonstrates we have a "Heart for God's World".



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN | PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-SOUTH  
SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS**

## **2025 ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING**

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

**WHO:** Women in the Presbytery of the Midsouth

**WHERE:** Farmington Presbyterian Church  
8245 Farmington Blvd., Germantown, TN 38139  
901-754-2794

**9:30 am** Registration with Fellowship,  
Coffee, and Pastries

**10:00 am** Program with Keynote  
Speaker Lucy Cummings - Executive  
Director of Pinecrest Camp and  
Retreat Center

**11:30 am** Lunch

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS of 2024-2025:** Reports,  
Presentation of Grants, Installation of New  
Officers, In Memoriam, Special Offering and  
Worship Service

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Jinney Hart, Chair  
virginiahart2@comcast.net or 901-262-5392

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025  
*Please register by the deadline to facilitate site  
preparations. Send one registration form per person or  
a list of names with requested information.*

**COST:** \$25 for coffee, pastries, and lunch  
(Vegetarian, gluten free, and dairy-free options available)

Make check payable to Presbyterian Women and mail to:  
Sherila Tuggle, 5294 Cherokee Rose Lane, Memphis, TN 38125

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_



## Youth Fellowship

January has been a good month for the youth, although a bit shortened by winter break and busy schedules. On the 12th, the youth gathered with friends and successfully escaped the High Noon room at Memphis Escape Rooms! In Sunday School, the youth are amidst a series where they are addressing and discussing Burning Questions about their faith.

In February, the youth will continue to have Sunday School from 10-10:45am in the youth room, and meet Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will also be participating in the Presbyterian Youth Conference at Pinecrest which runs from Feb. 21-23rd. More PYC details will be provided to youth and parents soon.



Farmington Presbyterian Church received word that the clothes closet at First Presbyterian Church needed some necessary items. That day school and church community generously donated a variety of gently worn and new clothing to help others. Kay Lait, member of First Presbyterian Church, expressed her gratitude for all the supplies we collected and delivered.



Ephiphany Sunday Children's Time led us on a tour of the Sanctuary to find Jesus. He was in the Word from the Pulpit, the waters of Baptism, the Bread and Cup of Communion, and in the pews as the Body of Christ! How might someone see Jesus in you?



# Session Report

The November and December 2024 Financial Reports were accepted and the church budget for 2025 adopted. Session approved renewing our annual church pledge for \$17,500 to support the ministries of the Presbytery. A Congregational Meeting has been called following worship on Sunday, February 16, for the purposes of receiving the 2024 Annual Report, considering Pastor Terms of Call for 2025, and electing the 2025 Nominating Committee. Session approved a motion to nominate Paula Gale (chair) and Jinney Hart (ruling elder) to serve as the Ruling Elders on the 2025 Nominating Committee. Session approved an additional \$2,000 for the refurbishment of the Outdoor Nativity figures. A motion to contract with Hord Architects for roof replacement services was discussed and tabled, additional information will be requested. Session approved BSA Troop 368's request to hold a lock-in on February 7-9, 2025. Session approved the baptism of Mary Wells Caldwell (December 16 - December 18, 2024), infant daughter of Mandy Caldwell by Rev. Rebecca Luter on December 17, 2024, at LeBonheur NICU.

## Associate Pastor Nominating Committee



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

We are actively seeking candidates with networking emails and phone calls and an advertisement in the Presbyterian Outlook. 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](mailto: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)

## Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Transition K room (A6).

This winter we will be journeying with Jesus as he goes to the Temple, comes to John to be baptized, preaches in the synagogue, and performs miracles of healing.

## Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10am-10:45am in the Youth Room. We are currently discussing "Burning Questions about Faith" submitted by the youth.

## Sunday School for Adults

Rev. Rebecca Luter is facilitating a discussion of Rev. Adam Hamilton's *Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith* on Sunday mornings at 10am in the East Room. Come for one or all of the questions!

