



AUGUST 2022

Farmington visited Autozone Park to watch the Redbirds take on the Norfolk Tide.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

In perusing my bookshelf, my eyes lit upon a collection of Harry Emerson Fosdick's Riverside Sermons. From the time of the Great Depression through World War II, Fosdick preached on Sunday mornings at Riverside Church in New York City, and his sermon was broadcast across our country by the National Broadcasting Company and around the world by short-wave radio. "What did he have to say about faith in times of emerging from crisis?" I wondered. I got my stool, climbed up, and opened the volume.

As if by memory, the volume opened and notes in a familiar hand presented themselves to me.

The sermon? "Mankind's Deep Need - the Sense of Community"

The handwriting? My grandfather's, Chaplain James R. Scobey. My grandfather had summarized Fosdick's sermon on a half-sheet of paper and tucked it into the book.

"The most desirable blessings in human life come from fellowship, from beautifully putting things together with a right sense of their community....They way that in Wagner's opera Die Walküre there are a million notes, but what makes the opera great is the way the artist combined these isolated items into a community....A lonely child, wanting companions, said once to his mother: 'Mother, I wish that I were two little puppies, so that I could play together.' A man needs comrades with whom he can think together, play together, plan together, and build together. The animals and wildlife illustrate this so well. Bees hive, ants build colonies, birds flock, and wolves hunt in packs. They survive because they cooperate."

In the coming year, we will continue to recover from a worldwide pandemic. We face worldwide inflation and, likely, recession. The pain and suffering across our globe can be overwhelming and likely to increase. Can we envision God's Kingdom coming? Only as we begin to live it in our community.

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This fall we'll bring back some favorite fellowship events with a pool party, Wednesday night dinners, and potlucks after church, and we'll try some new events like "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." We will bring back serving at the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen and Room in the Inn, and we may have an opportunity to be involved in a gleaning effort in September. Many small groups will return to meeting in person, and some new small groups will begin meeting. Our deepest need is community; I look forward to living as God's Beloved Community with you!

YOUTH RETURN FROM MONTREAT



God said it
That's what it is
Thanks be.

We, as the church, can get wrapped up in the bigness and complexity of God. Montreat has a way of simplifying our faith to its essentials and its simplicity. "God is" and "God loves". The *More Than Enough* Youth Conference focused on our relationship with the one beyond our comprehension but who calls us into a relationship. We are called to recognize ourselves as a creation, receive God's blessings, rely on God's provision, resist the voices of scarcity, and realize there is much work to be done.

The primary goal of this retreat, for me, was to pull these youth together into a motivated and present group ready to do what God calls Farmington into next. To that extent, the retreat was a huge success. We laughed, listened, and learned a lot from each other and I look forward to our year of ministry together.



Rally Day - August 14th

Sunday School returns, beginning August 14th
10-10:45am

August 14, all children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes will kick off for the new year. While children will continue exploring scripture through the Sparkhouse curriculum, youth will explore often used and misunderstood verses of scripture in a study called, "God said WHAT?!"

Adult Sunday School, lead by Rev. Rebecca Luter, will begin again in the East Room. All are invited to our series, *Gleanings: Old Testament Stories of Hospitality, Welcome and Hunger*.

Cooper Patterson will lead a study of the book of Acts beginning at 9:30am on Sundays.

Youth Fellowship begins August 14 as well! Join us 2-4pm each Sunday for a time of games, discussion, and Spiritual practices.

*Adult Sunday
School*

GLEANINGS

**Old Testament Stories of
Hospitality, Welcome and Hunger**

Sunday mornings, beginning August 14th
10-10:45am in the East Room
Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter

ROOM
IN THE
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MEMPHIS

**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES!**

**FOR THE CHILDREN IN
THE INN**

A wish list is available on the church website:

www.farmingtonpres.org

Supplies will be dedicated along with Blessing of the Backpacks in 11am worship on August 7th.

AUGUST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP-

Back to School Bash at the Luters on August 13

WORSHIP and EDUCATION-

Blessing of the Backpacks on August 7 and Return to Sunday School and Youth Fellowship on August 14

Presbyterian Women

Horizon Study by ZOOM:

Kirsten King will continue as our moderator. We have some excellent activities planned for the upcoming months! Please contact Jinney Hart, moderator, if you have any questions. All women of the church are welcomed!

SERVANTS NEEDED FOR SOUP KITCHEN

First Presbyterian Church's Soup Kitchen Ministry has been viable for over forty years.

