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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

It's the season of "What am I going to wear?" Easter dresses and suits, prom dresses and tuxes, outfits for graduations, weddings, programs, parties, swimsuits, shorts, sandals, short sleeves...what fits, what doesn't, what is worn out, what can I wear one more season? Add that it has been 2 years since we wore our "good clothes" much at all and that the weather in Memphis cannot decide what season it is, and "What am I going to wear?" is a question that demands my attention! It is a little challenging and has required some quick trips to the store, but this question brings with it great joy after 2 years of not going, not gathering, not dressing up because we didn't celebrate the special occasions like "normal."

All of my tending to what we will wear brought to mind Paul's instructions to the Colossians about what they should wear, "Clothe yourselves with a holy way of life: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." May we remember that these are the most beautiful clothes of all!



**SENIORS**  
YOU ARE INVITED

If you or a member of your family are graduating, we want to celebrate with you! Please let us know by emailing [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) with the name of the graduate and the degree earned by May 13th.

# TWO OPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Men's Sunday School Class** meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This group is led by Cooper Patterson.

**Parables of Jesus** meets at 10am in the East Room. This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

5/1 - Parable of the Faithful Servant (Luke 19:11-27)

5/8 - Parable of the Noble Vineyard Owner and His Son (Luke 20:9-18)

5/15 - Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

5/22 - Parable of the Wise and Foolish Young Women (Matthew 25:1-13)

5/29 - No Class, Memorial Day Weekend



## IMAGINE BEING ON SUMMER STAFF

Work that matters with new, life-long friends at



Spend a month or two hanging out with kids, sharpening your leadership skills, and being the coolest person campers know!

If you're 18 yrs old and want to make a difference, click below to jump-start your best summer ever!

[WWW.PINECREST.CAMPBRAINSTAFF.COM](http://WWW.PINECREST.CAMPBRAINSTAFF.COM)



# VITALITY

CHURCH IN POST PANDIMIC LIFE  
PRESBYTERY EDUCATION DAY

JUNE 4,  
9:00AM - 1PM

VISIT  
[WWW.FARMINGTONPRES.ORG](http://WWW.FARMINGTONPRES.ORG)  
TO REGISTER



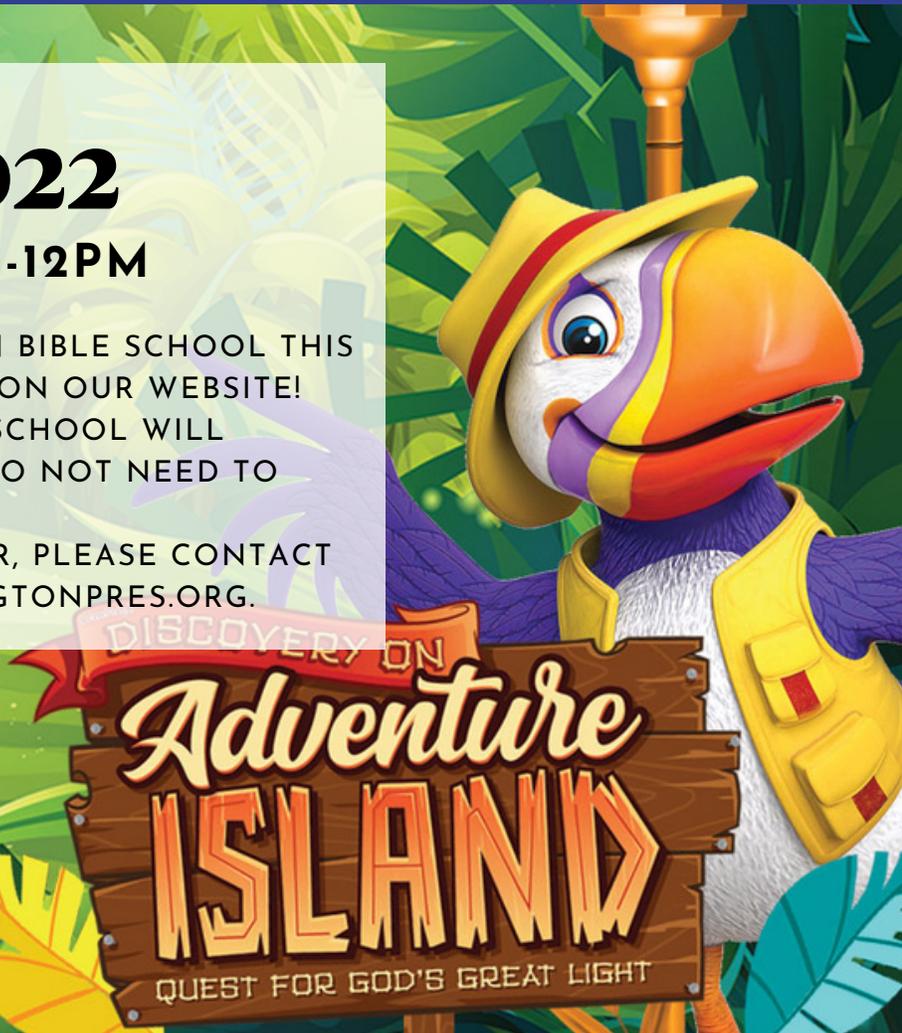
At Farmington Presbyterian Church  
Registration and Meal: \$25  
Scholarships available upon request

