



FEBUARY 2019

Confirmation Class is visiting other worshipping communities as they learn about the Presbyterian faith. Our first stops were Jewish Temple and Catholic Church.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Confirmation is a time of intentional, life-shaping exploration of one's relationship with the church. Traditionally, it is a time when youth, who were baptized as infants, profess their faith publicly and express their commitment as members of the church, and particularly, the Farmington family. It is also a time for youth, who were not baptized as infants, to receive the initiating Sacrament of Baptism and profess their faith and desire to live as members of the church and the Farmington family.

Confirmation is not a one-time event, though. We each are called as disciples to be intentional and engage in life-shaping exploration of our relationship with the church throughout our lives. As our youth answer these questions, we are all invited to reflect on them for ourselves.

- Trusting in God's mercy, do you turn away from the ways of sin and evil and evil's power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, sharing in its ministry through your gifts, study, and service and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

May we all confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and respond enthusiastically "I do and I will, with God's help!"

FARMINGTON COOKBOOK

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES BY ASH WEDNESDAY!

Appitizers, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, & Desserts

One thing that we as the Farmington Family agree upon is the value of a shared delicious meal. Share your special recipes with Farmington by submitting a recipe card to be printed in an upcoming cookbook! This book will be made available when our new kitchen is opened later this year. Books will be sold and the money will benefit the students going to summer retreats of Great Escape for the Middle School and Montreat for the High School students. Please print, scan, write or bring a recipe to Doug Barr to be shared in this year's Farmington Cookbook by March 6th, Ash Wednesday.



RECIPE

FOR: _____
FROM THE KITCHEN OF: _____
PREP TIME: _____ COOK TIME: _____ SERVES: _____

INGREDIENTS:

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FARMINGTON NEWS

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF THE FARMINGTON FAMILY

Carillon

Bells will toll from Farmington Presbyterian Church announcing that Services are beginning and calling all who hear them to Worship with us.

The Memorials and Gifts Subcommittee is pleased to announce that the monies received in memory of our beloved Music Director Charles Billings have been used to purchase a digital electronic carillon system. We sincerely believe that only with bells and music can we truly honor the memory of Charles and his many years of service at Farmington. These donated memorials allow us to celebrate his life and his remarkable musical talents.

The City of Germantown has approved Farmington's use of external speakers. An interior speaker will allow the playing of musical selections from an extensive library. In addition to bells, the carillon system will be loaded with a standard Presbyterian Music Package, as well as a general library, enabling full utilization for any service, event, or activity.

Chili Cookoff

Chili Cookoff will be held during the fellowship hour after worship on February 10th. Bring a pot of homemade chili, or your appetite. Use your donations to vote for your favorite chili. Donations will go towards the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Chili that raises the most donations wins and that cook will receive a prize.

College

Our college students enjoyed a trip to Montreat, NC for the Montreat College Conference at the beginning of January. They heard from interfaith leaders, dynamic preachers, and even the inmates of Swannanoa Correctional Facility on how the Gospel is preached through the lives of others. In this time of division and struggle, we see Christ's teaching are thriving in Compassionate Communities around the world.

Safi Kahn has gone to Dallas to pursue an education in Islamic teaching. We will miss his gift for interfaith sharing and his fellowship with us.





Christian Education

Elementary & Preschool

SPARKHOUSE LECTIONARY

2/3 - JEREMIAH - God can speak the truth through us.

2/10 - THE DISCIPLES - Everyone can be a disciple.

2/17 - THE BEATITUDES - Jesus shatters our worldly understanding of what is "blessed."

2/28 - JOSEPH FEEDS HIS FAMILY - God's plan can unfold even in complicated families.

Adult Sunday School

ROMANS: A LETTER FOR TODAY

Rev. Luter is 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 24 - 28
9AM - 12PM



Confirmation

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Over the last 8 weeks, students have studied in order to answer 4 critical questions about what they believe. They have visited other worshipping communities, served the poor and worked with mentors to shape a statement of faith. On February 24, they will give their responses in front of the Session and the Congregation, and join the membership of Farmington Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women

GOD WITH US IN THE TRIALS

The Farmington Presbyterian Women February Bible Study and Meeting will meet on Sunday, February 24@12:30 pm in the East Room. Our study will be Lesson Six: God with Us Through Our Trials. The focus of the lesson God says, "I will be with you," and that the promise of presence conveys the depth of God's love.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

JUNE 9 - 14



This summer, incoming 6 - 8 grade middle school students are invited to attend The Great Escape at Lee University in Cleveland, TN. It is full of dynamic speakers, powerful music, insane games, and opportunities to get away from the mundane. June 9 - 14 we will spend a week growing in faith, fellowship, and freedom in Christ. As always, Farmington will split the cost between the church, fundraisers, and the family. The family portion is \$250

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

JULY 7 - 13



This summer, high school students are invited to attend an amazing retreat in the North Carolina mountains. Montreat is a beloved sight of Presbyterian nurture and fellowship. July 7 - 13 we will take a group of students for the Let Love Lead Youth Conference. As always, Farmington will split the cost between the church, fundraisers, and the family. The family portion is \$280

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

New School, New Bus

Written by Gretchen Burch

It gives me great pleasure to let you all know FPDS has approved a purchase of a new bus so we can continue to serve our wonderful families and our community. With the opening of the new school, Forest Hill Elementary, in August we saw a need to provide transportation for those families.

