



New Vision

Deepening our Discipleship

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Our Stewardship Theme this year is “Living in Grace and Gratitude.” Throughout the month of September, our worship has focused on OBSTACLES that keep us from living in grace and gratitude. We heard the people of Israel Wa-ya-len in the wilderness for the “good old days” in Egypt and considered the difference it would make in our lives to start conversations with a word of gratitude for something good in our lives rather than a complaint about how things have changed.

We read Paul’s encouragement to Euodia and Syntyche and the church at Philippi to focus not on their disagreements but their community and to “Rejoice—throw a festival!” and whatever worries you have, God’s peace stands sentry to guard you. So, list your worries and divide them into things you can address (and begin to address them) and things beyond your control. Then pray “Thank you, God, for [whatever your worry is about], give me [whatever you need to face the challenges you fear may come].”

The third week, we read Jesus’ parable of the wedding banquet and considered the barrier entitlement places between us and God’s invitation. How do we become grateful? We practice saying “Thank you.”

We listened as Jesus watched the widow placed her two thin coins into the collection box and contrasted her humility with the pride of those who were dropping their coins loudly. She lived the priorities of the Kingdom, and there is a priority adjustment ahead for all who would live in grace and gratitude.

This Sunday, October 1, we conclude our series with the story of Moses never reaching the Promised Land. How do we deal with disappointment in our own lives? Join us as we worship and grow as disciples, living in grace and gratitude.

Day School News

FPDS is excited to introduce new Music classes for our preschoolers. Our teacher is Ms. Kristy Fischer who is on staff with Annette Morris of Musik Adventures & Kindermusik.



Music Classes at Farmington Presbyterian Day School

We are excited that we will have music classes this year on Thursday & Friday mornings with Ms. Kristy Fischer. She is on staff with Ms. Annette of Musik Adventures & Kindermusik. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Memphis in 1993. She's a former home school mom of 10 years and has several years experience teaching Kindergarten. Kristy completed her certification to be a Kindermusik Educator in August 2012 and loves teaching her classes in Collierville and Germantown. She loves the Lord and loves little people. Some of her favorite things to do include singing, painting, crafting, and teaching-- but, most of all being with her husband of 22 years and their 2 adult children-- Really! Her favorite verse is "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

-Psalm 100:1-3

What your child will experience in class each week in Musik Adventures:

Singing and vocal development. It may sound like a foreign language when your child sings "ta" and "ti-ti," but he's using the language of professional musicians and composers and

getting ready to read and write simple rhythm patterns. Musik Adventures classes will help develop your child's singing skills.

Movement. Your child will have opportunities to move expressively to music, giving her the practice she needs to coordinate her bodily movements to the sound of music. This kind of musical play not only improves musicianship, but her physical coordination as well.

Ensemble experiences. Your child will learn to participate in a small group of musicians playing at a certain time and learning how to keep a steady beat.

Focused listening. Your child will learn to identify a range of orchestra instruments and their sound qualities.

Exploring and playing musical instruments. Your child will get hands-on experience each week playing simple percussion instruments and moving to music with props such as scarves, streamers, hoops and balls.

For more information on these classes or our studio classes, visit www.musikadventures.com or contact Annette Morris - 901.409.3367





Happy Fall Ya'll!

Many exciting things have been happening in the Day School. We had our annual Department of Human Services (DHS) visit on September 7th. We are patiently awaiting our score and will keep you all posted when it arrives. Ms. Linda has coordinated with all the Preschool teachers to participate in the Buggy for Books reading program and we have hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with all the reading! We appreciate all our families, staff and children for supporting our book fair and reading each night.

Thursday, September 28th we will host our annual Parent Appreciation Dinner. We will serve spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and cowboy hat cupcakes. We appreciate all our families and are blessed to teach their children.

We are looking forward to the cooler fall temperatures and taking the 4 year old classes to the pumpkin patch. We will also have fall school pictures taken and fun Halloween activities in the month of October.

