DECEMBER 2021

Farmington celebrates the Confirmation of 5 students. Welcome to membership Elizabeth Luter, Cole Ritchey, Jack Ritchey, Bailey Wann, and Kenneth Williams.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

I am looking forward to spending some time with you during Advent. Each day at 11am, you are invited to worship.

Monday through Saturday, we will gather on Zoom for a Mid-Day Connection. Bring your coffee or tea, a snack, or your lunch. At 11:05 we will begin with a word of Scripture. Then we will watch and listen to an incredible setting of a Christmas song or hymn and close with a word of prayer.

I have been listening to Christmas songs on Pandora and watching music videos on YouTube, curating a list of artists and songs to research, since October. Some of you answered my question about your favorite Christmas hymn or carol, and your favorites will be included.

If you have to miss a gathering, we will be posting them on the Farmington Facebook each afternoon. Whether you can come occasionally, once a week, or every day, come and worship the coming King.

Throughout Advent in Sunday morning worship is “Wrapped.” We begin our journey to the manger on November 28th as we focus on the promise of Christ’s coming “Wrapped and Ready.” On December 5th, we will receive Holy Communion as we hear again the promise of God’s Kingdom in which the wolf and lamb lie together “Wrapped in Serenity.” The joy of being “Wrapped in Light” will wash over us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Graham Mason Perkins and the children retell the Christmas story. Finally, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we are “Wrapped in Song” as the choir leads us in Lessons and Carols.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5pm as we draw near the manger, where the Christ Child lies, "Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes.”

In Jesus, God came to us because was not good for us to be apart. As we prepare for his birth once again, it is good for us to be together.

SAVE THE DATE

FARMINGTON DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT FAMILIES WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION WILL BE BEGIN AT 7:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Farmington Presbyterian Day School hopes that everyone had a safe and filling Thanksgiving. Our children had wonderful classroom feasts and focused on what they were thankful for all month. As we move towards Christmas our classrooms will focus on the birth of Jesus and will learn the virtue of generosity.

We want to remind all of our families of our School Christmas Programs that will be held on December 9th and 10th at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

May all of our families and loved one have a very Merry Christmas. As we enter the new year, it will be time for open enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year. Please make sure to get your kids registered right away as spots will be filling up quickly.

WORSHIP

Service of Wholeness and Healing

Dec. 8 at 6pm

Did you lose someone you love? Lose your way? Is the cheery buzz of Christmas just too much after this year? Come for a quiet, reflective time of worship and prayer. Light a candle to remember. Receive God's blessing. Christ was born for you.

Session Report

Session approved committee assignments and roles for the coming year, welcoming Bonnie Blair (Adult Discipleship), Jackie Hall (Worship), Bob Plotner (Property and Grounds), and Mike Schneider (School Board).

Bids for repair of the flat roof were received and contract awarded totaling $30,000. We are thankful that we have been able to repair and replace the roof in 2021, while aware that in 7-8 years additional work is likely to be necessary to continue to expand the life of the flat roof.

COVID-19 protocols were changed to only require masks indoors for those who are over 13 and unvaccinated. Those who are under 13 and those who are vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask when indoors and in close proximity to others. In addition, Session approved having Fellowship Coffee and the Caroling Caravan.

Confirmation Sunday is November 21st and Session will have a Called Session meeting on the 21st at 10am to meet with the Confirmands prior to worship.

Mid-Day Connection

Throughout Advent, every day at 11am you are invited to worship with the Farmington family! Monday through Saturday, you are invited to join a short time of devotion on Zoom. Sundays you are encouraged to worship either in person or on the livestream from our website.

What is this new Mid-Day Connection? Rev. Rebecca will be facilitating a time of gathering that incorporates Scripture, a video presentation of a favorite Christmas song or carol sung by a variety of artists, a chance to respond, and a prayer for our day.
You are encouraged to share the link with friends and family via email and social media!

The devotions will also be available on our Facebook page if you can't attend at 11am.

Go to www.Zoom.com and enter Meeting ID: 862 7770 2431 with Passcode: Connect. If you have any trouble, please let Rev. Rebecca know.

Every day of Advent you can worship with the Farmington Family at 11am!

Mid-Day Connection
Led by Rev. Rebecca
Mon-Sat @ 11 AM
Meeting ID: 862 7770 2431
Passcode: Connect

SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sanctuary Flowers

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

You can sign up to purchase flowers for 2022 on our website 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 occassion)."

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).

Caroling Caravan

Do you like Christmas carols? Do you like making people smile? Then you are going to love visiting our Farmington family members who are experiencing limited mobility and bringing them Christmas cheer!

