



OCTOBER 2019

Many from the Farmington Family gathered at the Harrell Theater in Collierville to see Doug Barr, Nick Luter, Elizabeth Luter, and many others in Matilda.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The theme in worship throughout October is “On Earth as It Is in Heaven.” Rev. Margaret Burnett will be preaching on the Kingdom of God – who is it for, what does it look like, why do we want it to come, and how do we get there from here? I have known Margaret for 20 years, and I have always wanted to have the opportunity to partner with her in some way. She has served as Associate Pastor at both Germantown Presbyterian and Idlewild Presbyterian and is now taking some sabbatical time before seeking her next call. It is a privilege and a joy to have the opportunity to work with her, and I know we will all be blessed by her leadership in worship during the month of October.

On a Personal Note

Thank you all for your cards, your concern, and most of all your prayers. I am finding that my chemotherapy does make me very tired for about 5 days each treatment (from Thursday – Monday). In October, I plan to be out of the office October 3 and 24 with shorter days October 7 and 28. I will, of course, be able to text and will be available in the case of an emergency, hospitalization, or other pastoral concern. In addition, we will be traveling October 13-20th for Fall Break. Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham will be on-call for any pastoral needs during that time.

Farmington Day School

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

"Talk like a Pirate Day", September 19th was enjoyed by Ms. Jennifer's and Ms Katie's Jr. Kindergarten class. The children searched the school as they looked for clues on their scavenger hunt. Their reward was a treasure chest that was filled with a small treasure chest for each child. Dressed in pirate attire, the children "Walked the Plank" as they chanted "Aye Aye Capt'n." They charted their course on their special drawing of a treasure map. "All Hands were on Deck" as the class scrubbed the deck with balloons and push brooms. We heard lots of laughs during the cannon ball toss. "Ye want t' talk like a pirate aye.." made a fun filled day for all of the Jr. Kindergarten Matey's.

Linda Turner



Church Events



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

OCTOBER 2

Chicken Lasagna & A Special Picture is Worth 1000 Words: a discussion on sacrilegious vs. challenging in art.

OCTOBER 9

Enchilada Casserole & Sharaze Colley discusses self defence when caught off guard.

OCTOBER 16

FALL BREAK-NO WND

OCTOBER 23

Chicken and Dumplings & Packing Flood Buckets!

OCTOBER 30

Beef Stroganoff & Alise Davis will join us to speak about Room In the Inn. We will explore the life of those experiencing homelessness and our effort to bring shelter.

TRUNK OR TREAT SIGN UP!

Sunday, October 27 @ 4 - 6pm

Every year, Farmington hosts a great night of silliness at Trunk or Treat. The purpose is to bridge relationships with the neighborhood, the day school, and the church. Sign up to host a trunk!

This year we are asking a few people to host a game trunk by decorating and running an activity rather than just handing out candy. If you are interested, **sign up online** or outside the Fellowship Hall and speak to Doug about how to set up the game. Its easy, fun, and a great way to take a few extra seconds to speak with kids and parents. Activities include: Facepainting, fish pond, ball toss, cupcake walk, and more. Of course the youth will be building and running the annual Box Maze which is always a hit.



Visiting the India Cultural Center & Temple



Doug Barr, Nick & Lizzie Luter, and Olivia Mittag visited the India Cultural Center and Temple September 8. It was fascinating to see how worship is shaped by a people's culture and values while elements of water, bread, story, and posture universally connect in interesting ways. The food was great too.



Agricenter Corn Maze

The youth will visit the Agricenter Corn Maze October 6. If you are joining us for Youth Fellowship you must have a permission form on file for this year.

