



NOVEMBER 2022

Farmington was visited by the Sanderson Sisters! Thank you to all who made Trunk or Treat a great event for children who "run amok!"

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Deepening Our Discipleship

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I realized this week that it is almost time to put up Christmas decorations which, as much as I love curling up on the couch under a blanket with a warm mug in my hands as Christmas tree lights twinkle in an otherwise dark and quiet house, means that it is time for me to get out the carpet cleaner and furniture oil and deep clean that house. Thinking about it, the theme song from "Facts of Life" came to mind. You remember? "You take the good, you take the bad, you take them both and there you have, the facts of life..." Life always seems to be a mixture of some things we are excited about and some things we dread, some good and some bad, some joy and some sadness.

In thinking about Christmas this year, I am aware that the last few years have been difficult for many of us. We have experienced periods of isolation, health uncertainties, illnesses, changes, and the deaths of loved ones. Each year, November begins with All Saints Sunday as we remember and give thanks for those who have entered the Church Triumphant in the previous year and gather with them and with all the saints of all times and places at the Table of our Lord. We give thanks as a faith community with a Thanksgiving meal and worship the Wednesday before Thanksgiving week, and then we decorate the Sanctuary and church building for Advent and Christmas.

One of the most meaningful services for me each year is our Advent Service of Remembrance and Hope. It is a time for those who are not without sadness as they celebrate the holidays. During the service, individuals come forward to light a candle and, if they like, for me to pray with them. This year, the service is Monday, November 28, at 6pm. The joyful message of Christmas is that God is with us - as we anticipate and as we dread, in the good and the bad, in the joy and the sadness, as we remember and as we hope.



This month the day school reflects on what we are thankful for. Our preschool virtue for the month is thankfulness and we discuss the many things we are thankful for. Here in the school office we are so very thankful for a staff that teaches our children through kindness and patience. We are thankful for our families that share their precious children with us. Last, but certainly not least, we are thankful for the children we get to serve.

We will have a Friendsgiving lunch with our preschool friends and staff and tell them how thankful we are that they are here at school with us. We want to wish each and every one of you a very thankful and blessed month of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Gretchen & Andrea



TRUNK OR TREAT

It's great to be back!

Friday night, I was concerned. A couple of phone calls and emails pointed out that we only had 5 trunks signed up and no assurances that people would be coming out for the event. Flyers were mailed, emails were sent, posters were hung but I was unsure how this would turn out.

The day came, the hot dogs were cooked, the cars began to arrive and 13 trunks were spread across the lower lot. Some teachers from the day school arrived dressed as the Sanderson Sisters. The people began to show up and they kept coming. The box maze was full of kids going in and out in rotations. 150 hot dogs were nearly gone by 5:30 and there were still people showing up!

Thank you so much for making this year's event a huge success. Invitations to Friendsgiving were handed out at the box maze so lets make our next great outdoor program as memorable and exciting as Trunk or Treat.





Farmington Presbyterian continues to help serve our neighbors at Room In the Inn downtown. Also, pictured is Lisa Anderson, Director of Room in the Inn. Recently, we provided dishes for their family welcome baskets and clothing for 2 high school students. We are also helping with dinners until they can have a full kitchen staff. Thanks to all who have contributed. We will post Room In the Inn's requests for assistance as they arise.

Sign up to provide a meal on our website. www.farmingtonpres.org



THE PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE

AN \$80,000 SCHOLARSHIP OVER 4 YEARS FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE PRESBYTERIAN.

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College (PC) to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are of members of Presbyterian churches will receive a scholarship for a minimum of \$20,000 per year for up to four years—that's an \$80,000 commitment to you. For more information and to apply visit our site: www.presby.edu/presbyterian-promise

STUDENTS WHO ARE PRESBYTERIAN CAN EARN AN \$80,000 PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

TRUE OF HEART: PARTNERING IN THE GENEROSITY OF GOD



What does it mean to be a partner with God? First, to recognize that every thing we have, even our next breath, is a gift from God. Second, to realize that God has been generous to us. Third, to respond – for our hearts to overflow with gratitude.

