

September 2016



Youth gathered to serve those who serve the city. See page 8 for more information.

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Deepening our Discipleship

Rev. Rebecca Luter

For me, turning the calendar to September means that it is football season (and there is nothing better on a Sunday afternoon than to fall asleep to football on TV). It also means that routine has been established. School is started, activities are in full swing, and the schedule is full.

My calendar also says that September is the time of peace. REALLY? Yes, in the Presbyterian Church, on September 4, the Season of Peace begins. The Season of Peace is a journey designed to deepen the pursuit of peace. The themes for the Season of Peace this year center around the Communion Table, and the season culminates on World Communion Sunday, October 2.

Peace seems an almost impossible dream at times, maybe even beyond our wildest dreams.

- When I pray for the citizens of Syria, where more than 250,000 have lost their lives in the ongoing civil war, where 11 million have been forced from their homes and 4.5 million have become refugees fleeing their country, I pray for peace.
- When I pray for the citizens of Yemen, where the civil war has killed more than 6,500 people and has displaced 2.5 million more, I pray for peace.

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- When I pray for the people of Thailand, where a deadly wave of bomb blasts has occurred over the past several days in response to voters approving a new draft constitution, I pray for peace.
- When I pray for the victims of the major human-trafficking ring shut down in Maryland, US, where girls as young as 15 were being forced into prostitution, I pray for peace.
- When I pray for the 218 schoolgirls from Chibok, Nigeria, kidnapped by Boko Haram, who remain captives – many of whom have been forcibly married to fighters, have borne children, and are living in dreadful conditions, I pray for peace.

from the Church Office), by praying for peace daily, or by participating in the folding of peace cranes for World Communion Sunday (to sign up, email Cyndi in the church office at cyndi@farmingtonpres.org).

May you have a blessed Season of Peace!



Jesus said those who make peace are blessed. The very act of making peace causes us to be in right relationship with God. I invite you to join me in a Season of Peace throughout September. You may participate in the journey by utilizing a devotional guide (available either on our website at www.farmingtonpres.org or in print copy

Presbyterian Women



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Farmington Women Circle Meeting

The Farmington Presbyterian Women circle will meet on Sunday, September 25, @ 12:30 pm in the East Room. Our bible study this year is from Horizons : **Who is Jesus?** This is such a good question, that our circle will be spending the next nine months looking for answers in some likely or unlikely places. If this has peaked your interest, join us for the first study lesson: **According To Mark.**

Presbyterian Women - Fall Gathering

Save The Date!!!! The Presbyterian Women fall gathering/workshops will take place on Saturday, October 8 starting at 9:30 am at Germantown Presbyterian Church. The theme of the workshops will be **Sharing our Gifts/Experiences – Part 2.**

More detailed information will be listed on the registration form which is located on the women's bulletin board.



A Season of **Peace**
Daily Reflections

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18–19

The Presbyterian Mission Agency invites you and me to act on Jesus’ invitation:

Distractions are everywhere, threatening to pull us to the margins of living an authentic peace-filled Christian life. Important issues, breaking news, and our ragged pursuit of a more meaningful spiritual life all distract us. We are reminded of this every time we power up our computers, turn on the television, or struggle to handle conflicts in our families and communities in a way that will not alienate them or us. And we certainly experience it as we negotiate our own inner worlds of chaos and longing.

The journey of peace is a pilgrimage of our whole selves: spirit and body; heart, feet, and mind. The pursuit of God’s peace is both an inner and outer journey where the well-being of one is held in the well-being of all. In order for us to walk farther along this road of peace-full living, we can and should engage both inner and outer aspects of faithful spiritual living. Doing so allows us to become more authentic and effective bearers of peace in our world.

Because of these reasons, we invite you into A Season of Peace that will engage your imagination and offer opportunities for you to live more fully into your calling as a peacemaker. It is for the curious and the jaded, the beginner and the experienced peace seeker. Spend a new season with Jesus, the peacemaker, and see if this might become your way of being authentically Christian in the world.

You may find Season of Peace devotions at www.farmingtonpres.org, or you may pick up a copy in the church office.

