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The youth group got together for an in-person game day. Human foosball, extreme cornhole, and a few relay water-balloons made for a great event.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

In Matthew 23, Jesus tells the disciples, the crowds, and us that we have one teacher, the Messiah. We are learners; we will always be learners. The Reformed tradition embraces that we are “Reformed and always reforming.” We have room for growth! As students start back to school and are exploring their syllabi for the coming year, it is a good time for us to all reflect on what is on our “faith syllabus.” How are you growing more like Jesus?

What does that mean? What have you committed to studying, learning, or practicing in this season? Whether you are taking on a new prayer practice, reading a passage of Scripture each day, journaling your joys and concerns, taking action that shows compassion or brings healing, or committing to a study or to weekly worship, you will only be transformed as you learn more about Jesus and act more like Jesus.

I participated this summer in Myers Park Presbyterian’s 21-day Race Equity Challenge, “Better When We’re Back Together”. Through that challenge, I had opportunities to examine my own racial biases and assumptions, and my awareness of the experiences of my neighbors has increased. This fall, I have committed to a virtual book club on Ibram Kendi’s [How to Be an Antiracist](#). Why? Because I know that Jesus was did not have racial biases, and I want to be like Jesus.

Do you want to be like Jesus? Jesus worshiped, Jesus drew away to pray, Jesus fed, Jesus healed, Jesus cared,...how will you be more like Jesus? I look forward to hearing your “growth plan.”

We have one teacher – Jesus Christ – may our objective be to follow him!

Giving Thanks for the Ministry Work of Linda Turner



In 1993, Merry Bonner hired an art teacher. This teacher's employee folder is filled with annual goals and plans to meet those goals. Her commitments to literacy, self-expression, and confidence have been evident in her projects and programs throughout the years.

From Buggy for Books to a Thanksgiving play, from "Masterpieces and Me" journals to a patriotic program "Red, White, and Blue," from developing a curriculum to teach monthly values to championing the adoption of Learning Without Tears to teach handwriting and math, Linda Turner has worked tirelessly to spark children's imaginations and love for learning.

For 27 years, Linda has loved the children of FPDS. She became the Assistant Director of the Before/After Care program in 2011. Then in 2014, she stepped into the role of Managing Director. She has capably led the school, loving the teachers, the families and the children.

While we will miss her, we are excited for Linda and look forward to hearing about her goals and plans for retirement. We know she will achieve them, as she has so dependably stretched herself and succeeded over and over throughout the years.

If you would like to send Linda a note of appreciation for her 27 years of devotion to Farmington Presbyterian Day School, please send it or drop it by Farmington, and we will get it to her – it will give us a chance to drop by and see how she's coming on those post-retirement plans and make sure she reaches her goals!

To all at Farmington Presbyterian Church,

As I am retiring from Farmington Presbyterian Day School, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone at Farmington Presbyterian Church.

I am humbled and honored to have been the Director of Farmington Presbyterian Day School. I am truly thankful that I was given the opportunity to serve the children, parents, staff, the school board, Rev. Rebecca, and the Farmington Presbyterian Church.

Looking up at the church steeple, it reminds us to thank God for his little children. My prayer is to ask for God to watch over our school children and help us keep them safe each day. At times, the children sing "This little light of mine. I'm going to let it shine"

May Farmington Presbyterian Church always be a shining light in the community where the children can let their light shine. The white church on the hill with the steeple and the many families and lives that have touched mine have shined a multitude of blessings over me.

