



AUGUST 2019

Olivia Mittag led in the procession at a Montreat Youth Conference worship service
July 10, 2019.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

When I recite the Pledge of Allegiance, there is a phrase that runs through my thoughts as I say, “with liberty and justice for all.” The phrase was spoken each day over the intercom after the Pledge in my children’s elementary school. For a while, one of my children thought that the pledge ended with the phrase. That phrase? “Share some kindness today.”

As school begins again and children put their arms through the straps of their backpacks, what if our charge to them as they prepare to walk out of the door or get out of the car and go into school is to “Share some kindness today”?

As your child prepares for the first day of school, I encourage you to have a conversation (or two) about being kind. Perhaps you will want to give them some scenarios to talk through. Encourage your child to notice that person who is sitting alone at the lunch table and to invite them to sit with him or her, to pause and help the person who has dropped a folder in the middle of the hallway, to pass a pencil to the student who doesn’t have one with them in class, to sit down next to the child on the playground who is sitting out and listen.

Notice, pause, share, listen...

Kindness is about more than not being mean. It is about intentionally being like Jesus, who had compassion for those who were hurting or hungry, lost or languishing. The Apostle Paul instructed the church at Colossae that disciples of Jesus clothe themselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

I pray that your family will have a wonderful school year, and I hope that we will all consider how we clothe ourselves to face the day. Share some kindness today.



Farmington Day School

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

August 2, 2019

Please plan on picking up your child on Friday, August 2nd at 4:00 p.m. or come up to the school at this time if you attended our summer program.

From 4:00- 6:00 p.m. we will have a parking lot party, so bring your lawnchair, blanket and dancing shoes. D.J. Mr. Doug will be playing tunes. MEMPOPS will be serving Popsicles (\$4) and FPDS will be serving Hotdogs and lemonade. We will also have face painting by Party with Pickles.

KINDERGARTEN STAGGER START

*Monday, August 12th thru Friday,
August 16th.*

Kindergarteners begin their new adventure into elementary school with a staggered start date can be dropped off at Farmington during the week. The fee is \$35 per day. We do not transport or pick up Kindergartners from their schools during that week.

ALL FPDS PROGRAMS CLOSED

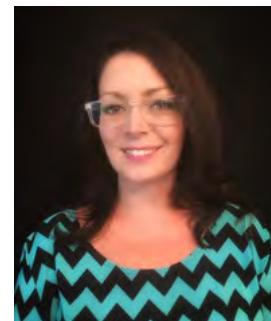
August 5 - August 9

FPDS will be closed Monday, August 5th through Friday, August 9th for Teacher In-service and to prepare the building for the new school year.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Elizabeth May

Elizabeth is our new Data Specialist. She will be helping the school with organizing and maintaining our registration this fall.



There were some incredible outings this summer. Stax museum, Donut Hutt, Dinstuhl's, and The Pink Palace photos above.



Church Events

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 11, 2019

Farmington Presbyterian Church invites you to join us in preparing for the new school year with worship and fellowship. We will pray for all students and teachers in the worship service. Backpacks can be brought to add a tangible reminder that you are held in our prayers as you go to school.

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POTLUCK

*August 11
After Worship*

Where can you shamelessly try all the desserts and entrees!? POTLUCK! Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite dish to share or stop by the grocery on your way. Whether you bring a dish or not. There is always a gracious plenty.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

- August 14 - Tacos
- August 21 - Homemade Pizza
- August 28 - Baked Chicken

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

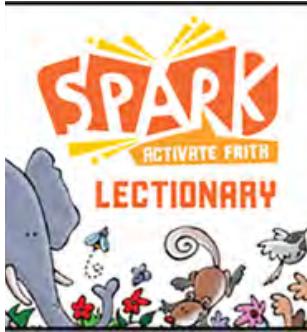
*Dinners begin August 14th
5:45pm - 7pm*

Art is all around us in architecture, paintings, theatre, music, and more. There is a deep well of meaning and experience hidden in the composition and structure that can be overlooked or intentionally explored. Join us each Wednesday night to examine a famous piece and to hear, see, and explore how a Picture is Worth A Thousand Words.

Youth Pool Party and Parent Parley.

**August 4th, 3pm - 5:30pm
Charlie & Mo Smithers and
Billy & Sandy Wann's
Homes**

Join us August 4 at the Wann/Smithers homes for a parent meeting about Youth functions and a youth pool party. Parents will meet at Charlie and Mo's while the youth swim at Billy and Sandy's home. If you would like to volunteer to bring a treat, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y38wslja>.



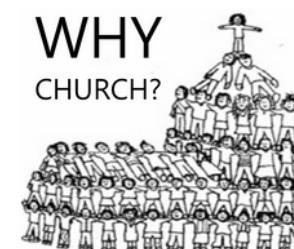
PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY

Following the church seasons, Preschool and Elementary students will hear stories spanning all the books of the Bible in a year using Spark Lectionary curriculum.



