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It is almost time for Vacation Bible School, and we have almost 170 children registered!

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As many of you know, I love VBS. My love for VBS comes from my childhood experiences at VBS. I have memories of making my first tie-dyed shirt and making mud bricks in a baby pool at VBS. I remember making magnets for the refrigerator in animal shapes. Well, that's really about all I remember. I don't have any specific memories of interactions or Bible stories. The reason I love VBS is that I remember the way I felt as a child at VBS. The volunteers enjoyed VBS with us and created an atmosphere of welcome.

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I remember the kindness of someone helping me with rubber bands around the t-shirt and him showing me how to twist the fabric. I remember the joyful sound of laughter as we patted the mud into bricks. I remember the patience of someone with a hot-glue gun as she put the magnet on my wooden duck.

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Perhaps we were learning about Joseph as we made our t-shirts of many colors. I imagine the story that accompanied the bricks was the Israelites making bricks as slaves in Egypt. Maybe the story that accompanied the magnet animals was creation or Noah - I really don't remember.

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What I remember more is the lesson of community. I saw adults working together, helping each other, and enjoying each other's company. I saw teenagers, not much older than I, being valued as part of the team.

What I remember is the experience of hospitality. I felt that I belonged because people treated me like part of the family. I wanted to be there because I knew I was wanted there.

This is my hope for every child who comes to VBS at Farmington Presbyterian Church. I hope they feel wanted. I hope they feel welcomed. I hope they see God's love in the faces and actions and interactions of our volunteers.

Please join me in praying for the volunteers and students. The theme this year is "Find Your Strength in God" and the stories are Joseph's dreams, Esther's courage, the widow's offering, Jesus's prayer, and Peter & John's visit to the Temple. The Scripture focus is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

In worship on Sunday, June 14, we will lift up the stories of Vacation Bible School and celebrate the ways that God uses Farmington to welcome God's children and share God's love.

Farmington Day School

The theme for our Music and Art Show this Spring was SCIENCE! Every piece of art was the product of a scientific experiment, and the songs taught about rainbows, magnet, chemical reactions, and more!





Farmington Day School

Thank you to everyone for an AMAZING school year! We are looking forward to 8 fun weeks of Summer Camp FUN! We wish you all a wonderful, safe and enjoyable summer break.

See you soon!

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea

Summer 2026 Schedule

- June 1- 5 Week 1 Hello, Summer!
- June 8- 12 Week 2 V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School)
- June 15- 19 Week 3 Glow Up
- June 22- 26 Week 4 Splash Zone
- June 29- July 3 Week 5 Team USA
(Closed- July 2 & 3)
- July 6- 10 Week 6 Camping & S'more Fun
- July 13- 17 Week 7 Artist Studio
- July 20- 24 Week 8 Super Hero Training
- July 27- 31 Closed Teacher In-Service
- August 3 First Day of Preschool Classes and
Holiday Care (August 4 & 5)



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The women of the church were excited to receive a grant for \$500 from the Presbyterian Women of the Mid-South at the Spring Gathering at Grace Presbyterian Church in Bartlett. The grant money for children who are receiving assistance from Room in the Inn will be used to purchase school uniforms. Grant money from the Presbyterian Women of the Mid-South 2025 provided almost 250 all day bus passes for the guests we hosted at the Germantown Methodist Cottage and at Room In the Inn Downtown. Our service and financial support to RITI is just one example of how the women of Farmington Presbyterian witness to others about our mission to share God's love and forgiveness with others.



Want to help plan the fun? Get more involved in women's Bible study?

Anyone who would like to join the Farmington Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team is welcome to contact Jinney Hart. We strive to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in the world and welcome any woman who wants to serve. Our group will resume our Horizon's Bible study in September.

The Presbyterian Women of Farmington will study Paul's letter to the Corinthians in their upcoming 2026-2027 Horizons Bible Study beginning in September. You can purchase a copy from Melissa Still for \$15.40 or order from the PW website:

www.presbyterianwomen.org





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Merry Bonner and Paula Patterson received the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award during worship service May 17. The women of the church were pleased to honor Merry and Paula for their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. Their dedication to Farmington Presbyterian Day School and various church committees further demonstrates their willingness to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We appreciate all they have done for our church family. A reception followed service to honor them and their families.



Several ladies from Farmington Presbyterian gathered at Ann Erickson's home to enjoy fellowship, food and the Kentucky Oaks. The Kentucky Oaks honors cancer survivors, so we followed their example and wore pink, too. Ann provided information to the group to help us pick our favored fillies to win. Beverly Butler's choice, Always a Runner, won. Her winnings of \$300 will be donated to Pinecrest Camp. The Women of Farmington Presbyterian know how to have fun *and* support their community!



On April 13th, the Germantown Education Commission recognized J.B. Wann as the Spring 2026 recipient of the Exceptional Student Award at a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Alderman at City Hall. This distinguished honor is presented to students in their final year of working toward a Special Education Diploma who demonstrate dedication, growth and a commitment to excellence. J.B. is completing his final year in Houston High's Transition Academy, where he continues to build academic, social and vocational skills that will support his future success.

