



JUNE 2018

Children of the Day School enjoyed Beach Day during the last week of school before summer.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The 4th Century philosopher and scientist, Aristotle stated, "Where your talents and the needs of the world cross; there lies your vocation." In worship during the month of June, we will be exploring what it means to answer God's call. I frequently hear from people, "but I don't have a talent." That doesn't mean that God can't or won't call you. Consider the Apostle Paul's words to the church at Corinth,

"Look at your situation when you were called, brothers and sisters! By ordinary human standards not many were wise, not many were powerful, not many were from the upper class. But God chose what the world considers foolish to shame the wise. God chose what the world considers weak to shame the strong. And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing. So no human being can brag in God's presence (I Corinthians 1:26-29, Common English Bible)."

So, how do we know what our call is?

Through the process of discernment. Discernment is seeking God's will in making decisions about our lives. If you wonder what your call in life may be, I encourage you over the coming weeks, to place an empty notebook and pen beside your bed. Each night, draw a line down one page in the notebook. On one side, list all of the...

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...things in your day that gave you joy, that energized you, and that gave you a sense of satisfaction. On the other side of the page, list all the things in your day that made you anxious or caused you to worry, that drained you, and that gave you a sense of burden. Don't judge the list. Just honestly put it on paper. After several weeks, take some time to notice the trends.

God, by the work of the Holy Spirit, is present and active in our daily lives, drawing us toward the God's will for us which is found where our greatest joy and deepest satisfaction lie.

May we each seek to discern and live our true vocation!



The Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians

Paul wrote the letter to the Galatians to refute a belief that restricted God's grace to those who followed Jewish ritualistic law. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul was more meditative and poetic in his style as he wrestled with problems of good and evil to present that unity will be achieved ultimately when all things are gathered together in Christ. Beginning June 17, Rev. Neil Sherman and Sara Millar will be leading a class in the East Room from 9:30-10:45 am on these two letters utilizing William Barclay's Commentary in the New Day Study Bible.



How the Rapture Involves Israel

Each Sunday morning in June, Rev. Luter will be leading a study written by Dr. W. Eugene March. W. Eugene March is A. B. Rhodes Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is the author or coauthor of a number of books, including *Israel and the Politics of Land* and *God's Land on Loan*.

This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45.

The first session (June 3) discusses the end of time, what the Bible says about it, and what different Christians believe. Session 2 (June 10) takes on the rapture and dispensationalism and how the birth of the modern country of Israel ignited many

Christian evangelicals to focus their attention on the rapture and Israel. Finally, Session 3 (June 17) focuses on the current international political implications of this belief on the modern state of Israel and all who live in Palestine. This study was written in 2006, so the fourth week (June 24) we will be discussing the current state of affairs and the 223rd General Assembly's actions pertaining to the Middle East.

Each lesson will be emailed to participants for preparation. If you would like to receive these emails, please let Rev. Rebecca know at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The vital ministry of women is celebrated in the PC(USA) through the work of PW. This community of gifted servants enhances the life of the Farmington Family by empowering new members to serve, study scripture, and lead in worship. At the recent PW luncheon, Olivia Mittag, Lauren Thomas, and Joanna Andrews were welcomed into the life and good work of the PW of Farmington.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

Spaghetti Dinner

Proceeds support Farmington's Cistern Mission in Mexico.

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Make plans to attend a Spaghetti Dinner for Missions and invite your friends! Thursday, June 28th, Take-out at 5pm, Dinner at 6 pm. Donations for Cistern-building in Xpujil, Mexico.

Farmington Presbyterian's team will be going July 24-31. Team members are: Elizabeth Demaree, Steve Demaree, Ann Erickson, Chris Luter, Rev. Rebecca Luter, and Charlie Smithers.





Day School

Farmington Presbyterian

Summer Camp Schedule

June 4 - 8	Week 1	Hello Summer
June 11 - 15	Week 2	ARTapalooza
June 18 - 22	Week 3	Life's a Garden
June 25 - 29	Week 4	VBS - White Water Rapids
July 4	Closed	
July 2 - 6	Week 5	America: The Red, White, & Blue
July 9 - 13	Week 6	Fun with Food
July 16 - 20	Week 7	Entertainment Extravaganza
July 23 - 27	Week 8	Summer Fest 2018
August 6	First Day of Preschool and Before & After Care	



Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School is June 25 - 29. Students will experience the ride of a lifetime with God at this fun, creative, and Spirit lead week of adventure. 30 volunteers, Day School staff, and over 150 students will participate making this our largest VBS ever! Registration is open online at www.Farmingtonpres.org or forms are available outside the Sanctuary. Don't miss this week of music, crafts, science, games, snacks, and Bible stories all centered around our role in God's big adventure.

