



NOVEMBER 2018

Day School children got a visit from the Germantown Fire Department. They learned about fire safety and played inside a firetruck.



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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The Psalmist tells us that the one who is planted like a tree by streams of water is blessed, yielding its fruit in season. The Farmington family is growing in faith together through worship, education, and service as we live together as brothers and sisters in the family of God. It is no accident that the theme of our Stewardship Campaign, Growing In Faith Together, forms the acronym GIFT. As we grow together in faith, we are blessed and our ministries are fruitful. I hope that you will take some time to reflect on the ways that Farmington has been a gift to you and consider how you will be a gift through Farmington.

Paul King began our stewardship campaign by reminding us of the 6 Great Ends of the Church which are our mission as a congregation of the PC(USA). I share with you here 6 accompanying Scriptures that commission us in our work:

1. **“Preach the Word.”** (2 Timothy 4:2) The church is given the responsibility and privilege to proclaim the Gospel, the good news of God’s love, for the salvation of humankind.
2. **“Take care of my sheep.”** (John 21:16) The church is entrusted with the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.
3. **“I will worship the Lord.”** (2 Samuel 15:8) The church maintains divine worship, expressing our love and praise to God and opening ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit to equip us for service.
4. **“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** (John 8:32) The church is set apart from the world for service and made holy by God’s truth, the Word of God. Therefore, we are charged with the preservation of the truth.

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5. **“Let justice roll down like waters.”** (Amos 5:24)  
Even though we are set apart from the world, we are not called to withdraw from the world. Rather, we are called to reach out beyond our walls in service to others and engage in the public sphere, promoting social righteousness.

6. **“The Kingdom of heaven has come near.”** (Matthew 10:7) The final Great End of the Church is to exhibit the Kingdom of heaven, to show in our everyday lives what it means to do God’s Will on earth as it is in heaven. God

invites us to leave this world a better place by living our lives faithfully reflecting the light of the love shown to us by Jesus Christ.

It is a GIFT to grow in faith together with you, the Farmington family, preaching God’s Word, caring for one another, worshiping in Spirit and in truth, serving the least of these and addressing systems of poverty. Truly, the Kingdom of heaven comes near in this little white church on the hill. Thanks be to God!

-Rev. Rebecca Luter



## PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

**11/4** **A MESSAGE FROM GOD**  
We've got to work together to care for creation.

**11/11** **THE WIDOW'S OFFERING**  
I can trust God with my future.

**11/18** **BE READY (PENTECOST)**  
Jesus is with me when life gets tough.

**11/25** **CHRIST THE KING**  
When we're bold in our faith, unexpected things can happen.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**11/4** **CREEDS**  
Why do we say we believe in "the holy catholic church" if we're not catholic?

**11/11** **CREEDS**  
Do cremated people go to heaven?

**11/18** **DISCIPLESHIP**  
Why should I follow Jesus; can't I just say I believe in him?

**11/25** **DISCIPLESHIP**  
Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all my prayers?

## ADULT STUDY

### JOB AND THE LIFE OF FAITH: WISDOM FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am, beginning October 21st  
Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter in the Fellowship Hall.

“The book of Job cuts straight to the heart of what it means to be human. It is the most profound exploration of the life of faith ever written, and wrestles with some of life’s most perplexing questions.”

Author Carol M. Bechtel

### GALATIANS & EPHESIANS

Sundays 9:30-10:30 am Led by Rev. Neil Sherman and Sara Miller in the East Room.



## COLLEGE

**11/4** **BIBLE**  
A Book Like No Other Lauren Winner

**11/11** **CHURCH**  
An Imperfect Family Bruce Reyes-Chow



COMING SOON!



# DAY SCHOOL

The results are in and Farmington Presbyterian Day School has received their highest marks to date! Our program assessment score was a 5.75 out of 7 which is outstanding!!! We also received 3 stars in all categories of our yearly report card making us once again a 3 star center!

