



**FEB 2018**

Gabe Statom is leading a team to teach children worship skills in the Sanctuary at 9:30 on Sundays. Directed by Rachel Barr, kids posed a picture of the resurrection.

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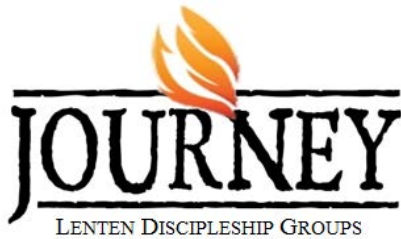
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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year. At first, I thought it was unfortunate that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fell on the same day. As I thought about love and the journey toward the cross, though, I realized that on Ash Wednesday we commit ourselves to an intentional time of preparation to celebrate the most incredible gift of love any of us could ever receive and that preparation forms us to be more like the one who gives that gift of love, Jesus, our Savior. So, perhaps, it is fitting that we celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday together. We will have a special Italian meal of Spaghetti and Meatballs together at 5:45 pm with worship with Imposition of Ashes at 7 pm.

**Did you know?** Legend says that St. Valentine's was beheaded on February 14, 269 A.D. by Emperor Claudius for conducting marriage ceremonies. Claudius believed that young soldiers fought better if they weren't bothered with worries about a wife and family, so he issued an edict forbidding the marriage of young people.



Have you ever wanted to experience a group who knows you and loves you - a group where everybody knows your name, and they are always glad you came? Beginning the first week of Lent, you have the opportunity to experience it!

We have 10 small groups from which you may choose, based on time and place or facilitator! Each week of Lent (beginning the week of February 18), you will meet with your group of 4-6 for one hour. Over the course of Lent, you will read 2-3 Chapters of Scripture a day so that by Easter you will have read all of the Gospels.

What is discipleship? It is a journey of knowing Jesus better and becoming more like him. Won't you join us in the journey?

*The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become.*

**DALLAS WILLARD**

## Lenten Discipleship Groups

Day	Time	Facilitator(s)	Meeting Dates
Sunday	1:30-2:30 pm	Laurinda Ingram	2/18, 25, 3/4, 11, 18, 25
Sunday	3-4 pm	Cooper Patterson	2/18, 25, 3/4, 11, 18, 25
Monday	5-6 pm	Liv Palmer	2/19, 26, 3/5, 12, 19, 26
Tuesday	10-11 am	Sandy Wann & Emily Rhodes	2/20, 27, 3/6, 13, 20, 27
Tuesday	1-2 pm	Jim Collins	2/20, 27, 3/6, 13, 20, 27
Thursday	10-11 am	Paula Patterson	2/22, 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Thursday	7-8 pm	Bonnie Blair	2/22, 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Friday	9-10 am	Doug Barr	2/23, 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Saturday	8-9 am	Ann Erickson & Mo Smithers	2/24, 3/3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Saturday	4-5 pm	Paul King	2/24, 3/3, 10, 17, 24, 31





## MYTHBUSTERS

*An Interactive, Entertaining, and Educational  
Wednesday Night Program*

We had an incredible time with our first Mythbusters event exploring the idea that God can be everywhere. Helium has a very visible effect but cannot be seen, much like God. We attempted to float an elephant but that turned out to be too much. The cow however was a huge hit. (see photo) Join us on Wednesday nights in February for more family fun and Bible discoveries. Dinner at 5:45, programs at 6:30.

February 14 we will have an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm with the imposition of ashes.

Date	Program	Dinner
7-Feb	Mythbusters	Chicken Pot Pie
14-Feb	Ash Wednesday	Spaghetti and Meatballs
21-Feb	Mythbusters	Pasta Jambalaya
28-Feb	LifeAppWrap	Shepherds Pie

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

February 25, 2018 at 12:30pm

The Farmington Presbyterian Women February Bible study and meeting will meet on Sunday, February 25 @ 12:30 pm in the East Room. Our study will be Lesson Six: In Community with the Reality of the Present. Please join us as we discuss the main idea of Lesson Six how communities of faith support each other during troubled times.



Join us Sunday, February 4 after worship for the second annual chili Cook off. Winners will be decided by cash donations. Bring your cash, checks, chili, and taste buds and may the best chili win!



