



**MAY 2019**

He is Risen! Easter Sunrise Service was led by the youth of Farmington, who planned the service, wrote the liturgy, played the music, delivered the sermon, and led the prayers.

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# Deepening Our Discipleship

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Technology has made it possible for our online experiences to be customized. We are introduced to products based on our prior purchases and searches; we are "fed" articles based on our likes and dislikes; "friends" are suggested based on their connection to our current "friends." Television stations present the news that will hold viewers' attention and keep us from changing the channel. Research confirms that people spend more time on items that reflect their pre-existing biases. Yet, our beliefs are refined as we are in dialogue with ideas that challenge us. As we study and seek to understand cultures and beliefs that are different from our own, we come to a deeper understanding of ourselves.

Doug Barr, our Director of Christian Education, applied for and was awarded a grant by the Presbytery of the Mid-south to plan and host a retreat for members of the Presbytery and members of the Memphis Islamic Community. As we gathered, we read a covenant together to listen to understand rather than to counter-argue, to listen for strengths rather than weaknesses, to speak for ourselves from our own understanding and experiences rather than based on our assumptions about others' positions and motives, and to accept others' experiences as real and valid for them.

A new initiative is emerging from this retreat. You will soon see buttons that say, "Can we have coffee?" I hope you will get one and invite someone to coffee who holds beliefs (faith, politics, or social issues) that are different from your own for the purpose of understanding their beliefs better - perhaps you will want to begin your conversation with the same covenant.

*Wednesday Night  
Event*

# **AWARENESS 101**

THREAT  
ASSESSMENT WITH  
SHARAZE COLLEY

MAY 1ST  
7PM  
DINNER AT 5:45

# **Rise**<sup>SM</sup> **AGAINST HUNGER**

food • community • sustainability

821 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life. We can do something about it.

**Sunday, May 5th**  
**1pm - 3pm**  
**Farmington Fellowship Hall**

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

Make checks payable to Farmington  
Presbyterian Church with "Rise Against Hunger"  
in the Memo line.



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# **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

COME CELEBRATE THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF OUR  
STUDENTS



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



# FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

## Graduation

We send will be celebrating the advancement of students into Primary school with a Graduation ceremony, Spring Music Program, and Art Show. Join us as we celebrate the students moving into Kindergarten.

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

(left) Barbara Whited sketched this door by hand in the Preschool Hallway celebrating her graduating students. FPDS is filled with talented and dedicated teachers. Thanks for another incredible year!

## We're Hiring!

Farmington Day School is looking for energetic Christ-centered and child-focused summer staff. If you or a loved one are looking for summer work in a fun place, consider applying for Summer Camp 2019.

Also, with the purchase of a new bus we are in need of a driver! CDL class C required. Head to the employment page of our website to apply.



## Trike-a-thon

The students of Farmington Day School take part in an annual event to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Trike-a-thon is always an incredible time with music, popsicles, lemonade, a carwash, and, of course, bikes and trikes. This year we are raising \$5200 for St. Jude. You can help by visiting [www.stjude.org/trike](http://www.stjude.org/trike) or calling 1-(800)-626-BIKE(2453)



## FARMINGTON WOMEN

**A Special Thank You...**to all who contributed so generously to the huge success of the Presbyterian Women Bake Sale. The proceeds of \$615.50 will go toward funding the PW outreach mission projects. For a successful event, it takes everyone (those who bake, those who price and sell the bake goods, those who buy the bake goods, and those who make monetary donations.)

For all of you we give thanks.

Gratefully,

Farmington Presbyterian Women

**Face to Face on the Mountain: Ten Words From God** is the theme for the Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women from the Living Waters Synod. The gathering will take place on June 13-15 at First Presbyterian Church Tupelo, MS. The weekend itinerary, gathering leaders, hotel information, workshop descriptions, etc. are listed on the registration forms which can be found on the women's bulletin board.



*You are cordially invited  
to the Presbyterian Women  
May Luncheon  
Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 am  
Farmington Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall*

*Rsvp by May 6 (attending only)  
Carolyn Demaree 754-4944  
demaree@earthlink.net  
Sign up sheet on Women's bulletin board*

## PW LIFETIME MEMBER AWARDED



April 28th, Farmington Presbyterian honored Vanessa Howard with the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership. Vanessa has served the Farmington Family for 21 years. Her service includes serving on session for 2 terms, leading the Service and Congregational Care committees. Vanessa is a family nurse practitioner at St. Jude.