Keynote by Jan Edmiston  
Workshops available: "Worshipping with your Senses",  
"Spiritual PTSD", "Why Change, When Change is Hard?",  
and Spiritual Vitality though Mindfulness. Also a Q & A  
with Jan Edmiston

## VBS 2022

JUNE 13-17, 9AM-12PM

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS  
SUMMER. REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE!  
PARTICIPANTS IN FPDS DAY SCHOOL WILL  
AUTOMATICALLY ATTEND AND DO NOT NEED TO  
REGISTER.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT  
DOUG BARR AT [DOUG@FARMINGTONPRES.ORG](mailto:DOUG@FARMINGTONPRES.ORG).



# FPDS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon last month. Farmington Presbyterian Day School was able to raise a total of \$8,365 to help the fight against childhood cancer. Our children learned about the importance of St. Jude Children's Hospital in addition to a week of bike safety lessons to help keep them safe while riding their bikes, trikes and scooters.



May is packed with end of the year festivities for the staff and students at FPDS! May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week! The school board parents have worked hard to plan a nice relaxing week to celebrate all of the hard work and effort our teachers have put forth all school year long. Donations are being accepted to help support the staff and allow for these activities to take place. Please see the school office if you would like to make a contribution.



Our 4 year old classes have completed another successful year and are graduating from FPDS and moving up to Kindergarten. Each classroom will have their own graduation day with a reception to follow.

Part Time-4's- May 18th @10:30am

Transitional Kindergarten- May 19th @10:30 am

Pre-K 4's- May 20th @10:30am

Our last day of school is May 27th. We will be closed the week of Memorial Day preparing for Summer Camp.



Our Summer Camp Program is just about full and we are in need of Summer Camp Staff to help make our program run successfully. It will be an eight week program running from June 6-July 29. If you know of anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in working with children of all ages please have them contact Gretchen or Andrea in the school office for more information.

# SESSION REPORT

Session accepted the March Financial Report and School Board Report and approved a market-adjusted Wage Rate Scale for 2022-2023. Paul King shared his sense of call and desire to be enrolled as an Inquirer for Ordained Ministry in the Presbytery of the Mid-South. With joy and gratitude, Session endorsed his application.

Updates were shared regarding upcoming projects and events including Church Picnic, Presbytery Education Day Event (at Farmington), Rise Against Hunger, and Rhodes-Collins Hall renovations.

Revised By-Laws were distributed for final edits and will be presented for action at the May Session meeting.

## Dates for Your Calendar:

**May 11** - Church-wide Picnic at Johnson Road Park

**June 4** - Presbytery Education Day at Farmington, "Vitality: Church in Post-pandemic Life"

**June 5** - Rise Against Hunger

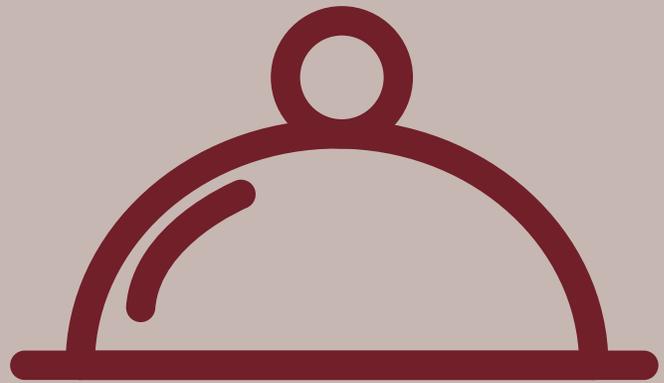
# FELLOWSHIP



We are gathering again for Fellowship Coffee following worship.