## PRESCHOOL

Jesus loves everyone is the sweetest news we will ever share with our preschoolers. And since sweets are a HUGE part of this month—with all of the heart-shaped cookies and candy hearts—we decided the perfect theme for February would be SWEET SHOP!! We will hear the stories of the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the unloved woman, and Peter. Jesus showed love to all of these people, and it's the same kind of love He has for you and me and every preschooler that we get to teach each Sunday. We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that Jesus loves us all, no matter what, and He will never stop loving us.



## ELEMENTARY

God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Even when we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. Because of God's great love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus personified kindness in the way He lived and interacted with the people He met. But, as we read the Gospels, we find that Jesus didn't just model kindness. He commanded it. By treating others the way we want to be treated, we live out the way Jesus taught us to live.



## YOUTH

All students experience stress. That's just a fact! But remember that even if the causes of your students' stress may seem minimal, they're very big deals to them. They feel the weight of stress emotionally, physically, and spiritually. While you can't take their stress away, you can encourage them to give their worries to God and offer tips on how to manage their stress. For the next 3 weeks we will be exploring ways of dealing with stress.

# Valentines Event

## VALENTINES DINNER

February 16, 2018 at 5:30pm

Our Annual Valentines Dinner hosted by CE Committee and served by the youth and children of the church will be held February 16. All are welcome to enjoy a meal of meat or veggie lasagna in our festively decorated Fellowship Hall. Youth and children will provide the service and entertainment for the evening. After dinner, slide over to the Sanctuary for the Memphis Chorale Concert at 7pm. Child care available for the concert. The meal is free but donations to the youth fund will be accepted. Share in the love of the Farmington Family and be a part of a fun evening.





## COLLEGE

The College Bible Study continues in the book of Mark. We read, question, and consider our differing interpretations. Beginning February 16 we will join with the Adult Lenten Discipleship Groups in its guided study and devotional.



## COLLEGE CONFERENCE

January 2 - 5, a group of college students and adults travelled to Montreat, NC to participate in the Montreat College Conference. The students were encouraged to be active in creating spaces where all people can feel at home.



## PYC RETREAT

February 23 - 25, Middle School and High School Students are encouraged to attend the Annual Presbyterian Youth Connection Retreat at Pinecrest. The theme is EXTRAordinary: What is God doing in you to change the world around you? Farmington will take a bus to the retreat at 6pm on Friday and return Sunday after worship. Cost is \$75 if you attend with the Farmington group.



**EXTRA** Ordinary

a PYC retreat  
2018. COLOSSAL. LIFE-ALTERING.  
MIND-BOGGLING. CRAZY-FUN.  
GOD-ORDAINED

## WINTER JAM @ THE FORUM

Farmington will be taking a group to Winter Jam at the FedEx Forum March 3. This is a chance to see several Christian artists and speakers for a low price of \$15. Building 429, Kari Jobe, Newsong, Skillet, and many more speakers and bands.

Bus will leave at 4:30pm and returns around 11pm.



# Day School

Farmington Presbyterian

## America: Red, White, and Blue

by Linda Turner

American flags will be waving when our Jr. Kindergarten class presents their play entitled "America the Red, White, and Blue." The patriotic play will be performed for the Jr. Kindergarteners' families on February 16th in the sanctuary. Marching with an array of flags the children will unify to sing "It's a Grand Old Flag." The class has learned the Pledge of Allegiance and will recite the words proudly. The audience will go on a journey through America featuring famous places and famous faces. The children will be dressed as the character they are portraying. History comes to life when the Presidents and their First Lady address their audience. You may hear Abraham Lincoln's famous words from the Gettysburg Address "Fourscore and seven years ago..." JFK will tell his fellow Americans to "Ask not what your country can do for you... ask what you can do for your country." Neil Armstrong will remind us "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Elvis may be in the building so "Don't Step on His Blue Suede Shoes." The children will sing "This Land is Your Land" and their drawings of famous places will be shown. The program will close with "Hallelujah Thine the Glory" "America the Red, White, and Blue" will be a great learning experience for our Jr. Kindergartners.



## Summer is Coming!

by Gretchen Burch,

Cold temperatures and winter weather doesn't stop us from thinking about summer! We have kicked off registration for summer camp and fall enrollment, and we are on fire! Our school age kids are ready to join us for another fun filled summer, 102 school age kids to be exact! And we will see that number grow as we continue to get closer to summertime. Before & After Care for school-age students for next year is filling up too. Even though we haven't finished this school year that hasn't stopped 91 children for signing up to be enrolled in our Before and After Care programs. We will also see that number grow as we get closer to the start of school. In the Preschool, we still have a few spaces for 3's and part-time 4's.

