80 people gathered April 22 for Rise Against Hunger and packed 20,000 meals for those experiencing hunger.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

After the Israelite victory over the Philistines, "Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer [stone of help] saying, “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” - I Samuel 7:12.

Samuel was marking a milestone in the life of the Israelites.

May is a month of marking milestones. On May 6th in worship, we will honor those in the Farmington family who are marking the end of a season in their education as they graduate, looking forward to their next endeavors. This year our Day School will begin a new tradition of marking a milestone with a ceremony as children transition from their preschool education to elementary, ready to begin Kindergarten.

On May 20th, we celebrate the milestone in the life of God's people of Pentecost. Pentecost is the day of the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. In the same way we mark the moment of completion in graduations and celebrate what endeavors lie ahead, at Pentecost we mark not only where the church has been and what we have accomplished, but we also look forward to what lies ahead.

Throughout it all, we celebrate that the Lord was our help, is our help, and will be our help.

Traditionally, worshipers have worn red on Pentecost to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit burning within us. We will be continuing the tradition this year and invite all to wear red to worship on May 20th both at Farmington at 11am and at the Presbytery-wide Gathering at Rhodes at 4pm.

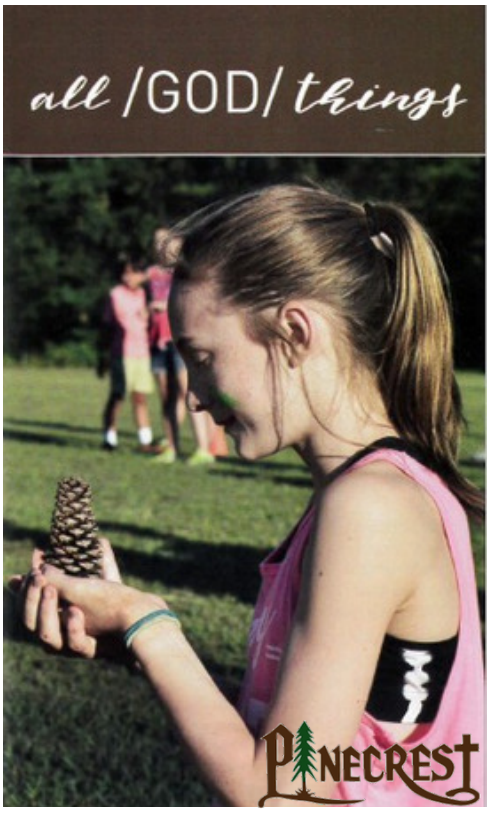
Pentecost Offering

On May 20th we will receive our Pentecost Offering, one of the 4 special offerings of the PC(USA). This offering is designated to ministries with children and youth. Three main initiatives of the PC(USA) depend upon this offering: Educate a Child, Transform the World; National Youth Ministry; and Young Adult Volunteers.

Educate a Child, Transform the World offers grants to congregations nationwide for programs that either strengthen early-childhood education or reduce the drop-out rate of adolescents. Globally, the initiative supports programs to reduce child trafficking, alleviate poverty, and improve educational opportunities by addressing the shortage of well-trained teachers and providing infrastructure, learning resources, access, safety, and security at schools and en route.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium; resources including seasonal online devotions, Bible studies, book club study guides, and Quicksheets Ideas for Youth Ministry; and the annual Faith in 3D Conference held on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend are all ministries of our National Youth Ministry that are supported by the Pentecost Offering.

Young Adult Volunteers are young adults from 19-30 years old who are given the opportunity to live in an intentional Christian community for one year while serving those affected by some of the hardest problems in the world - poverty, violence, and abuse. The YAVs serve alongside partners in sites across the US and around the world, and as they serve they learn to share the Good News of Jesus Christ while nurturing their relationship with God and others.



God is in ALL things at Pinecrest Camp this summer! We'll spend some time singing karaoke, splashing in the mud, climbing trees, playing games at night, and swimming in our huge pool. But then, we'll take some time to think about how God works in our lives, in our world, and in our friends' lives and how we can carry that light into the world. Pinecrest was voted as the top overnight summer camp in the Memphis Parent Readers' Choice Awards. Find out why! Pick up a brochure outside the sanctuary OR go to www.camppinecrest.org. Also, Pinecrest is looking for a few good men....counselors for summer. Get paid to play and share your ministry with bunches of kids. Responsible, mature, fun young men can apply on our website until May 10.

