



MARCH 2022

FPDS Transitional Kindergarten presented an exciting patriotic program with characters from American history for President's Day, February 17, 2022.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The journey to the new life in Christ that we celebrate on Easter begins with ashes on the first day of Lent. The ashes remind us that we must first die to our old way of life. Marked by the sign of the cross with ashes from the burned palms of last year's Palm Sunday, we are reminded how quickly the high hopes of triumphal parades can turn to betrayal, persecution, and burial. On Ash Wednesday, we return to God, like to Prodigal Son: to repent, praying that God will set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed.

One of my favorite affirmations on Ash Wednesday is "We are dust, but we are baptized dust." The 40-day journey of Lent is a journey toward the death and resurrection of our Lord. It is a time of mourning, but also a time that reminds us that we do not mourn as people without hope mourn.

With the Psalmist we pray:

Look on me with a heart of mercy, O God, according to Your generous love.

According to Your great compassion, wipe out every consequence of my shameful crimes. Thoroughly wash me, inside and out, of all my crooked deeds. Cleanse me from my sins. For I am fully aware of all I have done wrong, and my guilt is there, staring me in the face.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; restore within me a sense of being brand new. Do not throw me far away from Your presence, and do not remove Your Holy Spirit from me. Give back to me the deep delight of being saved by You; let Your willing Spirit sustain me.

-Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12, The Voice

PARABLES OF JESUS

Jesus taught in parables, short stories that teach a moral lesson through analogy. We are able to better understand the analogy when we understand the culture of the Middle East in Jesus' time. Come hear again the Parables of the Unjust Steward and the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and consider their meanings for us now as we better understand their meaning for Jesus's followers then.

March 6th and 27th at 10am

(March 13th and 20th Rev. Luter will be on vacation.)

East Room

or

Zoom Meeting ID: 889 8485 9604

Passcode: Farmington

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise." - James 5:13

The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church, we are committed to being people of prayer. Your concern is important to us. The prayer list is printed weekly in the Happenings and also published with more detail and available in the church office in the holder on the Prayer Board.

Guidelines for Prayer Requests:

1. To request someone be added to the prayer list, fill out and place a "Prayer Request" card from the pew rack in the Offering Plate, contact Rev. Rebecca or email church@farmingtonpres.org. Please provide the first and last names of the person you are adding and ensure

that you have their permission to add them.

2. Provide updates regarding the situation as they are available. If there are specific prayer requests, please share those as well.

3. The names on the Prayer Board are requests that have been made within the last month. If you would like for the person to remain on the Prayer List longer than a month, please contact Rev. Rebecca or email church@farmingtonpres.org to request that they be moved to the ongoing prayer list.

4. Sympathies and Joys are listed for two weeks.

5. When healing has occurred, please let us know so that we can rejoice with you!

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12

SERVICE

Farmington Presbyterian has always made a conscientious effort to provide support for the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church downtown. Donations of clothing and money are ongoing means of support for our neighbors downtown in need. For several years, our church conducted a chili cook-off on Super Bowl Sunday. This was a fun time for fellowship and chili tasting and the money donated went to the soup kitchen. Due to COVID restrictions, we did not have a chili contest this year. Instead Scott Hutchins cooked chili and members of the service committee supplemented with cornbread and brownies.

This fund raising event was definitely a huge success. We are thankful for your participation. We raised \$1,355.00 for First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen!

Your donations and chili purchases made this the most successful fundraiser for the Soup Kitchen to date at Farmington.

Blessings,
Jinney Hart

Another donation of coats is being delivered to First Presbyterian for the Clothes Closet.



FPDS



FPDS celebrated President's Day with our annual America: The Red, White and Blue Program presented by the Transitional Kindergarten class. They represented America and our school proudly.

March will be a fun-filled month! We will begin collecting donations for the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon, celebrate Dr. Seuss Week, and have our petting zoo visit. Our school will be open during Spring Break (March 14th-18th) for both pre-school and day camp.

Ms. Gretchen and Ms. Andrea

SESSION REPORT

Session elected Paul King as Chairperson and Doug Barr to be nominated as the elder representatives to the 2022 Nominating Committee. Both were elected in the Congregational Meeting on February 20th along with Roland Mittag, Stephanie Nagel, and Pat Sherman.

School Board reported that we have received a Tennessee Day Care Stabilization Grant for the purposes of staff retention bonuses and capital improvements.

Service shared that the social workers involved with the family we having been assisting since Becky Hutchins shared their story on Gifts of Women Sunday 2021 is no longer in need. Surplus funds totaled \$615.78. Session approved redirecting the funds to Room in the Inn to assist families in the Family Inn. The total was increased through an additional donation to \$700.

