



**JUNE 2019**

May 5th, Farmington Church packaged 20,088 meals to help in the fight to end world hunger. Read more on page 7.

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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

As I contemplated what to write this month, I had the thought that we really don't have much going on at the church – it's summer after all. And then, I realized that perhaps the normal pace of activities is so hectic that we don't stop and appreciate the incredible things that are going on at Farmington Presbyterian.

Before you read this article, a group of us will land in the Tel Aviv and travel to Bethlehem and then on to the Sea of Galilee. Before we return home, we will make our way to Jerusalem and finally Jordan. Beginning June 16th at 9:45am I will be sharing highlights of our trip during the Sunday School hour.

June 9th at 3:30 pm our congregation will gather with Presbyterian congregations throughout our Presbytery to celebrate Pentecost at Rhodes College in worship and in service (bring Mac and Cheese for MIFA to church on the 9th) as we sort donations for the food bank.

Beginning on the 16th of June, our worship will focus on the theme "Summer Sabbath." What does it mean to be renewed? What rhythms of life does God call us to? Why do we tend to take a deep breath and sigh when we think about summer?

June 24-28th is our Vacation Bible School. This year we will likely have well-over 200 children who experience the joy and to hear the stories. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond." Please join me in praying that these children come to know God's love in Jesus Christ.

June 28th in the evening, we are having a dinner party. Make plans to come to a Shrimp Boil at Halle Plantation and for your children to enjoy an evening with their friends at the church.

OK, maybe there is a LOT going on at Farmington Presbyterian. The Holy Spirit is at work in this place. Make plans to be a part of it.



**We Belong What Now?**

A Presbytery of the Mid-South Pentecost Event

**June 9, 2019  
Rhodes College @ 3:30**



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SHRIMP BOIL & DINNER PARTY!

**JUNE 28 @ 6PM**

HALLE PLANTATION CLUBHOUSE  
2490 DIBRELL TRAIL DRIVE  
COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017

**SUMMER  
SABBATH**

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING  
JUNE 16TH

COKEBURY'S  
**UBS 2019**

EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU!

**TO  
MARS  
and BEYOND**

COKEBURY'S UBS

**June 24 - 28  
9am - 12pm**

# FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL



## Trike-a-thon Success

A big Thank You to all past and present families that have donated to our St. Jude Trike a Thon. With all your generous donations Farmington Presbyterian Day School has raised over \$50,000 dollars for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in what we do for others.

-Danny Thomas



## Arts and Music Celebration

The end of the year music & art celebration at FPDS was a spectacular display of our students gifts and talents. Our teachers know how to draw out the best in these incredible stars, to lead them into success, and to give them the confidence to shine. Thanks to the teachers, parents, and staff that have made this year an amazing display of the Holy Spirit's gracious mercies and gifts.





## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



### THE PENTECOST OFFERING—BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

Who was the first person to teach you about Jesus? Who was the first person to show you how to honor God with your life? Who helped you open the doors to new understandings of God and of faith? When did these things happen? For many of us, they happened during our childhood. They happened at home, at Sunday School, at church, at camp, or, perhaps through mission trips or experiences of service.

We probably don't need a study to tell us that a foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood, the first third of life, helps ensure lifelong faith and service – but yet studies do show this to be true. Psalm 71 testifies to this same truth. Verse 17 says "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life.

That's why our congregation joins in support of the Pentecost Offering. This churchwide offering opens the doors to children, youth, and young adults so that they grow in the patterns of faith meant to last a lifetime.

When we give, congregations join in shaping the education provided at public schools, through the Educate a Child, Transform the World national initiative. As Presbyterians, we believe that every child deserves access to high-quality education. When we give, young adults engage in a year of service while discerning how best to love God and neighbor, through the Young Adult Volunteer program. As Presbyterians, we believe that

serving others is more than just something good to do, it's something that teaches us about God and about ourselves.

When we give, more than 5,000 youth gather at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium to worship, learn, and serve together. As Presbyterians, we believe that the Holy Spirit moves among us when we gather together and draws us into meaningful relationships and powerful understandings of what God is doing in the world.

Forty percent of this Offering stays here for our own ministries with youth, providing assistance with the cost of summer retreats such as Great Escape and Montreat.

During Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit has opened the doors to faith in Jesus Christ. Just as many of us were nurtured in faith during our youth, we give to support these ministries and offer ourselves in service to the faith formation of other youth and young adults. We join with the Spirit and the whole church, so that the generations to come will still proclaim God's wondrous deeds. Won't you join in your support? If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray

*Transforming Spirit,  
as each of us were taught, help us to teach  
our children, youth, and young adults  
so that their words and lives will  
proclaim your glory and your deeds  
May these gifts we offer shape the future  
of your Church.*

*Amen.*



We are a connectional church; a part of a greater body of worshipping communities that seek to serve and grow in the faith of Jesus Christ. Each year at Pentecost we celebrate our invitation to come together and enjoy the freedom and power given to us through the Holy Spirit. But we were never invited to gather in order to remain under God's shelter. We were called together to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, look after the sick, and visit the prisoner.

We are a connectional church with a purpose; with a mission. How are we living out out belonging in Christ?

**June 9th, 3:30pm at Rhodes College, the Presbytery of the Mid-South will celebrate Pentecost together.**

All that have been called by Christ for the good work he is doing in the world are invited. Bring canned goods to be donated to the Mid-South Food Bank at the close of service.

## SESSION REPORT

Session approved proposed compensation market adjustments and merit increases for FPC pre-school staff and the FPDS 2019-2020 budget as presented. We also approved Rev. Ruth Lovell-Bradham to fill the pulpit on July 14, 2019 and Doug Barr to fill the pulpit on July 21, 2019 in the absence of Rev. Luter, who will be on vacation. We completed our workbook on Transformational Leaders with a discussion on Jeremiah. God had a plan for Jeremiah's life, "a future with hope". We know from his story that there were times when he was afraid, times when he did not know what to do or say. He relied on God. We also discussed people who have been transformational leaders in our lives and their attributes. The closing question is one that we hope you will consider as well, "What is your greatest desire for the congregation you lead?" What is your greatest desire for Farmington Presbyterian? We hope you will share your thoughts with the session.

# Christian Education

## Elementary & Preschool

### SPARKHOUSE LECTIONARY

6/2 - PAUL AND SILAS - We can be happy because God is always with us.

6/9 - HOLY SPIRIT - The Holy Spirit helps us tell others about Jesus!

6/16 - PRAISE GOD - God is Awesome!

6/23 - GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM - God keeps promises.

6/30 - JACOB WRESTLES - God changes us and blesses us.

## Adult Sunday School

### HOLY LAND HIGHLIGHTS

Let Aviv, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Jordan. A group of pilgrims from Farmington and other congregations are in route through the Holy land. Beginning June 16th at 9:45am Rev. Rebecca will be sharing highlights from the trip during the Sunday School hour in the East Room.



Let  
Love  
Lead

2019 Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference (MYC) is a unique gathering of high school aged youth and their group leaders from all around the country. During MYC, youth learn about and celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through small group study, worship, and recreation. The theme is different each year, but the values are the same: sharing God's love and hope, providing opportunities for faith growth and development, and equipping and empowering young people for Christian discipleship in the Church and world.

Five Farmington Church students are headed to Montreat Youth Conference this summer and we invite you to be a part of our journey! While other stock markets go up and down, an

investment in our youth is an investment in the future and offers proven returns. We are offering shares of stock in our trip to North Carolina for the Montreat Youth Conference July 7 - 13. Surrounded by beautiful mountains and the incredible fellowship with Presbyterian youth from all over the United States, this conference offers students an experience of God's love and the freedom of Christ in new and life changing ways. For a \$10 suggested donation to the Youth Fund, you will receive daily emails from Doug Barr about the goings on at Montreat and a postcard written by one of the students on retreat. Stock order forms are available this month in the church office and outside the sanctuary. Please turn in the donation with the form.

Join me, Camille Young, Michael Wann, Joseph Williams, Olivia Mittag, and Nicholas Luter as we grow in faith in the mountains of North Carolina.



On Sunday, May 5, 2019, Farmington Presbyterian hosted their third Rise Against Hunger event. Over 60 participants, church members and the Farmington Scout Troop, packaged 20,088 meals. Farmington Presbyterian was able to raise \$6,829.92 to supplement the cost of the meal packages. Each package provides three healthy meals of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, minerals, and vitamins. One only has to add hot water and the meal is ready.