Stay tune for fall fun and happenings!

Gretchen Burch
Program Director

Trunk or Treat

October 29—4pm

Join us for an evening of fun in the church parking lot. Dress in your Halloween costume and tour around our trunks. This year there are more games, competitions, and activities for all ages. Come throw some bean bags, slide through the maze, or try your hand at pumpkin checkers, This year the Day School is decorating Scarecrows to display at the event. Don't miss the work your children have done, the fellowship of the Farmington Family, or an opportunity to dress up. Come to the annual trunk or treat October 29.

A Movie on the Lawn will follow with short films appropriate for the evening, including "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!"

At Farmington Presbyterian School

WE LOVE TO READ!

Our "Buggy for Books" reading contest is for the parents and teachers of preschoolers. It is a great way for teachers to connect with the families.

We love the opportunity to partner with the parents in reading to our children.

The FPDS staff has been reading books about Clifford, Curious George, Arthur, Fancy Nancy, trains, soccer games, butterflies, dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, dinosaurs, and rainbow fish.

Attentive children have listened with anticipation to Bible, family, and sharing stories.

We will celebrate at the end of the "Buggy for Books" reading contest with pizza parties. The success of the reading contest will continue to reap rewards for the children for years to come.

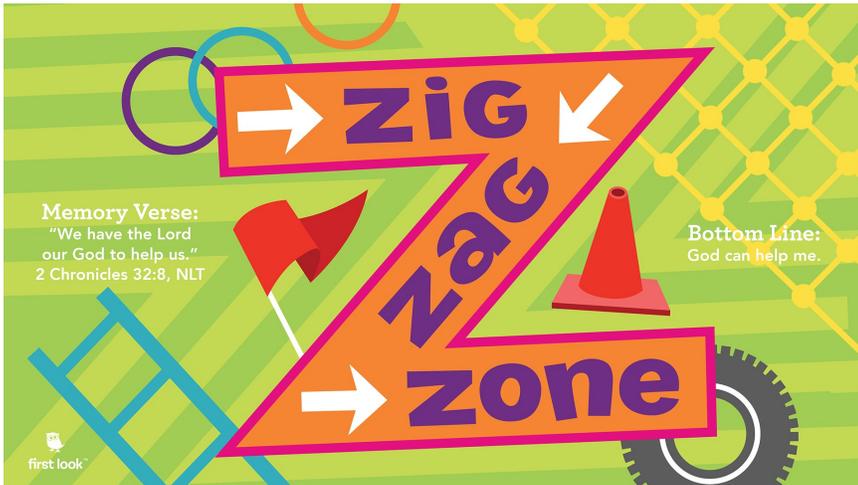


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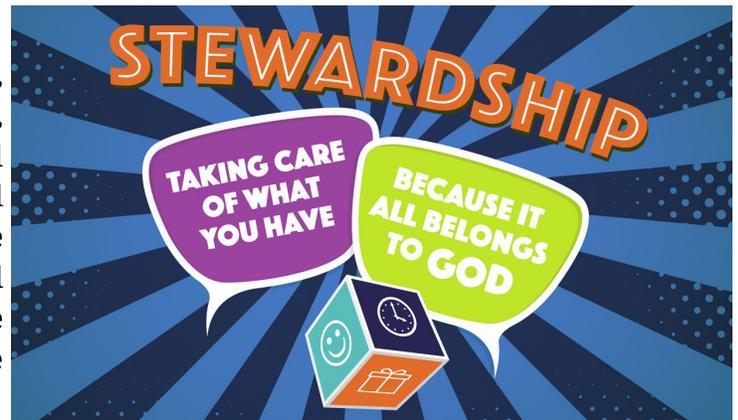
Preschool

We know things are going to happen in our preschoolers' lives where they will need God's help—times when their lives will zig one way and then zag another. We want them to grow up believing that God loves them and can help them anywhere, with anything, no matter how hard it may be. He can even help them help others!