Worship presented several persons to provide pulpit supply and all were approved: Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education, on March 13, 2022; Rev. James Gale, Executive Presbyterian, on March 20, 2022; Kirsten King, Inquirer and FPC member on May 29, 2022; and Courtnay Veazey, Candidate and student at Austin Seminary on July 10 and 17.

The February 26, 2022 meeting of the Presbytery of the Midsouth will be held on Zoom with worship conducted in the Sanctuary at Farmington. Session elected Laurinda Ingram and Ann Erickson as Commissioners with Jackie Hall as an Alternate Commissioner.

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday ToGo Menu

Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are 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.

March 2 - Chicken and Dumplings

March 9 - Enchilada Casserole

March 16 - Three-Cheese Manicotti

March 23 - Creole Shrimp or Smoked Pork & Maque Choux cheese grits

March 30 - Penne Pasta with Sweet Italian sausage and bolognese sauce



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 Lent 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

SESSION REPORT CONTINUED...

Farmington Presbyterian has been asked by neighboring churches to participate in daily worship services at noon during Holy Week. Session responded positively and looks forward to worship and work with our sister churches.

Session discussed the current decline in COVID-19 transmission and voted to allow indoor fellowship gatherings at the church. These gatherings may include food. A survey will be sent to the congregation to assess the viability of holding Wednesday Night Dinners during Lent (March 9 - April 20). A light supper of soup and bread will be served prior to the Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd.



YOUTH GROUP TO THE ESCAPE ROOM

MARCH 13

2pm-4:30pm

Join us in trying to escape. RSVP by March 6th and bring \$25 for the event.



MONTREAT.
CONFERENCE CENTER



*more
than
Enough*

2022 Montreat
Youth Conference

July 16 -23

Summer Retreat

Rising 9th-High School

Student Cost: \$280

Purchase Stock in the retreat for any amount and receive daily updates from Doug Barr in your email and a personal postcard from a youth attending the retreat!

VBS 2022
JUNE 13-17, 9AM-12PM

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER. REGISTRATION IS COMING! PARTICIPANTS IN FPDS DAY SCHOOL WILL AUTOMATICALLY ATTEND. THEY DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER.



DISCOVERY ON

**Adventure
ISLAND**

QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT



WINTER JAM 22

ALL TOGETHER NOW ALL TOGETHER NOW ALL TOGETHER NOW ALL TOGETHER NOW ALL TOGETHER NOW

\$10 ONLY
AT THE DOOR!
 NO TICKETS REQUIRED



SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2022 5PM-10PM

This touring concert of Christian artists presents a wild event with a message of salvation through Christ. It will be held at the Landers Center in Southhaven and we will bus from the church at 5pm. Cost is \$10 at the door plus whatever you need for merchandise and food.

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2022

Come and join the fun with the whole family!

APRIL 16, 10AM
IN THE BACK PARKING LOT OF FARMINGTON

Please donate individually wrapped candies and small treats for the kids to hunt!



Nomination of Elders

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination directly to the church office, in the offering plate, or via email to church@farmingtonpres.org. Nominations can be made through April 11th.

Consider the following qualifications:

Church Involvement

- Regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- Areas of service in church ministries
- Demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

Christian Living

- Love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- Strong faith
- Demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- Spiritual maturity
- Acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

Personal Characteristics and Skills

- Cooperativeness; willingness to learn and listen
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- Openness to new ideas

Elders exhibit

- Gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
- Spiritual leadership with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
- Willingness to teach and preach

I suggest _____ for nomination for the office of Elder.

Submitted by _____.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will hold an evening service in the Sanctuary with imposition of ashes on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 6pm. Prior to the service, we will have a simple supper of soup and bread available in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:15pm. The service will be live-streamed.

If you would like to receive ashes at home with a porch visit from

Rev. Rebecca on Ash Wednesday, please email church@farmingtonpres.org.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

March 20th, 2pm

The Farmington Presbyterian Women's Circle continues to meet monthly to study the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. In our recent discussion, we shared our initial perceptions of Bathsheba: temptress (like Eve), victim, unimportant, adulteress, manipulator, power-seeker, #metoo candidate, powerful, and/or powerless. Our faith and knowledge of the Bible is strengthened as we meet. Please join us for our next meeting Sunday, March 20 on Zoom. The time and Zoom link will be shared in the Happenings and via email. To be included on Presbyterian Women's email list, contact the church office at church@farmingtonpres.org.