God Bless,
Linda Turner

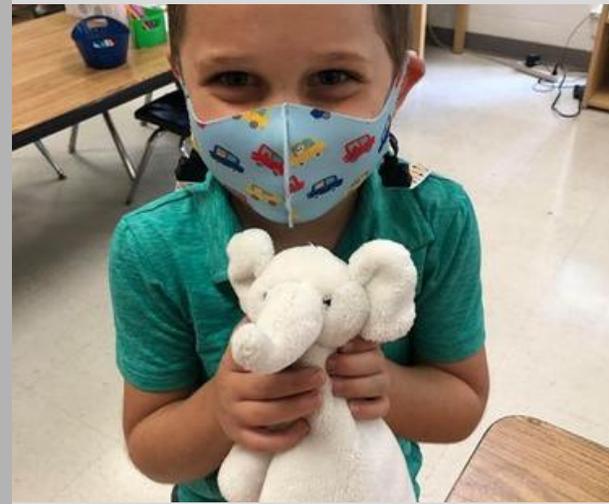


"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

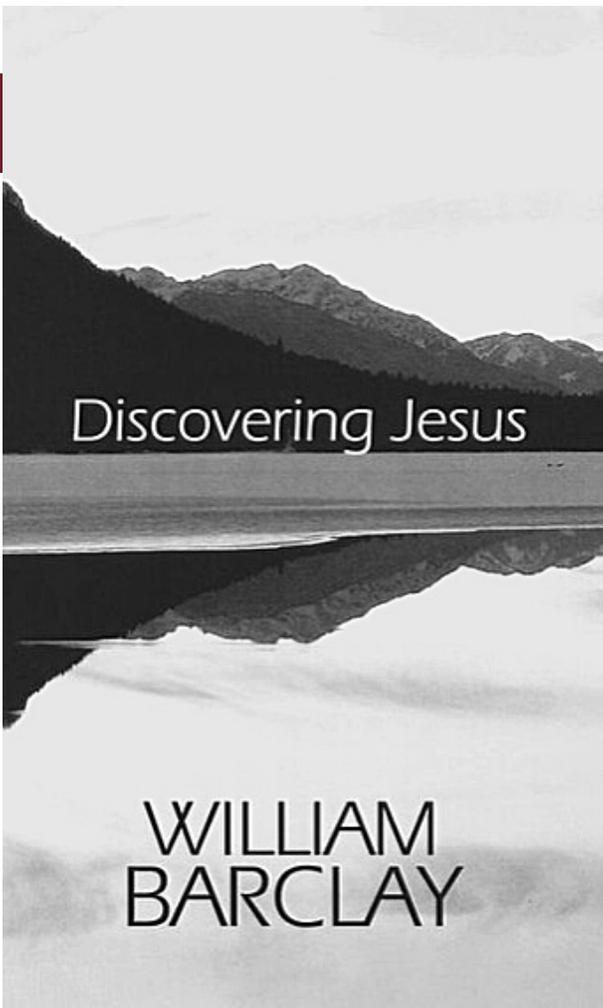
FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

Vision: Fostering confident, lifelong learners who love God and serve others.

Mission: To nurture children's spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and academic development through engaging age-appropriate activities in a safe and caring Christian environment.



Our Super Heroes check in the children with health screenings and temperature checks.



MONDAY MORNING

Start your week off right!

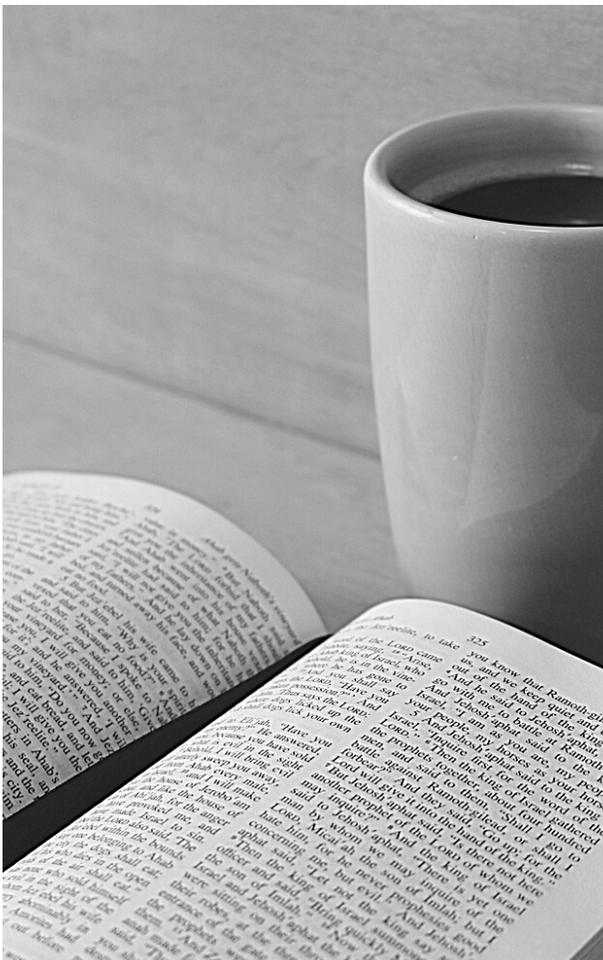
You'll come to love Monday mornings! Get up, get a cup of coffee, and zoom into Bible study! It is a great way to start the week.

