



**JANUARY 2019**

The Annual Christmas Music Program was held December 13 & 14. The sanctuary was packed with parents and grandparents celebrating the season and the ministry of FPDS.

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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The writer of Ecclesiastes penned these words, “To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” The time has come for the kitchen renovation. Why, you might ask, would we spend money to redo our kitchen rather than sharing those resources with others? The Farmington family is both frugal and generous. Each year our goal is to tithe 20% of our pledge income for missional purposes. The kitchen has not been extensively renovated since it was built in the mid-1970’s. Years of use have left their mark, especially on the sewer lines from the kitchen, so the renovation will include laying new ones. The kitchen layout is problematic. When entering and exiting the kitchen, you pass the gas stove. Pilots are occasionally blown out by the breeze of activity and the possibility for accidental burns is always present. The new entrance/exit will allow for a “working space” for the cook and a “walking space” for others. But perhaps the most exciting addition in the new kitchen will be a commercial dishwasher! For years every dirty dish has been washed by hand and then sanitized in the sanitizer. Not only will the addition of a dishwasher allow for faster, easier cleanup; it will allow us to move away from the use of all styrofoam and the regular use of paper plates and cups. Over the next several months, we will be challenged, stretched, frustrated, and hopeful as we live through the renovation process. Let us all remember that this season, too, will pass, and it will be time for the Farmington family to enjoy a new, efficient and beautiful kitchen.



## SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMATION EVENTS

TEMPLE ISRAEL  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
MEMPHIS ISLAMIC CENTER  
ROOM IN THE INN

JANUARY 18 @ 5:30PM  
JANUARY 25 @ 4:30PM  
FEBRUARY 1 @ TBA  
FEBRUARY 16 @ 5PM

CONFIRMATION 2019

# BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS

Beginning January 6 we will be preparing to answer questions of faith in worship on March 3rd. Throughout this program there will be opportunities to visit other worshipping communities and practices. Feel free to join us on these field trips and explore your own understanding of faith with us.

Be in prayer for Julia Lively, Natalie Lively, Mia Mittag, Meredith Oest, and Lorelei Phillips as they study what it means to be a presbyterian and choose to present their statement before the session on March 3rd.

## ADULT STUDY

# ROMANS

Special Reformation Edition

Beginning January 6th, Rev. Luter will be leading a study of the Book of Romans during the Sunday School hour. Come and study this powerful letter of Paul from which comes much of our understanding about the salvation of the world. We will be using "Romans: a letter for today" by Calvin J. Roetzel, an internationally known Pauline scholar, for our study. The book is \$24. To order a copy, please email Rev. Rebecca at [rluter@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:rluter@farmingtonpres.org). Classes will begin January 6th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

## GALATIANS & EPHESIANS

Sundays 9:30-10:30 am Led by Rev. Neil Sherman and Sara Miller in the East Room.



## PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

1/6

WISE MEN

Jesus is a different kind of king!

1/13

JESUS' BAPTISM

God loves me!

1/20

WEDDING AT CANA

Jesus turns sadness into joy!

1/27

JESUS GOES TO NAZARETH

Everyone is important to God!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

1/6

JESUS

Was Jesus of Nazareth God?

1/13

JESUS

Did Jesus know he was God?

1/20

JESUS

If Jesus was God why did he have to die?

1/27

JESUS

Do I have to believe Jesus performed miracles?





# ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Current students can register January 14.

New students register January 28.

**COME BE A PART OF THE FARMINGTON  
FAMILY IN THE NEW YEAR!**

For more information, contact our directors.

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# FPDS STAFF CHRISTMAS

The Day School celebrated with Christmas Cheer on Saturday, December 16th. The school board hosted the church and school staff to a night of fun and celebration at Halle Plantation.

We celebrated with wonderful food catered by chef, Scott Hutchins, desserts made by Kristie Reed and a hot chocolate bar provided by Charlie Smithers. The staff was able to enjoy a carriage ride to look at the Christmas lights through Halle Plantation neighborhood and play Christmas trivia. The evening wrapped up with a gift exchange game.

