

November 2017



Farmington hosted a special Wednesday Night meal with members of the Memphis Islamic Center on October 25. It was a great night of fellowship with our neighbors from another faith community.

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Deepening our Discipleship

Rev. Rebecca Luter

Did you know that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has teams working in response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Matthew; wildfires in the Northwest and Tennessee; and the tornadoes that swept across the South in January of 2017? We also have teams responding to disasters in Sierra Leone, Burundi, Madagascar, Malawi, South Sudan, Nepal, Philippines, Southeast Asia, Mexico, Columbia, Peru, Ecuador, Haiti, Cuba, Iraq, and Syria.

Did you know that we are going to be part of this response?

November 19th from 4-6pm we will be assembling Cleanup Buckets. These 5-gallon buckets contain items needed when cleaning up after a flood. The many hurricanes this fall have caused a tremendous amount of flooding and providing these Cleanup Buckets is a practical way to respond in love.

Plan to come and pack—children from 3 years up are able to help!

Your prayers are also an important way to respond. To find out more about the needs around the world and how we are responding as a church, go to www.pda.pcusa.org.

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Day School News



The Germantown firefighters rolled in to FPDS last week to present safety lessons to our preschoolers.

Children were instructed to “Stop, Drop, and Roll” if their clothing were to catch fire. It was the best day ever for the children as they climbed on the massive fire truck and pretended to be a firefighter!

The children got to see the firefighters’ heavy jackets and pants with boots. They love seeing their masks.



There was much anticipation to see the inside of the ambulance. The preschoolers listened intently to the firefighters as they explained how they help others when they are needed.





Field trip to Priddy Farms

Pre Kindergarten 4 yr. olds went to Priddy Farms to enjoy a pumpkin patch. The kids loved riding the buses with Mr. Don and Ms. Gretchen. The class played on the playground, rode the train, and had a hayride to the pumpkin patch. After a walk through the Haunted Woods, the class enjoyed a picnic lunch. It was so fun for each of the children to bring the pumpkin they had picked from the pumpkin patch back to school .



Preschool Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 10:30am

Each week the children of Farmington Day School gather in the sanctuary for chapel. They sing, move, and listen to a message from the Bible about how our big God has big plans for us. This month, the students of Farmington Day School are invited to sing, move, and worship with the Farmington Church Family. Join us for 11:00 Worship, November 19 as the Day School kids sing songs from chapel and we celebrate the good work God is doing through the Day School. Children singing will need to arrive by 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for worship.



Alzheimer's & Dementia Services
of Memphis, Inc.

A Caregiver's Journey: Moving through the Maze



A FREE Conference at the Kroc Center on November 9, 2017, from 8:00 am until 4:15 pm presented by the Aging Commission of the Mid-South and sponsored by Philanthropic Black Women of Memphis. This conference is for you whether your loved one is in a facility, living at home, just diagnosed, or in an advanced stage. Join us for a day of learning as you cope with loved ones with this disease.

Space is limited and must be reserved by calling Adina Samberg at (901) 372-4585 or email her at asamberg@adsmemphis.org

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Presbyterian Women News

We will meet on November 26th from 12:30-2 pm in the East Room to study Angels and the Hospitality of God's Messengers. We hope you will join us!

On Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm we will have our December meeting at Farmington Presbyterian in the East Room and will enjoy a Potluck Dinner together.

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in the sanctuary for Advent in honor or in memory of a loved one, please use the form below or contact the church office (754-2794, ext 21), or Sandy Wann([901-481-9266](tel:901-481-9266)). There will also be sign-up sheets in the bulletin.



Poinsettias for the Advent Season



Placing a poinsettia (s) in the sanctuary for the Advent Season is a lovely way to honor or celebrate the life of loved ones and/or friends. Please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. The poinsettias will be \$8.00 each, cash or check made payable to Farmington Presbyterian Church with "poinsettias" noted on memo line.

Given by _____

How many? _____

In Honor: _____

<or>

In Memory: _____



New Mailbox

On behalf of the Memorials Fund Subcommittee, a big THANK YOU to Property and Grounds for seeing this project through for us. The time and effort you put into making this mailbox a reality is very much appreciated.



Feeding Fayette



Imagine your Thanksgiving dinner for a moment. The smell of ham and turkey and the sounds of family talking politics, sports, and religion fill the house. In all the joys and stresses of the season, take a moment of gratitude to remember those whose only wish for Thanksgiving is to have food on the table and a friendly conversation. Help us create a joyful experience for local families in need of a good meal given in gratitude for God's abundant grace. We will be filling our Cornucopia with canned goods, instant potatoes, Jiffy Mix, and cranberry sauce and donating all collected items to the Feeding Fayette food pantry. Help in our effort to make this season a joyful one for all God's children.