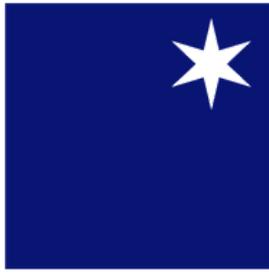
We are so proud of our staff, teachers and children for all their preparation, hard work, and commitment to the program. It is truly a team effort. To show our appreciation we treated all the staff to Voodoo Coffee and Beignet Food Truck for fresh coffee and beignets. It was a great treat and well-deserved!



## THANKSGIVING PLAY

Ms. Courtney's and Ms. Alexa's Pre-K 4 yr. old class will be presenting the Thanksgiving Play "10 Little Indians and 10 Little Pilgrims." The performance will be presented for the class's parents and grandparents on November 14th. Some of the children will be dressed as Pilgrims and will board the Mayflower. When they discover land, the Pilgrims are surprised to see the Indians. Samoset and Squanto are ready to show the pilgrims how to hunt and plant corn. The Pilgrims invite the Indians to the first Thanksgiving Feast. The finale is a burst of joyous singing of "Ten Little Indians and 10 Little Pilgrims."





## ROOM IN THE INN

Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting Room in the Inn the first and third Saturday's of the month at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church. This ministry provides housing for homeless persons from November - March.

Each time we host, we will need a group of people to prepare a meal for the evening: a casserole or meat, side(s), salad, bread, and dessert. The meal should serve our 12-14 guests and the 6-8 of us hosting them. The food needs to be cooked and prepared ahead of time and delivered to GUMC at 5 pm. There are ovens to warm things up at the host site.

We will need 6-8 people to host our guests each evening. The time frame will be 5:00 - 9:30pm. These people will prepare the beds, warm and serve the dinner, monitor showers and laundry, and fellowship with our guests.

We will need 2 people to spend the night at GUMC with our guests. The time frame will be 9:00 pm - 7:00 am. These people will also prepare coffee in the morning, put out a to-go breakfast for our guests, and clean up in the morning. These people can also serve as one of the evening hosts as well.

We will need 2 people to volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets each Sunday afternoon 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. Sign up at [Farmingtonpres.org](http://Farmingtonpres.org)



# ten thousand villages fair trade gift sale

NOVEMBER 17-18



Ten Thousand Villages is more than a store. They are a global maker-to-market movement. They are a way for you to shop with intention for ethically-sourced wares — and to share in the joy of connecting with makers in ten thousand villages.

As a pioneer of fair trade, they do business differently, putting people and planet first. That means you can trust that every handmade purchase you make from Ten Thousand Villages directly impacts the life and community of its maker in a developing country.

Come do your Christmas Shopping with Farmington Presbyterian and Ten Thousand Villages in our Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to sell and stock items so sign up online at [Farmingtonpres.org](http://Farmingtonpres.org)



An Invitation to Gratitude

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

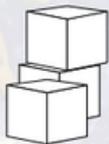
6:45pm, November 14, 2018  
in the sanctuary



Deck the Halls!

# HANGING OF THE GREENS

9 am, December 1, 2018  
Everyone is invited to join in  
decorating the church for the  
Advent Season.



The Joy of Children

# DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

11am, November 18, 2018  
In the Sanctuary



Ronald McDonald House

# HOLIDAY DINNER ITEMS

Donate for families staying with a  
child at St. Jude Research Hospital.



Thanksgiving Lunch

# PLENTY IN THE PINES

11:30 - 1pm, November 22, 2018  
\$22 Adults                      RSVP by 11/16  
\$15 Children (4-10)        901.878.1247  
pinecrestrc@wildblue.net

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Families from the neighborhood, the Day School, and the church haunted the back parking lot with costumes decorated trunks, games, a maze and more. A special thanks to the Christian Education Committee for putting on such a fun, generous, and joyous event. CE consists of Roland Mittag, Shelley Wann, Susan Bryant, Madison Lewis, Laurinda Ingram, Camille Young, and Doug Barr for planning and hosting this awesome party.