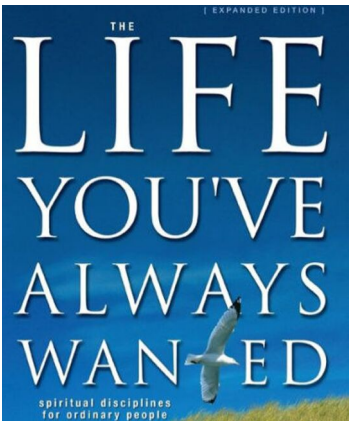


If you have large boxes you no longer need, the Farmington Youth would love to have them. We will be constructing a Box maze for Trunk or Treat the week of October 20 - 27.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Women's Circle of Farmington Presbyterian Church will have their next meeting, Sunday, October 27 at 12:30. Kirsten King will continue with the Horizon's Bible Study: Love Carved in Stone. The salad luncheon held September 21 was well attended and we are excited about our upcoming projects. Please consider attending. It is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Presbyterian Men will continue meeting this fall on the 3rd Friday morning of the month, October 19th at 6:30am in the Youth Room. We will have coffee and conversation led by Cooper Patterson and John Hazen. All men are invited.

Session Report

Session has established a Task Force for the beautification of the West entrance. This group is considering options for creating a space that is more welcoming. If you have ideas, please share them with Sandy Wann. Repair to the parking lot has been approved and will take place in October. In addition, session approved replacement of all remaining computers running Windows 7. 2019 staff raises proposed by Admin were approved. Rev. Margaret Burnett will be preaching during the month of October. The session will be studying *Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations that Will Help Your Church Grow* by Carey Nieuwhof this year.



BENEFITTING PINECREST CAMP

Sunday, October 20, 2019
4:00-7:00PM | Germantown, TN

Catch the continuously running shuttles from
Germantown Presbyterian Church | 2363 S. Germantown Road

FOOD ★ MUSIC ★ AUCTION



Enjoy Gus' World Famous Fried Chicken, The Fry Guy fish, hotdogs, sliders by Germantown Presbyterian Men's Group, s'mores, and more! Signature cocktail - The Cinnamon Roll

Music by The Steve Berger Band • Auction proceeds benefit Pinecrest Camp.

TICKETS

Lucygc@bellsouth.net or 901.878.1247 or Eventbrite.com
\$50 per person/\$60 at the door (adults only)

CHURCH CHOIRS

For the next several months, I will be sharing ideas from an outstanding blog concerning the functions of the church choir. I hope that you will read these principles and share any responses you have directly to me, or to one of our worship committee.

OCTOBER-- THE CHURCH CHOIR LEADS AND ENLIVENS THE CONGREGATION'S SONG

The first and most important function of the church choir is to lead the congregation's song. It is important that this be the top priority. Why is it important that the congregation's song be supported instead of just focusing on the church choir's musical success? Choral musicians inherently know the answer. We become what we sing. When we take words and put them to music, it becomes part of who we are. It becomes imperative that we put as much of the Word into the voices of the congregation as possible. By giving the congregation powerful, inspiring music and words to sing, we empower them for the rest of their lives to better embody God's word through music.

It is important to view the congregation as the "big choir," and the church choir as the "little choir." Choir members become active leaders in building up the congregation's song. By doing this, the congregation is prepared for discipleship through the soul-embracing power of song.

We are about to begin preparations for two of the most important, and "musical" of the church's seasons -- Advent and Christmas. Lessons and Carols will be December 15th at 5:00, followed by a beautiful and elegant reception in Fellowship Hall. Old and new carols will be sung by the congregation and choir, and accompanied by the Memphis String Quartet, and Dr. Tom Bryant, piano. If you would like to become a "part-time" choir member for this season, our rehearsals are Wednesday at 7:15. We will be devoting the first 45 minutes of rehearsal to music for Lessons and Carols. You will find the choir to be a welcoming, fun, and devoted group, and you just might want to sign on for the rest of the year!