YOUTH

The ancient stories told in the Old Testament reveal flawed and unique characters that help us grow in wisdom, faith, and knowledge. This fall we will explore these characters each Sunday in Youth Sunday School.



Culture, Identity, Theology, and Acts of Worship shape us in particular ways and prepare us to be God's people in the world. Each week, Youth Fellowship will explore this question.

Why Church? 2pm - 4pm weekly

ALL YOUTH

6TH GRADE AND UP



AUG. 30, 7PM
AUG. 31, 7AM
\$20 ACTIVITY FEE
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

LOCK-IN!

Training Sessions

Carrying the Light of Christ: Acolyte Training

All students in elementary and preschool.

August 18, 10am during Sunday School.

Let the Children Come to Me: Teacher Training:

All Sunday School, Wednesday Night, and Youth Fellowship volunteers.

August 18, 2pm - 4pm in the East Room.

Children's Moment Training: All members interested in being on the Rotation to lead children's time in worship.

September 8, after worship in the Youth Room.

AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04 3pm - Pool Party and Parent Meeting	05	06	07	08	09	10
11 Blessing of the Backpacks & Potluck	12	13	14 5:45pm - Wednesday Night Dinner & Program	15	16	17
18 2pm - Teacher Training	19	20	21 5:45pm - Wednesday Night Dinner & Program	22	23	24 9am - 2pm PW Bible Study @ Pinecrest
25	26	27	28 5:45pm - Wednesday Night Dinner & Program	29	30	31

YOUTH LOCK-IN
7pm - 7am

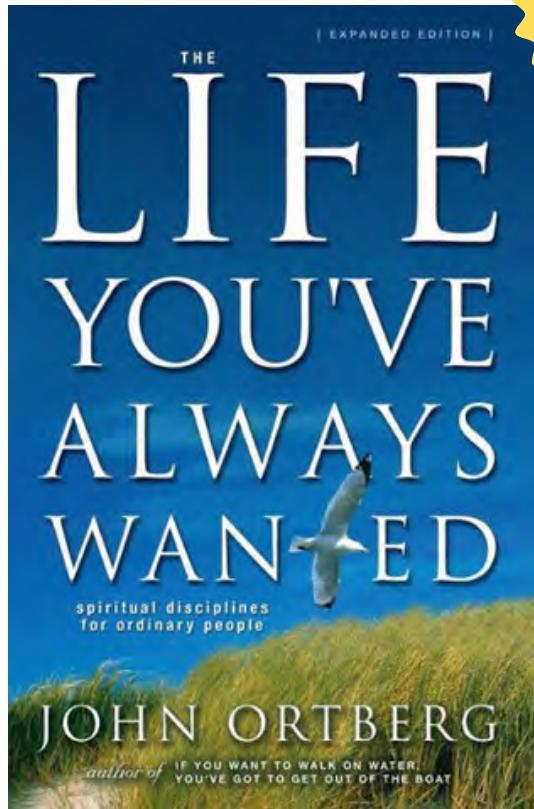
FARMINGTON BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Lynn Rushdi | 20 Thomas Moots | 30 Rory Mansour |
| 2 Pat Sherman | 22 Bonnie Blair | 31 Willa Bohannon |
| 3 Erin Webb | 23 Nora Haguewood | <i>If your birthday is not listed, please contact Shelley Wann.</i> |
| 10 Harland Lovell | 24 Iris Lawing | |
| 14 Ellen Renfrow | 24 Gwynne Gladden | |
| 17 Courtney Erdman | 29 Ray Bendall | <i>Shelley@farmingtonpres.org</i> |

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| Service | Monday, August 5 @ 6:00pm |
| Congregational Care | Tuesday, August 6 @ 5:30pm |
| Christian Education | Sunday, August 11 @ 9:30am |
| School Board | Thursday, August 22 @ 5:00pm |
| Property & Grounds | Sunday, August 18 @ 9:30am |
| Worship | Sunday, August 25 @ 12:30pm |
| Session | Monday, August 19 @ 6:00pm |
| Administration | Monday, August 26 @ 5:15pm |





New!

MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

School Class will begin meeting on August 11th at 9:30am in the East Room. The class will be led by Cooper Patterson. Our first study will be *The Life You've Always Wanted* by John Ortberg. No Biblical knowledge or preparation required. Come and bring your coffee.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