Mark your calendars to meet in the back parking lot of the church to leave at 9:30am Saturday, December 18th! Bundle up if it is cold; we will not be entering homes so that we don't share any germs. We will be finished by noon.

Families with children are encouraged to come along. No worries if you are not a singer - the joy is in the gathering!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

It has been a long time since we have been able to gather in the Fellowship Hall for snacks, coffee, and conversation. Finally this Advent season we will gather once more for Fellowship Coffee.

If you would like to provide Sunday Morning snacks, please sign up on our website.

www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-up

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Pageant

IT IS HAPPENING! Though it will look a little different. What else is new these days.

Bring your Children to Sunday school at 10am November 28, December 5, and December 12 to rehearse and prepare for our Children's Pageant. Then, the program will then be presented DURING WORSHIP on December 12. We will have music, costumes, and a childrens performance to celebrate the season.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Each Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Sunday families light the Advent Wreath. If your family would like to light the Advent Wreath this year, please email Rev. Rebecca and let her know which dates you are available.

November 28
December 5
December 25
December 26

Women's Luncheon

Invitation for a December Luncheon

Location: Ivy Tea Room at Cedar Hall
info@evergroveestates.com
3712 Broadway Rd., Bartlett, TN

When: Thursday, December 16, 2021
11:00am

Cost: $20 for the entire meal plus tip

Comments: Reservations are required. Contact Jinney (901-262-5392) if interested.

Note: If you wish to carpool, meet at the Church west parking lot by 10:15am.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

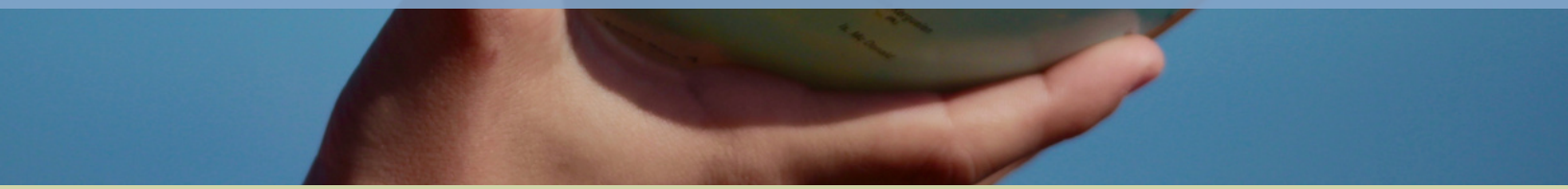
The Farmington Presbyterian Women's Circle continues to meet monthly by Zoom. We have explored Jesus's genealogy as written in the Gospel of Matthew with regards to his grandmothers. We have learned so much about these women that was never shared in our Bible study classes! We have used the process of "Visio Divina"...a form of divine seeing in which we prayerfully invite God to speak to our hearts as we look at an image. As we gaze at the image we reflect and share what it reveals to us. We are also using the "Lectio Divina" technique which is a practice for Scripture reading and prayer. Through investigation and inquiry we seek divine connection. Please join us any time as we take this journey together. In December we will study Lesson 4: Ruth and Loyal Love.

SERVICE

MISSION TRIP

XPUJIL MISSION TRIP 2022

Our congregation has commissioned teams to build cisterns in the Yucatan region of Mexico since 2013. We were not able to go in 2020 or 2021, but the work has continued through our partners at the church there. We are hopeful that a group will be able to go in 2022. The cost of going is shared equally between the individual, the church, and fundraising efforts. Generally, the total expense is around $1,500 per person. This amount includes our donation toward the building supplies, room & board, and rental vehicle & flights. If you are interested in knowing more about being on a team, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.



FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Dinner & Menu

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 between 5:00-5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Dec 1 - Pasta Jambalaya

Dec 8 - Ground Beef Stroganoff

Dec 15 - Rotel Chicken Spaghetti

Dec 22 - Cowboy Lasagna

Wednesday Night Dinner & Fellowship

We have decided to delay the start of dinners as we were aware that many were not planning to attend due to the current wave of COVID-19 in our community. We will continue to monitor the situation.

JOIN US FOR A SIX-WEEK ADVENT & CHRISTMAS STUDY SERIES BASED ON

Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects, by Jill J. Duffield

November 28th -January 2nd

Sundays @ 10am

East Room and on Zoom

Meeting ID 889 8485 9604; Passcode Farmington

Facilitated by Rev. Rebecca Luter

Purchase of the book is not required to attend and engage!

Books are available on Amazon, or you may email church@farmingtonpres.org or leave a phone message for the church office to place your order.

At Christmas, God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see. The book, *Advent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation. Through focusing on these objects, we can see the near kingdom of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks us to do and be.