Rev. Rebecca Luter will be leading a new study beginning on September 14th and hopes you will participate. This study was written by William Barclay, a Scottish pastor, professor, and Biblical commentator.

Barclay devoted his life to helping people become more faithful disciples of Jesus. In this study, over six weeks, we will read about Jesus' life - from his preparation; through conflict with the authorities; to the revelation of his identity, his arrest and death; the meaning of the cross; and what it means to be the Body of Christ today.

In straightforward language, Barclay illuminates the historical background of Jesus, making it clear, lively, and exciting for learners.

The book is available on amazon and in the pcusastore.com, or you may email churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org to order a copy.



WHAT: DISCOVERING JESUS
WHEN: MONDAYS AT 9AM,
SEPTEMBER 14TH-OCTOBER 19TH
WHERE: ZOOM

MEETING ID: 869 8138 8088
PASSWORD: BIBLE

A YOUTH ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

HIGH
SCHOOL

2PM - 2:50PM

Everyone jump
on 2:50 - 3:10
for group chat!

MIDDLE
SCHOOL

3:10PM - 4PM

We had a blast at our in-person meet up! If you missed, we played human foosball, waterballoon corn hole, and much more. We have decided to make this a monthly meet up. Weather permitting, the third Sunday of the month will be in-person, outside with physical distancing games and activities. No one will be allowed in the building except through the Youth Room doors to use the restroom.

Don't forget to join us online at our weekly Zoom fellowships. Bible study, activities, and a good time for all. Right now we are wrapping up our Montreat and Great Escape content from the summer.



For Working Adults

Every Wednesday from September 9-November 18 (9am-4pm) Your home office in the woods with a new view! Enjoy a window to the forest and a relaxing workspace. Take a mini nature retreat on your lunch break. We can provide maps and ideas!

For Students Grades 2 and up

Every Wednesday from September 9-November 1 (9am-4pm) Independent learners will enjoy social-distance workspace and fun outdoor time and exploration with Pinecrest's outdoor programming. A learning coach will oversee students.

[This and more available at Pinecrest.](#)

SESSION UPDATE

We will continue with Virtual Sunday Worship for the month of September. Wednesday Outdoor Worship will continue as well with Communion served at the first service of the month. FPDS Virtual Preschool offering for 3's and 4's was presented and approved. Meetings of outside groups, including Boy and Girl Scouts, at Farmington will not be allowed at this time. The 10,000 Villages Fair Trade Christmas Sale was discussed and tabled to the September meeting.



Wednesday Nights TOGETHER

Worship

Fellowship

Dinner pickup



Dinner Pickup

Outdoor Worship



WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

- Bring your lawn chair as we worship together outdoors at 5:15pm
- Park on the East side (near the Youth Room/Boy Scout trailers/swing sets).
- Come a bit early to get set up so that we are all social distancing and wear your mask. In response to current advice of the CDC, we will not be singing. Please talk with children ahead of time about not touching others, keeping our distance, and not hugging.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are now catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church at 5:45pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

HERE'S THE JOY:

- We will be gathered together.
- We will hear the Word of God.
- We will praise God!