Room in the Inn-Memphis is an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness. The program provides emergency shelter and meals during the coldest months of the year—November through March. The goal is to share the love of God through hospitality. Shelter is a basic necessity that more than 2,000 people in Memphis are living without each night. Faith communities have warm buildings and people who can provide this necessity along with much needed meals and a good helping hand of kindness and respect.

Farmington will be hosting every other week beginning November 4 - March 17. Volunteer the gift of your time Nov. 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16, Dec 30, Jan 13, Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, March 10, or March 24. To volunteer click on the link at www.farmingtonpres.org.

There are opportunities to donate needed items, work behind the scenes, and to act as a host. Chris Luter is the coordinator for this program. Please see him for further information. More information is also available online at www.roomintheinn-memphis.org/



Christian Education



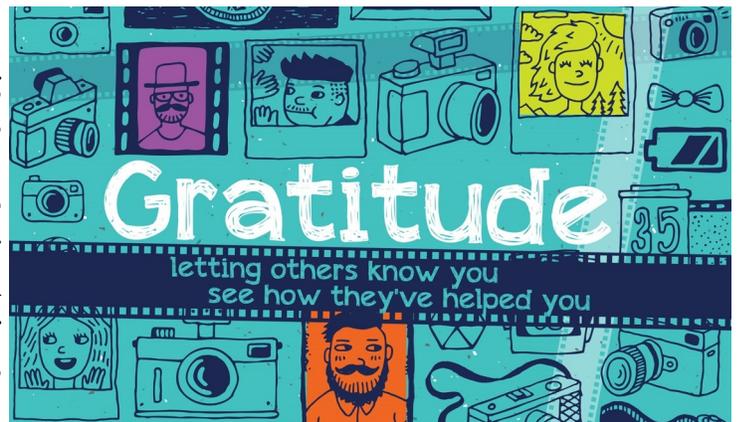
Preschool

This month, we want to cook up a big Recipe For Thanks with our preschoolers! Thinking about the things we're thankful for is the key to any recipe of thanks—and a thankful heart. We chose Recipe For Thanks as our theme because we want our preschoolers to learn how to have a thankful heart.



Elementary

Have you ever paused to think about everything God has done for you? He created a planet that's perfectly suited for otters and ostriches and you. Then, He sent His Son, Jesus, to that planet to die and be raised to life so He could have a forever relationship with you. Through the month, we'll help kids refocus on all that God has done for them. Because when you know what God has done for you, YOU CAN BE THANKFUL—ALWAYS.



Youth

This 3-week series focuses on identity, guiding us to stop listening to the opinions of others or even the negative opinions we have of ourselves to define who we are, and instead turn toward the truth of God's voice for our identity.



JESUS JUNK: A COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE WITH A TWIST.

Dollar Shave Club, Lootcrate, Blue Apron. You can get anything these days through a subscription service. Diapers, STEM learning equipment, books of the month are all available and mailed directly to your door for a monthly fee. The youth wanted to go beyond sending a little happy care package to college students involved with Farmington Presbyterian,. Hence, Jesus Junk was born. In

this package, students received a number of items to help cope with college fears. An Eyeball squish toy, a handy dandy night-light, a *Fear Not* camo-bracelet, and hand-written scripture messages were just a few of the items included in the box. We look forward to hearing their response through social media. Also, included in the box was the description and words of encouragement, below.