What's New at FPDS

Activities for 2016-17



Autumn, Rachel, Cortney, Cristaldawn, Collette, and Elizabeth. Before and After Care Teachers are Ready to Rock and Roll!

recommended by Vanderbilt University. Tucker takes time to tuck and think before he acts. By doing this, he is practicing self control. The children will love hearing about Tucker.

We will be showing our students other ways to calm down when they are upset. Children will be learning calm down techniques such as practicing yoga, creative ways to take deep breaths, and relaxing to music.

Another new program is titled "Say it with Manners". We will be practicing good manners with the children. In the month of August, we have been talking about saying hello and goodbye to others. Adding Mr. and Mrs. to the greeting will be our September focus.

We welcome parent participation in helping develop these skills in our children.

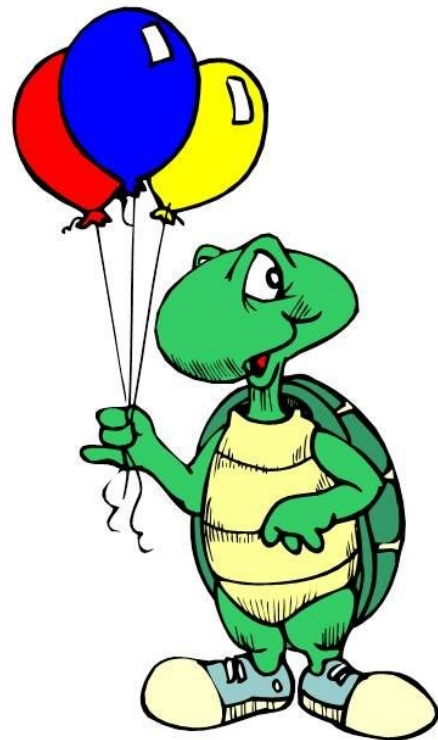
Farmington Presbyterian Day School is introducing our most exciting school year. We will be implementing many new programs to help children develop socially and spiritually. One of those programs will be a focus on positive virtues to help children build character. In August, we promoted kindness. For September we will be emphasizing self control.

SELF-CONTROL

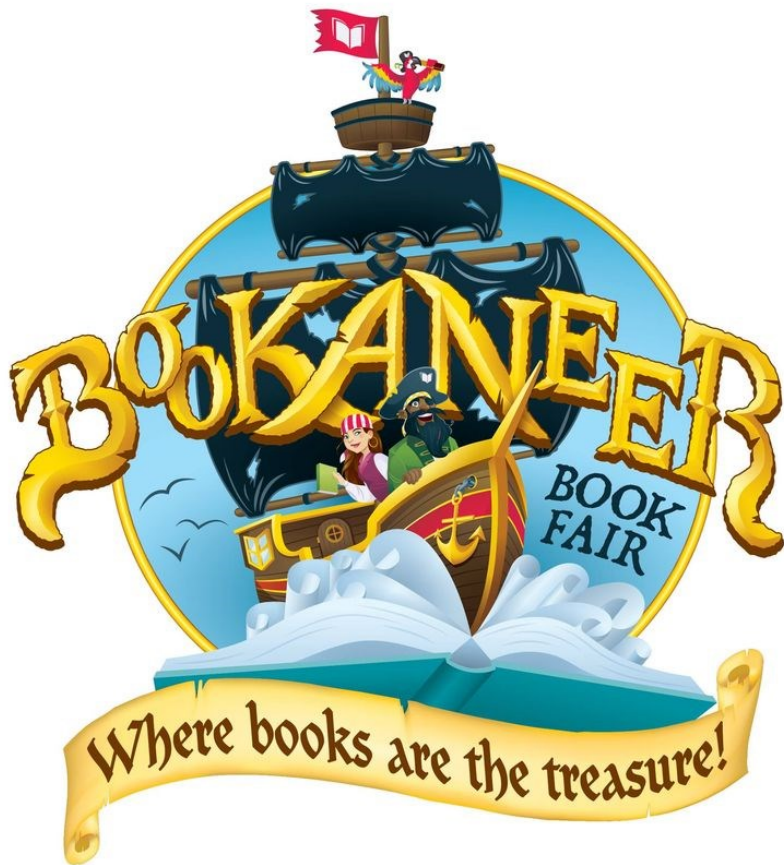
Choosing to do what you should do, instead of what you want to do.

