



MARCH 2018

The Day School Junior Kindergarten class performed their patriotic program America: The Red, White, and Blue on February 15th.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Over the years, Palm Sunday has become known as Palm/Passion Sunday. The reason? In many congregations the attendance at Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Services was low. So, adjustments were made to Palm Sunday to ensure that the sacrifice of Jesus wasn't forgotten. The resurrection of Jesus on Easter is not a continuation of the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. If a person does not observe Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, though, the two Sundays are alike in their jubilation.

This year, we will journey with Jesus throughout Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, we will wave palms and sing "Hosanna!" remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, we will remember Jesus gathering with his disciples in an upper room, washing their feet, and giving them a new commandment: to love one another. We will remember that together they ate the Passover meal during which Jesus broke bread, his body broken for us,

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and poured another cup, his blood poured out for our sins, and that after the meal, they departed to the garden where he would be arrested. This year, our Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) will take place on Good Friday. We will read John's account of Christ's crucifixion as the candles are extinguished and the Sanctuary is stripped of the paraments and adornments in reverence for Christ's sacrifice.

Won't you journey with Jesus all the way through Holy Week? The joy of resurrection of Easter is all the more powerful when you have remembered the darkness of the tomb.

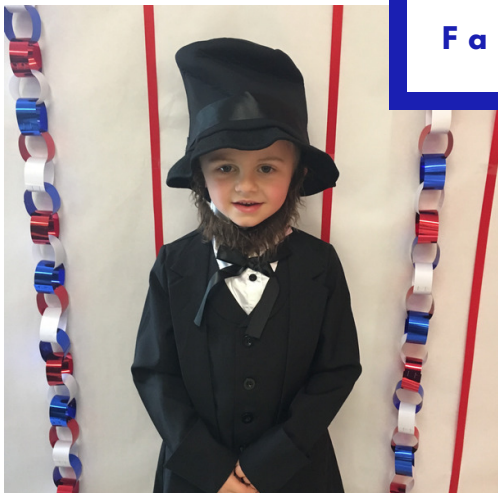
Did you know? "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum" from which we also get the word "mandate." It is on Maundy Thursday that we remember Jesus giving us a new commandment.

The word "Tenebrae" is also Latin, meaning "shadows."

*"Just as I have
loved you,
you also should
love one
another."
-John 13:34*

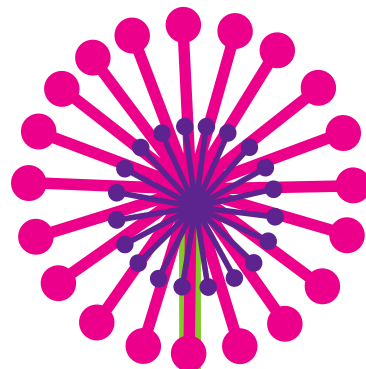
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Farmington Presbyterian



SPRING BREAK SUMMER PREVIEW

March 12th- 16th 2018
7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
\$35.00 per day



KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE

Monday: Bounce House

Tuesday: ****Cameron Brown Park**** 10:30-12:00

Wednesday: ****Cameron Brown Park**** 10:30-12:00

Thursday: Cool Craft

Friday: Make your own Fun Snack

****Bring a sack lunch and drink****

SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

Monday: Bounce House

Tuesday: Roller Skating Field Trip (\$5.00) 10:00-12:00

Wednesday: Make your own Fun Snack

Thursday: Cool Craft

Friday: Cameron Brown Park Play & Lunch 10:30-12:30

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

SESSION REPORT



A Congregational Meeting was held on February 4th to receive the Annual Report and elect the 2018 Nominating Committee. The persons elected to serve are: Chairperson, Becky Hutchins; Vice-Chairperson, Sandy Wann; Youth Representative, Madison Lewis; Presbyterian Women Representative, Mary Lou Collins; Choir Representative, Gabe Statom; Presbyterian Men Representative, John Hazen; Parent Representative, Doug Barr. Nominations to Session in the Class of 2021 are being received through March 5th to the church office or anyone on the committee. Session approved the proposal of MMH Hall, Architects/Planners, Inc. to move forward with the kitchen project. Final plans are being prepared and next steps are coming soon!

On February 25th, we welcomed Bo Bradham as a member of the Farmington family by Transfer of Letter from Cordova Presbyterian. Rev. Ruth Lovell-Bradham, a member of the Presbytery of the Mid-South, will be worshiping and serving Christ through Farmington as well.

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PALM CROSSES

The making of palm crosses for Palm Sunday will take place on Friday, March 23 @ 9:30 am in the youth room.

