

**MARCH 2019**

February 28 was a special day in worship as we welcomed 5 new members to our family of faith through Confirmation.

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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The Council of Nicaea, which took place in 325 AD, set aside the beginning of Lent and autumn as times of reconciliation. Therefore, we know that observing 40 days of penitence and preparation for Easter was established and commonly practiced by all Christians by the 4th Century.

How will you prepare for Easter? We have several opportunities that are open to members, visitors, Day School families, and community members! The 3 Lenten Disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

1. You are invited to pray the Scriptures by reading them in a way that listens more for God's message to you than the content of the pages.. You will find more about Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") on page 5 of this newsletter. We have created a calendar of short passages from Luke's Gospel for all to pray the life of Jesus throughout Lent. We will also be practicing this way of praying the Scripture each Wednesday evening after our dinner together.

2. You are invited to fast your time, to give up some of your time for Bible Study with a small group. The Lenten discipline of fasting is meant to challenge us to give up something that is precious to us. In our world today, little is more precious to us than our time. Gather a group of friends on your own, or sign up on the registration forms available at the Welcome Desk or...

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...the Church Office. This year we will be using Rev. Adam Hamilton's **Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple**. Each week, you will have a chapter of Rev. Hamilton's book to read and then gather with your group to watch a DVD presentation by Rev. Hamilton on location in the Holy Land about the world in which Simon Peter lived and to discuss what you can learn from Simon Peter's life. More information is available on p. 8 of this newsletter.

3. You are invited to practice almsgiving. Almsgiving is giving to charity, beyond your tithe to the church. This Sunday, March 3rd, we begin our campaign to package more than 20,000 meals for distribution to provide a safety net to children at school and the sick in hospitals in developing countries and emergency relief for those who have been devastated by natural disasters. You can learn more about the work of Rise Against Hunger at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org). Each meal costs 34 cents. Most of us have the opportunity to eat 3 meals a day. Will you consider giving \$1 per day throughout Lent so that others have the opportunity to eat? Our packaging event will be May 5th, and we hope you will sign up to be a part of it, as well. Brochures will be available at the Welcome Desk and the Church Office.

It is sometimes said that every Sunday is a little Easter. It is true that every Sunday we celebrate the life of Jesus and the life we have been called to live in his likeness. This year, throughout Lent, each Sunday we will be listening again to the stories of Jesus' life as told by the Gospel of Luke. We invite you to join us at 11 am each Sunday for worship.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



821 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life.

**Help us Package 20,088 Meals  
Sunday, May 5th.  
1pm - 3pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Meaningful tasks for persons age 5 and up!  
Nursery available for younger children.



# TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

## WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT

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**MARCH 6**

ASH WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 10**

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 17**

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 24**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 31**

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

**APRIL 7**

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

**APRIL 14**

PALM SUNDAY

**APRIL 18**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**APRIL 19**

GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL 21**

EASTER SUNDAY

**7:00 pm**

He Was Tested as We Are

**11:00 am**

He Was Questioned for Healing

**11:00 am**

*Rev. Sharon Junn, Our Field Worker in Asia*

*Potluck Following Worship*

**11:00 am**

He Was Anointed by a Sinner

**11:00 am**

He Came to Seek the One Who Left

**11:00 am**

He Came to Teach Us Humility

**11:00 am**

He Was Welcomed as a King

**7:00 pm**

He Poured the Cup and Broke the Bread

**7:00 pm**

He Saved Others, But He Wouldn't Save Himself

**6:30 (Outdoor Sanctuary) and 11:00 am**

He Has Risen!



# FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

## We're Hiring!

It is time for the Summer Camp craze! Farmington Day School is looking for energetic and enthusiastic summer staff. If you or a loved one are looking for summer work in a fun Christ-centered and child-focused place, consider applying for Summer Camp 2019. Head to [www.farmingtonpres.org/employment](http://www.farmingtonpres.org/employment) to download our application.

