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The "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" event was held Sept. 23. This party of 8 enjoyed dinner, discussion, and a fun ribbing of Cooper for being the only male.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

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We recently sang a relatively new hymn, "What Is the World Like?" The hymn asks what the world would be like if God's will were done and recounts stories from Jesus's life that reveal God's vision to us. The Parable of the Mustard Seed teaches us that just a tiny bit of faith can grow into a bush so strong it can even offer shelter to others. The Parable of the Prodigal teaches us that while we may wander far away and squander God's good gifts, God waits anxiously for our return to embrace us and celebrate our return. The Parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us that God's will is for us to all be neighbors to one another. The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids encourages us to prepare and be ready for the day when God's will, this vision of just and loving relationships between all creation, shall be accomplished.

The hymn was written in 2009, but I first sang it the Sunday, December 16, 2012, two days after 14 6-year-olds, 4 7-year-olds, and 6 adults were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. It was just before Christmas, and I can remember thinking, "These children's parents had already wrapped presents and put them under the tree." Surely, this is not what the world is like when God's will is done. When atrocities occur, when disaster strikes, we have a tendency to run toward church. That Sunday, like the Sunday after 9/11, folks flooded into the pews grieving, looking for hope. Yet time after time, we have seen that a few weeks after an atrocity, the spike in attendance wanes and then ebbs even lower than prior to the tragedy.

Why?

People come to church searching for a community that embodies God's vision - a congregation intent on living according to God's will.

What does that community look like?

1. It is **safe**; God's will is done when the church is transparent and consistent in "doing the right thing" to provide a safe community for all.
2. It is **humble**. God's will is done when church members are more concerned with their own flaws and becoming more devoted followers of Jesus than with those of others.

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CampFood & Cocktails, is coming up on Sunday, October 23 from 5-7:30 pm, and this year's FUNdraiser will double as our 60th birthday party!

Guests will be transported to camp on the scenic grounds of Shady Grove Church. Fires will glow, marshmallows will roast, and guitars will strum. This casual event will include a tasty twist on traditional camp foods, our ever-popular "Pinecrest Cinnamon Roll" cocktail, a silent auction, and some added birthday fun.

All the money we raise will go to support our beloved retreat in the piney woods and make sure it continues to be "a place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God."

We are hoping that you will boost our fundraising efforts by becoming a CampFood & Cocktails by being a sponsor or asking your workplace to be a sponsor. And, for the first time, we are offering 4 "CAMPSITES": For \$1500 you will have a designated campfire to gather around with your invited group.

Included in the CAMPSITE package are 10 tickets, 10 drink stakes with camper-woven God's Eyes, and 10 glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

For more information, about sponsorship and campsites, contact Lucy at lucy@camppinecrest.org. The deadline is Monday, October 10.

Individual tickets are \$60 and can be purchased by emailing Lucy and mailing a check. Ticket price at the door is \$75 so you will want to buy yours in advance. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.

We are so looking forward to seeing you and need your help to keep the campfires burning at Pinecrest!

*This event is ADULTS ONLY, since alcohol will be served.

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3. It is **plain and simple**. God's will is done when ideas and concepts are shared in everyday, clear language that everyone can understand.

4. It is **distinctive and intentional**. God's will is done when the culture of the church is informed by Scripture rather than societal or political tenets.

5. It is **loving**. God's will is done when we love one another as Jesus loved; hate and exclusion were never modeled for us by Jesus.

What would you add to the list? How has Farmington been a place where God's will is done? How might we better embody God's vision for us?

SESSION REPORT

Session approved with appreciation and joy the re-establishment of Cub Scout Pack 368 at Farmington Presbyterian. The Pack is being led by Nathan Brewster and Briana Jeiger with Roland Mittag serving as Farmington's Charter Organization Representative. The funds held in trust by Farmington at the earlier dissolution of the Pack have been returned for the Cub Scouts' use.

Rev. Rebecca Luter will be on vacation October 16, 2022, and Doug Barr was approved to serve as pulpit supply.

The Commissioners' Report from Presbytery was received with thanks.

F P D S

Happy Fall Ya'll! We are off to a busy and fun fall. In September we celebrated Grandparent's Day by having a Muffins with Grandparents event. We ended up having over 75 grandparents join us, and we loved seeing the children having a special time with their grandparent.

Another family event we had in the month of September was our annual Family Class Picnic. We invite all our families to pack a picnic dinner and to join us out back by class to meet other children and the families in their child's classroom. We had a great turn out and the kids loved being able to run all over the parking lot and playground with their friends. In addition to the picnic our book fair was open that evening and we sold over \$600 worth of books in an hour's time. We want to thank each family who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. Our goal was to sell \$3,000 worth of books and we beat our goal by selling \$3,213 worth of books and F.P.D.S earned \$1,091 dollars' worth of books and materials for the classrooms.

October is packed with lots of fun activities as well and we are looking forward to the cooler weather. Art and Science classes have met outside and we look forward to more instructional time outdoors. We have the fireman coming to visit, we are visiting the pumpkin patch, having school pictures, class Halloween parties and more!