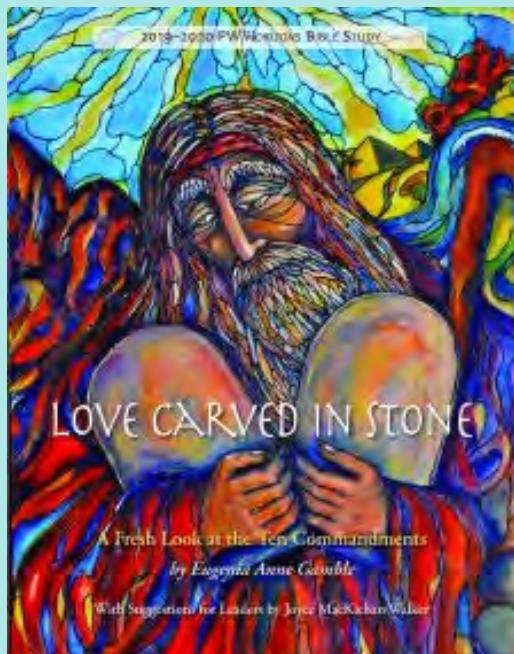
Presbyterian Men will begin meeting regularly again this fall on the 3rd Friday morning of the month beginning on August 16th at 6:30am in the Youth Room. We will have coffee and conversation led by Cooper Patterson and John Hazen. All men are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Pinecrest Bible Study Gathering
August 24th

Mark your calendar! Bible Study Gathering...August 24th at Pinecrest. Kori Phillips McMurtry will be the speaker for 2019 providing an overview of the Horizon's Bible Study. Registration available in the church office.

Melissa Still 901-246-4214



Love Carved in Stone

By Reverend Eugenia Gamble

In this study, the author encourages us to go deeper than we may have thought to go before. She invites us to consider how these commands were understood in their earliest forms and how that understanding can unlock fresh insights for our lives today.

Presbyterian Women
Bible Study Gathering
Saturday, August 24, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cost \$15.00
\$20 after August 20**

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir will begin Wednesday night rehearsals on August 14th (concurrent with Wednesday Night Dinners). If you like to sing and haven't been in chancel choir before, we welcome you to join us! We need singers in each section. We rehearse from 7:15 to 8:45 and cover service music for several weeks. In mid-September, we will begin practicing the music for the Lessons and Carols Service, slated for December 15th at 5:00 pm. This is always a highlight of the Advent Season.



I am also glad to announce the beginning of a choir chime ensemble (or "handchime" as they are sometimes called). This new group will be offered for 6th through 12 grade students at 9:30 on Sunday mornings beginning August 18th in the choir room. Music reading is helpful, but not necessary. Periodically, we will be helping

to lead in worship (after a few rehearsals!), by playing preludes, accompanying hymns and songs and leading processionals. Practices will be each week and we will lead in worship several times this fall.

As in other student music groups, ringing in a choir chimes ensemble will help in understanding how music reading works, foster a sense of responsibility and teamwork, and connect students with leadership in worship. If you have questions about this group, please see me at church on Sunday morning. I'll be glad to talk to you.

Jim Thrash
Director of Music



LIVING KIDNEY DONATION IS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY!



Farmington Presbyterian member, Judith Cassidy, is in need of a kidney transplant. She is in end-stage renal failure and is on dialysis. Living kidney donation is only possible for those who have someone willing to donate a kidney.

While we have two kidneys, a person can lead a normal life with one healthy kidney and donating a kidney to someone in need makes a tremendous difference in that person's life. The surgery for kidney donation is done laparoscopically and is minimally invasive. The donor's hospital stay is usually 2-3 days with a 4-8 week recovery period. Friends, family members, and loving people can donate a kidney!

If you are willing to donate a kidney, but you are not a match for Judith, your donation will go to another person in need. Then, and only then, Judith will be placed on a national registry of people who are willing to make a living kidney donation for a match. Kidney recipients must have a kidney donated in their name in order to be matched with a living kidney donor.

Who can donate? Healthy individuals between the ages of 18-60 can be considered for living donation.

To learn more about the Paired Kidney Exchange Program and living donation, please contact the living donor coordinator at Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute at 901-516-8466.

Please share this need and information with friends and co-workers and pray that the person whom God is calling to donate a kidney for Judith answers.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Farmington Presbyterian Church is collecting school supplies for the children affected by the June flooding. We are collecting through August 4th. Donations will be collected in baskets outside the Sanctuary, the church office during business hours.

Suggested Items:

Notebook paper	Highlighters
Colored Pencils	Crayons
#2 Pencils	Markers
Glue Sticks	Scissors
Folders	Rulers
Pens	3 or 5 Subject Notebooks

YOUTH GROUP COMMUNICATION

If you would like to be informed about Youth Group events, simply text "@farmyo" to the number 81010. You will be asked for your name and you will receive weekly information about events and be able to communicate back via text message.



Worship Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Children's Moment
August 4	Julia Lively	Ruth Lovell Bradham
August 11	Jack Ritchey	Doug Barr
August 18	Natalie Lively	MaryShelley Ritchey
August 25	Cole Ritchey	Shelley Wann

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

Moderator - Rev. Rebecca Luter
 Director of Christian Education - Doug Barr
 Administration – Ann Erickson
 Christian Education – Susan Bryant
 Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
 Congregational Care – MaryShelley Ritchey
 Fellowship – Becky Hutchins
 Property and Grounds – Roland Mittag
 School Board – Charlie Smithers
 Service – Jinney Hart
 Treasurer—Melissa Still
 Worship – Sandy Wann



If you have content for the September edition of New Vision, please email Shelley Wann no later than August 26th at Shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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