Our scripture will be "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

We will be learning about Tucker the Turtle, which is a scripted story by Rochelle Lentini, University of Florida. This resource is



Tucker the Turtle



Ahoy !

*Parents and Students,
Be on the lookout for
our upcoming
Scholastic Book Fair.
September 26th- 30th.*



Germantown Festival
September 10th-11th, 2016

The Germantown Festival is just around the corner. The event takes place Sept. 10 & 11. The menu this year consists of walking tacos, nachos, chocolate bacon, root beer floats. We need your help in making this a successful fundraiser for the men and youth. The funds earned will be divided between the mission trip to Mexico and youth trips. A sign up sheet for the festival is on the bulletin board or online by clicking or scanning the code below:



Presbytery Events

Dear mission friends, a clean water supply is something that is not available to many communities around the world. The Presbytery of the Mid-South through its Task Force for Clean Water, has been promoting for several years mission trips to Xpujil Mexico to build above ground water cisterns in small villages that do not have access to clean water. (Please see included in this package a spread sheet showing churches and individuals that have been involved in building cisterns since 2013.)

You will notice on this list that several students have participated in this ministry. For many students the cost of participating prevents more of them from becoming involved. The Task Force for Clean Water felt that the cost should be shared by splitting the cost into three parts. The student and his/her family should pay one third, second the home church should pay one third and the final third should come from funds raised by the Task Force.

With this in mind, the Task Force has decided to have a Bible trivia party. We would like for our churches in the Memphis area to participate by forming a team to help us in this fundraising

effort. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the winning teams. Also to add to the fun of this Mexican themed party, we are asking each team to decorate its own table. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be presented to the most creative table decorations. Refreshments included will be Sangria and a non-alcoholic punch and Mexican snacks. The cost is \$30 per person. You do not have to be on a team to attend. (Also included in this package is a flyer for the 1st Annual Bible Trivia Party and the team registration form.)

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings and Peace to all!

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Trace Bundy Concert + Youth Gathering

Saturday, September 10

There is a growing interest in a Memphis Presbytery Youth gathering. It is a chance to get to know other students in our presbytery and share our growing community of faith. September 10, Cordova Church will host "Acoustic Ninja" Trace Bundy in concert at 7:30pm. Youth from all over the presbytery are invited to gather at 6pm for a meal prepared by First Church and then to enjoy an incredible concert. Presbytery Youth Group members and their chaperones are being offered a special discount ticket price of \$7. The concert will be over around 9:00 pm. All are invited to the concert. The meal is a special event for youth groups.

Click or Scan to find out more:



1st Annual Bible Trivia Party "WINE INTO WATER"

September 23rd, 2016

7:00-9:30pm (doors open at 6:30)

The Pickering Center
7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown TN

*But clear, clean water for drinking
can hardly be found*

*Pero el agua potable y
limpio...casi nunca encontrado*

TROPHIES:
1st, 2nd and 3rd for Trivia
& 1st, 2nd and 3rd
for table decorations

Cost: \$30 per person - team of 8 - \$240
(do not have to be on a team to attend)

All proceeds will go to benefit and provide scholarships for students to travel and support the Mexico Cistern Ministry of the Presbytery of the Mid-South

Sponsored By The Clean Water Task Force Presbytery of the Mid-South

Farmington Youth Fellowship (FYF)

Cop Stop



Almost every call a Police officer, Firefighter, or EMT receives is bad news or dangerous. Last month, Farmington youth gathered at the Oest's house to call these public servants to something good, delicious, and fun. We took part in a Cop Stop. We made yard signs, greeted, and ate with the people that put themselves in harm's way to serve our communities every day. We look forward to many more service events like this to come.



September events for youth

Great things are coming.



Sun. September 4 – (Labor Day Weekend) Youth will finish the mural wall in the youth room.

Sat. September 10 - Youth from around the presbytery of the Midsouth will gather for the first Presbytery youth group meeting. We will eat together, fellowship with other churches, and share our ideas and gifts for ministry. 6-8 pm, 215 Buena Vista, Memphis.

