



FARMINGTON *New Vision*

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TRUNK OR TREAT 2026

Deepening Our Discipleship

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How do you know a person is thriving? They have a subject or an interest that is motivating them to grow and learn and do new things. They act responsibly caring for themselves and their resources. They are engaged in community and have healthy relationships with others. They are growing into the person God made them to be.

The church thrives the same way. Thriving as a church is not about numbers of members. It is not about buildings or meetings. Thriving means growing into who God calls us to be in this time and place. The mission of Farmington Presbyterian to provide a home for God's family with a heart for God's world guides our ministry.

Our stewardship theme this year, Thriving: Living a Generous Life, asks everyone to pray about these questions:

What new things will we learn and do as a church this year? How will we care for our congregation and steward our resources? How will we engage our community and love others?

Farmington family, let's thrive in 2027!

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Farmington Day School

The month of November can be a time of reflecting on people, things and experiences you are thankful for. It is also a time of doing good deeds for others in gratitude. This November the day school will be hosting a Food Drive for the Oakland Presbyterian Church 24/7/365 food pantry. We will have tables set up in our hallway to show the kids that they can help others. We hope you will participate and help us help others!

Monday- Cereals, Oatmeal and Cereal Bars

Tuesday- Cans of Fruits and Vegetables

Wednesday- Noodles and Sauces

Thursday- Cans of Soup

Friday- Peanut butter and Jelly

The preschool kids will be walking in a shoebox float parade on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 19 & 20) before they join their classmates in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Feast.

The teachers and staff will get a much-needed break over Thanksgiving. This gives them time to spend time with their loved ones and reflect on what they are thankful for. The day school will be closed Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27.

I am so very thankful for the staff, families and children here at FPDS. I am thankful for the church community and support. I wish you all a thankful and joyous Thanksgiving.

Ms. Gretchen

Our preschool teachers were able to attend this year's Tennessee Association for Children's Early Education Conference held in Memphis on Saturday, October 3.



Help Your Neighbors BY DONATING TO THE OAKLAND FOOD PANTRY

November 1st through the 13th.

MONDAYS

Bring cereal,
oatmeal,
breakfast bars.



TUESDAYS

Bring cans of
fruits and
vegetables.



WEDNESDAYS

Bring noodles
and sauces.



THURSDAYS

Bring soups.



FRIDAYS

Bring peanut butter
and jelly.



Together we can make a difference!



Trunk or Treat 2026

A special thank you to everyone who brought our Trunk or Treat to life! Church members, FPDS Families, and visitors from the community had a fabulous time visiting trunks, playing games, eating snacks, and showing off their costumes!





Let Us Gather Together

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

DINNER | 6:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WORSHIP | 6:45PM
SANCTUARY

RSVP TO CHURCH@FARMINGTONPRES.ORG WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING FOR THE MEAL.



Saturdays, Nov 7 & 21

Farmington Presbyterian's first night to serve at Room in the Inn is **Saturday, November 7.**

This year we will host the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights from November through March. Mark your calendar now and make plans to be involved in this critical ministry of hospitality.

Each time we host, we need dinner for 24 provided (you might want to gather with friends to provide dinner together), 6-8 volunteers to host and visit with our guests during the evening, 2 volunteers to spend the night and clean up in the morning, and laundry angels to prepare the sheets and blankets for our next evening of hospitality.

To sign up, visit farmingtonpres.org. At the top right, click *Sign Ups*, then *Room in the Inn*.

NOVEMBER 2026 GRATITUDE EVERY DAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THU	FRI	SAT
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1 A small thing I am thankful for	2 A color I am thankful for	3 A family member I am thankful for	4 A song I am thankful for	5 A memory I am thankful for	6 A freedom I am thankful for	7 A game I am thankful for
8 A book I am thankful for	9 A friend I am thankful for	10 An animal I am thankful for	11 A goal I am thankful for	12 A food I am thankful for	13 A dream I am thankful for	14 A teacher I am thankful for
15 A smell I am thankful for	16 A treasure I am thankful for	17 A season I am thankful for	18 A thing in nature I am thankful for	19 A possession I am thankful for	20 A promise I am thankful for	21 A time of day I am thankful for
22 An act of kindness I am thankful for	23 A piece of advice I am thankful for	24 A talent I am thankful for	25 A mystery I am thankful for	26 A tradition I am thankful for	27 A memory from yesterday I am thankful for	28 A word I am thankful for
29 A lesson I am thankful for	30 A place I am thankful for					

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO USE THIS CALENDAR

1. **Make it a small daily ritual.** Whether you reflect on the prompt alone over a cup of coffee or discuss it with your family before bed, choose a time that works for you.
2. **Respond however you like.** Write your answers, draw a picture, say them aloud, or keep a note on your phone.
3. **Cross off the days you do the exercise.** Gratitude is a habit. See how many days in a row you remember.
4. **Be flexible and return.** It's okay if you miss a day or two. Pick up where you left off!
5. **Share with others.** If your whole community is using this calendar, text, call, or email each other with your shared answers.



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Hanging of the Green Sunday, November 22

Stay after worship as we begin our preparations to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

We will have a light lunch immediately following worship and decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will need people who can climb ladders and carry heavy things and people who can "fluff" greenery and bows.





FARMINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
& DAY SCHOOL



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Food and Drink Available!
Bring a lawn chair/picnic blanket!