Farmington Chimes played for the very first time on September 29 for the Youth and Children's Sabbath. They will soon be sharing this new gift with the congregation again at Thanksgiving and during the Advent Season. We have space for 3 more ringers in order to use the whole compass of our set of choir chimes. The group is for students in 6th through 12 grades. If you have interest in this group, please email Jim Thrash, Director of Music. thrashjames@att.net





FLOOD BUCKET PACKING

Last year, Farmington assembled 75 of the "Gift of the Heart" Clean-up Buckets. This year, will do it again! You can be part of this incredible ministry project by joining us on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:45 for dinner, fellowship, and bucket packing.

After the Clean-up Buckets are packed, checked, and sealed, they will be transported to a warehouse in Little Rock where they will await word from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance about where they are needed.



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
October 6	Charlotte Moots	Jennifer Young
October 13	Henry Webb	Erin Webb
October 20	Delilah Davis	Rachel Barr
October 27	Grayson Perkins	Jinney Hart

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 November edition of New Vision, please email Shelley Wann no later than October 28 at Shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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FARMINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
& DAY SCHOOL

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cole Ritchey
- 3 Jack Ritchey
- 3 Jim Collins
- 3 Steve Demaree
- 3 Jerry Hosier
- 4 Gerry Wilder
- 8 Charlie Smithers
- 12 Jessica German
- 12 Erin Wright-Simpson
- 13 Annette Hosier
- 18 Gretchen Burch
- 20 Angel Elias
- 23 DJ Davis
- 23 Oakley Bohannon
- 24 Suzanne Thomas
- 29 Carol Lovell
- 31 Myrt Saxon

Worship Leaders

October 6

- Liturgist Doug Barr
- Communion/Usher Mary Lou Collins
- Communion/Usher Paul King
- Communion MaryShelley Ritchey
- Communion Pat Sherman

October 13

- Liturgist Rachel Barr
- Usher Gerrie Wilder
- Usher Gerry Wilder

October 20

- Liturgist Vanessa Howard
- Usher Emma Van Frank
- Usher Jinney Hart

October 27

- Liturgist Shelley Wann
- Usher Paula Patterson
- Usher Suzanne Thomas

TUESDAY	1		
WEDNESDAY	2	5:45 PM	Mid- Week Meal - Chicken Lasagna
		6 PM	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Profound or Profane?
THURSDAY	3	6 PM	Service Meeting
FRIDAY	4		
SATURDAY	5		
SUNDAY	6	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11 AM	Worship—World Communion Sunday
		12 PM	Potluck
		2 PM	Youth Fellowship—Cornmaze
MONDAY	7		
TUESDAY	8	5:30 PM	Congregational Care
WEDNESDAY	9	5:45 PM	Mid- Week Meal - Enchilada Casserole
		6 :30PM	Sharaze Colley: Self Defense
THURSDAY	10	5 PM	School Board
FRIDAY	11		
SATURDAY	12		
SUNDAY	13	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Christian Education Meeting
		11: AM	Worship
MONDAY	14		
TUESDAY	15		
WEDNESDAY	16		FALL BREAK—No dinner
THURSDAY	17		
FRIDAY	18	6:30am	Presbyterian Men @ East Room
SATURDAY	19		
SUNDAY	20	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	P & G Meeting
		12:30 PM	Worship Meeting
MONDAY	21	6 PM	Session Meeting
		7 PM	Scouts
TUESDAY	22		
WEDNESDAY	23	5:45 PM	Mid-Week Meal - Chicken & Dumplings
		6 :30 PM	Flood Bucket Assembly
THURSDAY	24		
FRIDAY	25		
SATURDAY	26		
SUNDAY	27	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Worship—Reformation Sunday
		12:30 PM	Presbyterian Women’s Circle
		4 PM	TRUNK OR TREAT
MONDAY	28	5 PM	Administration Meeting
		7 PM	Scouts
TUESDAY	29		
WEDNESDAY	30	5:45 PM	Mid- Week Meal - Beef Stroganoff
		6 PM	Alise Davis: Room in the Inn
THURSDAY	31		