## SESSION REPORT

Session continued our study on six aspects of becoming transformational leaders of the church with a discussion on practicing and promoting spiritual disciplines. To be a disciple is to be a person who is learning who Christ is and how to be more Christlike, and spiritual disciplines are any practice (worship, Bible study, service, or prayer) that draws us closer to God and helps us be more Christlike. Transformational churches are churches whose focus is making disciples.

Administration committee requested that Shelley Wann, Administrative Assistant, be authorized as an additional individual able to release payroll and sign checks when so directed by one of the Trustees in the event that no Trustee is able come physically to the church to do so. Session approved the motion.

The process for seeking approval for large, non-recurring asset expenditures was reviewed.



# Christian Education

## Elementary & Preschool

*SPARKHOUSE LECTIONARY*

5/5 - SAUL TO PAUL - God changed mean Saul to kind Paul, Jesus' Friend.

5/12 - PETER AND TABITHA - God welcomes everyone.

5/19 - PETER'S DREAM - Jesus works through us.

5/26 - LYDIA - We can learn and teach about love.

## 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

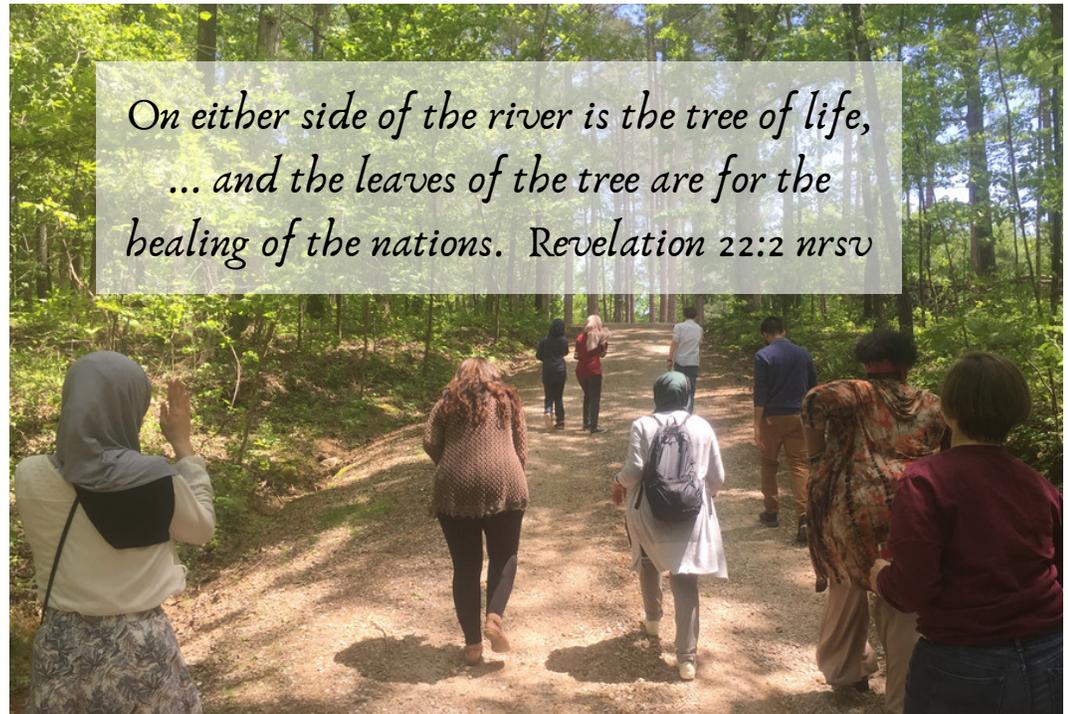
**JUNE 24 - 28**  
**9AM - 12PM**



Register now for Vacation Bible School taking place June 24 - 28 from 9AM - 12PM. 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) or use the form outside the sanctuary. Children attending Week 4 of Farmington Day School Summer Camp need not fill out a form.

# Peacemakers Retreat

Can we  
have  
coffee?



*On either side of the river is the tree of life,  
... and the leaves of the tree are for the  
healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2 nrsv*



Amid the recent news of attacks across the world in mosques, churches, and synagogues, the Peacemakers Retreat took place between members of Memphis Theological Seminary, Farmington Presbyterian Church and the community of 901 Ummah. April 27, 2019, the Saturday between the end of Lent and the beginning of Ramadan, 11 people came together at Pinecrest Retreat and Conference Center in an intergenerational gathering to bridge the relational gap between faiths, to promote appreciation and understanding of one another's beliefs, and to act on behalf of our neighbor. In the end, we walked away seeing each other with more compassion and understanding while being honest about our differences.