BIBLE STUDY

March Bible Study /Circle Meeting will be on Sunday, March 25 @ 12:30 in the East Room. Bible Study will cover Lesson Seven: In Community with the Hope of the Future

GIFT OF WOMEN SUNDAY

Women Called To Lead With Love is the message as we Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday on April 8, 2018. The worship service will focus on women who have modeled for us what it means to “lead with love”. Please mark your calendar to attend this special worship service.

BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! We would love for you to share your gift of baking by donating your bake goods to the Presbyterian Women Bake Sale. The bake sale will be Wednesday, April 11 from noon-6 pm.

A sign up sheet to participate /like to help will be available on the Women’s bulletin board. We ask that the bake goods be placed in the church kitchen by 11 am the morning of the bake sale. The proceeds from the Women’s annual fundraiser will go toward the outreach projects. For example: Mexican cistern water project, send a kid to camp (pinecrest), Rise against Hunger, Church Health Center, ect.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Service of Worship

MARCH 29, 2018 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 pm Meal of Soup and Bread
7:00 pm Service with Communion

MARCH 30, 2018 GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

MARCH 31, 2018 HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 1, 2018 EASTER

7:00 am Sunrise Service led by the Youth
7:45 am Breakfast @ Perkins
No Sunday School
11:00 am Service of Worship

2017 Living in Grace and Gratitude

Synopsis of Annual Report

We welcomed our class of 6 confirmands into membership: Madison Lewis, Nicholas Luter, Olivia Mittag, Eddie Morgan, JB Wann, and Joseph Williams. Madison and Olivia also received the Sacrament of Baptism.

John and Kristan Perkins brought their infant son, Gavin Matthew, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We also received 9 new members into the family by Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Letter: Ann Erickson, Martha Hart, Sandy Hilliard, Roland Mittag, Tom Moots, Lynn Rushdi, Amanda Rushdi, Katie Rushdi, and Gabe Statom.

A few of the ministry goals accomplished in 2017 included:

- Completing our church directory so that our “Facebook” helps us to get to know one another.
- Welcoming our new Director of Music, Gabe Statom, into our congregation and to our staff
- Welcoming our new Bookkeeper, Polly Knight, to our staff
- Establishing a Creative Worship Team whose ideas enhanced our worship experiences during the Lenten season and in our worship service commemorating the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation
- Purchasing additional Bibles and hymnals, “Reserved” pew markers, and a funeral pall.
- Hosting for first time in more than 20 years the Presbytery meeting for Presbytery of the Mid-South
- Participating in Presbytery with 8 members of our congregation actively serving on committees and commissions of the Presbytery
- Modifying sanctuary pews to allow Increased access for those with limited mobility
- Building a new mailbox, renovating the nursery and choir room, redesigning and repairing the kitchen roof in preparation for the kitchen remodeling, and partnering with an Eagle Scout in creating an outdoor garden for our preschool science classes.
- Refurbishing the Outdoor Nativity Scene.
- Continuing to support Room in the Inn, providing hospitality with meals, showers and a safe, warm place to spend the night twice a month from November through March.
- Introducing a new school music program with the company Kindermusik to provide hands-on playing of musical instruments, movement, and singing.
- Replacing the computers in the classrooms were replaced with iPads.
- Increasing our support of Rise Against Hunger and packaged 26,000 meals in 2 hours with the help of Day School and Scout families.
- Assembling 50 Scrub Buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s work in the aftermath of hurricanes.
- Sharing a meal and fellowship with members of the Memphis Islamic Community.
- Participating in the Marine’s Toys for Tots Christmas gift program
- Sponsoring a pastor currently serving as a missionary in a security-sensitive area of Asia.
- Sending the Senior High Youth to Montreat for Summer Conference. The theme "A Missing Peace" encouraged young people to be the change the world needs, today.
- The Presbyterian Women donating over \$800 to Pinecrest Camperships from the proceeds of their Annual Bake Sale.
- Establishing a Dinner for 8 program to maintain our sense of family as we grow.



PRESCHOOL

This month we've GONE FISHIN', and we can't wait to see what you and your preschoolers reel in to go with this theme. We're imagining ponds and fish and little kids running in the room to see what they're going to get to do next!

It just seems perfect since this month is all about Jesus and how He taught the disciples to be fishers of men. How did they learn to be fishers of men? Well, they followed Jesus! And, we want our preschoolers to know that they can follow Jesus too!