Please note:

If it is raining or if we return to stage 1 of opening, we will not gather.

No one will be able to enter the building because the Day School is open with strict occupancy rules and cleaning procedures.

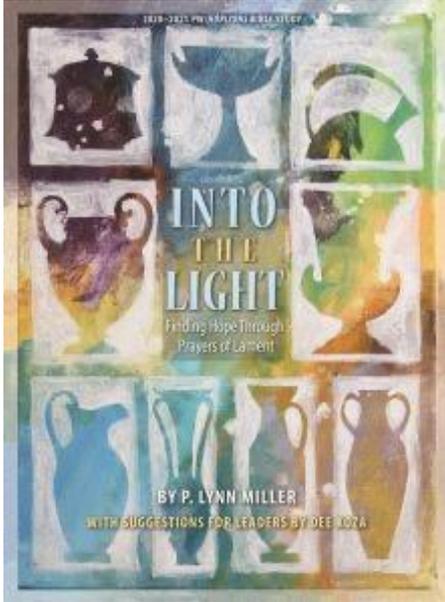
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

- 9/2 - Pasta Jambalaya (bowtie pasta, Polk sausage, chicken, shrimp, onion, and bell peppers in a Cajun cream sauce)
- 9/9 - bacon wrapped meatloaf with mashed potato and Cole slaw
- 9/16 - chicken and dumplings





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Women's Circle of Farmington Presbyterian Church met by Zoom Sunday, August 23. Thirteen members attended even though we had some technical issues! Kirsten King led us through lesson 1 of the Horizon Bible Study and described the heart of a lament as well as the structure incorporated in a lament. She also gave us a brief overview of the author's use of art and scripture in each lesson.

We find this study to be very appropriate considering the conditions of our country and our lives at this time. Please join us **Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 PM on Zoom.**

Topic: PW Women's Bible Study Time: Sep 27, 2020 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 797 2658 6999
Passcode: Horizons



ONLINE MEETUPS!

Each week there are opportunities to touch base with the Farmington Family. If you have not already connected with us, consider logging into one of our Zoom events. Download the app and use the codes below! Direct links are available in the Happenings.

Fellowship Coffee

An informal gathering online to check in with each other at the start of the week.

Sunday's after the service airs at 11am.
Meeting ID: 603 671 0393
Password: coffee

Youth Fellowship Led by Doug Barr

Sundays @ 2pm - 4pm
Meeting ID: 122 607 840
Password: Farmyo

Adult Bible Study

Led by Rev. Rebecca
More information on Page 4.

Mondays @ 9am
Meeting ID: 869 8138 8088
Password: Bible

Young Adult Bible Study Led by Doug Barr & Madison Lewis

Tuesday @ 6pm
Meeting ID: 769 5579 3868
Passcode: Psalms

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

- 1 Rachel McNeil
- 3 Paula Patterson
- 3 Camille Hempel
- 3 Elizabeth Moots
- 4 Dr. John Thomas
- 5 Hadley Barr
- 7 Cydnee Young
- 8 Drew Howard
- 9 Hal Schneider
- 10 Melissa Still
- 14 Alexa O'Hara
- 15 Sharaze Colley
- 16 Mary Hudson
- 18 Rev. Rebecca Luter
- 18 Joanna Andrews
- 20 Tracy Riddle
- 20 Grigg Schneider
- 21 Tyler Celosky
- 21 Mary Elizabeth Ward
- 22 Laurinda Ingram
- 23 Laura Rhodes
- 24 Kyndle Robinson
- 25 Paulette Bukauskas
- 27 Blanche Hamilton
- 30 Tom Bryant



WORSHIP ONLINE

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, www.Farmingtonpres.org, by [clicking here](#), or by searching "Farmington Presbyterian" on YouTube. Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.



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Content for the October New Vision newsletter is due Monday, September 21. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at Shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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