We appreciate all the support and partnership we have with the school board. Thank you to our staff for all that they do throughout the year and to our wonderful families that make each day a special day for us here at school by sharing their kids with us.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a most Blessed New Year!!!

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Burch and Linda Turner



# JANUARY 2019

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MON




TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

		01  HAPPY NEW YEAR!	02	03 Montreat College Conference 	04 	05
06 Boxing of the Greens after Fellowship Coffee  Confirmation Begins	07	08	09 Tacos College Conference Dinner 5:45, Program: 6:30	10	11 6pm Farmington Church Holiday Gathering @ Halle Plantation	12
13 1:00pm First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen	14	15	16 White Chicken Lasagna Worship Traditions Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	17	18 5pm Farmington @ Temple Israel	19 
20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6pm Dinner at 	24	25   TAPESTRY Leadership Training Event	26 4:30pm Farmington @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help
27	28	29	30 Shepherd's Pie Worship Traditions Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	31	01 Farmington @ Memphis Islamic Center	02


## FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

2	Jennifer Young	13	Bettye Lucas	23	Thomas Nagel, Jr.
6	Vanessa Howard	15	Linda Bourassa	24	Schneider, Vickie
6	Karen Dickinson	16	Rebecca Hutchins	29	Jon Still
7	Eddie Morgan	16	Sandra Hilliard	29	Kristie Lively
8	Doug Barr	18	Ed Patterson		
9	Madison Shirley	20	Frances Ryan		
10	Ethan Simpson				

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fellowship	Monday, Jan. 7 @ 5pm
School Board	Thursday, Jan. 10 @ 5pm
Christian Education	Sunday, Jan. 13 @ 12:30pm
Service	Monday, Jan. 14 @ 6pm
Property and Grounds	Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 9:30am
Worship	Sunday, Jan. 20 @ 12:30pm
Session	Monday, Jan. 21 @ 6pm
Administration	Monday, Jan. 28 @ 5:15pm
Congregational Care	TBA





# *Wednesday Night Dinners*

## DINNER MENU

### **TACOS** 1.9.19

*College Students fresh off the Montreat College Conference will share about their experience.*

### **WHITE CHICKEN LASAGNA** 1.16.19

*Christianity has its roots in the Jewish tradition. Tonight we will explore the practices that shape our faith.*

### **MELLOW MUSHROOM!** 1.23.19

*The Farmington Family will meet at Mellow Mushroom at Forest Hill Irene for an evening out.. 6pm*

### **SHEPHERD'S PIE** 1.30.19

*Islam is also a branch of the Abrahamic tradition. Tonight we explore the practices of Muslim faith.*

### **CAJUN PASTA** 2.6.19

*The Reformation created more than one Protestant tradition. Tonight we explore our particular practices in the light of so many faiths.*

### **SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS** 2.13.19

*Game night!! Come enjoy an evening of friendly competition and Farmington fellowship.*

**\$7 ADULTS \$4 CHILDREN \$20 FAMILY**  
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IN THE  
CHURCH OFFICE OR SUNDAY  
BULLETIN**



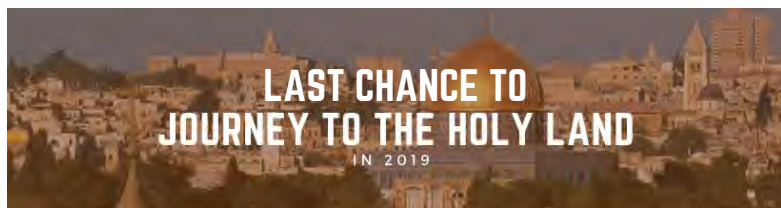
# MONTREAT COLLEGE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 2 - 5 IN MONTREAT, NC

In Luke we read, “Be compassionate just as God is compassionate” (Luke 6:36) and 2 Corinthians proclaims “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

The 2019 College Conference at Montreat will respond to God’s call for compassion in a broken world. As a community of faith we will discern God’s compassionate nature and how God is calling us to act with compassion in our communities, campuses, churches, and families. We will learn from faith leaders and organizations who are living lives of compassion, working towards justice and peace in their communities.

Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, writes: “Compassion isn’t just about feeling the pain of others; it’s about bringing them in toward yourself. If we love what God loves, then, in compassion, margins get erased. ‘Be compassionate as God is compassionate,’ means the dismantling of barriers that exclude.” Joanna Andrews, Christian Barlow, Taylor Clay, Madison Lewis, Eddie Morgan, and Cydnee Young will travel to Montreat with Doug Barr, Sandy Hillard, and Rebecca Hutchins for the Montreat College Conference January 2 - 6.



This is your last opportunity to join the journey to the holy land, May 28 - June 6 with Farmington Presbyterian Pastor Rev. Rebecca Luter. We will be traveling with Educational Opportunities, with whom I have traveled in the past. They travel in the Holy Land every week of every year. You do not have to be a member of Farmington Presbyterian to travel with us! Day School families, friends and family are welcome to come. The opportunity to join us on this trip will also be offered to the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Contact Rebecca if you would like to attend or if you have questions.



Keynote speaker Dr. G. Lee Ramsey, Jr. is the Marlon and Sheila Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Memphis Theological Seminary, where he has been teaching for 20 years. An ordained United Methodist Minister, he is the author of *Preachers and Misfits*, *Prophets and Thieves: The Minister in Southern Fiction*, and *Care-full Preaching: From Sermon to Caring Community*. His interests include how contemporary fiction and film can inform Christian faith and ministry, the use of narrative in preaching, and the ministry of pastoral care in times of grief and loss. He holds the Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University and the M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.



January 11, 2019  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

At Halle Plantation  
2490 Dibrell Trail Dr.  
Collierville, TN 38017

Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided. Please bring your own beverage for the evening.  
RSVP in the Church Office. Childcare provided from 5:30 - 9:30pm at the church  
with reservation required.



## SERVE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN

Our opportunity to serve lunch at First Presbyterian Church's Soup Kitchen is January 13th. Please let Rev. Rebecca know if you are planning to participate. We are no longer paired with another church! We will gather to leave at 1pm and will finish around 3:45 pm.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

DECEMBER 9, YOUNG AND OLD TOOK CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US.







## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Farmington Presbyterian Women January Bible Study and Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27 @12:30 pm in the East Room. Our study will be **Lesson Five: God with Us When We're Powerless**. The focus of the lesson will be God's promise of presence when we are powerless invites us to lay down our weapons of worry and keep our eyes on God.

## SESSION REPORT

This month, session completed the annual review of church membership. Jim Mitchell and Gabe Statom were removed from the roll at their request. The 2019 budget was discussed and adopted. The proposal from Rob Jolly to repair roof leaks was recommended by Property and Grounds after review the bids and approved by session. A report from the November 13th Presbytery meeting was received. Thank you to Bonnie Blair and Sandy Wann for serving as our commissioners. Also in December, we welcomed two new members into the Farmington family. Welcome to Merry Bonner and Bob Plotner!



## Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
January 6	Elizabeth Luter	Jennifer Young
January 13	Cole Ritchey	Madison Lewis
January 20	Bailey Wann	Rachel Barr
January 27	Amelia Palmer	Doug Barr

## Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134  
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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 – Laurinda Ingram  
Congregational Care – MaryShelley Ritchey  
Fellowship – Becky Hutchins  
Property and Grounds – Roland Mittag  
School Board – Charlie Smithers  
Service – Lance Palmer  
Treasurer—Steve Demaree  
Worship – Sandy Wann

If you have content for the February edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than January 28 at [Doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Doug@farmingtonpres.org)



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