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Hope - Alive in the World

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Death does not get the last word.

That is the message of Easter, and so we have hope.

We have hope in the midst of our darkest, most painful moments.

We have hope in the midst of unpredictable and fearful times.

We have hope that is not naive and not optimistic.

We have hope that calls us to act.

We are not called to fix it all. We are called to be like Jesus. Jesus met real human needs. He had compassion when he met people in need of healing. He fed people when they were hungry. Jesus sat and listened to people's stories, including some dark pasts, and then shared with them that their past doesn't define their future.

In the coming weeks, we will consider these questions in worship:

- When someone has doubts, how can we meet them where they are?
- When someone is sick, how can we show compassion?
- When someone is hungry, how can we feed them?
- When someone has sinned, how can we offer grace?
- When someone is feeling alone, how can we offer connection?
- When someone is anxious, how can we offer peace?

We worship God whom death cannot hold and against whom evil shall not prevail. Therefore, we have hope.

When hope seems lost, I look for God's presence in the faces of the Farmington family, in the ways you love and care, cry and laugh together. You remind me that hope is not an abstract concept, but something we embody as we carry one another's burdens. Thank you for being hope - alive in the world!

Farmington Day School

April showers bring May flowers...but we need the rain to stay away because Preschool wants to go outside and play! Springtime at FPDS means lots of fun outside activities and events. We kick off April 1st and 2nd with our classroom Easter Egg Hunts. We love promoting the church's Egg Hunt as well on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Remember to come to the school and visit us on Wednesday, April 1st. The women of the church will be hosting their annual Bake Sale. It is not an April Fool's joke...there will be yummy treats!

The school will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, but back open and offering holiday care for our school age students on Monday, April 6th.

One of the children's favorite days is the Petting Zoo. Monday, April 13th the petting zoo with arriver here at FPDS! The kids will get to pet and feed the animals, take a train ride around the paring lot and even get to ride a horse! We will continue our outside events for the next two days on Tuesday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 15th as we support St. Jude with our annual Trike a Thon. Our school over the years has donated more than \$100,000 to St. Jude. We are very proud of that, and we enjoy teaching the kids about the St. Jude hospital and how they can help give back to their community and other children.

Just when you couldn't think we couldn't do any more above and beyond things around here...we end the month with our Spring Music Concert and Art Show, April 23 & 24. This is a must-see program as we highlight our music and art classes. This year we even added science to our program. With songs about science and the art featured in the art show is created by science learning and experiments.

Please come and visit, support or help at any events or activities. We enjoy sharing these moments with you and we are so proud of our kids, teachers and awesome things that they do EVERYDAY!

See you around the school!

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea

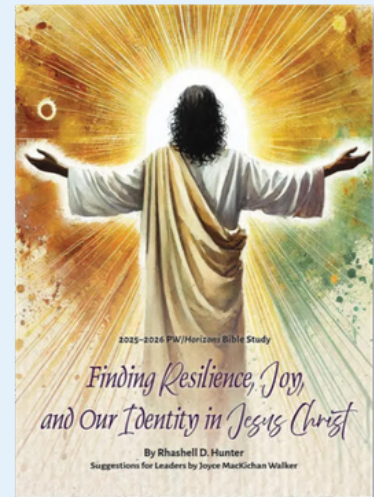




PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Several women from Farmington Presbyterian Church along with their friends were able to enjoy gathering for High Tea at Nostalgia Tea Room in Collierville recently. The food and tea was delicious, but the time was made memorable with our enjoyment of fellowship with one another. All women are welcome to join us in our Bible studies and other gatherings. Our Horizon Bible study series concludes Sunday, April 19. We will be discussing Lesson 9 and finding our identity as we walk with Jesus. Hope to see you then!

Mark your calendar for potluck and enjoying the Kentucky Oaks at Ann Erickson's home Friday, May 1. More information to follow.



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WOMEN

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SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

2026 ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

WHERE: Grace Presbyterian Church
6671 Yale Road, Bartlett TN 38134

TIME: 9:30am - Registration with Fellowship, Coffee, and Pastries

10:00am - Program with Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Cindy Schwartz, Pastor for Spiritual Direction,
Germantown Presbyterian Church

11:30am Lunch

QUESTIONS: Contact Sandy Kehrl, Chair
sandy.kehrl@gmail.com or 901-550-8101

Save the Date
Vacation Bible
School 2026
 June 8–12 9am–12pm



Volunteers needed!

Contact Rev. Barb (barbj@farmingtonpres.org) if you are available to help before or during VBS. There are ways to be involved here and from home.



2025-2026
 CONGREGATIONAL WINTER SHELTER SEASON

40

HOST
 CONGREGATIONS

634

GUESTS
 SEEKING SHELTER

114

GUESTS
 WERE CHILDREN

5,222

SHELTER BEDS

1,200

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

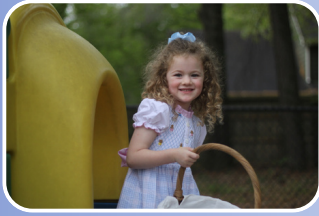


Thank YOU!

Farmington family, we were part of providing shelter and offering hospitality and hope to 140 individuals this winter.