The number you put on your pledge card is an estimate of your giving to God in 2023. It is not a contract with the church or a way to collect dues. It is an opportunity for you to express your gratitude for all God has given you and to partner in the generosity of God.

Farmington Presbyterian is a generous church.

In 2022, members of the Farmington family gave:

- \$3,227, 100's of sandwiches, bags of clothes, and volunteer support to First Presbyterian Church's Soup Kitchen.
- \$8,800 and volunteer efforts to package 20,000 meals to Rise Against Hunger.
- \$961, ongoing preparation of a weekly meal for 50 guests (began in October), and donations of school supplies, clothes for 2 teenage girls, and household goods for a family moving into housing supported the work of Room in the Inn.
- \$9,510 to send a team from Farmington to partner in the construction of 3 cisterns in the region near Xpujil, Mexico, providing safe drinking water for the recipient families.
- \$6,611 to One Great Hour of Sharing to support relief in Ukraine.
- \$500 to the Peacemaking Offering
- \$810 to the Pentecost Collection for ministries supporting at-risk children
- \$19,654 to the mission work of the PC(USA) – Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters, and Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Our work to alleviate hunger and its causes was recognized by the PC(USA) and our designation as a Hunger Action Congregation was renewed.

Stewardship Sunday is November 13th. You will have the opportunity to bring forward your estimate of giving in 2023. May we be true of heart as we make our commitments to partner with God in ministry through Christ's church.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms....so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

I PETER 4:10-11

SESSION REPORT

Session received a presentation, given by Jennifer Young on behalf of the Administration Committee, of the findings from Rev. Luter's annual performance evaluation and discussed the proposed work plan for the coming year. The September finance report was accepted and updates received on the Day School, Property and Grounds projects, and Service events and mission work. Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart were elected to be Ruling Elder Commissioners to the November 10 th meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Bob Plotner was designated as alternate commissioner. The elder training of Doug Barr, Ann Erickson, and Jinney Hart was upheld, and they will be installed as Ruling Elders, Class of 2025, during worship on Sunday, October 23rd .

Session discussed engaging a consultant to revisit our vision and mission and to help us establish corresponding plans and goals for the Farmington family for the next 5-10 years.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen

NOVEMBER 13TH

Farmington Presbyterian Church will be helping with the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian downtown on Nov. 13. We will be providing bologna and cheese sandwiches as well. Feel free to bring sandwiches to the church or assemble in the kitchen at 10:00 am on the day we help to assemble and pack sandwiches. Recipe: 2 slices of bread with a slice of bologna and a slice of cheese inside. Meet in the parking lot after church to carpool or arrive at First Presbyterian at 1:00 pm. We need at least 12 people to help.

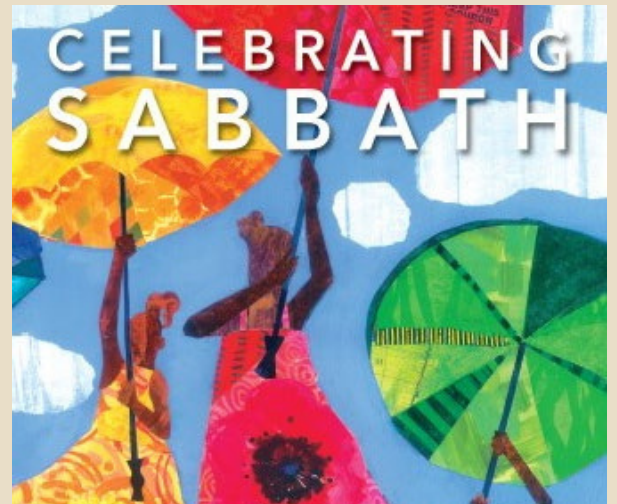
We are continuing to collect clothing for the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian. For November & December we are specifically asking for blankets. Please place donations in the plastic bucket located at the west entrance of the school.



Presbyterian Women

The Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church are continuing to meet in person in the East Room and by Zoom as Kirsten King engages us in meaningful discussion of our Horizons Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath. So far we have talked about how to celebrate Sabbath, how to create Sabbath, and when to celebrate Sabbath. We also made our own havdalahs to help us remember the sweetness of the Sabbath that is past. Please join us in this interactive study.