Thank you to everyone in our village! Grandparents, parents, teachers, staff and the community, we couldn't do it without you!

Blessings,

Gretchen & Andrea



BREAKING NEWS

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AGAINST HUNGER

Our meals have shipped! We received notification that the meals we packaged June 5th have been shipped to the Philippines. Thank you for your generosity and support! Because of you, people will be fed nourishing meals so that they can not only survive but thrive!



Presbyterian Women

Using Owl technology to support hybrid meeting participation, the Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church met recently to discuss chapters 1&2 of Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight by Carol Bechtel. Kirsten King, our Bible study leader, has suggested that we explore some way of expanding our capacity to receive God's gift of Sabbath. This can include journaling, walking, having quiet moments to reflect, and/or making intentional time for "Shabbat Shalom".

All women of the church are invited to enjoy gathering each month as we journey together. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 16 at 12:30 PM in the East Room. Feel free to contact Jinney Hart, moderator, for more details.



Adult Sunday School

C.S. LEWIS THE GREAT DIVORCE



Rev. Rebecca will be facilitating a discussion and Bible study based on C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce* on Sunday mornings at 10am in the East Room. *The Great Divorce* is an allegory about visiting heaven and hell. Join us as we discuss the story and dig into what the Bible teaches us about good and evil.

10am - 10:45am

East Room

Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter

NEW Adult Ministries Beginning October 27th

A new program is being formed at Farmington Presbyterian for adults (of any age). The kickoff is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at 12:00pm in the East Room.

A luncheon is planned by our excellent chef, Scott Hutchins. The cost of the meal is \$13.00. Please email Sandy Wann at srwann@bellsouth.net by Monday, October 24 to make a reservation.

Our kick-off speaker will be Charlie Smithers. You don't want to miss hearing him share stories about his life. Following his talk, we will discuss some future speakers for our monthly luncheon meetings, plans for some day trips, and the possibility of some 5-day trips.

We are looking forward to some fun get-togethers and getting to know church members better than ever before. Bring a friend with you.

Bonnie Blair, Chair

Sandy Wann

Brenda Geise

Jamie Jameson

THE ACTS of the Apostles

N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides

We call the book "The Acts of the Apostles," but we should think of it as "The Acts of Jesus (II)." These studies from Tom Wright help us to do so, and to see how Jesus' acts through the apostles inform our acts today.

9:30am - 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

Led by Cooper Patterson





TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 23rd,
4pm - 6pm

Sign up to Host a game or
Trunk on our website:
farmingtonpres.org



Save the Date

Farmington
FRIENDSGIVING
FESTIVAL

November 4
5:00pm - 8:00pm

GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS
BRING YOUR KIDS
ENJOY A FALL EVENING OUTDOORS
WITH DINNER AND MUSIC



For more information:
farmingtonpres.org

**Donations and Proceeds Benefit
Hurricane Recovery Efforts**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

**FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.**

On World Communion Sunday each year, we receive one of our four denominational offerings, the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables our Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Together we are building God's household of peace where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all Creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

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



POTLUCK SUNDAY

Potluck Lunch Sunday, October 2

We are having our first post-COVID Potluck on Sunday, October 2nd, following worship. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share and place it in the kitchen prior to worship with any serving/warming instructions.

If you are able to assist with setting up or cleaning up, please let Becky Hutchins know. Since it has been more than 2 years, we are beginning anew with our volunteer rotation.

Wednesday Night Dinner!

5:45-6:30 PM



Take advantage of this opportunity to gather, enjoy fellowship and laughter! You won't have to cook on Wednesday night. You're kids will have a blast, and you will gain insight into what it means to be Presbyterian.

When? October 5, 19, 26

What? Dinner will be served beginning at 5:45pm, Program will be from 6:30pm-7:00 pm. Choir practice will follow at 7:15pm.

Who? Adults and youth will attend a program in the Sanctuary and via livestream. Children will explore a Bible story in A6 (next to the Sanctuary, across from the Church Office).

How much? Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 12) with a \$25 family maximum.

TO GO Mid Week Meals

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.

Oct 5- Chicken Spaghetti

Oct 12- FALL BREAK

Oct 19- Chicken and Dumplings

Oct 26- Enchilada Casserole

Wednesday Night Program!

6:30-7:00 PM



OCTOBER 5

WHO WE ARE AS PRESBYTERIANS.