## FPDS Events.

Petting Zoo (Kids Kountry)

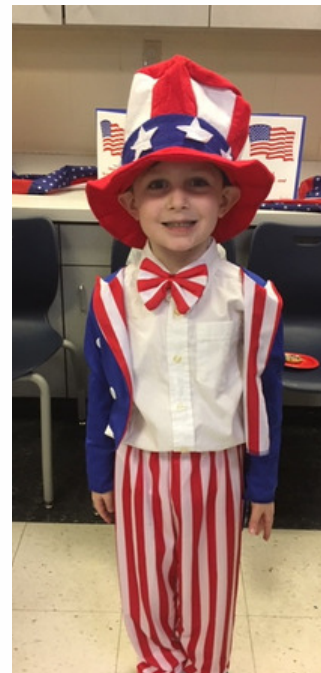
Mon. 4/1, Tues. 4/2 9:00 to 12:00

Pirates/Princesses/Parent Seminar

Thurs. 4/25 6:30 to 7:30

Spring Music Program/Art Show

Thurs. 5/16, Fri. 5/17 10:00 to 12:00





## Praying the Scripture or “Lectio Divina”

You are invited to pray the words of Luke’s Gospel throughout Lent. You will find verses for each day on the calendar in the newsletter. As you prepare for this Lenten discipline, consider what time is best for you to be quiet: perhaps it is the first thing in the morning, during lunch, in the evening, or during a break at work. Then, think about where you will be at that time. Is there a chair or a table where you like to sit? How can you make that place more “set apart”: perhaps you will place a candle there, or a cross, or a plant. Place your calendar and these instructions in your Bible in that spot and schedule an alarm on your phone for that time. When you come to pray, follow these steps:

**Prepare** Take a moment to breathe. Close your eyes, and let your body relax. Think these words (or similar) to God, “Be present here, O God. I am open to you speaking to me in these moments.”

**Read** Turn to the passage and read it slowly, pausing between phrases and sentences, listening for a word or phrase that stands out to you or catches your attention. Allow a moment of silence, repeating that word or phrase softly to yourself, pondering it and savoring it as though it were the words of a love letter written to you. This is the word that is meant for you. Be content to listen simply and openly, without judging or analyzing.

**Reflect** Read the passage again, this time listening for the way this passage connects with your life. Ask, “What is it in my life right now that needs to hear this word?” Allow several moments of silence following this reading, and explore your thoughts and perceptions. Consider what it would be like to be present in the story, with Jesus. Where are you in the scene? Is Jesus speaking to you? Imagine the sand, the sun, the smells, the sounds, then ask, “What do I hear as I imagine myself in the story or hear these words addressed specifically to me?”

**Respond** Read the passage a third time, listening for your deepest, most honest response to what you have read. After reading, allow your prayer to flow spontaneously from your heart in a personal dialogue with God, sharing with God the feelings and thoughts this passage has aroused. You may want to write you thoughts or speak them aloud, whatever is best for you to be completely honest about where you are, what challenges you, what scares you, what feelings of joy, love, sorrow, anger, desire, need, repentance, or other feelings you have in response to the word you have heard.

**Rest** Read a final time and breathe deeply. You have given a full response to God, so now you can release and rest in God’s presence. God loves you and accepts you as you are; God never gives up on you and meets you where you are, inviting you to let his image grow in you.

**Resolve** Throughout the day, carry the word or phrase that spoke to you with you. Let your thoughts ponder it. You may want to choose an image or a symbol to remind you of it. You may want to write it on your calendar (digital or paper) or on a post-it note that you place somewhere you will see throughout the day. You will find that as you mull this word or phrase over, you will be led deeper and deeper into its meaning for you, until it begins to live in you.

A word of encouragement: When we are first learning a new dance, we are very awkward and very concerned about getting it right. We watch our feet, trying to get them to do what they are supposed to do. We wonder what to do with our hands. If we are dancing with a partner, we may be clumsy at first as we try to figure out how to move together gracefully. But in the end, the point is to be able to enter the dance, flow with it, improvise and enjoy the person we are dancing with.