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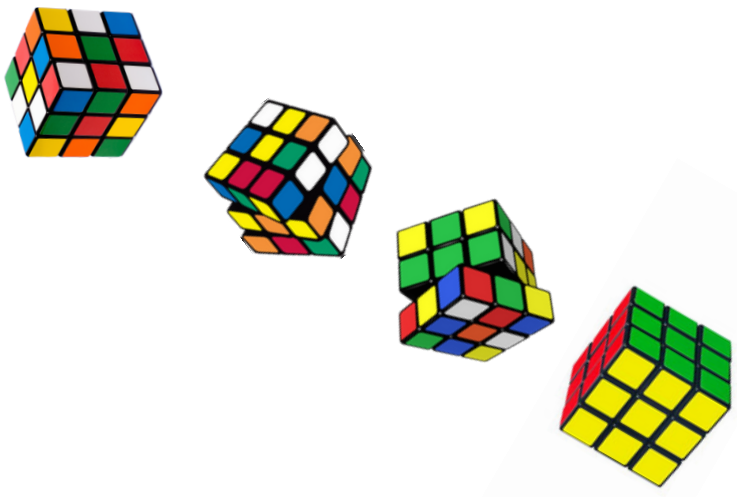
FPDS Rubix Craze

Did you know people who play with Rubik's Cubes are called "cubers"? Me neither, that is until some of our F.P.D.S. after care students taught me all things dealing with the Rubik's Cube. Yes, the same Rubik's Cube that was invented in 1974 and became a craze in the U.S. in the early 1980's. Three students have brought the craze of the Rubik's Cube to F.P.D.S. after care. They are so crazed by the Rubik's Cube that they traveled to Huntsville, Alabama on April 21st, 2018 to compete in a Rubik's Cube Competition. Let me introduce you to Lennon Lewis and brothers Lucas and Leo Saxton. Lucas is a 11 year old Houston Middle School Student in the 6th grade, Leo is a 9 year old Dogwood 3rd grader and Lennon is a 10 year old 5th grader at Riverdale Elementary.
Here is my interview with the Cubers.

How long have you been a cuber?
Lucas- 5 years Leo- 4 months Lennon- 4 years

How did you get interested in the Rubik's Cube?
Lucas- When I was 7 years old we had a Cube in our toy drawer and I got interested in cubing. I watched You Tube Tutorial Videos to learn how to solve the Rubik's Cube.

Leo- My brother kept asking me if he could teach me how to solve the Rubik's Cube and I kept saying no to him. Finally one day I said he could show me.



Lennon- I attended a summer camp when I was 5 years old and there was an 11 year old student attending that had a Rubik's Cube and I became really interested in learning how to solve it. It took me until I was 9 years old to learn the algorithms to solve the cube.

How many cubes do you own?
Lucas- Around 50 Leo- 7 Lennon- 8

What is your best personal time solving the original Rubik's Cube?
Lucas- 15 seconds
Leo- 30 seconds
Lennon- 25 seconds

What was your favorite part of the competition?
Lucas- This was my 3rd competition and my favorite part was I scored a personal best on the Skewb Cube with a time of 4.75 seconds. It was also my first time going to a final round.

Leo- This was my 1st competition and my favorite part was I solved the Rubik's Cube in 36 seconds and I got to try out other people's cubes.

Lennon- This was my 1st competition and my favorite part was when I solved the Rubik's Cube in 42 seconds.

Did I mention that this competition had many competing adults and our students really did a great job! If anyone is interested in learning more about the Rubik's Cube I have 3 students willing and eager to share. They have inspired many other students to start bringing their cubes to after care and you might just see one on a certain director's desk if you come into the office!
Great job Lucas, Leo and Lennon you have made F.P.D.S. proud!

Ms. Gretchen
Program Director

PRESCHOOL

We see other works of art every day that have a Maker and a plan. We pass them on the street, at work, and every Sunday they play around our feet. Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Yes, people! People are God's works of art. He is our Maker. And, He has a plan for each of us. Every neighbor. Every preschooler. Every parent. God has a plan for all of us, because He made us and loves us. We want to teach our preschoolers this month that God has a plan for them. And we can't think of a better story than the life of Joseph.