Genesis 15:1 Genesis 21:17 Genesis 26:24 Genesis 35:17 Genesis 43:23 Genesis 46:3
 Genesis 50:19 Genesis 50:21 Exodus 14:13 Exodus 20:20 Numbers 14:9 Numbers
 21:34 Deuteronomy 1:21 Deuteronomy 3:2 Deuteronomy 3:22 Deuteronomy 20:1
 Deuteronomy 20:3 Deuteronomy 31:6 Deuteronomy 31:8 Joshua 1:9 Joshua 8:1
 Joshua 10:8 Joshua 10:25 Joshua 11:6 Judges 6:10 Judges 6:23 Ruth 3:11 I Sam-
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 Chronicles 28:20 II Chronicles 20:15 II Chronicles 20:17 II Chronicles 32:7 Job 11:15
 Psalm 23:4 Psalm 27:1
 Psalm 27:3 Psalm 56:4
 Psalm 64:4 Psalm 118:6
 Proverbs 31:21 Isaiah 8:12 Isaiah 37:6
 Isaiah 35:4 Isaiah 40:9 Isaiah 41:10 Isaiah 41:14 Jeremiah 43:1
 Isaiah 42:11 Isaiah 44:2 Isaiah 51:7
 Isaiah 44:8 Isaiah 54:4
 Isaiah 54:14 Jeremiah 1:8 Jeremiah 10:5 Jeremiah 23:4 Jeremiah 30:10 Jeremi-
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 10:12 Daniel 10:19 Joel 2:21 Joel 2:22 Zephaniah 3:16 Haggai 2:5 Zechariah
 8:13 Zechariah 8:15 Matthew 1:20 Matthew 10:26 Matthew 10:28 Matthew
 10:31 Matthew 14:27 Matthew 17:7 Matthew 28:5 Matthew 28:10 Mark 5:36
 Mark 6:50 Luke 1:13 Luke 1:30 Luke 2:10 Luke 5:10 Luke 8:50 Luke 12:4 Luke
 12:7 Luke 12:32 John 6:20 John 12:15 Acts 18:9 Acts 27:24 II Timothy 1:7 He-
 brews 11:23 Hebrews 13:6 Revelation 1:17 Revelation 2:10 HJV hymnart.com

**FEAR
 NOT**

Tests, homework, relationships, traffic tickets, finances, etc. Whatever it is that keeps you up at night, the scriptures have a few words to say. “Fear not.” Each one of the verse listed here contains some variation of those words.

Don’t get me wrong, fear is a good thing! Fear is what keeps you from some destructive choices and out of harm’s way. Fear seeks to keep you alive. But fear can also keep you from taking steps towards the life God has called you. Fear that you are not good enough, strong enough, smart enough, or skilled enough will create road blocks to opportunities and creativity that God has given you. Elizabeth Gilbert has a helpful discussion with fear in her book *Big Magic*.

She says to fear, "You're allowed to have a seat, and you're allowed to have a voice. But you are not allowed to have a vote. You're not allowed to touch the road maps, or suggest detours. You're not allowed to fiddle with the temperature. Dude, you're not even allowed to touch the radio. But above all else, you are absolutely forbidden to drive."

Sunday, November 5

5-8pm

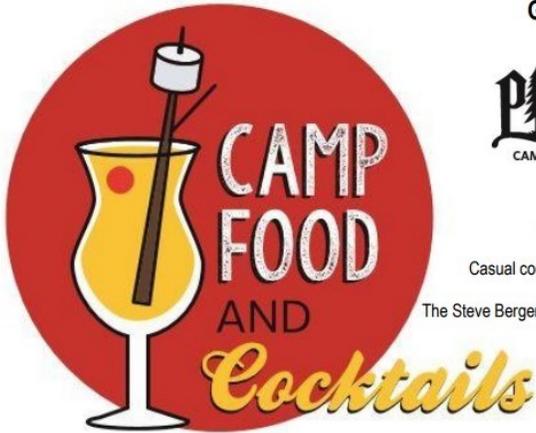
Germantown, TN

Benefitting



Tickets \$50
www.camppinecrest.org

Casual cocktails, food, and auction
Music by
The Steve Berger Band and Bailey Bigger
adults only, please



One of Many

Encounters with God

Half-day

Contemplative Retreat

Friday, December 1

9:00am-12:30pm

Both laity and clergy are welcome at One of Many.

Think about how hard you work, how many hours you give to others, and consider taking just one Friday morning a quarter to come to Pinecrest and be filled with the power of silence and worship.

Folks spend their silence in all sorts of ways –

Hiking various trails and roads, reading, coloring, walking the Labyrinth, studying, knitting, praying, reflecting – We always say we will do these things at home but it is hard to set the time aside.

Schedule

- 9:00 Coffee and cinnamon rolls
- 9:15 Lectio Divina
- 9:45 Silence
- 11:30 Communion
- 12:00 Lunch

Cost

- \$25 includes lunch
- Single rooms available on Thursday nights (\$55)



THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT PINECREST

November 23 · serving from 11:30-1:00

Here's to plenty of gratitude and plenty of turkey!
Join us for a homemade meal, then enjoy our bonfires, hayrides and rocking chairs.