- February 2 - The Authority of the Bible
- February 9 - Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?
- February 16 - Is Heaven Real?
- February 23 - When Prayers Go Unanswered
- March 2 - Why Do the Innocent Suffer?



**Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM**

Parkway Gardens United PC  
1005 Shelby Drive, Memphis, TN 38116

**Guest Speaker: Melvin Burgess,**  
Jr. Shelby County Property Tax Assessor



Saturday, February 15, 2025

## The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church

We host Room in the Inn on the 3rd Saturday each month at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons. Each time we host, a group of people prepare a meal for the evening: a casserole or meat, side(s), salad, bread, and dessert. The meal should serve 22 adults. A group of 6-8 people host our guests by setting up at 5pm and welcoming the guests at 6pm. We eat together and visit or play games until 9:30pm. At 9pm, 2 overnight shepherds arrive to spend the night, prepare coffee and a to-go breakfast, and do light clean-up after the guests depart at 6am. After we host, 2 laundry angels volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets after we host our guests. This is a great way for someone who cannot be there in the evenings to still be a part of this ministry. The sign-up is on the website.

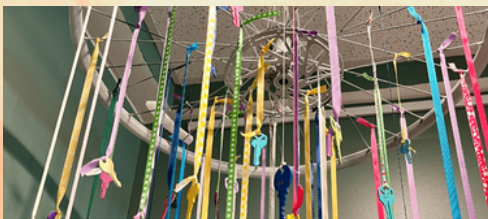


# ROOM IN THE INN MEMPHIS

We are making a difference in the lives of our unhoused guests through our ministry partnership with Room in the Inn! In 2024:



**1636**  
GUESTS RECEIVED SHELTER  
INCLUDING 492 CHILDREN



**156**  
GUESTS MOVED INTO  
PERMANENT HOUSING



### OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

**Donations for this 24/7/365 food pantry may be placed in the baskets by the West entrance.**

- 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





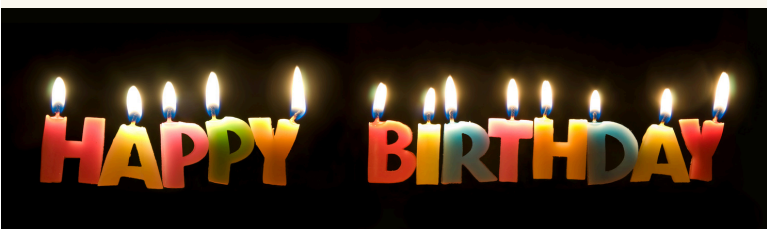
## Thursday Adult Ministries Luncheons

**Plan to join us  
February 27, 2025  
for our monthly gathering.**

## 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](https://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!



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Carter Paine
- 1** Liv Palmer
- 3** Mike Colley
- 6** Jackson Paine
- 8** Meredith Oest
- 11** Rev. Ruth Lovell  
Bradham
- 11** Vickie Haguewood
- 15** Bert Phillips
- 15** Sara Millar
- 17** Pat Rush Davis
- 23** Kristan Perkins
- 23** Susan Phillips
- 24** Martha Mize
- 26** John Hazen

### Staff Extensions

- Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134
- Davis Howe, Interim Youth Director, Ext. 3130
- Polly Knight, Financial Records Keeper, Ext. 3136
- Renee Abel, Church Office Administrator, Ext. 3131
- Gretchen Burch, Director of Day School, Ext. 3132
- Andrea Soto, Assistant Director of Day School, Ext. 3138
- Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

### Session Members

- Moderator - Rev. Rebecca Luter
- Administration - Ann Erickson
- At-large - Paul King
- Congregational Life - Paula Gale
- Christian Education - Liv Palmer
- Clerk - Laurinda Ingram
- Discipleship - Charlie Smithers
- Property and Grounds - Bob Plotner
- School Board - Tom Moots
- Service - Jinney Hart
- Treasurer - Melissa Still
- Worship - Jackie Hall

**Content for the March New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, February 18, 2025.  
Email articles and event information to [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org)**