ELEMENTARY

Behind all your favorite websites and search engines you'll find a group of programmers who sit at their computer screens and type in letters, numbers, and symbols that might seem like complete gibberish to the unknowing eye. But all those characters, in the correct sequence, give us access to the world, make it possible to edit digital photos, and stream our favorite YouTube® videos. But when one of those characters is out of place, when the source code lacks integrity, the site crashes and no one has time for that! The same is true of our life. We have a source code for how we interact with the world built on honesty and integrity. How we live our life matters. That's why as we talk about what it means to live with honesty, we're taking kids on a coding adventure where they can realize a life built upon what God wants will help keep them from making mistakes that could cost them.

YOUTH

Speed limits. Data limits. Time limits. Age limits. There's nothing fun about having limits set between us and what we want. And although some limits are good, most of the time it just feels like we'd be better off without them. Many of us feel like our lives, our stories, and our futures are limited in one way or another —like who we are and who we can become have limits. This was especially true for one of the earliest and most famous guys in the Bible, Moses. Because of who he was, where he came from, and what he did, Moses must have felt like his potential was limited. But God had other plans. And through Moses' story we'll discover that when we allow God to direct our story, the possibilities are limitless.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In the calm or in the tumultuous, life can be like a mountain stream. Going it alone would not be wise. Join us for Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School June 25 - 29, 9am -12pm. Let the Bible be your guide through the rough patches and a companion in the doldrums. Jump on board by filling out a registration form found outside the sanctuary. If your student will be attending FPDS week 4, congratulations, they are already registered!

June 25-29
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Do you feel like faith and science are in competition, that you've got choose one or the other? The different stories told by faith and science often overwhelm us. But what if our faith could be enlarged and inspired by science?

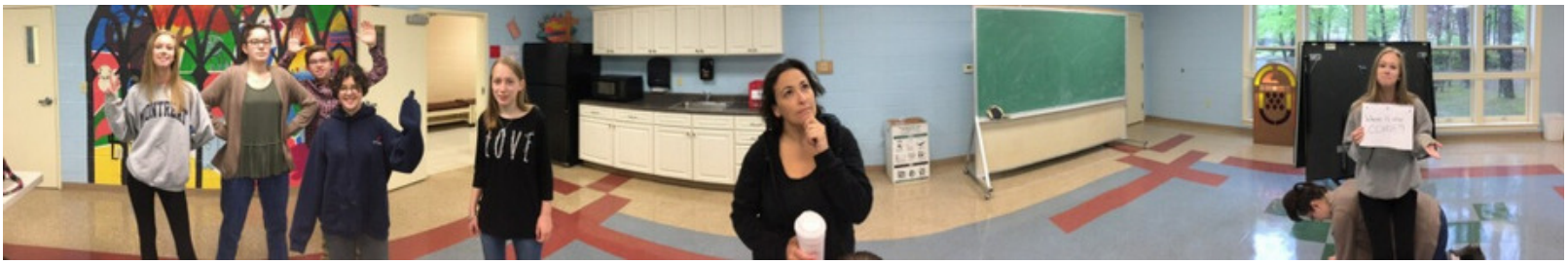
Throughout history, Christians have been central to advancing our understanding of the universe through science. But recently, many Christians are being taught to ignore or fear science. What if we as people of faith were reinvigorated to celebrate scientific discovery as an expression of our God-given capacity to know and understand? New scientific discoveries can continually inform and expand our understanding of the universe. As our perspective grows, we are confronted with a choice: are we willing to shed old beliefs in order to embrace an enlarged faith that fits our new understanding?

Are we fantastically complex collections of atoms and nothing more? Or are we fantastically complex collections of atoms that somehow carry the divine image and have a deep capacity for love? How might faith provide understanding about life that science cannot?

Sunday Afternoons in the youth room from 2 - 4pm. Youth Fellowship is open to anyone 6th grade to college. We play games, study scripture, and explore life together as the living, breathing, body of Christ.