Elementary

In Psalm 24:1, we read, The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, (NIV). In other words, whatever we have isn't really ours. God created the entire world— the land and sea, planets and galaxies, animals and people. And when people create, those people do so because of the gift and talents that God gave them. It's our job to take care of what God has loaned us for a time to use in order to bring Him glory.



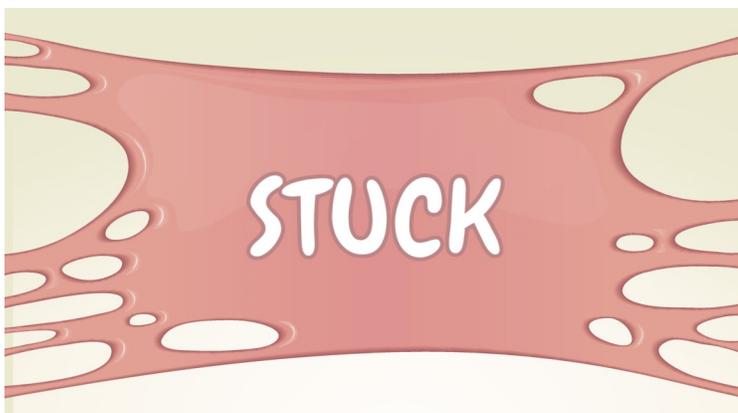
Jesus put stewardship into action. He used the time He had on earth wisely, never wasting a moment, but always working towards God's plan.

Youth

A 3-week series about how when we feel trapped in our friendships, emotions, or decisions, we can make a positive change through our thoughts and actions.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT





messages of how to treat your neighbor, pride coming before the fall, and the stewardship of the environment. “Children’s Books and What they Teach Us” has been an incredible way for our entire Wednesday Night Family to connect and enjoy what God is doing through the stories of our childhood. I was especially touched by this picture of Gabe Statom reading Sandra Boynton to my daughter. It reminds me that, through baptism, we are connected with a church family committed to raising us in faith. Through communion, our faith is sustained and our family bond is strengthened. Sacraments shape us, and our personal story is shared by a community committed to Christ.

Stories shape us. They give us something to compare our experiences with and explore our lives more deeply. Think about the first time you read a Dr. Seuss Book. Among the silly phrases and creatures are important

Mission



Farmington Presbyterian will be hosting **Room in the Inn** again this season on the first and third Saturday's of the month at the Cottage of 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 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, and fellowship with our guests until lights out at 10pm.

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. Ideally, we need one male and one female for each evening.

Each time we host, we will need 2 people to volunteer to launder the sheets, pillow cases, and blankets (picked up Sunday afternoon after we host our guests at FPC). This is a great way for someone who cannot be there in the evenings to still be a part of this ministry.

To sign up, go to www.farmingtonpres.org. For more information, see Chris Luter.

In Worship on October 22nd

As we prepare to host our guests, we will be collecting T-shirts and underwear on Sunday, October 22nd. We are not in need of socks this year. Especially appreciated are XL, XXL, and XXXL T-shirts and men’s boxer briefs.



Upcoming Events



Farmington Women

The Farmington Pres. Women October Bible study and meeting will be on Sunday, October 22 @ 12:30 pm in the East Room. Our study will be Lesson two: **In Community with the Living God.** In this lesson the author makes full connection between Christ and the living God, and we will learn how that connection supports the life of the faith community.

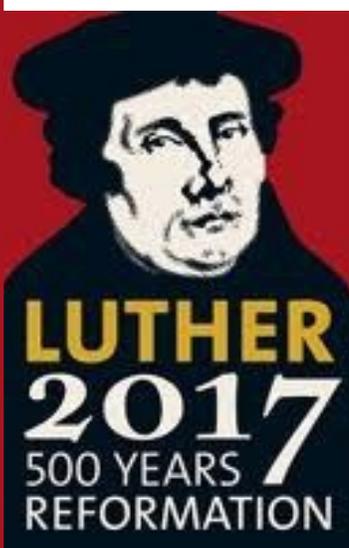
Hurricane Relief Efforts

Our Presbytery DART (Disaster Area Response Team) is assembling a team to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The team will travel to Beaumont, Texas, October 23rd-30th. The team will stay at a Presbyterian Church in Beaumont. They are especially in need of a cook to accompany them!



Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 22 & 29



October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a catholic theologian, priest, and professor sent a letter of complaint to his superior, Cardinal Albert of Mainz (who sent a copy to Pope Leo.) Luther protested the selling of indulgences (papal letters reducing the punishment for sin) to finance the building of St. Peters Basilica. The 95 theses were nailed on the door to Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany commonly used as a public bulletin board. This bold and risky move to challenge the financial system of the Catholic Church sparked the Reformation that birthed Protestant denominations such as ours.

Join us as we trace our historic roots during the last two weeks in October. Sunday, October 22 at 4pm, we will watch *Luther*, a film depicting the events described above. Then on Sunday, October 29, at 11am, join us for a special worship service celebrating the rise of Protestant Denominations.



Committee Meetings

Congregational Care Committee

5:45 pm, Tuesday, October 10

Property and Grounds

7:00 am, Friday, October 13

Session Meeting

6 pm, Monday, October 16

Christian Education

9:30am, Sunday, October 8

Service Committee

6 pm, Thursday, October 19

School Board

5:30 pm, Thursday, October 26

Administration

5:15 pm, Monday, October 23

Worship

No October Meeting

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Each year we recognize the communion of saints around the world on a special Sunday in October. Leading up to this service of worship we invited families to join us in the kitchen at Farmington on Saturday, September 30 at 10am to bake bread to be used in worship the following morning. This is a chance for students to learn about the sacrament of communion and join together in a fun family activity.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

This special offering of the Presbyterian church will be collected on World Communion Sunday. Give generously to support those working to share the dream of peace and reconciliation around the world.

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 22, 2017

A new acolyte will bring in the light for the first time and then lead us into the world again following that light. The Children's Choir will be singing, and children and youth will be leading us in worship as liturgists. May we join in worship as we celebrate that in the Family of God, the old dream dreams and the young see visions—together ushering in God's Kingdom.

Session Report

Session approved updated guidelines for the Congregational Prayer List. A new prayer request card and website prayer request submission page are coming soon!

We discussed plans for updating the Nursery.

Service Committee shared that we will not be participating in the Operation Christmas Child collection this year, and instead we will be participating in the Marine's Toys for Tots program. Service Committee also shared preliminary plans for a Scrub Bucket Assembly to assist with hurricane clean-up.

October Birthdays

3	Cole Ritchey
3	Jack Ritchey
3	Jim Collins
3	Steve Demaree
3	Jerry Hosier
4	Gerry Wilder
5	Brian Hamilton
8	Charlie Smithers
12	Erin Wright-Simpson
12	Kaylin Celosky
13	Annette Hosier
18	Gretchen Burch
20	Angel Elias
20	Jean Williams
23	Heather Powers
23	Danny Davis
24	Suzanne Thomas
31	Myrt Saxon

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

Acolyte Schedule

October 1	Julia Lively
October 8	Jack Ritchey
October 15	Lorelei Phillips
October 22	Delilah Davis
October 29	(TBA) Reformation Sunday



Staff Extensions

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Gretchen Burch, Program Director of Day School, Ext. 3132
Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

Session Members

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Christian Education – Susan Bryant
Clerk – Melanie Oest
Congregational Care – Becky Hutchins
Fellowship – Mary Shelley Ritchey
Adult Discipleship—Laurinda Ingram
Property and Grounds – Jerry Hosier
School Board – Charlie Smithers
Service – Lance Palmer
Treasurer—Steve Demaree
Worship – Sandy Wann

If you have content for the November edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than October 23 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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