September 10 - 11—Youth will gather to help run the Farmington booth at Germantown Festival.

September 18 – We be going downtown for a smart phone interactive scavenger hunt. Meet at the church by 3:30 PM to carpool. We will return to Farmington no later than 7 pm.

September 25 - Gather in the Youth Room for a night of games, lively discussion, and fellowship.

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

4pm–5:15—Junior High

5:15-5:45—Dinner

5:45–7pm—Senior High

Elementary

Have you ever been to the circus? The circus can be a fun experience. But have you ever watched the circus through the eyes of a child? How they suddenly point to the sky as they notice the courageous men and women who walk, skip, and even ride bikes three stories above you on the high wire. They inch their way out onto the wire and for what you hope is only dramatic effect they bobble and tinker on the wire only millimeters from losing their grip.

The audience collectively gasps and your child grabs you and whispers “Are they going to fall?” You reassure them that of course not, these guys are pros. They won’t fall you look up at the wire praying you didn’t just lie to your kid.

They finish their routine and the audience goes wild! Nothing like a daring trip to the circus to experience what it means to trust.

The performers trust that the wire will stay tight, their legs will stay strong, and their toes won’t let go. And the audience trusts that the performer will expertly complete their routine and not give anyone the opportunity to explain, “that’s why we don’t have a high wire in our backyard.”

Whether on the high wire or in life, trust is important. If we don’t trust, we might miss the opportunity to watch God show up and do what only He can do.

Throughout the Bible we see different people who have put their trust in God in the midst of some unbelievable circumstances.

Abraham picked up everything and moved his entire family to a new home and a new life following God. Elijah trusted that God would send fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice after it had been over-saturated with water. Even Jesus trusted God’s plan when He humbled himself and gave His life for us on the cross.

Putting our trust in God and the people He’s put in our lives isn’t always easy. That’s why we’re

taking the month of September to see what God says about trust.

We define trust like this: **putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.**

There’s a phrase we often say around here, “I can trust God no matter what.” And it’s true; we know that God is that *Someone* we can depend on. Our own understanding can have a way of getting us in trouble sometimes, especially when life doesn’t turn out exactly how we’d want or expect. That’s why it’s important that our trust is grounded in God, His love for us, and His willingness to do whatever it took to have a relationship with us.

As we read through all the examples of trust throughout Scripture to find the best stories to help kids unpack this idea of trust, we kept coming back to one guy in the Old Testament, Joseph. After all, his entire life was built on his trust in God’s faithfulness. Joseph found himself in some of the craziest situations throughout his life, yet time and again Scripture tells us that Joseph trusted God and found hope in Him. So each week this month, we’ll take a closer look at Joseph’s life and discover something about how we can trust God and the people He’s put in our lives.



Upcoming Events



3Quest Challenge

September 18, youth in 6-12 grade will gather at 3:30pm to travel downtown. Farmington Youth will meet for a Scavenger Hunt like no other!

Using your smartphone, you'll progress through a series of three "Quests". In each quest are three checkpoints that you'll need to solve and collect a clue. You'll use the clues to solve the final puzzle. In-between each quest you'll come back to your home base and collect a clue as well. Oh.. And you're being timed!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, September 9@ 6:30am

FPC Men will meet to continue their study of key sermons by Billy Graham. Join them at 6:30am in the Youth Room. Coffee and McDonalds breakfast are available. Property and Grounds committee will meet immediately after the study.

Sunday School is at 9:30 am and
Worship is at 11:00 am. Join us!

Children gather in the Sanctuary with music and then proceed to their classroom (A6)

Youth gather in the Youth Room at 10 am for The Story: Finding yourself in God's big story book.

Adults choose between Hosea in the *Interpretation Bible Study* in the East Room and *The Present Word* with Rev. Rebecca Luter in the room near the west doors.

