



FARMINGTON

New Vision

October 2026



Packing Hygiene Kits at Fall Festival

Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Do you know how to tell a church is thriving? You can see it in the community when it gathers together. We show our love for God in the way we love others. In a thriving church, love is evident. People are happy to see each other and visit. Members can't wait to help and serve. People genuinely care about each other.

Our stewardship theme this year is Thriving: Living a Generous Life. Generosity is about more than money. Generosity is about love that is overflowing in ways that are visible. How will you be generous with your time this year? How will you be generous with your abilities and skills? How will you be generous with your resources? How will you overflow with love?

Farmington family, let's thrive in 2027!

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Farmington Day School

Fall is finally in the air and the kids and teachers are enjoying it! All the classrooms have been busy making artwork with fall leaves, getting ready to learn all about pumpkins and having a lot of fun playing outside!

FPDS will set up a pumpkin patch for the 3 year old classes to pick pumpkins, decorate them and talk about all the parts of the pumpkin. The 4 year old classes will take their first field trip and visit Menagerie Farms. They will get to go on a hayride, a train ride, pet and feed goats, fish and pick their own pumpkins.

School Age students will be enjoying a week off for Fall Break and we hope to see many of our school age friends visit that week for Holiday Care.

October is fire safety month and what better way to learn about fire safety than having a visit from the fire department. The kids always enjoy seeing the gear the firefighters wear and getting to explore on their big truck.

We will finish the month with our Fun Friday event which just happens to land on October 30th. This fun Friday event will be our Halloween party! The kids get to dress up in their costumes, have a dance party, decorate cookies, do a fun craft, story and music time and last, but not least go by the office to Trick or Treat!

I wish you all a Happy Fall season as we all gear up for the holiday season.

Ms. Gretchen



Farmington Presbyterian

Trunk or Treat

October 25 | 4pm-6pm



preschool
friendly
costumes only,
please!

Music - Games - Party

8245 Farmington Blvd., Germantown



sign up today!

farmingtonpres.org

Fall Festival 2026

Church members, FPDS families, and guests from the community gathered on a perfect fall evening for balloon animals, fun games, homemade pizzas by Scott, and live music with Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Card.

In addition to the fun, we packed 200 Hygiene Kits and raised \$870 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you would like to contribute, there is still time! When you make your gift, put PDA in the memo.



PRESBYTERY MEETING – OCTOBER 27

Farmington Presbyterian is represented at the Presbytery of the Mid-South by our pastors and by 2 Ruling Elder Commissioners. These elders do not have to be currently serving on Session. Our next Presbytery meeting will be at LeMoyne-Owen College on October 27 from 9:30-2:30 with registration beginning at 9am. It is a true joy to represent Farmington and to gather with other Presbyterians from the area. If you are able to attend and would be willing to serve as one of our Commissioners, please contact Rev. Rebecca (rluter@farmingtonpres.org) or Laurinda Ingram (laurinda.ingram@gmail.com) and let them know.

First Presbyterian Church works diligently to provide resources for those in need. Their ministry includes a clothing closet for men, women, and children; a Sunday soup kitchen meal; and bologna and cheese sandwiches for anyone needing them. A request came to us to help replenish their sandwich supply. At times 400 sandwiches have been

dispersed to their guests in one day! Once again Farmington Presbyterian made sandwiches at home and in the church kitchen. Over 600 sandwiches were delivered to First Presbyterian downtown. Thank you, Church, for your willingness to serve others!



Wednesday Night Dinner

Taco Bar by Scott

October 21, 6pm | Acts of Service at 6:45pm

We will package bologna sandwiches for First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen and pray for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

*Camp Food
and
Cocktails*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

5 - 7 PM

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TICKETS \$75 (\$85 AT DOOR)

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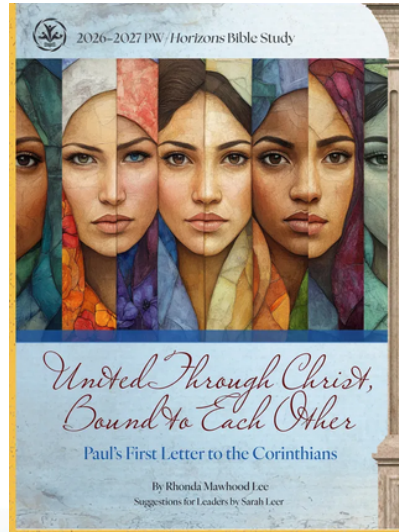
BENEFITTING PINECREST CAMP AND
RETREAT CENTER



Presbyterian Women

2026-2027 Presbyterian Women Calendar

Horizons Bible Study



Have you ever considered that we are siblings in faith, united in Jesus Christ? All women are invited to attend the Horizons Bible Study to

discuss this topic and think about the ways we share our gifts and support each other as we glorify God and receive strength and guidance even in hard times. Please gather Sunday, October 18 at 12:30 pm in the East Room!