We would all do well to explore the simple question that brought this retreat into being. "Can we have coffee?" This question is now an initiative I hope will open doors to hard conversations with a non-prejudicial approach. "Can we have coffee?" buttons are available to anyone willing to invite these kinds of conversations and actively engage with people of alternative views without the animosity so often represented online and in public forums. It is a call for personal relational dialogue to counter reports that dehumanize the other.



## YOUTH SUMMER STOCK

Five 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.

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

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

### MAY 1

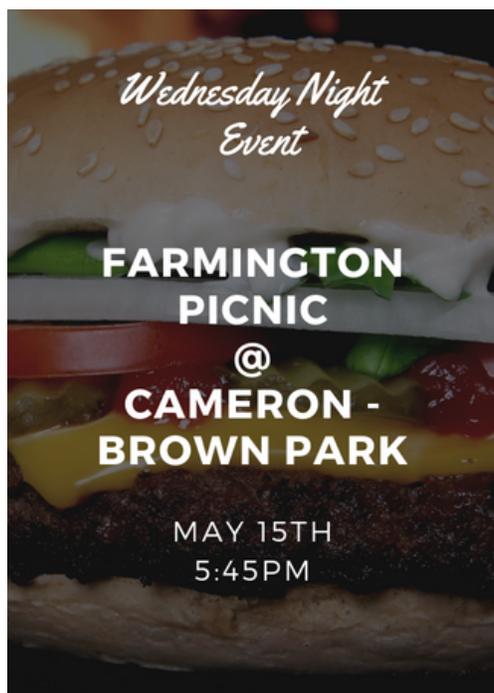
Garabaldi's Dinner

*Awareness 101: Being Aware and Assessing Threats in Our Surroundings*  
Guest Speaker: Sharaze Colley

### MAY 8

Chicken Tenders

**GAME NIGHT!** Join us for a Family Fun Night!



## Worship Schedule

| Date   | Acolytes        | Children's Moment   |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------|
| May 5  | Henry Webb      | Ruth Lovell Bradham |
| May 12 | Elizabeth Luter | Rachel Barr         |
| May 19 | Bailey Wann     | Laurinda Ingram     |
| May 26 | Charlotte Moots | Madison Lewis       |

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



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# MAY 2019

| SUN  | MON   | TUE                    | WED  | THU  | FRI  | SAT  |    |
|--|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|----|
|  |   | 30                     | 01<br>Caribaldi's Dinner<br>Dinner @ 5:45pm<br>Awareness 101 @ 7pm   | 02   | 03   | 04   |    |
|  |   | TRIKE-A-THON 9:30 - 12 |  |  |  |  |    |
| 05<br>RISE AGAINST<br>HUNGER<br>1pm - 3pm<br> | 06  | 07                     | 08<br>Chicken Tenders<br>Dinner @ 5:45pm<br>Game night @ 7pm   | 09   | 10   | 11<br>PW LUNCHEON<br>11am in the Fellowship<br>Hall<br> |    |
| 12   | 13  | 14                     | 15<br>PICNIC @ Cameron -<br>Brown Park<br>Dinner 5:45pm<br> | 16<br>Day School<br>Graduation, Music<br>Program & Art Show<br>10AM - 12PM | 17<br>Day School<br>Graduation, Music<br>Program & Art Show<br>10AM - 12PM | 18   |    |
| 19<br>Graduation Sunday and<br>Sunday School Teacher<br>Recognition  | 20  | 21                     | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25   |    |
| 26   | 27<br>Memorial Day<br>Church and Day<br>School Closed | 28                     | DAY SCHOOL CLOSED  |  |  |  | 01 |

## FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

10 Olivia Mittag  
10 Duke Lively  
10 Andrew Webb  
11 Gerrie Wilder  
11 Billy Wann  
12 Jayme White

13 John Ingram  
13 Jack Williams  
14 Camille Young  
14 Autumn Colley  
16 May Webb  
23 Doug Sweet

24 Jo Anne Simpkins  
25 John Bivens  
27 Abigail Palmer  
*If your Birthday is not listed,  
please contact Shelley Wann.  
Shelley@farmingtonpres.org*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Christian Education  
Administration  
Congregational Care  
Service  
Worship  
School Board  
Property and Grounds

Sunday, May 5 @ 9:30am  
Sunday, May 5 @ 6:00pm  
Tuesday, May 7 @ 5:30pm  
Monday, May 13 @ 6:00pm  
Sunday, May 19 @ 12:30pm  
Thursday, May 16 @ 5:00pm  
Sunday, May 19 @ 9:30am



# Easter Egg Hunt 2019.