We will be providing before and after care to Forest Hill Elementary school. I appreciate all the input, commitment, and trust our current families put in us at Farmington Presbyterian Day School. We will continue to meet and exceed our parents' expectations here at FPDS and we look forward to serving the Forest Hill Elementary community.




Teachers and students celebrated 101 days of teaching and learning by dressing up as dalmatian puppies.

**PATRIOTIC
PLAY**
11:30AM
FEBRUARY 15



Come see the Junior Kindergarten class as they present characters from American History. Each child has chosen a person to study and present at the annual Patriotic Play. You won't want to miss it.



Wednesday Night Dinners

DINNER MENU

CAJUN CHICKEN 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

After Judaism and Christianity there is a third expression of God's work through Abraham. Tonight we explore what Islamic devotion can teach us about our own.

CHICKEN & DUMPLINS 2.20.19

GAME NIGHT!! Join us for a hilarious night of fellowship, laughter, and fun as we dust off the old Party Playoff.

BEEF STROGANOFF 2.27.19

The season of Lent is around the corner. Tonight we will discuss meaningful ways of engaging this season of preparation.

BROCCOLI CHEDDER & CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP 3.6.19

Ash Wednesday service

SPRING BREAK 3.13.19

No Wednesday night dinner as students enjoy a break.

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

HOLIDAY PARTY

January 19 the Farmington Family enjoyed an incredible night of games and holiday fun at Halle Plantation. Special thanks to Scott and Rebecca Hutchins for the amazing food and Charlie Smithers for the entertainment.



SESSION REPORT

Session approved the purchase of a third bus for Farmington Presbyterian Day School. We will now be servicing Forest Hill Elementary in addition to Dogwood, Farmington, Riverdale, and Houston Middle Schools. Updates to the FPDS Board Operating Procedures were approved. The December year-end budget report and the 2018 annual report of the accounting of the Memorials and Gifts Subcommittee were received. Sewer and plumbing work recommended after inspection of the existing sewer under the kitchen area was approved. A Farmington Family Recipe-Swapping Cookbook was approved as a fundraiser for youth trips. Harland and Carol Lovell were welcomed into the Farmington family by Transfer of Letter from Cordova Presbyterian. Mike and Sharaze Colley were welcomed into the Farmington family by Reaffirmation of Faith; their daughter, Autumn, is participating in our Confirmation Class.



Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
February 3	Hadley Barr	Elizabeth Demaree
February 10	Jack Ritchey	Doug Barr
February 17	Charlotte Moots	Laurinda Ingram
February 24	Delilah Davis	Rebecca Luter

Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, Ext. 3130
Polly Knight, Financial Records Keeper, Ext. 3136
Shelley Wann, Church Office Administrator, Ext. 3131
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 March edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than February 25 at Doug@farmingtonpres.org



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						ROOM IN THE INN
03	04	05	06 Cajun Chicken Reformed Perspectives Dinner 5:45, Program: 6:30	07	08	09
10 Chili Cookoff	11	12	13 Spaghetti & Meatball Game Night Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	14	15 Patriotic Play 11:30am	16 ROOM IN THE INN
Scout Sunday						
17	18	19	20 Chicken & Dumplings Islamic perspectives Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	21	22	23
24 Presbyterian Women 12:30pm	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27 Beef Stroganoff Lenten Practices Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	28	01	02
Confirmation Sunday						

FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Liv Ann Palmer

8 Meredith Oest

8 Kerry Bailey

11 Vickie Haguewood

15 Katherine DePriore

15 Sara Millar
- 17 Pat Rush Davis

23 Kristan Perkins

24 Martha Mize

25 Jamie Woodards

26 John Hazen

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Christian Education Service

Sunday, Feb. 10 @ 12pm
- Congregational Care Worship Session

Monday, Feb. 11 @ 6pm
- School Board

Monday, Feb. 11 @ 5:30pm
- Property and Grounds Administration

Sunday, Feb. 17 @ 12:30pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 @ 6pm
- Thursday, Feb. 21 @ 5pm
- Sunday, Feb. 10 @ 9:30am
- Monday, Feb. 25 @ 5:15pm