We feel so blessed and thankful that so many families count and trust us to take care of their children - what a privilege and an honor to be able to provide our services to our community.

We still have space available and would love to have you and your friends as part of our Farmington Family!!!

See ya around the school!



Students in Ms. Natalie's 3 year old class, learning on their new iPads

# Memphis CHORALE

GABRIEL STATOM, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



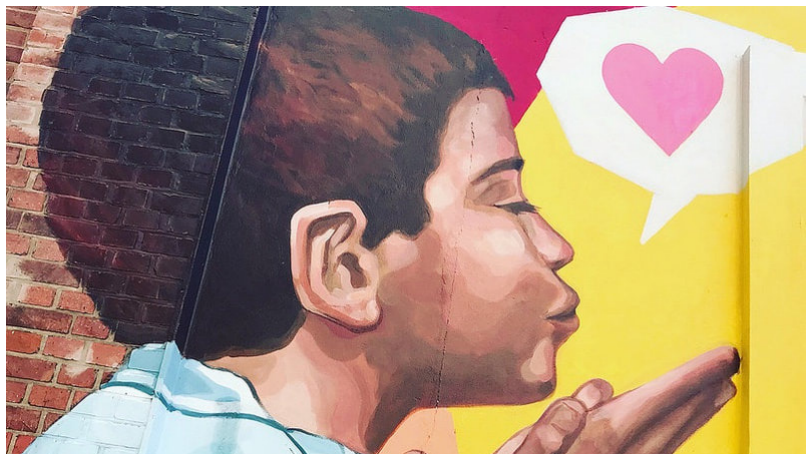
## For Love of Singing

Our inaugural season of concerts in the Mid-South area will include a variety of great music including tunes we all know and love, ethereal music that transcends human perception and moves the spirit - all with incredible artistry from the vocalists of the Memphis Choral. All concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are accepted at each concert to support the work and mission of the Memphis Choral.

February is a month that celebrates love, African-American history, and US history. This concert includes texts of love, great spirituals, and music that will warm any heart.

Thursday, February 15, 2018  
7:00 pm  
First Congregational Church  
1000 Cooper Ave.  
Memphis

Friday, February 16, 2018  
7:00 pm  
Farmington Presbyterian Church  
8245 Farmington Blvd  
Germantown



## Session Report

A Safety Task Force was established to evaluate, recommend, and ensure implementation of church and school safety standards to prepare and respond to potential violent or active shooter situations. Communion by intinction was approved for regular Communion Services with instructions to the Creative Worship Team to explore alternative serving options for special Communion Services and to Worship Committee to explore an additional station with gluten-free bread and individual cups for receiving Communion. Melanie Oest and MaryShelley Ritchey were elected to serve as ruling elder commissioners for the March 3, 2018 Presbytery Meeting. A Congregational Meeting was called for the purposes of receiving the 2017 Annual Report and electing the 2018 Elder Nominating Committee.

## February Birthdays

1	Liv Ann Palmer
8	Meredith Oest
8	Kerry Bailey
13	Shaye Morris
15	Katherine DelPriore
15	Sara Millar
17	Pat Rush Davis
17	Jim Darnell
23	Kristen Perkins
24	Martha Mize
24	Valorie Wheatley
25	Jamie Woodards
26	John Hazen

## Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE	DATE
School Board	5:30 pm Monday, February 5
Adult Discipleship	5:30 pm Tuesday, February 6
Service	6:00 pm Monday, February 12
Property and Grounds	7:30 am Friday, February 9
Christian Education	9:30 am Sunday, February 11
Creative Worship Team	12:30 pm Sunday, February 11
Worship	12:30 pm, Sunday, February 18
Session	6:00 pm Monday, February 18
Administration	5:15 pm Monday, February 26

## Acolyte Schedule

February 4	Delilah Davis
February 11	Hadley Barr
February 18	Kenny Williams
February 25	Cole Ritchey

## Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134  
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 3130  
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 March edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than February 22 at [Doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Doug@farmingtonpres.org)



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