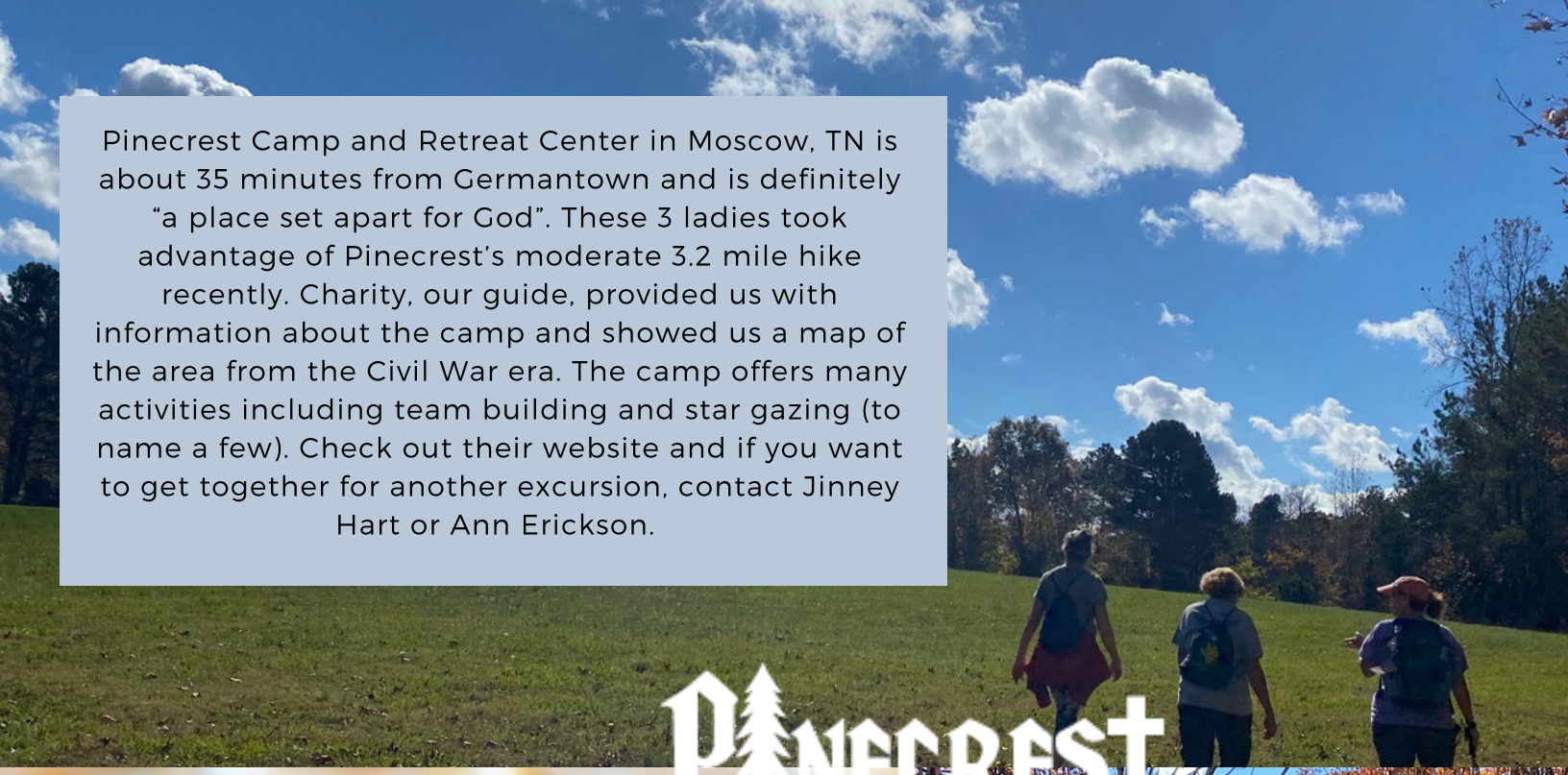
The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN

Farmington Presbyterian continues to support our neighbors in need by providing clothing for the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen Clothes Closet. As the weather gets colder, there is a need for warmer attire and blankets. Please help continue this mission! You can put your items in the plastic bin by the Youth Room, drop them off at the office, or contact Rev. Rebecca Luter or Jinney Hart for pick up. First Presbyterian continues to express appreciation for all we are doing to make the lives of others more comfortable and showing they are not forgotten.