ELEMENTARY

When Adam and Eve decided that their way was better than God's way and broke God's rule, they changed the relationship between God and His creation. Where once everything and everyone could be in the presence of God, now we were at odds with God. God could have done anything He wanted, including wiping us out and starting over. But instead God decided to make peace with us. Ultimately God did this through His Son, Jesus. When Jesus died and then rose from the dead, He paid the price for everything that was wrong and unfair in this world. Because of Jesus, we can have peace. We don't have to get even. Instead, we can reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.



YOUTH

Have you ever turned on the news only to wish you hadn't? Or answered a phone call only to wish you could un-hear the news on the other end? Whether it's a global disaster, a school shooting, our parents' divorce, or the death of a friend, there's nothing fun about tragedy. It can make us feel like we're walking around in total darkness—where nothing seems quite right and there are more questions than answers. What do we say? What do we do? What happens next? And, how long will it take before things go back to normal? At some point, we'll all find ourselves in or around a tragedy, but being there doesn't mean we have to stay there. There's a way through the darkness to the other side, to healing—and we'll get there by trusting the One who is leading us.

LET'S GO BOWLING!

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 5:30pm

As Spring Break kicks off we want to invite all our kids to a night of fellowship and fun. Join us Friday, March 9 at Cordova Bowling Alley. Lanes have been reserved for the Farmington Family to enjoy an evening together. Happy Spring Break, everyone! Contact Doug Barr to RSVP to this fun event.





COLLEGE

The college crew continue their Friday Morning Bible study at the Starbucks in the Farmington Kroger. We have joined the Journey Discipleship groups and are reading through all of the Gospels through the season of Lent.



WORSHIP SKILLS

Gabe Statom continues a class at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings exploring the sanctuary space and the ways we enter into worship. Hymnals, chimes, candles, organ, and music all enhance our time of reverence and reflection on the gifts God gives us.



WINTER JAM

Farmington youth and college students will attend Winter Jam at the FedEx Forum March 3. This is a chance to see several Christian artists and speakers as they tour around the United States. The Farmington group opted to pay a little extra for the opportunity to meet, question, and pray with the bands before the actual concert. It's too late to join the group for the preconcert festivities, BUT if you are interested in attending the concert, Tickets are general seating and \$15 at the door. The show begins at 5pm and will run til about 11pm.



Middle school is a socially awkward, academically challenging, and spiritually confusing time in a student's life. As your mind is able to conceive of abstract thoughts and your opinion becomes increasingly independent, it can be difficult to feel a sense of belonging anywhere. That is why I am so excited to be taking our Middle Schoolers to The Great Escape this Summer. It is a place where awkward is normal, challenges are met with grace,

and the presence of God is powerfully felt in worship, keynotes, recreation, and time together with your church family.

It is also an opportunity for our 5th graders to be inducted into our Youth group. Nothing unifies a group like a retreat. As always, we will raise a 3rd of the cost, the youth fund will pay a 3rd, and the parents are responsible for a 3rd.

**\$250 student portion (Youth Fund & Fundraisers will supplement the rest)
\$100 non refundable deposit due by April 1**

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31 from 10 to 11am

Bring your friends and your basket to the Annual Farmington Egg Hunt. We will gather in the Sanctuary to hear the resurrection story, then we will hunt the grounds for eggs. Afterward you are invited to stay and fellowship with us over snacks in the Fellowship Hall.

March Birthdays

1	Thomas Nagel
2	Virginia Hart
6	Roland Mittag
7	Liz Lagunes
7	Don Rossman
9	Joseph Williams
10	Rob Hall
12	Madison Lewis
14	Roxanne Trentlage
16	Bob Simpkins
17	Lance Palmer
17	Liz Justice
18	Jim Mitchell
18	Mia Mittag
21	Mary Lou Barrentine
21	Benjamin Byrne
23	Sam Bryant
25	Faye McKenzie
28	Mary Ashley Churchwell
29	Elizabeth Demaree

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE	DATE
Congregational Care	5:45 pm Tuesday, March 6
School Board	5:30 pm Thursday, March 8
Property and Grounds	7:30 am Friday, March 9
Christian Education	9:30 am Sunday, March 18
Worship	12:30 pm Sunday, March 18
Session	6:00 pm Monday, March 19
Administration	5:15 pm Monday, March 26

Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
March 4	Elizabeth Luter	Jinney Hart
March 11	Natalie Lively	Liv Palmer
March 18	Lorilie Phillips	Sandy Hillard
March 25	Bailey Wann	Charlie Smithers

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 March 23 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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