



The Day School recieved a visit from the Kidz Kountry petting zoo. See page 3 for pictures.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

"lost and found"

Mary wept.

Standing in the garden,
soft dirt under her feet,
sun still tucked away,
sleeping under the horizon.

The other disciples left,
but Mary stayed.

Mary wept.

Shoulders shaking,
tears running down her face.

She said, They have taken my Lord away,
and I don't know where they put him.

But here's what Easter taught me:

if you think you've lost God,
if it feels like heaven has slipped through the cracks,
if you feel like the night will never end,
then know, there is no hide-and-seek with the divine
that doesn't end in you being found.

Stay still.

Keep breathing.

God is closer than you think.

Poem by

Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

FARMINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS



THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2023

Come and join the fun
with the whole family!



**APRIL 8, 10AM IN
THE BACK
PARKING LOT OF
FARMINGTON**

Please donate
individually wrapped
candies and small treats
for the kids to hunt!
There are lots of ways to
help. Sign up on our
Website!



Join the Congregational Life Committee!



The Congregational Life Committee is seeking new members. This committee is committed to the care and nurture of the community of the Farmington family and responsible for facilitating fellowship opportunities for the on-going life of the congregation and for providing encouragement, comfort, and welcome to all who come to FPC. Our meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12th at 6pm in the East Room. All are welcome.



EASTER LILIES

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies this year. To honor or remember a loved one this Easter Sunday, please email shelley@farmingtonpres.org with how many lilies and honoree.

The lilies are \$17.50 each. Please mail check made payable to Farmington Presbyterian Church with "Easter Lilies" noted on memo line. Please let Shelley know in honor of or in memory of along with payment.



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL



Happy Spring!

The day school has been busy with plenty events, fun and learning. All the preschool classrooms were able to go to the petting zoo. They got to feed and pet animals, ride a train, watch turtles race and even ride a horse!

April is a very busy month and we invite you to share some of our favorite activities with us. The children will all bring in their money to help support the women of the church with their Spring Bake Sale. This is a favorite for the kids and for the staff!

The classrooms will have class Easter egg hunts and have all been invited to join the church for their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th.

St. Jude is near and dear to our hearts here at the school. We have many families that work at St. Jude and even former students that were or had been St. Jude patients. To help give back we host a St. Jude Trike a Thon to raise money for the hospital. You are invited to stop by either April 18th or 19th from 10:00- 12:00 to see the kids ride and to enjoy tunes from D.J. Mr. Dougy Doug Doug.

We finish the month with our Spring Concert and Art Show. This is a great opportunity for the kids to show off what they do in their Special's Classes. They will sing songs from Music class, they will sing a song from Spanish and Chapel and then will show off their creative art work from Art class. Please plan to join us or tune in via our live link.

The Day School would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and Well Wishes for the spring time ahead!

Gretchen & Andrea



VBS

Save the Date

This year's Vacation Bible School will be **June 12 - 16**. We would love to fill our classes with children from the neighborhood as well as Summer Camp. Invite your friends and neighbors to a week of fun at Farmington.

If you would like to help out, Volunteer as a station leader or crew leader by contacting Doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Registration is coming Easter Sunday!

Participants in FPDS Day school will automatically attend. They do not need to register.



POTLUCK SUNDAY APRIL 2ND

Bring a dish or simply gather for food and fellowship after worship on April 2nd.



In:Joy

2023 MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

**New
Date!!**

**July 9-15
Summer Retreat
Rising 9th-High School
Student Cost: \$375**

It can be difficult to see what God is doing in the hustle of day to day life. Why not seek a meaningful retreat away from all of that to rest, reset, and renew your faith while in the mountains of North Carolina?

Chaperones and students are needed for this years Montreat Youth Conference! Join us for a

Staying home? You can still help get us there! Purchase Stock in the retreat for any amount and receive daily updates from Doug Barr in your email and a personal postcard from a youth attending the retreat!