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9AM - 12PM
JUNE 25 - 29

REGISTER ONLINE AT
FARMINGTONPRES.ORG



PRESCHOOL

Have you ever used a compass to show you which way to go? They're great for helping you on a hike, but not as great when we're trying to figure out which way to go in life. We need the Bible for that.

This month, we're going to start our ride through the Bikes and Trikes theme as we teach our preschoolers that the Bible tells us which way to go. How wonderful would it be if our preschoolers grew up using the Bible as their compass as they ride through life!



ELEMENTARY

God is stronger than anyone and He can do things that would be impossible for you or me. He has proved this throughout history, but nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we can have confidence. And when you put your faith in Jesus, you can live fully alive.



YOUTH

If you've ever watched a circus, Cirque du Soleil, or America's Got Talent, then you're probably convinced that humans are capable of some pretty amazing things . . . and some pretty bizarre stuff too. Seeing these things, you might have wondered: Should joints really bend that way? or Is it normal for a grown man to be that into puppets? But the reality is, we all have things that make us different. And, especially in middle school, there's a lot that can make us feel weird. When God created human beings, He made us to be different—different from the rest of creation and different from one another. In this series, we'll discover that "keeping it weird" is a good thing. After all, what makes us weird is what makes us both valuable and wonderful.



PICNIC AT SHELBY

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 10am

SUMMER IS HERE! Bring your sack lunch and picnic blanket to Shelby Farms Pine Lake Pavilion near the Woodland Adventure playground. The Farmington Family will gather for a fun day of disc golf, paddle boats, music, sunshine, and play. No agenda, just time together enjoying the beauty of summer as a church. We will provide tea, lemonade, and ice. Bring your Kite, frisbee, pets, friends and whatever else you need to enjoy a morning at Shelby Farms.



RAMADAN DINNER

June 7 the youth are invited to a Ramadan dinner at the Islamic Community Center. This is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our Muslim neighbors, to eat a meal together, and to talk about gratitude and prayer. Doug will drive the bus from Farmington at 8pm and return around 10:15.



GREAT ESCAPE

Meri Oest and Olivia & Mia Mittag are headed to Great Escape in Cleveland, TN. This Middle School Retreat is an incredible opportunity to step out of the day to day and into a new approach and understanding of Christ's love for us. Doug Barr and Elizabeth Demaree will chaperone. Be in prayer for this group and if you would like to know what we are up to each day, consider purchasing stock in the trip. Donate to the Youth Fund and you will receive daily updates and a post card from the youth on retreat!



VBS BUILD

During the week of June 18 - 22 we will be building decorations and signs for Vacation Bible School Youth and Elementary students are invited to join us in the Youth room to help trace, cut and paint our set for the sanctuary. More details about times and projects will be coming soon.



(above) Delilah Davis is dressed in Joseph's coat of many colors during Sunday school in May

FELLOWSHIP

Potluck

The 2nd Sunday of June, the Farmington Family eats together after worship.

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Potluck Sunday will be June 10th. Bring a dish to share and enjoy lunch after church. Don't worry about what to bring – somehow it all works out. If your dish needs to be heated, place a note on it with instructions. All dishes are brought to the kitchen before worship and placed on the island or in the refrigerator. Toward the end of worship, a group of volunteers will warm and set out the incredible banquet!

Session Report

-A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 3, following worship for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee.

-Session received the recommendation of the School Board for the 2018-2019 FPDS Budget. It was approved, pending Administrative Committee Review (approved 5/24/18).

-"How the Rapture Involves Israel" and "What's Behind Left Behind?" were approved for study by Rev. Luter's Adult Sunday School class.

-Materials for the 2017-2018 Review of Rev. Luter were distributed. If you have feedback to share, please submit it to Kirsten King, Chairperson of Administrative Committee by June 8th.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE	DATE
Congregational Care	5:45 pm Tuesday, June 6
School Board	5:00 pm Thursday, June 14
Property and Grounds	7:30 am Friday, June 8
Christian Education	9:30 am Sunday, June 3
Session	6:00 pm Monday, June 11
Administration	5:15 pm Monday, June 25

Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
June 3	Hadley Barr	Laurinda Ingram
June 10	Natalie Lively	Sandy Hillard
June 17	Lorelei Phillips	MaryShelley Ritchey
June 24	Bailey Wann	Doug Barr

June Birthdays

4	Kay Patterson
6	Anthony Jones
6	Susan Ossario
10	Nathan Williams
12	Walker Ward
12	Mary Lou Collins
13	Vesta Andrews
14	Sandy Wann
16	Tony Howard
21	Leah Douglas
22	Brandon Wann
23	Jerry Renfrow
23	Lorraine Howarth
24	Jean Wiseman
27	Rhonda Byrne
30	William Ingram
30	Shelley Wann
30	Simone Bourgeois

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 July edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than June 22 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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