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

[www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-up](http://www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-up)



## Mid Week Meals To Go

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](mailto:hutchinsathome@gmail.com).

May 4 - Rotel Chicken Spaghetti

May 11- OFF (Church Picnic)

May 18 - Chicken Enchiladas with sour cream sauce

May 25 - Pasta Jambalaya



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



## *APRIL BAKE SALE*

The women of Farmington Presbyterian Church had their bake sale April 13 after several dormant years due to COVID issues. The bake sale was a HUGE success!! We sold everything available on the 3 tables that we had! As of April 14, we have earned \$1127.50. This is way beyond the amount earned in 2019 and 2018!!

Donations are continuing to arrive! Not even threat of inclement weather interfered with our bake sale!

The money earned from this event will help support our many PW mission projects. Those projects include the upcoming Rise Against Hunger event, the Mexico Mission Cistern Project, Room in the Inn, First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen, Church Health Center, Pinecrest, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Johnson Auxiliary, and Mission Haven.

The Women of the Church enjoyed a delightful salad luncheon picnic Sunday, April 24, in the church's beautiful outdoor garden. We rejoiced that our recent bake sale broke a record and that we had collected \$1727.50! This money will be deposited in the church PW Account and used for our many mission projects.

We intend to send a donation to Pinecrest Summer Camp to provide tuition for some campers who will learn about faith in a "place set apart for listening to God". We have also donated money to help offset the individual cost for those who will be traveling in June to help with the Cistern Mission Project.

We will plan on gathering informally during the summer months, so check your email and church bulletin for upcoming events! Our next Bible Study will begin the first Sunday in October after church at 12:30 PM in the East Room. We will be participating with Kirsten King, our Bible Study Leader, in 9 lessons Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight by Laura Mariko Cheifetz. A hybrid format will be used so that those who want to attend in person or on Zoom will have either option. If you are a woman and if you are a Presbyterian, you ARE a Presbyterian Woman and are invited to attend all functions and share you talents and gifts to "build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom."

Thanks!  
Jinney



The Women of the Church enjoyed a delightful salad luncheon picnic Sunday, April 24, in the church's beautiful outdoor garden.

## P.W. SYNOD GATHERING June 24-25, 2022 - Online Event

Presbyterian Women  
June 24-25, 2022  
Synod of the Living Waters  
Triennial Gathering  
A Virtual Gathering

Key Note Speaker: Carol Bechtel the author of the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"



This year, Celebrate the Gifts of Women reflects "on the circumstances of Jesus' birth and childhood, focusing especially on young Mary, who heard Simeon's prophetic words about the opposition Jesus would endure that Mary would also feel." Mothers, parents, and families experience the impact of today's economic, political, and racial climate, yet witness God's power to overcome challenges: Christ has preceded us in every challenge.

Susan Bryant brings the message this Gift of Women Sunday titled, "Hope and Joy in the Midst of Challenging Circumstances"

2022  
**CELEBRATE  
THE GIFTS  
OF WOMEN**

*"And a Sword  
Will Pierce  
Your Own  
Soul Too"*

BY RHASHELL D. HUNTER

Forever, Patricia Alexandra



# Raffle at the Picnic

We will have items to raffle with tickets available for purchase - 5 for \$10 or 12 for \$20. Items in the raffle include donations from More Than Words, Gift Horse and fine jewelry (silver and diamonds)! Must be present to win!



Raising funds for Rise Against Hunger  
AT THE MAY 11TH PICNIC AT JOHNSON PARK



**MONTREAT.**  
CONFERENCE CENTER

*more  
than  
Enough*  
2022 Montreat  
Youth Conference

# Boy Scouts in Service to THE CHURCH



**Troop 368** cleaned leaves and debris from the play area at Farmington on Saturday, April 23rd. Thank you to the 10 Boy Scouts, 1 Cub Scout, and 6 parents who gave of their time and a tremendous amount of effort.

## STOCK ORDER FORM Montreat Youth Conference July 16-23, 2022

### DESCRIPTION:

For donations of any amount you will receive daily updates from the retreat in your email as well as a postcard from the youth attending the trip.