Ordination of Kirsten King

Saturday, April
29th

Worship at 3pm
with Reception
following in
Fellowship Hall

All members of the Farmington family are encouraged to be present to pray for and celebrate God's Spirit at work in Kirsten's life and ministry.

Holy Week Events

April 2 - Palm Sunday - Sanctuary
In-person and Live-streamed @ 11am

April 6 - Maundy Thursday with Communion
Dinner @ 6pm - Fellowship Hall
Service @ 7pm - Sanctuary
In-person & Live-streamed

April 7 - Good Friday - Sanctuary
In-person & Live-streamed @ 6pm

April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt -
Back Parking Lot @ 10am.

April 9 - Easter
- Sunrise Service - Outdoor Chapel @ 7am
- Easter Morning Worship - Sanctuary
In-person & Live-streamed @ 11am

HE IS RISEN



Celebrate the Gifts of Women at Farmington Presbyterian Church Sunday April 16. In Luke 1:45-56 we learn about God's visiting Mary and proclaiming her as the chosen one who has been favored to bear the savior of the world. But how much do we consider who this young woman was and who she represented beyond the traditions surrounding her?

This liturgy will be led by Ann Erickson, Elder, and will focus particularity on both Mary's vulnerability and her strength.

During the service a member will be recognized with the Honorary Life Membership Award to honor his/her faithful service to Presbyterian Women and to the church.

The Birthday Offering will also be collected that day. Over the years grants have funded over 200 major mission projects that continue to impact people in the United States and around the world. This year's contributions will help support Making Miracles Group Home in Tallahassee, Florida and Berhane Yesus Elementary School in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. Please join us in celebration of God's many blessings.



Farmington women flocked to the Think Pink Luncheon to support breast cancer education and awareness.

These ladies from Farmington Presbyterian Church acknowledged Lent by helping support and celebrate those among us who have faced the challenge of breast cancer and survived, and honor those who did not. Melissa Still's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority sponsored a "Think Pink Luncheon" recently. As sisters of God we acknowledge that it is important to care for ourselves and each other. We are reminded that on our "seeking" journey we must remember to take care of ourselves as well.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WHO: Women from the Presbytery of the Mid-South

WHERE: Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue,
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 726-4681

TIMES:

9:00 a.m. Registration, Fellowship, Coffee and Pastries
10:00 a.m. Program with Keynote Message by Rev. Joshua
Narcisse, Director of Spiritual Care at Church Health and
Parish Associate at Idlewild Presbyterian Church
12:00 p.m. Lunch

PROGRAM: Highlights of 2022-2023, Reports,
Presentation of Grants, Installation of New Officers, In
Memoriam, Special Offering and Worship Service.

QUESTIONS: Contact Diane Meess, Chair,
diane.meess@yahoo.com, 901-692-6078



JOHNSON AUXILIARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION **APRIL 18, 2023** IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:30am Worship in Trippeer Chapel, the space of our
chartering with honored guests and supporters of the
Auxiliary

The Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, Senior Pastor of St.
James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South
Carolina, preaching.

12:00pm Lunch in Montgomery Hall

Celebrate and connect with others committed to
ministry at Regional One Health today and into the
future. A meal with Southern fried chicken will be
prepared by Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

The cost of lunch is \$10 and payable to Idlewild
Presbyterian by cash, check, or credit card. Please
indicate if a vegetarian option is preferred.

After lunch we will travel by bus to
Regional One Health for a tour. Buses will
leave from the Idlewild parking lot at 1pm.
Tours will conclude by 3:30pm. Please
indicate if a limited mobility option is
preferred.

RSVP by April 4th to Bonnie Algee at
bbalgee@bellsouth.net or 5400 Park Ave.,
Apt. 210, Memphis, TN 38119.



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN'S

Bake Sale

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 5TH, 10AM-6PM

Most Individually packaged
treats will be \$1.

We will also have full pies and
cakes available for your Easter
gatherings.