Committee Meetings

Christian Education

5:45pm Tuesday, September 6

School Board

5:30pm Tuesday, September 6

Property & Grounds

7:30pm Friday, September 9

Congregational Care

10:00am Monday, September 10

Service

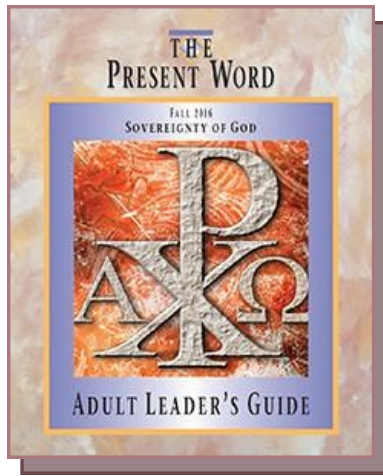
6pm Monday, September 10

Session

6:00pm, Monday, September 19

Administration

6:00pm, Monday, September 26



Mid-week Meal

Dinner Offerings:

7-Sept—Lasagna

14-Sept— Pizza

21-Sept—Beef Stroganoff

28-Sept—Chicken Pot Pie

We are beginning a new study on September 4! Led by Rev. Rebecca we will be studying 13 lessons (September 4 through November 27) on God's sovereignty, seen through the visionary images of Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation.

In the introduction to the study, Dr. Donald McKim writes: "The 'sovereignty of God' is a way of describing God's greatness and preeminence over all things in creation. It shapes us now and in the future to come.... The sessions ahead will refresh, strengthen, and deepen your faith. They will provide guidance and direction, and they will lead to praise and service of the One who 'makes all things new' (Revelation 21:5)."

Adult Study:

The Confession of Belhar became a part of the Constitution of the PC(USA) at this year's General Assembly. It now is a part of our Book of Confessions, through which "the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do" (Preface to the Book of Confessions). Each of the confessions was written by particular people in a particular time in response to a particular situation, thus each reflects the history out of which it emerged.

Following our Mid-Week Meal, from 6:30-7:00, we will learn more about the Belhar Confession. What is its story? Why was it written and by whom? In what ways does our story relate to theirs? What does it teach us? Where does it send us into God's world?

Children Study:

Wednesday night with Youth and Children we will be exploring worship through storytelling, ritual practices, and creative outlets. What is going on when we worship? Who are we talking to and what are we talking about? Find out as we grow together through the stories of Scripture.

Vanilla for Sale

CHRISTMAS is 115 Nights Away! Looking forward to baking your favorite Christmas treats? Searching for the perfect Christmas gift for that person who has everything? Members of our mission team this summer brought back Vanilla for all your baking and gift-giving needs this Christmas. 4.9 oz. bottles of Real Vanilla are available in the church office for \$10/bottle.



Session Report

- Approved updated Personnel Policy and By-Laws.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for September 11 following worship for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report.
- Approved new Sunday School curriculum, The Present Word, to be taught by Rev. Luter.

September Birthdays

1	Keith Betsch
3	Paula Patterson
3	Camille Hempel
3	Elizabeth Nagel
4	Dr. John Thomas
5	Hadley Barr
7	Cydnee Young
8	Drew Howard
9	Cortney Mills
9	Harold Schneider
10	Melissa Still
11	Perry Main
16	Mary Hudson
18	Rev. Rebecca Luter
18	Joanna Andrews
20	Grigg Schneider
21	Mary Elizabeth Ward
21	Ellen Stewart
22	Laurinda Ingram
27	Blanche Hamilton
29	Brenda Widner
30	Tom Bryant

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office to be added. We would like to celebrate with you.

Acolyte Schedule

September 4	Elizabeth Luter
September 11	Nicholas Luter
September 18	Meredith Oest
September 25	Camille Hempel
October 2	Natalie Lively

Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 23
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 29
Cyndi Bevington, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 21
Rhonda Pearsall, Bookkeeper, Ext. 22
Linda Turner, Managing Director of Day School, Ext. 24
Gretchen Burch, Program Director of Day School, Ext. 28
Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

Session Members

Administration – Kirsten King
Christian Education – Laurinda Ingram
Clerk – Melanie Oest
Congregational Care – Susan Bryant
Fellowship – Mary Shelley Ritchey
Property and Grounds – Jerry Hosier
School Board – Charlie Smithers
Service – Lance Palmer
Worship – Sandy Wann



If you have content for the October edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than September 26 at noon. Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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