During the event, everyone had a task. We had volunteers help unload the truck and set-up the assembly stations. Four people at one station added the flavor packet, meal supplement, and rice to a meal bag. Then a runner was called to deliver the packages to the weighing and sealing station. From there the packets were taken to the boxing station. Time flew by as we listened to music and the ringing of the gong signifying we had assembled 1,000 packages. After 2 hours, participants felt tired but satisfied knowing that we were able to make a contribution to address world hunger.

Our facilitator Mike Bell, a former Farmington Presbyterian Preschool student and Farmington Scout, explained how important it is for a community to receive these boxes of packaged meals. It is hard for us to imagine being in a situation where you have no food and no means to provide for your family. Rise Against Hunger helps us connect with those in need by packaging these meals. This organization also strives to educate communities and helps those in crisis. Rise Against Hunger's strives to end hunger by 2030!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE!

June 24 - 28 from 9AM - 12PM the church will be converted to a starship for VBS: To Mars & Beyond. This will be a fun week of Bible adventure, Crafts, Games, Science, Snack, and Music. Please be in prayer for all the 180+ children we will be hosting this year. Remember the volunteers and staff as we prepare and embark on this crazy week with enthusiasm. If you would like to help us prepare for the week, gather in the Youth Room Monday - Thursday June 3 - 6 to help create the sanctuary decorations. Come explore the galaxies of God's creation and celebrate the life found in Jesus Christ each day with the Farmington Family. Register at [Farmingtonpres.org](http://Farmingtonpres.org) to attend. Children attending Week 4 of Farmington Day School Summer Camp need not fill out a form.



## CHURCHWIDE SHRIMP BOIL

We never have enough time to spend together! Make plans now to enjoy dinner together on Friday, June 28th at 6pm, at the Clubhouse at Halle Plantation. VBS will be over, childcare will be provided at the church, and Scott Hutchins is cooking! RSVPs will be in the bulletin June 16th and 23rd or you can email Shelley Wann at [shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:shelley@farmingtonpres.org).

### Churchwide Shrimp Boil

Halle Plantation Clubhouse  
2490 Dibrell Trail Drive  
Collierville, TN 38017

shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes  
coleslaw, french bread, banana pudding  
BYOB



## Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
June 2	Hadley Barr	Jennifer Young
June 9	Jack Ritchey	Charlie Smithers
June 16	Amelia Palmer	Erin Webb
June 23	Cole Ritchey	Doug Barr
June 30	Delilah Davis	Sandy Hillard

## 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 July edition of New Vision, please email Shelley Wann no later than June 24th at [Shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Shelley@farmingtonpres.org)



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# JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
<p><b>VBS Decoration Creation in the Youth Room 9am - 12pm</b>  <b>All are welcome to help create the set for the Sanctuary.</b></p> <p><b>FPDS: SUMMER FUN &amp; GAMES WEEK</b></p>						
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
 Presbytery Pentecost Event 3:30pm - Rhodes College	<p><b>FPDS: WEIRD SCIENCE WEEK</b></p>					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Holy Land Highlights 9:45am - East Room						VBS Decorating 9am
<p><b>FPDS: SPLASH! WEEK</b></p>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
VBS Decorating after worship	<p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9am - 12pm</b></p>					Last Day of VBS Shrimp Boil 6:00pm - Halle Plantation
30	<p><b>FPDS: OUT OF THIS WORLD WEEK</b></p>					

## FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

4 Kay Patterson	13 Vesta Andrews	23 Bo Bradham
6 Anthony Jones	14 Sandy Wann	24 Jean Wiseman
6 Susan Ossario	15 Katie Fischer	27 Rhonda Byrne
10 Nathan Williams	16 Tony Howard	30 William Ingram
12 Walker Ward	22 Brandon Wann	30 Shelley Wann
12 Mary Lou Collins	23 Jerry Renfrow	30 Simone Bourgeois

If your Birthday is not listed, please contact Shelley Wann. [Shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:Shelley@farmingtonpres.org)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Christian Education	Sunday, June 9 @ 9:30am
Congregational Care	Monday, June 10 @ 5:30pm
Service	Monday, June 10 @ 6:00pm
School Board	Thursday, June 13 @ 5:00pm
Property & Grounds	Sunday, June 16 @ 9:30am
Worship	Sunday, June 16 @ 12:30pm
Session	Tuesday, June 18 @ 6:00pm



FPC Picnic @ Johnson Park