The proceeds from the Farmington Presbyterian Women's
Bake Sale are used to support our mission projects including:
Mexico Cistern Water Project, Send a Kid to Camp (Pinecrest),
Rise Against Hunger, and Church Health Center.



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

**Mark your calendars! Farmington will
host a meal packing event, Sunday,
May 21 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Every child, youth, adult, and retiree
can join in this fun and impactful event.**



Join the effort to Rise Against Hunger -
order your beautiful, personalized, handmade
breadboard today!

All orders must be received by May 17th.
Delivery will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
Every effort will be made to fill orders within 90 days.

Jerry Hosier and Cooper Patterson are donating their time and the materials.
Cost is a minimum \$60 donation which is due with your order.
All donations support Rise Against Hunger.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!

APRIL 21, 2023

6PM

REGISTER ON OUR
WEBSITE AND PICK YOUR
PREFERRED MEAL!

We grew from 1 restaurant to 3
from our first event to our
second! Go ahead and sign up
to attend our 3rd Guess Who's
Coming to Dinner - you'll be
glad you did.

How does this work?

You sign up on the website and
indicate how many you are
bringing; whether you'd like to
go for Italian, Mexican,
Burgers, Pizza; and whether
you prefer a dinner with kids
included or not.

Sign up by April 19th. You will
get an email or text on April
21st with your restaurant
assignment. A reservation will
be made for your table. When
you arrive, you will meet the
others from the Farmington
family who are dining with you!

Bequests: The gift of a lifetime

Did you know that Farmington Presbyterian's founding pastor left a legacy gift through the Presbyterian Foundation? For perpetuity, each year Farmington will receive the amount that he pledged annually.

Farmington has also recently benefited from bequests from the estates of Gwynne Gladden and Jean Wiseman. Gwynne's bequest is invested with Farmington's endowment funds at the Community Foundation. Jean's bequest was designated for the Music Fund. What we do with our treasure reveals where our heart is. This article in the March 2023 issue of The Presbyterian Outlook offers helpful information to consider in our estate planning.

For most of us, our bequest is the most significant gift that we will make to our church or ministry. That is because our bequest comes from our estate after our lifetime. Our estate is a lifetime of resources that we carefully gathered and tended for our personal use – a house to live in, a retirement account to care for ourselves, and a few things we've gathered to enjoy. Through a lifetime of hard work; of difficult decisions; of sacrifices; often with risk; often with caution – we have sought to manage these as wise stewards.

After our lifetime, we let go of it all: our house, financial accounts, possessions. We point all of these in new directions. We assign them to their next caretaker(s) like our loved ones, our church or other ministries – so that these things can be used as our proxy-energy to continue our love, our care and our faith.

THIS IS BIG: Our bequest is our gift of a lifetime.

And a bequest is surprisingly simple:

1. Choose your beneficiary.
2. Decide how much or what you would like to give.
3. Write the specifics into your will or living trust.

Yes, you should work with an attorney to ensure that your wishes are properly documented and legally binding. They can help navigate any challenges should they arise.

THERE IS MORE.

Three little things can actually make a good bequest a great bequest:

1. Start right: Decide to enjoy this process. Often bequests emerge from duty or obligation. Instead, start from joy and generosity. Envision what it will mean to those who come next. Hold that feeling out-front through the entire process.
2. Tell: Consider telling the church or charitable beneficiary of your intentions. Their awareness may help in planning. You may also sidestep avoidable delays in getting your gift to work.
3. Teach: Amplify the impact by sharing the why of your bequest. By pairing your story and faith with your gift, you can inspire. You can bring connection and context so future generations can know you – as more than a transaction.

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There are several alternative testamentary gift types, although bequests are the most common. Each gift type suits a different profile: Some provide tax savings; some pay the giver an income; some are easy. Most of these are governed outside of a will or living trust. Some common alternatives:

- Charitable Remainder Trusts offer the giver flexible benefits including a generous annual income for life or a number of years, tax benefits, and a powerful gift to a church or other charities that you choose.
- Donor Advised Funds are your giving account both today and even after your lifetime.
- Qualified Retirement Assets can be the most heavily taxed in an estate. Giving this might leave your less tax-burdened assets to your loved ones.
- Financial Accounts like savings and investment accounts are among the simplest charitable gifts initiated by changing your beneficiary form.