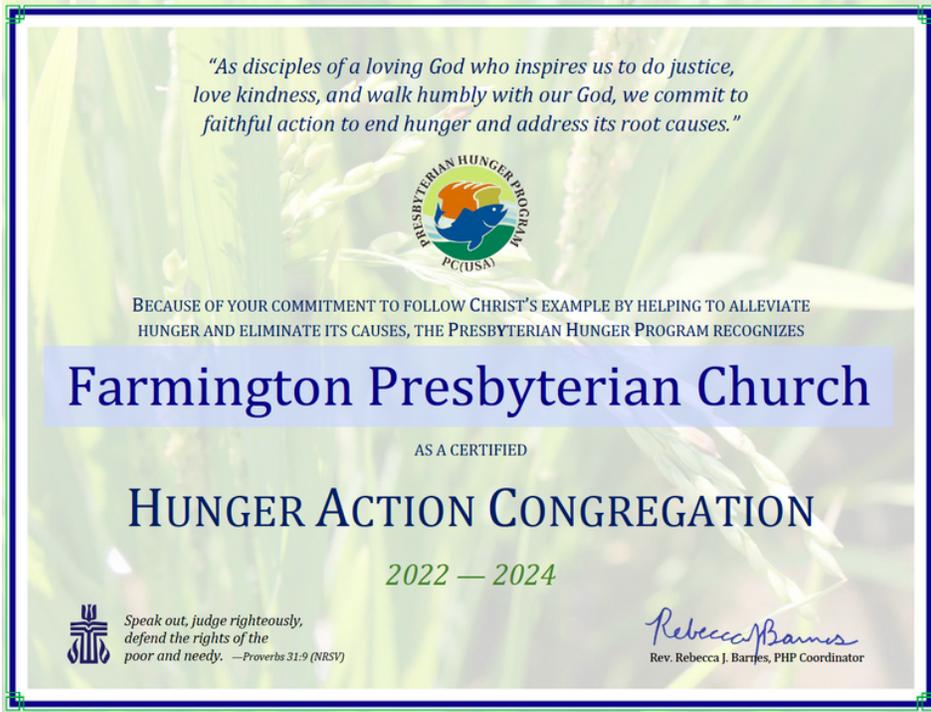
Oct. 19, 26 & Nov. 3, 10
6:30 - 7pm



The youth Sunday School class has been exploring verses often taken out of context. These lessons have been so enlightening and entertaining we thought they would be a great program for the adult congregation! Coming this October, Doug Barr will lead the Adult Wednesday night program as we put the verses from posters and memes back in their place to see what they meant and how that shapes what we hear from Scripture, today.

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

Separate programming for children!



We have once again been recognized as a Hunger Action Congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Hunger Action Congregations are committed to ending hunger and its causes through:

- Hunger Alleviation: providing and/or sharing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions;
- Development Assistance: addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development;
- Hunger Education: learning about systemic causes of hunger, leading towards faithful action that is informed and guided by directly affected people and partner groups;
- Lifestyle Integrity: adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God's creation;
- Corporate and Public Policy Witness: advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation;
- Worship: incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship.

Our congregation is active in all 6 areas of hunger action: hunger alleviation, development assistance, education, lifestyle integrity, corporate and public policy witness, and worship

The Presbyterian Foundation has Donor-Advised Funds

Did you know that the founder of Farmington Presbyterian Church took advantage of these funds, and we still receive his pledge quarterly?

You can too.

The Presbyterian Foundation offers donor-advised funds that can make your charitable giving simple - and even fun.

- You can create a donor-advised fund with a gift of as little as \$2,500.
- You can donate non-traditional gifts including real estate, business interests, and life insurance policies through your donor-advised fund.
- Donor-advised funds can offer immediate tax advantages, simplified record-keeping, and flexibility in choosing beneficiaries and investment options.
- While tax laws require that a donor's charitable gifts be irrevocable and unconditional in order to receive the associated tax benefits of a charitable contribution, The Presbyterian Foundation will allow the Primary Advisor (the individual who established the fund or their designee) to recommend (advise), but not control, how assets in a Donor-Advised Fund are invested and distributed.

For more information, go to www.presbyterianfoundation.org or call 800-858-6127.



Fall Yard Day

Saturday, October 22nd, at 9am, all are encouraged to come to the church to rake leaves and clean up the parking lot for Trunk-R-Treat on Sunday, October 23rd. Bring your rakes, gloves, and joy! We will have coffee and donuts waiting. If you can't make it by 9am, come anytime before noon. We will begin wrapping up then.
Rain Date - October 29th, same time, same project!

**Saturday, October 22nd,
at 9am
Rain date: October 29th**

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS FOR Parents

Teaching Your Preschool Child
Social-Emotional Skills

The next workshop will be available:
October 17th @ Noon
Farmington Presbyterian - YouTube
Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter

Don't miss last month's workshop, available on youtube
at www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Katelyn Paxton
- 3 Cole Ritchey
- 3 Jack Ritchey
- 3 Jim Collins
- 3 Steve Demaree
- 3 Jerry Hosier
- 4 Gerry Wilder
- 8 Charlie Smithers
- 13 Annette Hosier
- 14 Aiden Barlow
- 14 Becca Anthony
- 18 Gretchen Burch
- 23 DJ Davis
- 23 Oakley Bohannon
- 24 Suzanne Thomas
- 29 Carol Lovell
- 31 Myrt Saxon



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

Content for the November New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, October 18th. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org