### CHECKS:

On checks, include "Youth Stock" in the memo line. Order by July 15, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Needed for update emails from the retreat!

Donation  
Amount:





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**June 5 at 1:00 PM**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

COVID-19 has impacted the world in a myriad of ways, one of those ways is an increase in food insecurity. Due to the pandemic the Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that 83-132 million MORE people will be undernourished. Throughout 2020, Rise Against Hunger continued its mission to serve those who are facing food insecurity in creative ways. Despite challenges to packaging events, the organization raised funds through virtual events, procured food in local communities, continued to implement Empowering Communities and Development in Gardening projects, and fed over 2.8 million people who were facing hunger in 41 countries. The vision remains a world without hunger.

The Farmington family will be doing our part to bring that vision to fruition on June 5th as we package **20,000 meals**.

**WHO?** Anyone who is at least 4 years old

**WHERE?** Farmington Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

**WHEN?** June 5th from 1-3pm

**WHAT DO WE NEED?** Your help and \$7,500

**How will we raise \$7,500?**

1. Your Annual Pledges have allowed us to budget \$6,000 for this event in the Church Budget.
2. Children will participate in collecting after church each Sunday in the Narthex. This collection allows them to feel a part of making a difference and encourages them to think of others.
3. Cards for Mother's and Father's Day will be available to honor those who have made an impact in your life. The cards will be \$20 each. Giving in this way encourages others to learn about Rise Against Hunger so that packaging events may be held by other organizations. It also allows us to give gifts that make a difference and do not collect dust!

4. Carnival-style Games the Churchwide Picnic! Interact with the children in intergenerational games like frisbee toss and horseshoes and talk with them about helping others while getting rid of the coins from your purse, pockets, and piggy banks! You aren't going to roll them, so bring them and chunk your change!
5. ENTER THE RAFFLE! The prizes are truly amazing! You will not want to miss this opportunity to make a difference while taking a chance on winning! \$10 for 5 tickets or \$20 for 12 tickets

**WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE EXTRA MONEY?**

Donate it to Rise Against Hunger to support their community education and empowerment efforts. It is wonderful to feed people with packets in the midst of crisis, but we want to also enable people to plant, tend, and harvest their own food!



# SPRING CHURCH PICNIC

**All members and friends of the Farmington Family are encouraged to attend!**

When: May 11th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Johnson Road Park

What: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with sodas, sides and dessert - If you have a particular food allergy or request, please let the church office know!

How much: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (12 and under), \$25 family max

Bring a lawn chair, your spare change, and your checkbook (or cash) to enjoy the evening!

## **Why are we raising money?**

We will host our first Rise Against Hunger packaging event since 2019 on June 5, 2020! We are hoping to raise \$7500 so that we are able to package 20,000 meals. Who will receive the meals? The meals are distributed through partner ministries for two purposes: 1. The meals are distributed throughout the world to feed children in developing countries as they arrive at school. Having a nutritious meal allows them to focus on school work rather than hunger and to stay healthier. 2. The meals are distributed to areas experiencing crisis or disaster. To date, all of the meals packaged by Farmington Presbyterian have been distributed in Haiti. We will not know where our meals are going until they are shipped. Let us pray for those who will be fed!

## **Chunk Your Change**

We will have carnival-type games for the kids! It takes a quarter to play, so be ready to help the kids out with your spare coins. Even some of the more mature kids might enjoy showing how to expertly toss a frisbee!

## **Raffle**

You will not believe some of the items in this raffle! More Than Words, Kendra Scott, Gift Horse, jewelry, and more will be raffled, and you must be present to win! One of our members who previously worked in a jewelry store has donated 4 pieces that are silver with diamonds!

Tickets will be 5 for \$10 or 12 for \$20!





## Sunday Worship Online

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



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Olivia Mittag
- 10 Duke Lively
- 10 Andrew Webb
- 11 Gerrie Wilder
- 11 Billy Wann
- 12 Jayme White
- 13 John Ingram
- 13 Carol Jameson
- 13 Jack Williams
- 14 Autumn Colley
- 14 Camille Young
- 16 Christian Barlow
- 16 May Webb
- 23 Jamie Jameson
- 23 Doug Sweet
- 24 Jo Anne Simpkins
- 25 John Bivens
- 27 Abigail Palmer

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
- 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 June New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, May 23.  
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at [shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:shelley@farmingtonpres.org)



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