THE WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS WITH ADAM HAMILTON

Where: Sanctuary and Zoom

When: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15,
March 9th-April 20th

Retrace the life and ministry of Jesus this Lent as we travel to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized, to the Judean wilderness where he was tempted, around the ruins of Capernaum where he made his home during his years of ministry, up the mountain where he preached the Sermon on the Mount, on a boat across the Sea of Galilee, to the well where he and a Samaritan woman exchanged water, and finally to Jerusalem as we remember the events of his final week.

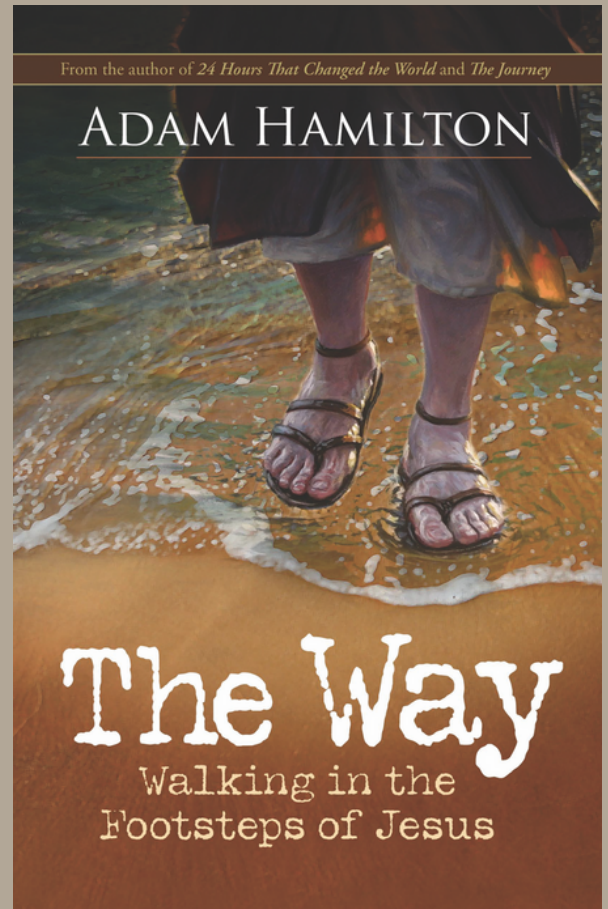
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Meeting ID: 871 7636 8648

Passcode: 387216



A decision regarding Wednesday Night Dinners will be made based on your responses to the emailed Congregational Survey regarding the dinners. Paper copies of the survey are available in the church office. If we have dinners, they will be from 5:15-6:15pm. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under with a \$25 family maximum.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Church,
Community,
& Mission

Six Thursday Evenings at 7pm on **zoom**

March 3rd – April 7th

Facilitated by Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker living and working in Honduras, and funded by the Presbytery of Arkansas.

When two deadly hurricanes struck Honduras within one week in November 2020, members of the Honduran Presbyterian Church felt called to act, even though their own communities and churches had been spared damage. However, this call was not universally felt at first. Questions were asked:

Isn't the church called to care for its members' spiritual well-being, and leave the disaster response to the experts and government agencies? Should the church not seek to evangelize among the communities suffering from the natural disaster, in addition to providing food and medicine? WHY are we doing this?

These may sound like questions you have heard or asked in your own congregations. To answer them, some members of the Honduran church turned to scripture and to a study called Church, Community and Mission to reflect and rethink their own ideas about what God calls the church to be and how God calls Christians to act in relationship to the world around us.

We invite our U.S. partners to join us in the journey and to experience the transformation that we have experienced in the past year.

Register to receive the Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdOipqjMrEtcLK-KCn3PVbazsk6UwQe6u>





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!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas Nagel
- 2 Virginia Hart
- 6 Roland Mittag
- 7 Don Rossman
- 7 Andrea Soto
- 9 Joseph Williams
- 10 Rob Hall
- 12 Madison Lewis
- 14 Lorelei Phillips
- 14 Tina Ziai
- 17 Lance Palmer
- 18 Mia Mittag
- 21 Benjamin Byrne
- 23 Sam Bryant
- 25 Faye McKenzie
- 28 Mary Ashley Churchwell
- 29 Elizabeth Demaree
- 31 Elias Haguewood



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
- Adult Ministry - Bonnie Blair & Paul King
- Christian Education – Doug Barr
- Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
- Fellowship – Becky Hutchins
- Property and Grounds – Bob Plotner
- School Board – Mike Schneider
- Service – Jinney Hart
- Treasurer—Melissa Still
- Worship –Jackie Hall

Content for the April New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, March 22.
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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