*We Welcome*

# **Jim Thrash**

Jim Thrash recently retired as director of music at Germantown United Methodist Church in Germantown, TN after 30 years. There he led 2 services each Sunday, employing a wide range of musical groups, including children, youth and adults in vocal choirs, hand bell choirs and instrumental ensembles.

Before moving to Tennessee, he was organist and choir director at First United Methodist in Des Moines for 14 years (1974-1988) and adjunct instructor of organ and church music at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

He is a graduate of Eastman School of Music where he studied with Russell Saunders and received the coveted Performer's Certificate and Master's Degree. Undergraduate work was at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he studied organ with Paul Anderson, and piano with Joseph Huck. Other teachers have included Robert J. Powell, David Foltz, and Robert DeCormier. In addition, Jim maintains a teaching studio in piano and is a frequent adjudicator of music festivals and competitions.

## *A Service of* **Lessons & Carols**

Much loved throughout the Christian world, the service of Lessons and Carols tells in scripture and song, the story of God's presence with us.

We want to invite additional singers to join the choir in the preparation and presentation of this timeless Christmas service. Beginning in November, we will dedicate the first hour of rehearsal to the music for this event. (Chancel Choir will remain after that to prepare music for the Sunday services.)

Please consider joining us for these rehearsals and the service on December 16th. It will bless your celebration of the Holy Season, and you will be a blessing to those who sing beside you and the congregation as we worship together.

**Hope to see you on November 7th at 7:15!**

## **Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice** *It takes a whole person to sing and rejoice.*

Our children's choir program will begin on Sunday, November 11th. The first rehearsal will be at 9:30 - 10:00 in the sanctuary, and we will be preparing music for our worship hour on December 9th.

The program will involve students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Our theme this year is printed above, and we will learn to pray and praise with "body, mind, spirit and voice."

Jim Thrash  
Director of Music



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

## NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY

The Farmington Presbyterian Women November Bible Study and Meeting will meet on Sunday, November 25 @ 12:30 pm in the Youth Room. Our study will be Lesson Three: God with Us in Our Discouragement. The focus of the lesson will be God's promise of presence give us courage, strength, boldness, and hope, when on our own we would lose heart.

### SESSION REPORT

Session approved the use of Kerygma resources for Adult Education.

Session received the information that Cub Scout Pack 368 has not renewed its charter this year due to lack of adult/parental volunteer leadership. Therefore, we do not have a Cub Scout Troop meeting at Farmington at this time.

The long-awaited and much-anticipated kitchen renovation was approved to be contracted through Traditional Construction Company. The work will begin the week following Lessons and Carols and is expected to take 100 calendar days.

Session endorsed a 2018 Peacemaking Grant Application made by Doug Barr to the Presbytery of the Mid-South requesting funds to host a Presbytery-wide retreat with the Memphis Islamic Center at Pinecrest on Saturday, April 27, 2019. In addition, Session agreed to fund the \$151.25 deposit to hold that date at Pinecrest.



### Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
November 4	Cole Ritchey	Rebecca Hutchens
November 11	Elizabeth Luter	Madison Lewis
November 18	Lorelei Phillips	Doug Barr
November 25	Bailey Wann	Elizabeth Demaree

### Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134  
 Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 3130  
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 Polly Knight, Financial Records Keeper, Ext. 3136  
 Linda Turner, Managing Director of Day School, Ext. 3138  
 Gretchen Burch, Program Director of Day School, Ext. 3132  
 Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

### Session Members

Administration – Kirsten King  
 Christian Education – Susan Bryant  
 Clerk – Laurinda Ingram  
 Congregational Care – MaryShelley Ritchey  
 Fellowship – Becky Hutchins  
 Adult Discipleship—Laurinda Ingram  
 Property and Grounds – Roland Mittag  
 School Board – Charlie Smithers  
 Service – Lance Palmer  
 Treasurer—Steve Demaree  
 Worship – Sandy Wann

If you have content for the December edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than November 19 at [Doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Doug@farmingtonpres.org)



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