The air was crisp and the mood was intoxicating and exciting as we gathered for the Friendsgiving Event, November 5 in the backyard of our church. Those who attended were entertained in a variety of ways. Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Cards played music that had us clapping and tapping our feet. Although no one was dancing, this band could certainly put you in the mood to "cut a rug"! We had a face painting booth enjoyed by young and seasoned participants. It's always so much fun to get a unique look that transforms your character! Many people took advantage of the photo booth area to get pictures with a fall background. Naturally, we had delicious food prepared by Firehutch Fine Foods and beverages to warm our bodies and quench our thirsts. This fun loving event was organized to raise funds for the flood victims of Waverly, TN who are not forgotten! So far we have collected $3,000. Feel free to continue with donations. Make your check to Farmington Presbyterian Church and write "Waverly" in the memo section. Thanks to all who helped make this event successful!

Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center in Moscow, TN is about 35 minutes from Germantown and is definitely "a place set apart for God". These 3 ladies took advantage of Pinecrest's moderate 3.2 mile hike recently. Charity, our guide, provided us with information about the camp and showed us a map of the area from the Civil War era. The camp offers many activities including team building and star gazing (to name a few). Check out their website and if you want to get together for another excursion, contact Jinney Hart or Ann Erickson.



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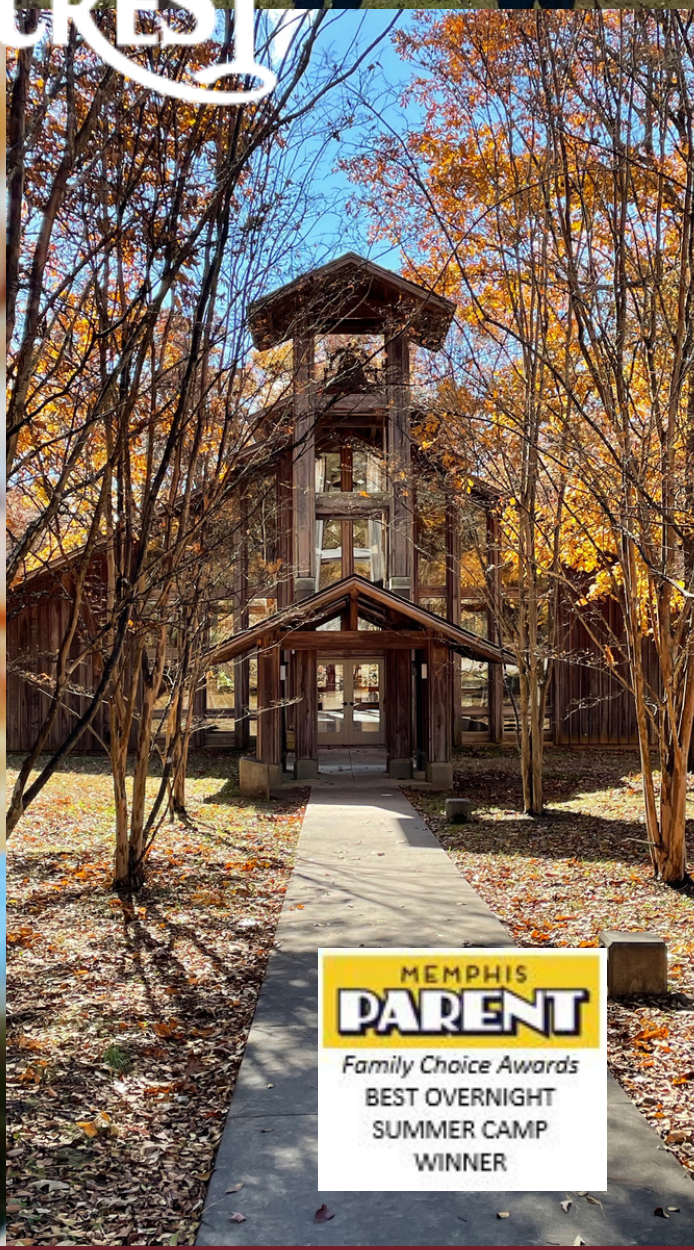

MEMPHIS PARENT
Family Choice Awards
BEST OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP WINNER

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Jackie Hall
2	John Thomas
3	Natalie Lively
3	Julia Lively
3	Elizabeth Luter
4	Jennifer Kauffman
9	Michael Wann
10	MaryShelley Ritchey
11	Mike Schneider
12	Molly Sweet
13	Susie Fister
13	Halle Stafford
15	Merry Bonner
18	Hudson Barr
19	Loyd Hudson
19	Grayson Perkins
19	Ed Byrne
21	Kenny Williams
21	Carol Lyons
23	Lu Schneider
25	Melanie Oest
26	Caroline Churchwell

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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!

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Fellowship – Becky Hutchins
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Content for the January New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, December 13.
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org

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