\$22/Adult
\$15/Child 4-10
Under 4 free

RSVP by 11/15
901.878.1247 or
pinecrestc
@wildlue.net



Memphis CHORALE

GABRIEL STATOM, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The sounds of choirs during the holiday season is what makes Christmas...and The Memphis Chorale will set your holiday season on a path of joyous wonder. Music will include classic carols, ethereal choral pieces, and a little vocal jazz sounds! Experience the Memphis Chorale in

Germantown or Midtown Memphis. Both venues are free and open to the public. Check out our website at MemphisChorale.org and like us on Facebook and Twitter!

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm
Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown

Friday, December 1 at 7:00 pm
St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Memphis



October 29, Farmington hosted Trunk or Treat for families of the Day School and the community. 18 Trunks, several yard games, candy, and fellowship created a festive atmosphere enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Nadine Oest and Shelley Wann for the Cake walk and treats. Melanie Oest for safely parking trunks for the event, Duke Lively for attending to parking guests, and to everyone who opened their trunks and shared with the community.

Thanksgiving at Farmington Wednesday, November 15th

Dinner at 5:45 with worship following at
6:45pm.

All are invited. RSVP in the church office
by noon on Monday, November 13th.

The Presbyterian Women 2017 Thank
Offering will be received at this service.

Please Note:
Farmington
Presbyterian Day
School and Church
Office will be closed
for the Thanksgiving
Holiday Wednesday—
Friday, November 22-
24th. Have a Happy
Thanksgiving!

The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, the Thank Offering provides much-needed financial assistance to 20 to 30 worthwhile programs each year. The grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and recipients are a mix of domestic and

international projects. At least 40 percent of this offering funds health ministries, often helping the most marginalized members of God's community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects.

2017 THANK OFFERING
of Presbyterian Women

FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

On either side of the river is the tree of life . . .
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
—Revelation 22:2b*

Donate to or
learn more about the
Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women
by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org or
calling 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5402.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Upcoming Farmington Events



The Service Committee has decided that in lieu of Operation Christmas Child, this year the Farmington family will be participating in the Marine's Toys for Tots program. The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children with the goal of delivering a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

We are awaiting our collection boxes. In the meantime, please be shopping for toys for children birth—14 years old!

Committee Meetings

School Board

5:30 pm, Monday, November 6

Property and Grounds

7:00 am, Friday, November 10

Christian Education

9:30am, Sunday, November 12

Session Meeting

6 pm, Monday, November 13

Congregational Care Committee

5:45 pm, Tuesday, November 14

Service Committee

6 pm,

Administration

5:15 pm, Monday, November 27

Worship

12:30 pm, Sunday, November 19

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 2, 10 am

We will be Hanging the Greens on Saturday, December 2nd, beginning at 10 am. Please join us as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season, followed by lunch together. Everyone is encouraged to join in this very festive occasion! Food, fellowship (and maybe the singing of a few Christmas Carols!)

Preschool Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Preschool children and families will be joining us in worship to sing a few songs they have learned in Chapel with Mr. Doug. This special Sunday, we thank the parents and teachers that take part in the Day School Ministry of Farmington and give Glory to God for the gift of Children. All God's Critters got a place in the Choir!

Session Report

The Session pledged \$15,000 to the 2018 Unified Budget of the Presbytery of the Mid-south. Rebecca Hutchins and Bonnie Blair were elected commissioners to the November 14 Presbytery Meeting at Pinecrest. Plans for Trunk or Treat, Christmas collection changing from Operation Christmas Child to Marine's Toys for Tots, and Gift of the Heart Cleanup Buckets were discussed.

The Session began studying Presbyterian Mission Agency's "Transformational Leaders" with a conversation about culture shift in congregations. We are excited about becoming more intentional as individuals and a congregation about responding to God working in our lives.



Acolyte Schedule

November Birthdays

1	Charlene Still
1	Cristaldawn Smith
6	Deborah Aleman
9	Nadine Oest
10	Eliza Schneider
10	Chris Luter
11	Meg Sweet
11	Max Egan
13	James Brandon Wann, Jr. (J.B.)
16	Lauren Notowich
17	Nicholas Luter
18	Kirsten King
19	Rachel Barr
19	Cyndi Bevington
22	Amelia Palmer
24	Lauren Thomas
24	Darlis Scobey
24	Cooper Patterson

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

Nov. 5	Delilah Davis
Nov. 12	Bailey Wann
Nov. 19	Natalie Lively
Nov. 26	Cole Ritchey
Dec. 3	Olivia Mittag

Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134
 Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 3130
 Gabe Statom, Director of Music, Ext. 3139
 Cyndi Bevington, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 3131
 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 – 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 December edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than November 27 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org