--adapted from Ruth Haley Barton’s *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*

# MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02 ROOM IN THE INN
03 Luke 5:17-26	04 Luke 6:1-11 Small Groups Week 1	05	06 Ash Wednesday Luke 3:1-19 SOUP Dinner @ 5:45 Service @ 7	07 Luke 4:1-13	08 Luke 4:14-30	09 Luke 5:1-11
10 Luke 5:17-26	11 Luke 6:1-11 Small Groups Week 1	12 Luke 6:27-45	13 Luke 7:1-10	14 Luke 7:36-50	15 Luke 8:1-15	16 Luke 8:40-56 ROOM IN THE INN
17 Luke 9:18-27 POTLUCK Guest Preacher: Our field worker in Asia	18 Luke 9:28-36 Small Groups Week 2	19 Luke 9:57-62	20 Luke 10:1-24 SPACHETTI PIE Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	21 Luke 10:25-37	22 Luke 11:1-13	23 Luke 11:33-36
24 Luke 12:13-21 Presbyterian Women 12:30pm	25 Luke 12:22-34 Small Groups Week 3 Newsletter Deadline	26 Luke 13:31-35	27 Luke 14:1-14 CHICKEN ENCHILADA Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	28 Luke 14:15-24	29 Luke 14:25-35 PLAY IN THE PINES - Pinecrest Retreat	30 Luke 15:1-10

## FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

1	Thomas Nagel	12	Madison Lewis	23	Sam Bryant
2	Virginia Hart	14	Roxanne Trentlage	25	Faye McKenzie
6	Roland Mittag	17	Lance Palmer	28	Mary Ashley Churchwell
7	Don Rossman	18	Mia Mittag	29	Elizabeth Demaree
9	Joseph Williams	21	Mary Lou Barrentine	31	Elias Haguewood
10	Rob Hall	21	Benjamin Byrne		

If your Birthday is not listed, please contact  
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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Service	Monday, Mar. 11@6pm
Christian Education	Sunday, Mar. 17@ 9:30pm
Property and Grounds	Sunday, Mar. 17@ 9:30am
Session	Monday, Mar. 18@ 6pm
School Board	Thursday, Mar. 21 @ 5pm
Administration	Monday, Mar. 25 @ 5:15pm
Worship	Sunday, Mar. 31@ 12:30pm



# APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Luke 15:11-32	01 Luke 16:1-15 Small Groups Week 4  PETTING ZOO @ FPDS	02 Luke 16:19-31	03 Luke 17:11-19 CHICKEN SPAGHETTI PW Bake Sale	04 Luke 17:20-37	05 Luke 18:9-14	06 Luke 18:18-34
07 Luke 19:1-10	08 Luke 19:28-44 Small Groups Week 5	09 Luke 19:45-20:8	10 Luke 20:9-19 POT ROAST Dinner @ 5:45 Service @ 7	11 Luke 22:1-6	12 Luke 22:14-23	13 Luke 22:31-38
14 Luke 22:39-53 PALM SUNDAY	15 Luke 22:54-62 NO SMALL GROUP	16 Luke 22:63-71	17 Luke 23:1-25	18 Luke 23:26-43 MAUNDY THURSDAY Dinner @ 5:45pm Service @ 7pm	19 Luke 23:44-56 GOOD FRIDAY Service @ 7pm	20 Luke 24:1-12 10am Easter Egg Hunt
21 Luke 24:13-35 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service @ 6:30AM	22 Luke 24:36-53 Small Groups Week 6	23	24 BARBECUE Dinner 5:45 Program: 6:30	25 FPDS Pirates/ Princesses/ Parent Seminar 6:30 to 7:30	26	27
28 Presbyterian Women 12:30pm	29	30				

