



SEPTEMBER 2022

It's the start of a new school year, so we kicked it off with a pool party.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

I recently read an article in the New York Times about the 20% increase in deaths caused by motor vehicles in the United States from pre-pandemic rates to the present. It is the sharpest increase since the 1940's. Why? At first, experts theorized that with fewer cars on the road in 2020, people were driving faster. But, as drivers returned to the roads, traffic deaths remained high.

The pandemic has impacted and continues to impact us all. We are relational creatures who need touch, interaction, and community. The pandemic brought isolation. We are willful creatures who reason and value our autonomy. The pandemic brought restriction. The result of us being cooped up alone (or with a very few people) has been like teenagers who have tasted freedom - rebellion. We are experiencing an increase in impulsivity, irritation/frustration/rage, and self-medication across our nation.

How will we move on?

In every funeral or memorial service, I conclude the welcome in this way, "May God grant us grace that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection." It is only as we travel the journey of grief that we reach the place of healing.

I invite you to journey toward healing this fall. Beginning Sunday, September 11th, on the 21st anniversary of 9/11, we will turn to the prayers of God's people recorded in Lamentations. The book of Lamentations is a collection of five psalm-like prayers of lament over the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians.

"The thought of my pain, my hopelessness, is bitter poison. I think of it constantly, and my spirit is depressed. Yet hope returns when I remember this one thing: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. The Lord is all I have, and so in the Lord I put my hope." - Lamentations 3:19-24

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 11am in the Sanctuary or via livestream as we mourn, hope, and pray for God's mercy together.

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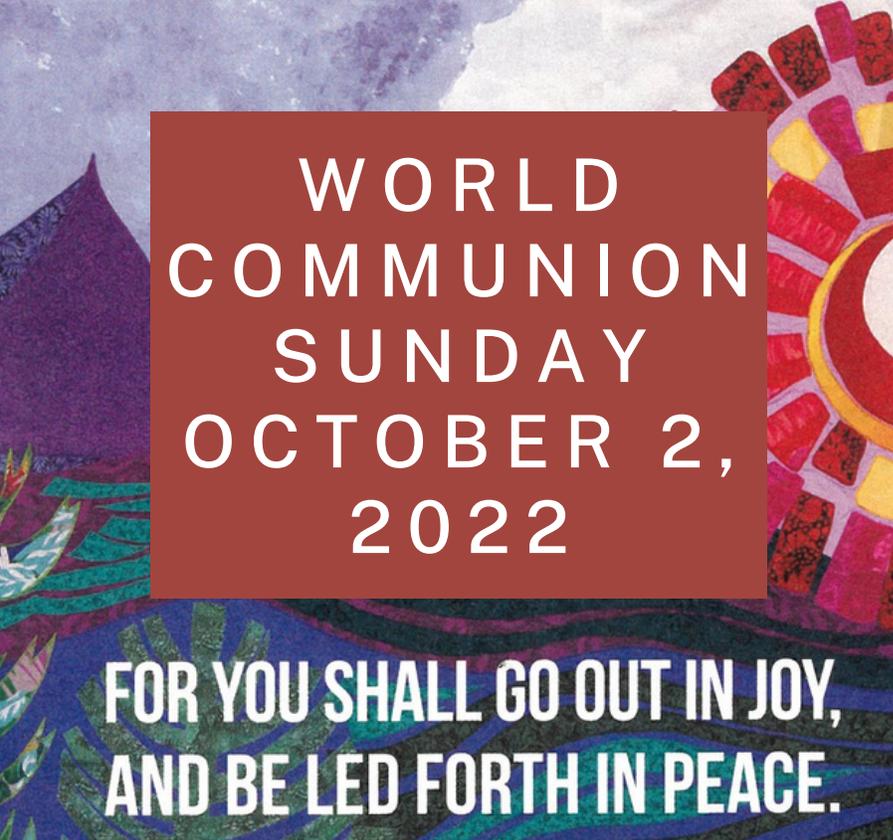
Back to school is always an exciting time at F.P.D.S. This year was extra exciting as the staff and children walked into newly painted classrooms, remodeled bathrooms and new flooring. As the month continued we were able to add new tables and chairs. We were able to show our families the improvements by allowing their children to show them around their classroom at an open house we hosted. We will continue our family connections with classroom picnics in September. This is a great event that allows parents to meet other parents as well as the other children in their child's classroom.

All the classrooms are in full swing starting their curriculum, working on social emotional development and independence. The children also work on a virtue and manner each month. In August they worked on kindness and using kind words. In September they will be working on self-control and not interrupting.

Mark your calendars for the week of September 19th- 23rd as we will host our annual Scholastic book fair. All purchases help support our classrooms with new books and equipment. We invite you all in to take a look around as books are great gifts all year round.

Gretchen & Andrea





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.

