



JULY 2021

The Little Ones gathering for Children's Moment during Sunday worship

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

I remember being in the side yard of the church, in a wading pool filled with mud. We were making bricks. (The Israelites were slaves in Egypt, where they made bricks in the hot sun.)

I remember folding origami paper and hot gluing eyes. We were making frogs. (Plagues to motivate the Egyptians to free the Israelites.)

I remember choosing wooden pieces to glue together and paint. We were making animal magnets. (Noah gathered two of every animal onto the ark, where they survived the flood.)

I remember twisting the fabric and securing it with rubber bands. We were tie-dying T-shirts. (God made a covenant with Noah after the flood never to destroy the earth again with a flood. The rainbow is a reminder of God's covenant.)

I remember mixing sand and glue. We were making beach-themed crosses.

I have so many wonderful memories of Vacation Bible School that there is no way I could recount them all.

As we prepare for this summer's Vacation Bible School, I invite you to think back to your experiences at VBS over the years. What do you remember? The games? The food? The crafts? The stories? The songs? The people? Pause and give thanks for the impact of Vacation Bible Schools over the years and pray for the volunteers, staff, and children as they experience Vacation Bible School at Farmington Presbyterian this summer.

DAY SCHOOL



Summer Camp 2021

Summer Camp is off to a great start. We are so blessed to be able to partake in so many fun activities FPDS has to offer with all of a summer campers. From 3yrs old all the way to 8th grade, our campers are having fun and making memories with each themed week our staff has put together for them.

They are enjoying the crafts, science experiments, water days and the in house vendors that are visiting!

Our big kids are having a blast going on different field trips to places like the Botanical Gardens, Laser Tag, The Art Project to name a few. They are also getting to cool off with trips to get ice cream and visits weekly from Kona Ice.

We are looking forward to July festivities to top of our successful summer camp 2021.

Blessings,

Gretchen Burch and Andrea Soto





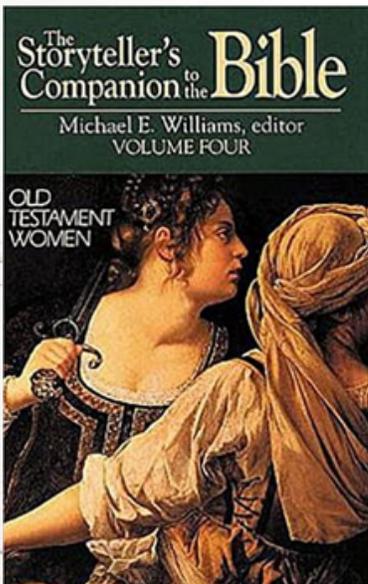
Welcome our Day School Directors

The Search Committee for Director and Assistant Director for FPDS received many impressive resumes. After reviewing the candidates and conducting interviews, two candidates were selected who excelled. We are thrilled that they have accepted the positions and officially began their new roles on Monday, June 7th.

PLEASE JOIN US IN OFFICIALLY WELCOMING AS DIRECTOR:
MS. GRETCHEN BURCH

AND AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
MS. ANDREA SOTO

DO YOU KNOW MY STORY?



Bible Study on Monday Mornings, from 9am-10am

Women in the Old Testament

Join us as we consider: Why is her story recorded? What does her story teach us? How might we tell her story today?

You may want to purchase a copy of The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible, Volume 4 edited by Michael E. Williams

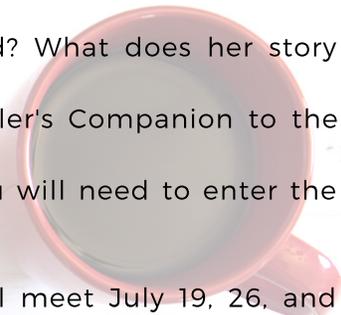
Go to www.zoom.com and click "Join Meeting." You will need to enter the Meeting ID: 811 5596 9116 and Passcode: Bible.

July 5th and 12th we will not be meeting. We will meet July 19, 26, and August 2nd on Zoom.

July 19 - Tamar and The Wise Woman - Women Who Persuade Men to Follow God's Law

July 26 - Solomon and the "Real" Mother and The Widow of Sidon - Women Who Sacrifice for Their Children

August 2 - Esther, the Queen Who Saved Her People



Adult Bible Study
Led by Rev. Rebecca
Mondays @ 9am
Meeting ID: 869 8138 8088
Password: Bible

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



This year for VBS we will be exploring the world of the middle ages with Knights of the North Castle.

Join us at the end of July for a spectacular time of Bible exploration and insanely fun crafts, games, music, and more.

This year, we are taking precautions to make sure everyone is able to maintain a safe distance and keep COVID at bay. To that end, we are splitting the weeks for VBS between older and Younger students. July 19 - 23 will be 1st - 5th grade week and July 26 - 30 will be Kindergarten & PreK week!

This way, our kids will be allowed more space in the sanctuary for distancing. Masks will not be required for students that join us BUT if a child feels sick or has any fever at all, please keep them home.

Lets have a safe, fun, and wildly successful VBS Summer!

Register Here!

<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/farmingtonpres/>

**REGISTER FOR
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL!**

REGISTER HERE!



SERVICE



THE HUB CAMPUS GROUNDBREAKING WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the wonderful supporters, neighbors, partners, and donors who joined us for a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday morning to celebrate the start of construction on the new Hub Campus!