Session Report

Session approved an adjustment to the 2026 church budget to reflect updated pledge numbers. The February 2026 Financial Report was accepted. Revised Financial Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 were accepted. Paula Gale presented the Commissioners Report from the Stated Presbytery Meeting on March 3 where Rev. Jay Earhart-Brown welcomed by transfer to PC(USA), the 2025 year end budget report was presented, and a motion was approved to sponsor an optional educational event resourced by the Covenant Network of Presbyterians.



For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections

We took the kids to the beach,
a herd of children lathered in sunscreen.
We spent most of the day building sandcastles,
swimming in the shallows,
wiping sand off their eyelashes and noses.

Things changed
when a small fish washed up on shore.
The children saw it first -
a little body gasping to survive.

They cried out -
Quick! We have to save it!
We grabbed our buckets.
We sprinted to the waterline.
We scooped up the dying fish
and returned it to the waves.
The kids sagged with relief as the fish jolted to life.
a tiny resurrection in front of our very eyes.

Full of pride, I said to them -
You did something good.
Today, you saved a life.
A seven-year-old with sun-kissed cheeks
took the bucket from my hands and said,
I'd like to save some more.

He spent the afternoon patrolling the waves,
hoping to dole out mercy to any shore-washed fish.
He carried his bucket around all day, because
love inspires love.

Love will make you want to
patrol the shoreline,
sing Hosanna,
witness a resurrection,
save some more -
one bucket of water at a time.

by Rev. Sarah Speed

2026 Fellowship Schedule



Fellowship Coffee Sign-Ups

On the third Sunday of the month members of the congregation help serve a simple after worship snack in the Fellowship Hall. We simply ask that one person bring savory items and another bring sweets.

It's your chance to show off your culinary skills (or bring some chips and salsa)!
Sign up now to host in 2026.

Nothing fancy is required, just something to share as we enjoy fellowship after worship.

You can sign up at farmingtonpres.org or contact Elizabeth Demaree.



Potlucks 1st Sunday of the Month



Our last potluck before summer is coming up! Mark your calendar!

May 3

Each Potluck Sunday we need 3 volunteers for set-up and 3 volunteers for clean-up. You can find the sign-up by the coffee in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or at farmingtonpres.org under "Sign Ups."



Flower Signups

You can honor a loved one, remember a dearly departed one, thank a friend, or celebrate an occasion by providing flowers for worship.

The sign-up for 2026 is on the website. At the top right, click "Sign ups," then click the "Sunday Flowers" icon.

The cost for the two arrangements is \$60. You may take them home after worship, but please return the silver urns.





Worship @ 11
Pizza @ 12
Packaging @ 1
April 26

Rise Against Hunger Challenge

Each Rise Against Hunger meal costs 46 cents. Each year we hope to package 20,000 meals. Our church budgets \$6,000 from your tithes and offerings each year for this mission work, and the rest of the meals are funded by fundraisers and designated gifts. Rather than having something for you to purchase this year, we are encouraging you to make your gift by taking on a spiritual discipline. Is there something you can give up in April that will allow you to give \$1.50 per day to feed a child? If each of us gives \$1.50 per day for the month of April (\$45), we will meet our goal of raising an additional \$3,200 to provide 20,000 meals.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join you!

Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

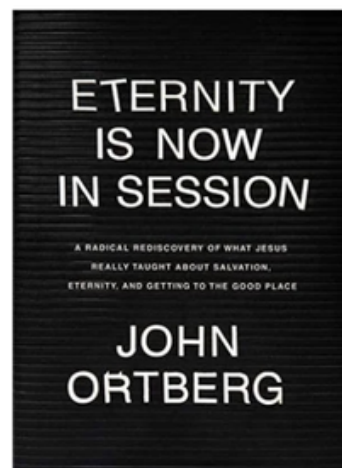
Students in 6th-12th grades have Sunday School from 10am-10:45am in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings.



Cooper Patterson's class is studying John Ortberg's *Eternity Is Now in Session*. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Sunday School for Adults

Prepare for worship each Sunday morning by reading and reflecting on the Scripture with Rev. Rebecca. All are welcome. We meet in the East Room from 10am-10:45am.





Sunday Worship Online

Don't miss worshipping with your Farmington family. Join us on Sunday mornings for worship online. You can find us by clicking "Worship With Us!" on our website, www.Farmingtonpres.org, or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian. All services are archived and available on our YouTube channel.

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



April Birthdays

- 2 Bailey Wann
- 5 Cynthia Williams
- 9 Charlotte Moots
- 13 Jack Ingram
- 15 Kasi Wann
- 19 Angela Rutland
- 20 Gavin Perkins
- 22 Mo Smithers
- 23 Emily Rhodes
- 24 John Perkins
- 27 Elizabeth Williams
- 29 Ann Erickson

Staff Extensions

- Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134
- Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor, Ext. 3130
- Davis Howe, Youth Director, 901-482-2503
- 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

- Pastor - Rev. Rebecca Luter
- Associate Pastor - Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson
- Administration - Mike Colley
- Congregational Life - Elizabeth Demaree
- Christian Education - Liv Palmer
- Clerk - Laurinda Ingram
- Discipleship - Charlie Smithers
- Property and Grounds - Bob Plotner
- School Board - Tom Moots
- Service - Madi Lewis
- Treasurer - Jackie Hall
- Worship - Paula Gale

**Content for the May New Vision newsletter is due Thursday, April 23.
Email articles and event information to church@farmingtonpres.org**