Want to know more? Sign up to receive a daily email from September 4 - October 2 as we are Led Forth in Peace: Critical Areas of Engagement for Peacemakers. Sign up at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP

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

Adult Sunday School

GLEANINGS

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

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



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



Wednesday Night Dinner and Program Return!

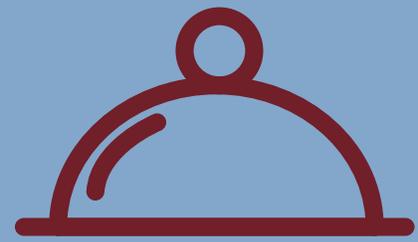
Take advantage of this opportunity to gather, enjoy fellowship and laughter! You won't have to cook on Wednesday night. You're kids will have a blast, and you will gain insight into what it means to be Presbyterian.

When? September 14, 21, 28, and October 5

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 "What does it mean to be Presbyterian?" led by Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham in the Sanctuary and via livestream (hosted by Doug Barr). Children will explore a Bible story with Rev. Rebecca 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.



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.

Sept 7- Lo-Carb Chicken Cordon Blue Casserole

Sept 14- Shepherds Pie

Sept 21- Cheese Manicotti with Marinara

Sept 28- Pasta Jambalaya

Wednesday Nights This Fall

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT...

WITH REV. RUTH LOVELL BRADHAM
SEPTEMBER 14-OCTOBER 5
DINNER AT 5:45PM
PROGRAM 6:30-7:00PM

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

Separate programming for children with Rev. Rebecca!



**Sign up on
our Website!**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

What is this?

1. You sign up to go to dinner and choose the style dinner you would like.
2. Groups of 6-8 are paired to eat together.
3. Restaurant reservations are made (or tables decorated at counter-service restaurants).
4. You receive a nametag to wear.
5. You arrive at the restaurant and enjoy an evening with other members of the Farmington family!

When is this?

September 23rd

Preference for time for dinner: 5:30 6:30 7:30

Options for restaurants:

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| Mexican | Asian |
| Pub Fare | Indian |
| Pizza | Counter Service |
| Fine Dining | |

Names of those attending (your family):

Contact Name

Phone or Email



Presbyterian Women



These ladies recently attended the Presbyterian Women Presbytery of the Mid-South Bible Study Conference at Pinecrest Conference & Retreat Center. We were fortunate to be able to Zoom with Dr. Carol Bechtel, author of Celebrating Sabbath, which is our upcoming Horizons Bible Study. We enjoyed fellowship with our sisters from other churches and of course the cinnamon rolls and lunch were outstanding! A calendar of our meeting dates is posted on the PW bulletin board. All women are invited to participate in our gatherings!

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2022
After worship at 12:30pm in the East Room

YOUTH LOCK-IN

September 2, 2022

7PM - 7 AM

@ Farmington Presbyterian Church

\$20 activity fee

Games, Escape Rooms, Movies,
Snacks, and Up-All-Night Activities

Contact Doug Barr for more information:
doug@farmingtonpres.org

SESSION REPORT

Session received with gratitude a Prayer Cross, commissioned by Terri Neeley in memory of her parents, Mary and Loyd Hudson. Rev. Ruth Lovell-Bradham was approved to provide Pulpit Supply on September 4, 2022 and to teach a series on Wednesdays, September 14-October 5, on "What It Means to Be Presbyterian" in the Sanctuary and on livestream after Wednesday night dinner. Session welcomed Brenda Geise into the fellowship of Farmington Presbyterian Church by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, TN, on August 21, 2022.

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS FOR Parents

Speaking Your Child's Love Language

September 20, 7:00-8:00pm

Lead by Rev. Rebecca Luter

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

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





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!

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

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.

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

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."

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 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.

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.



SERVING THE SOUP KITCHEN

These are a few of the 12 volunteers from our church who helped serve meals and pack bags of clothing for guests in need at First Presbyterian Church downtown this past Sunday. The staff at First Presbyterian Church were extremely grateful for our help. Helping in the community on a hot steamy day was a rewarding experience! We look forward to assisting again. Check the bulletin for clothing donations.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 3 Paula Patterson
- 3 Camille Hempel
- 3 Elizabeth Moots
- 4 Dr. John Thomas
- 5 Hadley Barr
- 5 Brooke Stegeman
- 7 Cydnee Young
- 8 Drew Howard
- 9 Hal Schneider
- 10 Melissa Still
- 14 Emily Emrich
- 15 Sharaze Colley
- 18 Rev. Rebecca Luter
- 18 Joanna Andrews
- 20 Tracy Riddle
- 20 Grigg Schneider
- 21 Tyler Celosky
- 21 Mary Elizabeth Ward
- 22 Laurinda Ingram
- 25 Paulette Bukauskas
- 27 Blanche Hamilton
- 30 Tom Bryant



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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Content for the October New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, September 20th. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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