DAY @ SHELBY FARMS

Join us June 2 at Shelby Farms Pine Lake Pavilion for a morning of Fellowship and Fun for the whole family. Play disc golf, relax on the lake, or get rowdy at the playground. Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs, and friends we will provide Lemonade, water, and drinks for the little ones. Come enjoy a relaxed time of laughter, play, and community with the Farmington Family



"What happened to the Youth room furniture?" asked the youth on April 22 when they came for Sunday School. With the Johnson Auxiliary, Rise Against Hunger, and other events in need of space, we found this to be the perfect time to retire the old and bring in the new. New couches are being delivered May 5 and will be ready for Sunday School May 8!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW MAY LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to the Presbyterian Women May Luncheon Saturday, May 12 at 11:30am Farmington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

RSVP by May 7 (attending only)
Carolyn Demaree 754-4944
demareee@earthlink.net
Sign up sheet on Women's bulletin board

BAKE SALE PROCEEDS TO PINECREST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bake Sale that took place on April 11 was a great success. Thanks to all who either donated bake goods, helped with the bake sale, or gave a cash donation. The funds of $738.25 from the sale will be donated to the camp scholarship fund at Pinecrest. The camp scholarship fund helps a child in need to be able to attend summer camp. Thank you again for your kind generosity and support of our bake sale.

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Presbytery Pentecost Event

Presbytery Pentecost Celebration on Sunday, May 20th at 4 pm at Rhodes College. The theme is "Peace Like a River" and the preacher is Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear her preach! We will also participate in a Rise Against Hunger packaging event following worship. There is no cost and no registration!

Farmington Presbyterian Day School is excited to participate in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® Trike-A-Thon program. Trike-A-Thon kicked off on April 19, 2018. Trike-A-Thon is a fun, week-long curriculum that teaches children riding-toy safety lessons through a series of interactive stories while raising money for St. Jude. At the end of the program, May 10-11, we will practice the rules we learned with a Trike-A-Thon event. Give generously and be sure to join us May 10 and 11.

Thursday, May 10
9:15 Miss Angel's Class
10 Miss Lauren's Class
10:45 Miss Natalee's Class
11:30 Miss Crystal's Class

Friday, May 11
9:15 Miss Crystal's Class
10 Miss Lauren's Class
10:45 Miss Valorie's Class
11:30 Miss Courtney's Class

Special Thanks

Thank you dear Farmington family for all your love, support, visits and prayers and during my recent illness. Thank you Rev. Luter for coming to see me in the hospital and praying God's healing and protection over me. We felt your prayers and love through all of this. I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to Carolyn Demaree for being so willing to jump in and keep everything afloat while I was out. The extra time she extended and encouraged me to take in order to recover was much needed. Thank you for your servant heart and willingness to help.
I am reminded of the blessing I have from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,

Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.

Thanks again to each of you for all you have done to stay in touch and help me get back on my feet again..

Rise SM
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

20,000 meals, 80 volunteers, $6000 raised, and the church stepped up in a huge way to Rise Against Hunger on April 22. From the implementation of sustainable community development projects to meal packaging program that harnesses the passion of local volunteers, Rise Against Hunger strives to make a global impact on hunger by building resilience, self-sufficiency and empowerment among communities. Thanks to the Farmington Family for being a part of this passion.

Session Report

Session received the 2017 Financial Review. The School Board recommended that the position of Music Teacher be inactive for the 2018-2019 school year and contract with Musik Adventures to provide music classes. This recommendation was approved. A dinner for new members and frequent visitors of the Farmington family was discussed and is scheduled for May 18th.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE	DATE
Congregational Care	5:45 pm Tuesday, May 8
Property and Grounds	7:30 am Friday, May 4
School Board	5:00 pm Thursday, May 10
Worship	12:30 pm Sunday, May 20
Session	6:00 pm Monday, May 21
Administration	5:15 pm Wednesday, May 23

May Birthdays

10	Olivia Mittag
10	Duke Lively
11	Gerrie Wilder
11	Billy Wann
12	Jayme White (nursery)
13	John Ingram
13	Jack Williams
14	Camille Young
23	Doug Sweet
24	Jo Anne Simpkins
25	John Bivens
27	Abigail Palmer

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& DAY SCHOOL

Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
May 6	Kenny Williams	Charlie Smithers
May 13	Jack Ritchey	Rachel Barr
May 20	Elizabeth Luter	Rebecca Luter
May27	Lorelei Phillips	Jinney Hart

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 June edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than May 21 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org