Volunteers help serve a hot meal to approximately 150 guests every Sunday. The soup is made fresh in their kitchen. Bread and dessert for the meal are donated by various groceries and restaurants in the area. A clothes closet is also available and Farmington Presbyterian has donated a variety of clothing many times in the past few years. Guests are also assisted 2 Sundays every month in obtaining their birth certificates.

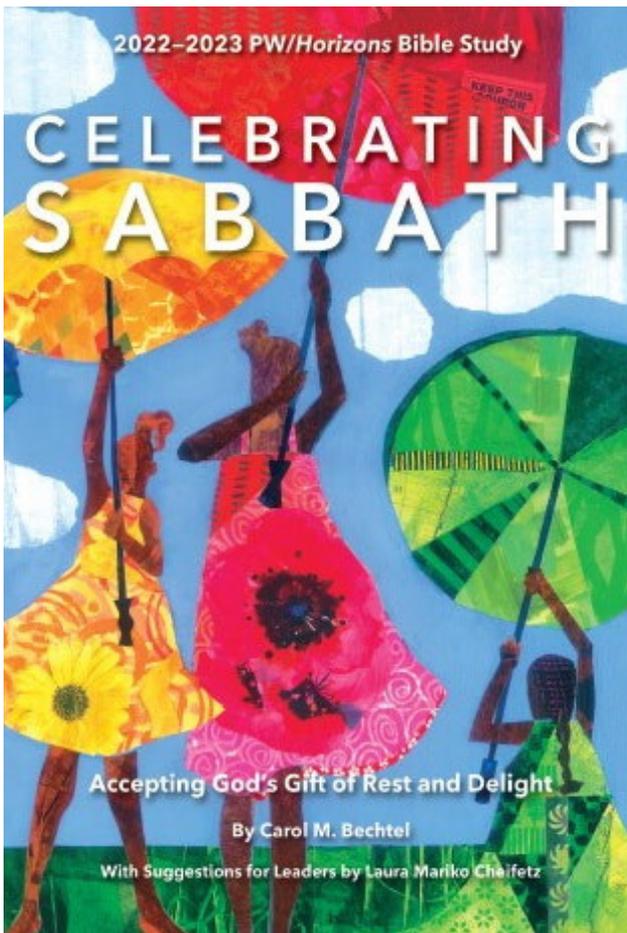
Volunteers from Farmington Presbyterian Church will serve at the Soup Kitchen Sunday, August 28. We need to arrive there by 1:00 PM. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 12:30.



Sign up on our website!

Presbyterian Women Presbytery of the Mid-South Bible Study Conference

Saturday, August 20, 2022: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center
LaGrange, Tennessee
Lead by Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel



Learn about our 2022-23 Horizon Bible Study
Enjoy the beauty of Pinecrest
Experience Being Together with Presbyterian Women
In the nine lessons of this Bible study we will look at Sabbath:

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation and that includes busy women
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

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280 plus boxes of pizza, 270 kids, 100 plus degree weather, 32 summer camp teachers, 21 field trips, 8 visits from Kona Ice, 5 support staff, 2 bus drivers and 2 very exhausted, but happy directors is what helped make summer camp 2022 a success!

Summer Camp is always a fun, exciting and loud time at Farmington Presbyterian Day School. This year was no exception. Coming off of 2 years of Covid, the camp was back in full swing and we were ready to welcome all 270 campers back to summer camp. There were many returning campers that we only see during the summer and many familiar faces that are part of the Farmington Family all year.

We also welcomed many new families and look forward to seeing them soon! We ended summer with an inflatable water slide and kiddie pools for all the kids to enjoy.

The school is taking a much needed week off to get ready for back to school. We will be having teacher in-service and getting some exciting renovations done while we are closed. The school year starts on Monday, August 8th and we look forward to welcoming and serving the community. If you or anyone you know would be a great addition to the school we are still hiring for part time afternoon staff. Please have them reach out to Gretchen at gretchen@farmingtonpres.org.



SESSION REPORT

Session voted to approve Session Committee Assignments, Clerk, and Treasurer for the 2022-2023 Session Year as follows:

Ann Erickson - Administration Committee
Becky Hutchins - Congregational Life Committee
Bob Plotner - Property and Grounds Committee
Bonnie Blair - Discipleship Committee
Doug Barr - Christian Education Committee
Jackie Hall - Worship Committee
Jinney Hart - Service Committee
Mike Schneider - Day School Board Committee
Paul King - Discipleship Committee
Laurinda Ingram - Clerk of Session
Melissa Still - Treasurer

Session meetings throughout the 2022-23 Session Year will be on the 3rd Monday night of each month. Communion will be served on the 1st Sunday of each month at the 11am in-person and livestreamed worship services, on Christmas Eve, and on Maundy Thursday.