2027

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

SUN
4/11
12:30pm

**Study Conclusion:
Lesson 9**
East Room

WED
3/24
10am-6pm

**Presbyterian Women
Bake Sale**

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 except October 15.

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.

What does the Lord require
of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Reconciling God's people
at the Table of Grace
through ministries of justice.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



*Lord, we thank you for the gift of
this global table where all are
welcome, and none are strangers.
As we eat this bread and drink this
cup, we pray that you would make
us one in you, regardless of our
languages, cultures or circumstances.
Amen.*



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



Sunday, October 4

On World Communion Sunday, all of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



Dear Friends of Room in the Inn-Memphis,

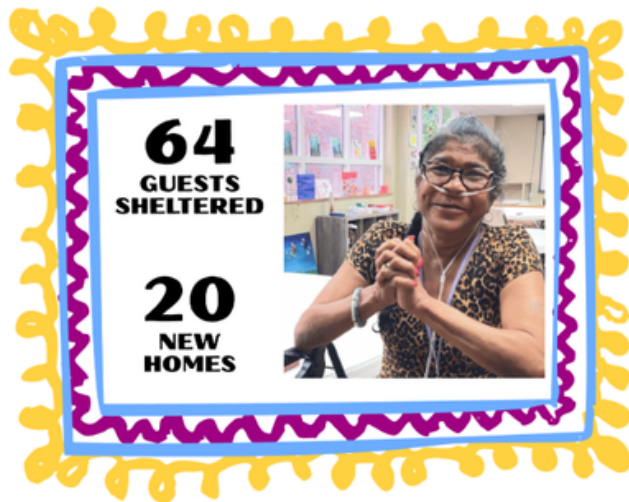
This year, you joined us in the beautiful work of providing life-changing shelter to a record number of unhoused men, women, and children. Guests came to us from hospital discharges, cars serving as temporary homes, referrals from community partners, and from the streets of our city.

Together, we walked alongside them—within congregations that opened their doors and on our campus—while our dedicated staff helped each guest pursue their goals for the future.

Your generosity made this possible: your financial gifts and countless volunteer hours created safety, stability, and hope.

In the images that follow, you will see the numbers. We believe you will also see a clear picture of your impact of lives cherished, families supported, and neighbors welcomed home. Thank you for being part of this incredible work as we continue to make room in Memphis!

Peace,
Rev. Lisa Anderson
Executive Director, Room in the Inn - Memphis



Recuperative Care



Congregational Shelter



Family Inn



Housing Stabilization



Saturdays, Nov. 7 & Nov. 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 click the *Room in the Inn* icon.



Fall 2026 Fellowship Calendar

Typically we enjoy a Potluck Lunch after worship on the first Sunday each month, Fellowship Coffee hosted by members after worship on the third Sunday each month, and will have a Wednesday Night Dinner together at 6pm on the third Wednesday night each month. There are a few exceptions. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to fellowship with your Farmington Family!

October 18	Fellowship Coffee
October 21	Wednesday Night Dinner
October 25	Trunk or Treat, 4pm-6pm
November 1	Potluck Lunch
November 15	Fellowship Coffee
November 18	Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship
December 2	Wednesday Night Dinner and Christmas Sing-a-long
December 12	Farmington Christmas Party at Halle Plantation, 6-10pm
December 20	Lessons and Carols and Christmas Lunch



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
- 18 Gretchen Burch
- 18 Paula Gale
- 31 Myrt Saxon

Fellowship Coffee

**Sign up now to host on
October 18.**

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 welcomed Linda Stamps into the membership of Farmington Presbyterian by transfer of letter from the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Linda was a member of Collierville Presbyterian Church.

The replacement of an HVAC unit was approved. Jackie Hall will be Treasurer for the 2026-27 Session year and Charlie Smithers will be taking on some special projects for Administration Committee.

Farmington Presbyterian is supporting Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center as Spark Sponsors at Campfood and Cocktails on October 18.

Session Members

Pastor Rev. Rebecca Luter
Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson
Administration Mike Colley
Christian Education Tom Moots
Clerk Laurinda Ingram
Congregational Care Don Mitchell
Fellowship Elizabeth Demaree
Property & Grounds Bob Plotner
School Board Becky Hutchins
Service Madi Lewis
Special Projects Charlie Smithers
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, October 22. Email articles, photos, and event information to church@farmingtonpres.org