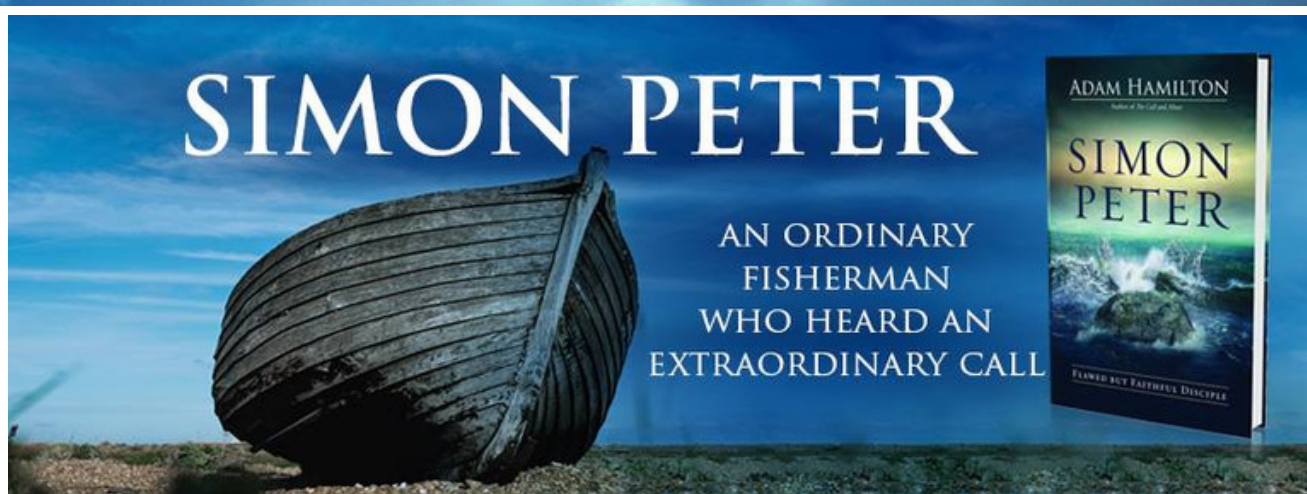
## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**APRIL 14**  
 PALM SUNDAY  
 11:00 am  
 He Was Welcomed as a King  
**APRIL 18**  
 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
 7:00 pm  
 He Poured the Cup and Broke the Bread  
**APRIL 19**  
 GOOD FRIDAY  
 7:00 pm  
 He Saved Others, But He Wouldn't Save Himself  
**APRIL 20**  
 HOLY SATURDAY  
 10:00 am  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
**APRIL 21**  
 EASTER SUNDAY  
 6:30 (Outdoor Sanctuary) and 11:00 am  
 He Has Risen!

## FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

2 Bailey Wann  
 2 Charlotte Moots  
 3 Wendy Korner  
 13 Jack Ingram  
 15 Kasi Wann  
 18 Henry Webb  
 20 Gavin Perkins  
 22 Maureen (Mo) Smithers  
 23 Emily Rhodes  
 24 John Perkins  
 27 Elizabeth Williams  
 29 Ann Erickson

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He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Over the six weeks of Lent you are invited to take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

Participants in the study will receive Adam Hamilton's book Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple in hardback. The study includes a DVD featuring Rev. Adam Hamilton teaching on site in Israel and Italy.

One reviewer had this to say about the book,

"What a fantastic book! I love the unique approach of focusing on Peter in the Gospels etc. and what comfort you offer any equally flawed but desiring to be faithful Christians. And while the focus seems to be on Peter, like the Gospel writers themselves, this book masterfully brings Peter's stumblings right into Christ's teaching points. As a bonus, there's a ton of information about the first century culture, Hebrew and Greek language points and apologetics in the book that all just combine to make this work a masterpiece and a must for anyone's bookshelf."

Day	Time	Meeting Dates
Weekday	Morning	See Dates Below (beginning the week of March 11)
Monday	Evening	March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22
Tuesday	Evening	March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23
Wednesday	Evening	March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24
Thursday	Evening	March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25
Friday	Evening	March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 26
Saturday	Morning	March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27
Saturday	Afternoon	March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27
Sunday	9:30-10:30 am	March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 28
Sunday	Afternoon	March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 28

**Sign up in the Church office or contact Rev. Luter if you would like to host a group.**



## RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK

There are some amazing recipes being submitted for the Farmington Cookbook. Award winning Chili, Chicken Cordon Blue, Blueberry Pound Cake, Taco Bake, and Andrew's Spaghetti Sauce to name a few. There is plenty of space to include your favorite recipes. 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.



*Jinney Hart's Award winning Chili recipe will be in the book!*



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Farmington Presbyterian Women March Bible Study and Meeting will meet on Sunday, March 24 @12:30 pm in the East Room. Our study will be Lesson Seven: God with Us as Emmanuel. The focus of the lesson - The promise shifts from the "God with us" promise to the "God with us" person of Jesus Christ.

## UPCOMING PW EVENTS

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 3 from noon-6 pm.

A signup sheet to participate/help will be available on the Women's bulletin board. We ask the the bake goods be placed in the Youth room by 11 am the morning of the bake sale. The proceeds from the Women's annual fundraiser will go toward outreach projects. For example: Mexican cistern water project, send a kid to camp(Pinecrest), Rise against Hunger, Church Health Center, etc.