The June 2022 Financial Report was accepted with a note that pledges are being received close to plan and expenses are in line with the plan. The 2022-2023 Farmington Presbyterian Day School budget was approved. Four capital improvement projects were considered and approved: new furniture for preschool classrooms, new fixtures for Rhodes-Collins hall bathrooms, plumbing work for the 6 bathrooms, and painting of the final 2 preschool classrooms.

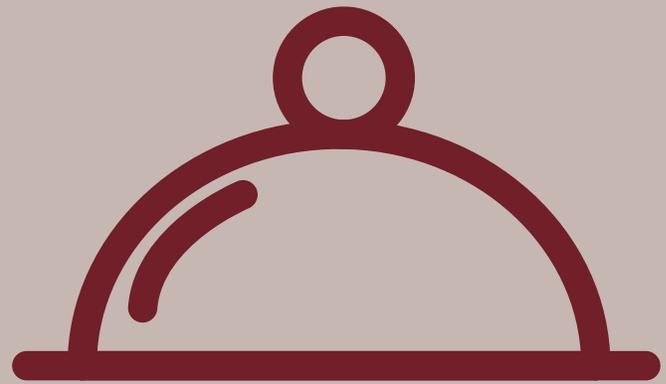
FELLOWSHIP



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



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.

August 3- Mostaccioli (pasta baked with creamy marinara, Italian sausage & ricotta)

August 10- OFF

August 17 - Shrimp or Chicken E'touffee'

August 24 - Chicken & Broccoli Fettuccine Alfredo

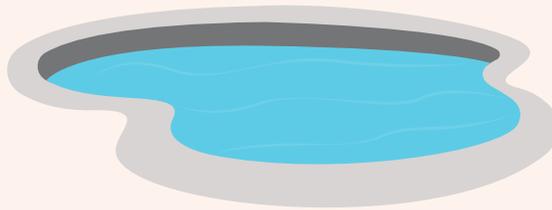
August 31 - OFF

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 7, 2022



Farmington Presbyterian will be blessing the backpacks for the upcoming school year on Sunday, August 7th. We will be collecting school supplies for Children in the Inn (children who are living in the Family Inn of Room in the Inn as their parents gain ability to provide a home for their family). You can either bring your donated supplies and/or shop on the Amazon wishlist (located on our website (farmingtonpres.org) You can click on what you want to purchase, pay, and the item(s) will be sent to RITI! All students are encouraged to bring a backpack to service to be blessed.



WE ARE BACK BASH!

August 13, 2022

Churchwide Party with food and fun for all ages! Burgers, hot dogs, tea/lemonade provided. Bring a towel, a lawn chair, and a side dish or dessert to share.

Where? The Luter's patio and pool

Who? You

When? August 13th at 4pm

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS FOR Parents

What Teachers Wish Parents Knew
About Their Child's Education

August 16, 7:00-8:00pm

Live @ Farmington Presbyterian
Sanctuary
and Livestreamed @ Farmington
Presbyterian - YouTube



Session report continued...

Bonnie Blair and Doug Barr were elected as commissioners to the Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Presbytery Meeting at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church with Jinney Hart as an alternate commissioner.

Session approved the Baptism of Carter Paine, son of Jenn and Jeremy Paine on Sunday, July 31, 2022 in the 11am worship service.

Wednesday Nights This Fall

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT...

SEPTEMBER 14-
OCTOBER 12
DINNER AT 6PM
PROGRAM 6:45-7:15PM

The program will be in the
Sanctuary and also live-streamed.

Separate programming available
for Children!



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!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Lynn Rushdi
- 2 Pat Sherman
- 3 Erin Webb
- 7 Daysi Alda
- 10 Harland Lovell
- 10 Leslie McNamara
- 14 Ellen Renfrow
- 17 Courtney Erdman
- 20 Tom Moots
- 22 Bonnie Blair
- 23 Nora Haguewood
- 24 Iris Lawing
- 29 Ray Bendall
- 30 Rory Mansour
- 31 Willa Bohannon

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
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- Christian Education – Doug Barr
- Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
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- School Board – Mike Schneider
- Service – Jinney Hart
- Treasurer—Melissa Still
- Worship –Jackie Hall



Content for the September New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, August 23rd. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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