Despite having so many options, the right gift is usually apparent to your experienced advisors. They understand your unique situation and can focus quickly on what fits you best.

So, what is stopping us? Surprisingly, only 5% of estates provide for a charitable bequest. Yet 30% of those asked say that they would make a bequest – if they were asked to. So here it is:

“When you are finished with all you have been given by God, would you consider sharing some of it with a ministry or church that has blessed you? Would you equip tomorrow’s faithful so they too might thrive in ministry?”

A comfortable first step: Ministry Relations Officers at the Presbyterian Foundation discuss bequests and planned gifts with people like you all the time. We are here to help, free of charge. If you don’t already know your contact, find them at the zip code search at the bottom of: PresbyterianFoundation.org.

Thank you for considering making a bequest.

-Karl Mattison, Vice-President for Planned Giving Resources at the Presbyterian Foundation

If you would like to contact the Presbyterian Foundation, our contact is Sandra Moon at

sandra.moon@presbyterianfoundation.org or (833) 391-4756.



SESSION REPORT

On March 5, Session had a called meeting to welcome Paula Gale into the membership of Farmington by transfer of letter from Trinity Presbyterian, Martin, TN. At our stated meeting, Session welcomed Carly Rider into the membership of Farmington by Reaffirmation of Faith. She will be joining in worship in April. Session also approved the baptism of her son, Charlie, to be held on April 23, 2023. In addition, they approved the contract for Tom Sauer, Commissioned Ruling Elder, to serve as Sabbatical Supply Pastor from June 1-September 4, 2023. A bid for new water bottle fillers/water fountains was accepted and the contract approved. An update from Memorials and Gifts on their current list of projects was received as was the report on the February 25th meeting of the Presbytery of the Midsouth. Of note, at the Presbytery meeting, Kirsten King preached for ordination and was examined for Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. KK has accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO. She will be Ordained at Farmington on April 29 and Installed at Kennett on April 30th. Both services are at 3pm, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Also at the February 25th meeting of Presbytery, Rev. Rebecca Luter was Installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Another Called Meeting of Session was held on March 26 to approve a motion from Admin to open an account and purchase CDs through Wells Fargo in order to ensure that Farmington’s funds are secure and insured.

SCOUT FUNDRASIER
FOR SEABASE HIGH ADVENTURE
CAR WASH

APRIL 22 9:00AM-3PM



\$10
per car

**Donations
welcome!**

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TROOP 368

8245 Farmington Blvd.
(back parking lot)

Adult Sunday School

Philippians

Following along with our focus in worship during Eastertide on Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, Rev. Rebecca will guide a study of Philippians each Sunday in the East Room, April 16-May 21, at 10am. All are encouraged to attend.

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

Farmington Adult Ministries

Thursday, April 24

12:00pm

The Adult Ministries Group will host a luncheon on Thursday, April, 27 at noon. The speaker will be Pat Sherman. She has an interesting life past and present. Pat was reared in an orphanage. She married Rev. Neil Sherman. He was in the Navy and they traveled together all over the world. When he left the Navy, he went to Seminary and became an ordained minister in PCUSA. Pat is a nurse and a business woman. You don't want to miss hearing about her life.

Please mark your calendar to attend this event. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann to make a reservation by Monday, April 24th by noon that day.

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 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!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bailey Wann
- 3 Wendy Korner
- 9 Charlotte Moots
- 13 Jack Ingram
- 15 Kasi Wann
- 19 Angela Rutland
- 20 Gavin Perkins
- 22 Maureen (Mo) Smithers
- 23 Emily Rhodes
- 24 John Perkins
- 27 Elizabeth Williams
- 29 Ann Erickson



Staff Extensions

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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
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Content for the May New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, April 25th.
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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