Mark your calendars - PW Presbytery wide Spring gathering will be held on Saturday, April 6. More information will be forthcoming.



# Christian Education

## Elementary & Preschool

SPARKHOUSE LECTIONARY

3/3 - TRANSFIGURATION - Jesus is really the Son of God... really!

3/10 - TEMPTED - God gives me ways to resist temptation

3/17 - GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM - What seems impossible to us is possible with God.

3/28 - PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE - When we grow in faith and love, we bear fruit!

## Adult Sunday School

ROMANS: A LETTER FOR TODAY

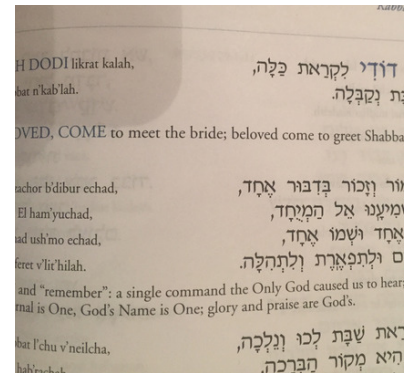
Rev. Luter is leading a study of the Book of Romans during the Sunday School hour. Come and study this powerful letter of Paul from which comes much of our understanding about the salvation of the world.

We will be using "Romans: a letter for today" by Calvin J. Roetzel, an internationally known Pauline scholar, for our study.

## Confirmation

We celebrated the Affirmation of Faith shared with the congregation by Mia Mittag, Julia Lively, Natalie Lively, Autumn Colley, and Lorelei Phillips. These women were confirmed on February 24 with public professions of faith and the baptisms of Autumn, Lorelei, Mia.

*Pictures from the Confirmation class serving at Room in the Inn, visiting Temple Israel, participating in prayer practices, and becoming members of the church.*





## 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. \$100 deposit is due March 25!

## 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. \$100 deposit is due March 25!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24 - 28  
9AM - 12PM

Every year, Farmington Presbyterian presents the good news of Jesus to preschool and elementary students through Vacation Bible School. It is a huge event that takes the entire building, school staff, and church volunteers to present. And this year's VBS is going to be out of this world. If you would like to be on the team that brings this program to students, please contact Doug Barr. We need decorators, small group leaders, station leaders, photographers, crafters, gamers, dancers, storytellers, and more. There is a place for you at Vacation Bible School.



*Photo from 2018 Vacation Bible School on the "Rolling River Rampage".*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

3.6.19

BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP AND CHICKEN  
TORTILLA SOUP

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

3.13.19

No Wednesday Night Dinner this week as many of  
our families will be out of town for Spring Break.

3.20.19

CHICKEN POT PIE

Lenten Devotional - We will be exploring the  
Scriptures using Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

3.27.19

ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

Lenten Devotional - We will be exploring the  
Scriptures using Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

## SESSION REPORT

The session approved the 2018 Statistical Report indicating a total active membership of 139. Kirsten King (Chair) and MaryShelley Ritchey were elected to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee. Our missionary to Asia was approved to preach March 17th. Our two commissioners to the March 2nd Presbytery Meeting will be MaryShelley Ritchey and Sandy Wann with Laurinda Ingram as an alternate commissioner. We welcomed 5 new members at the conclusion of the 2019 Confirmation Class. Autumn Colley, Mia Mittag, and Lorelei Phillips were baptized, and Julia Lively and Natalie Lively were confirmed on February 24th. The session met with them prior to worship and were impressed by their statements of faith.

The 2019 Nominating Committee was elected at the February 17th Congregational Meeting. Members are: Kirsten King (Chair), MaryShelley Ritchey, Ann Erickson, Tom Bryant, and Michael Wann. If you would like to nominate someone, or volunteer to be considered, to serve as an elder on Session or to serve on the Day School Board, please contact one of the persons on the 2019 Nominating Committee.



## Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
March 3	Amelia Palmer	Jinney Hart
March 10	Cole Ritchey	Charlie Smithers
March 17	Henry Webb	Sandy Hillard
March 24	Elizabeth Luter	MaryShelley Ritchey
March 31	Bailey Wann	Liv Palmer

## 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 April edition of New Vision, please email Doug Barr no later than March 25 at [Doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Doug@farmingtonpres.org)



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