Throughout his time at Houston High, J.B. has been an active and engaged member of the school community. He participates in Horizons Club and Art Flow Club, both of which promote inclusion and connection among students. He is also a member of the Stang Gang exceptional student cheer team, where he brings enthusiasm and encouragement to every event, and he participates in Special Olympics track.

Also while at Houston, J.B. engaged in work-based learning where he gained valuable, hands-on experience at a variety of community job sites, including Eggs Up Grill, Make-A-Wish, the Germantown Athletic Club, MoJo, Cordova Bowling, and several other businesses across the area. At school, he assists in the front office, helps with deliveries and supports the school clinic each morning.

In addition, J.B. contributes to his classroom's student-run t-shirt shop, where he developed skills using specialized equipment and takes pride in producing items for the school community. He distinguished himself as a top salesperson on the Candy Cart, demonstrating initiative, responsibility and strong interpersonal skills. His dedication and work ethic have earned him "Employee of the Week" recognition more than once.

Beyond the classroom and workplace, J.B. is actively involved in the community. He is an engaged member of Farmington Presbyterian Church and Youth Group, participates in YoungLife, Social Group and Pin Pals, a bowling program for individuals with disabilities.

J.B. is widely recognized as a positive and encouraging presence. He consistently looks for ways to support others, offering a helping hand, a kind word or a moment of encouragement. He is particularly attentive to the weekly prayer requests shared in worship. His ability to connect with people of all abilities, along with his willingness to reflect and grow, make him a strong role model within the school community.

With good attendance, steady academic progress and a commitment to personal growth, J.B. continues to embrace new challenges and opportunities. His positive attitude, reliability and determination make a lasting impact on those around him.



Cokesbury Kids

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

FIND
YOUR
STRENGTH
IN GOD



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN VBS 2026

JUNE 8-12 ❄️ **9AM-NOON**

RISING 1ST-6TH GRADERS
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Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

The end of the school year has been eventful for the youth, who enjoyed helping with Rise Against Hunger, an IKEA trip to shop for dorms, and supporting each other in their graduation celebrations! In Sunday School, the youth took a deep dive into the philosophy of Ecclesiastes and the impact of Mary Magdalene on the early church.



The youth will travel to Montreat Youth Conference June 14-20. Please pray for safe travel and that our youth will be challenged and energized by their calling to be and to shape the church.



Youth Sunday School

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



Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship

Students in 6th-12th grades have dinner, conversation, and fun together on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm in the Youth Room.

Fellowship Coffee

Sign up now to host on June 21.

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.

Nothing fancy is required! Sign up at farmingtonpres.org/sign-ups or contact Elizabeth Demaree.



Session Updates

Session accepted the March 2026 and April 2026 Financial Reports. A motion was approved for Boy Scout Troop 368 to pursue options for another charter organization.

Session received a copy of "Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Churchwide Antiracism Policy" from the 2016 General Assembly for consideration of revisions to our policies.

June Birthdays

- 4 Kay Patterson
- 6 Angela Horne
- 6 Anthony Jones
- 10 Nathan Williams
- 11 Bob Plotner
- 12 Walker Ward
- 13 Vesta Andrews
- 14 Sandy Wann
- 22 Brandon Wann
- 23 Bo Bradham
- 23 Jerry Renfrow
- 30 William Ingram
- 30 Shelley Wann
- 30 Simone Bourgeois



Adult Sunday School is on Summer Break until August.

Summer
Break

FUN AT THE
FARMINGTON PRES
**FAMILY
PICNIC**
AND RIBBON CUTTING FOR
OUR *NEW* BACKYARD!





ART EXHIBITION & SALE

01 SAFE SURRENDER

From This...



DISMANTLING

02

To This...

03 DISMANTLED

To This...



TRANSFORMED

04

And Finally This...
Garden Tools, Art & Jewelry

Thursday, June 11, 2026

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church

1567 Overton Park Ave.

Evergreen
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

METAL
MUSEUM

100% of Sales Go To Support
the 2027 Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event



Sunday Worship Online

Don't miss worshipping with your Farmington family. Join us on Sunday mornings for worship online. Click *Worship With Us!* at farmingtonpres.org or go to www.youtube.com/farmingtonpresbyterian. All services are archived and available on our YouTube channel. Subscribe to be notified when we are live or when a video is posted.

Flower Signups



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

To sign up, visit farmingtonpres.org. At the top right, click *Sign Ups*, then click the *Sunday Flowers* icon. The cost for two arrangements is \$60. You may take them home after worship, but please return the silver urns.

Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134

Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Associate Pastor, Ext. 3130

Davis Howe, Youth Director, 901-482-2503

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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 July New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, June 23.
Email articles, photos, and event information to church@farmingtonpres.org**