All women of the church are invited to enjoy gathering each month as we journey together. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 12 at 10am in the East Room. Feel free to contact Jinney Hart, moderator, for more details.



**Charlie Smithers shares his
life and faith story at the
Adult Ministry Luncheon.**

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

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

Adult Ministries November 17th 12:00pm

The Adult Ministries Committee's monthly luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 17, at noon in the East Room of FPC. Our guest speaker is our very own Cooper Patterson. Cooper has enjoyed a very interesting life, and I know you will want to attend to hear about it.

Scott Hutchins will be preparing a Thanksgiving menu for us. The cost is \$13 per person. Please contact Sandy Wann by November 14th with your reservation. Adults of any age are cordially invited.

Bonnie Blair, Chair
Sandy Wann
Brenda Geise
Jamie Jameson

Farmington FRIENDSGIVING FESTIVAL

IN THE FARMINGTON
BACK YARD

November 4
5:00pm - 8:00pm

GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR
FRIENDS
BRING YOUR KIDS
ENJOY A FALL EVENING
OUTDOORS WITH
FACEPAINTING
PHOTO BOOTH
FIREHUTCH FINE FOODS'
HOMEMADE PIZZA, MUSIC
AND MORE!



Donations and Proceeds Benefit
Hurricane Recovery Efforts

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE



We gather 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



Sunday, November 6

We are having Potluck on Sunday, November 6th, 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? November 2, 9, 16, 30

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.

Nov 2 - Pasta Jambalaya

Nov 9 - Vodka ala Penne with Italian Sausage

Nov 16 - OFF

Nov 23 - OFF

Nov 30 - Shrimp or Chicken and Cheese Grits

Wednesday Night Program!



Nov. 2, 9
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! 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!



Hangings of the Greens

NOVEMBER 20
2-4 PM



Service of Wholeness and Healing

Nov. 28 at 6pm

Did you lose someone you love? Lose your way? Is the cheery buzz of Christmas just too much after this year? Come for a quiet, reflective time of worship and prayer. Light a candle to remember. Receive God's blessing. Christ was born for you.



THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT PINECREST

Thursday, November 24
(serving 11:30am-1pm)

Join us for traditional lunch, hikes, bonfires, and hayrides

\$25 (adult), \$15 (4-11years), 3 and under free

Reservations: 901.878.1247 or EMAIL: amanda@camppinecrest.org

THE GREAT CINNAMON ROLLOUT

Order by 12/2
Delivery on 12/10

Delicious Pinecrest cinnamon rolls packaged for your holiday giving.

\$15/pan of 6-7 gooey cinnamon rolls \$14/pan for more than 9 pans

Orders: 901.878.1247 or EMAIL: amanda@camppinecrest.org



Joy to the world

Gather around the piano and sing
your favorite Christmas carols.

After Wednesday Night Dinner
November 30
6:30 - 7pm



NOVEMBER 16, 2022

*Thanksgiving
Dinner*

**DINNER 5:45
WORSHIP 6:30PM**

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS FOR **Parents**

**Games to Play to Help Your Preschooler
Follow Instructions**

The next workshop will be available:
November 15th
Farmington Presbyterian - YouTube
Led by Rev. Rebecca Luter

Don't miss last month's workshop, available on
youtube by searching www.youtube.com for
farmingtonpresbyterian





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Charlene Still
- 1 Cristaldawn Smith
- 3 Abby McNeer
- 6 Deborah Aleman
- 9 Nadine Oest
- 10 Eliza Schneider
- 10 Chris Luter
- 11 Meg Sweet
- 13 Jeremy Paine
- 13 JB Wann
- 17 Nicholas Luter
- 18 Kirsten King
- 19 Rachel Barr
- 20 Laura McDowell
- 22 Amelia Palmer
- 24 Lauren Thomas
- 24 Darlis Scobey
- 24 Cooper Patterson
- 26 Kristin Davis
- 28 Graham Perkins



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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 Property and Grounds – Bob Plotner
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 Treasurer—Melissa Still
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Content for the November New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, November 22nd. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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