**NOVEMBER 6TH
5:00-7:00PM**

**101 DALMATIANS
STARTS AT 5:30!**

**Farmington Presbyterian Church
8245 Farmington Blvd, Germantown TN**





Presbyterian Women



Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church continue to explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and have discovered that even though we are different in a variety of ways, we are still united through Christ. As we connect as a church of believers with Christ as the head, we build a strong foundation through our gifts and work for others. We serve as God's field to nurture each other, and our bodies remain the temple of the Holy Spirit. We gather as one in unity and harmony regardless of financial status, ethnicity, ancestry, career status, or

organization affiliation. You are invited to join us November 15 at 12:30 in the East Room to discuss lessons 3 & 4 of Horizon's *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*.

During our recent meeting, PW agreed to continue supporting the following mission projects with our pledge money and bake sale earnings: Church Health Center; Presbyterian Disaster Relief; Mission Haven; Room in the Inn; Soup Kitchen; Farmington Church Mission Trip; and Pinecrest. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who help support the work of Farmington PW in the community.

2026-2027 Presbyterian Women Calendar

SUN
11/15
12:30pm

Lesson 3 & 4
East Room

WED
12/16
10am-6pm

Presbyterian Women
Bake Sale

SUN
1/17
12:30pm

Lesson 5
East Room

SUN
2/21
12:30pm

Lessons 6 & 7
East Room

SUN
3/21
12:30pm

Lesson 8
East Room

WED
3/24
10am-6pm

Presbyterian Women
Bake Sale

SUN
4/11
12:30pm

Study Conclusion:
Lesson 9
East Room

FRI
4/30
5pm

The Oaks Derby &
Potluck
Ann Erickson's Home

Bible Study at Farmington Pres



... pray without ceasing ...
(1Th. 5:17)

Thursday Morning Prayer

8:00-8:30am, East Room

Have you wanted to learn how to pray? Wanted to pray for your concerns, the concerns of others, and for the world? Rev. Rebecca will lead a weekly time of prayer this fall from 8:00-8:30am on Thursday mornings in the East Room. We learn to pray by practicing prayer. Come as often as you can, there is no registration or prior experience required. We will gather each Thursday until Thanksgiving.

Adult Sunday School

10 AM, EAST ROOM

Bob Freymeyer is leading a class discussion *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and other Confused Presbyterians* by Ted V. Foote, Jr., and P. Alex Thornburg.

The class considers both the theological issues of what being Presbyterian means as well as the role of religion in the South more generally. Bob is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Presbyterian College. Much of his research focused on the social and demographic conditions and recent changes in the American South.

Youth Confirmation 2026

**Christian Presbyterians:
What, Why, & How We Believe**

SUNDAYS 4:30-6PM

This fall, youth 6th grade and older are gathering for dinner, study, and games as we learn together what it means to be Presbyterian and people of faith. Each week we welcome a guest from the congregation to enter into dialogue with us about their faith.



Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, our Associate Pastor, was welcomed as a member of the Presbytery of the Mid-South at its October 27, 2026 meeting. We are thankful for Rev. Barb's ministry at Farmington Presbyterian!

2026 Fellowship Calendar

- Nov. 1 Potluck Lunch
- Nov. 15 Fellowship Coffee
- Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship
- Dec. 2 Wednesday Night Dinner & Christmas Sing-a-long
- Dec. 12 Farmington Christmas Party at Halle Plantation, 6-10pm
- Dec. 20 Lessons and Carols & Christmas Lunch

November Birthdays

- 1 James Laycook
- 1 Charlene Still
- 1 Cristaldawn Smith
- 3 Beverly Butler
- 6 Ashleigh Williams
- 9 Nadine Oest
- 10 ElizaSchneider
- 10 Christ Luter
- 11 Meg Sweet
- 13 Jeremy Paine
- 13 JB Wann
- 17 Nicholas Luter
- 20 Tim Butler
- 22 Amellia Palmer
- 24 Lauren Thomas Hicks
- 24 Cooper Patterson

Fellowship Coffee

Sign up now to host on November 15.

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.





Cistern Ministry MISSION TRIP January 11 – 16, 2027

The Mexico Cistern Ministry supports the effort to bring drinkable water to families in the Yucatan. Through a partnership with local churches, volunteers help local families build their own cistern that collects and purifies rain water.

Each team member pays their own airfare (approximately \$700) and the church budget covers the team's expenses in Mexico. Fundraisers and individual gifts help cover the cost of the 4 cisterns we will build. For more information, contact Rev. Rebecca.

Session Updates

Session is exploring options to sell our two 2006 buses and purchase one 15 passenger transport van. The budget was reviewed and income and expenses are in line for this time of year. Session elected two commissioners, Ann Erickson and Pat Sherman, to the October meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

Session Members

Pastor	Rev. Rebecca Luter	Fellowship	Elizabeth Demaree
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson	Property & Grounds	Bob Plotner
Administration	Mike Colley	School Board	Becky Hutchins
Christian Education	Tom Moots	Service	Madi Lewis
Clerk	Laurinda Ingram	Special Projects	Charlie Smithers
Congregational Care	Don Mitchell	Treasurer	Jackie Hall
		Worship	Paula Gale



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

Pastor	Rev. Rebecca Luter, Ext. 3134
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Ext. 3130
Youth Director	Davis Howe, (901) 482-2503
Financial Administrator	Polly Knight, Ext. 3136
Administrative Assistant	Renee Abel, Ext. 3131
Day School Director	Gretchen Burch, Ext. 3132



Content for the November New Vision newsletter is due Thursday, November 19. Email articles, photos, and event information to church@farmingtonpres.org