The new Hub Campus will include:

- The region's first barrier-free shelter for women
- A 25,000 square foot public plaza
- A new 6,000 square foot central intake facility to house the Hub's offices and programs
- Three outdoor greenspaces for Hub clients, guests, and staff



**ROOM
IN THE INN**

FARMINGTON CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

The historic Collins Chapel Hospital campus now lives on as a place of hope, healing, and holy hospitality as the new home of Room in the Inn. Here, those experiencing homelessness can find a warm meal and a safe place to sleep. Farmington has joined in the joy of this holy hospitality by committing to provide Wednesday meals. More details to come. Be on the look out for your opportunity to provide a meal to this exceptional ministry.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094da9aa2ea0f49-room>



Beautiful Artwork lines the halls of the new Room in the Inn housing. Check it out when you deliver a meal!

SIGN UP!



WORSHIP

Guest Preachers for July

Farmington will have guest preachers fill the pulpit July 4 and July 11 while Rebecca is on vacation. July 4 our Executive Presbyter Rev. James Gale will preach followed on the 11th by our own Kirsten King.

James serves as Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Prior to that James served seven years as the Associate Executive for Presbytery Support for the Synod of Mid-America. Before serving Mid-Councils, James pastored churches in North Carolina and Kansas. He is a graduate of The University of North Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. In addition, James has completed the Certificate in Executive Leadership through McCormick Theological Seminary and training through the Kansas Leadership Center James also serves as faculty for Transitional Ministry Training.

James is married to Mary Newberg Gale, who is also a Presbyterian minister. They are the parents of two girls, Ainsley (13) and Fiona (7).

Kirsten is a familiar face to many as she is a ruling elder at Farmington. In the Fall of 2019, after having studied part-time at Memphis Theological Seminary for several years, Kirsten received support from the FPC session to enter the ordination process under care of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Kirsten transferred to full-time studies to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary (PCUSA), in Decatur, GA. She is on track to complete her degree in December 2021.

Kirsten has served as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Mid-South and as Moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery. She has been and continues to be the PW Bible study leader for Farmington. She currently serves as Vice-Moderator of Presbyterian Women for the Synod of Living Waters.

We look forward to worshipping together as the Farmington family as we celebrate the glory of God.

Flowers for Worship

Providing flowers for worship is a time-honored way to remember a loved one, to honor an occasion, or to thank someone for their service to the church.

You can sign up to purchase flowers and note the wording you would like in the bulletin. For example, "The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by (your name) in honor of/in memory of/with thanksgiving for (person or occasion)."

The cost of flowers is \$60. Please notate "Flowers for (Date)" on the memo line of your check or in the comments with your online payment through the website (www.farmingtonpres.org). Please Note: Flower contributions are not tax deductible. Please feel free to take or share your flowers with someone. Flowers left in the Sanctuary after service may be distributed to brighten someone's day.

SIGN UP!



FELLOWSHIP

Host Fellowship Coffee

“Hosting Fellowship Coffee extends hospitality to the Farmington family and our guests. Here we catch up, support one another, and come to know each other better. Volunteer to host a Sunday morning Fellowship Coffee!



SIGN UP!



WE ARE BACK BASH!

Churchwide Party with food and fun for all ages!
Where? The Luter's patio and pool
Who? You
When? August 7th at 4pm till ?



Session Report

Session approved returning to Fellowship Coffee June 27th and to Wednesday Night Dinners on August 11th. Outdoor Wednesday Night Worship Services were suspended for the remainder of the summer. Session approved a church wide gathering on August 7th at the home of Chris & Rev. Rebecca Luter's home. Recommended amendments to the Personnel Policy with regard to accrual of paid time off by hourly staff were approved. Three bids were considered to repair and re-roof the shingled areas of the roof. A contractor was chosen and the work will be completed in July.

Weekday Worship

We have suspended Wednesday Night Services until we return to Wednesday Night Dinners in the fall!

Wednesday Dinners

Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church from 5 - 5:30 pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

MENU

- 7/7 - Rigatoni with Italian Sausage & Vodka Sauce
- 7/14 - Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with Broccoli
- 7/21 - Roast Beef with Homemade Noodles, Gravy & Veggies
- 7/28 - Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping

Homemade Pizzas are available each week in addition to the weekly special.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Taylor Evans
- 2 Sherry Knight
- 2 Scott Hutchins
- 4 Annette Main
- 5 Beverly Bivens
- 7 Stephanie Nagel
- 9 Brooke Reed
- 13 Barbara Taylor
- 14 Catherine Johnson
- 15 Elsie Black
- 16 Vickie Street
- 16 Katie Blake
- 17 Judith Cassidy
- 17 Paul King
- 18 Carol Blooding
- 21 Polly Knight
- 24 Carolyn Demaree
- 24 Susan Bryant
- 25 Jonas Haguewood
- 26 Jenn Paine
- 26 Jim Thrash
- 27 Jane Egan
- 28 Barbara Whited
- 29 Emma VanFrank



Sunday Worship Online

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, www.Farmingtonpres.org, or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian. Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.

And don't forget to like, share, and hit that subscribe button!



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
- Gretchen Burch, Director of Day School, Ext. 3132
- Andrea Soto, Assistant Director of Day School, Ext. 3138
- Anthony Jones, Maintenance Technician

Session Members

- Moderator - Rev. Rebecca Luter
- Administration – Ann Erickson
- Christian Education – Doug Barr
- Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
- Congregational Care – MaryShelley Ritchey
- Fellowship – Becky Hutchins & Suzanne Thomas
- Property and Grounds – Roland Mittag
- School Board – Susan Bryant
- Service – Jinney Hart
- Treasurer—Melissa Still
- Worship – Paul King



Content for the July New Vision newsletter is due Monday, July 19. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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