



JULY 2023

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful week of exploring God's word with 159 students from the Day School and community.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Greetings from Sabbatical! I hope you are taking some time this summer to connect with people you care about, including yourself and God, and to do some things that bring you joy. I have been intentionally dividing my time and attention between spending intentional time with my family, working in the yard and organizing in the house, and studying for my doctorate. My goal is to spend a few hours each day on each of these 3 priorities.

The first week of June I spent at Columbia Theological Seminary meeting with Dr. Martha Moore-Keish about a directed study in Reformed Eucharistic Theology, essentially studying "When we take Communion, what do we believe is happening between us and God?" This directed study will be the basis of the lit. review for my final project in the Doctor of Ministry which will be focused on how we honor the Sacrament of Communion in online worship.

I am excited to share with you that I completed the first draft of my practicum proposal this month and have received positive feedback. I am making some minor edits and resubmitting with the hope to begin the practicum August 1st. The practicum is to be a 6-month study of an area of ministry and my role in it.

I am looking for participants. My practicum is a study of Farmington Presbyterian's worship online. If you worship primarily online and are willing to participate by completing 2 surveys, participating in 2 Zoom conversations, and worshipping with Farmington online at least 6 times this fall, please let me know. I need at least 10 individuals to participate in the practicum. Through this study, I hope to improve the experience of those who worship with us online.

If you worship primarily online and are willing to engage in conversation about your experience of worship online, please let me know - rlutere@farmingtonpres.org.

Summer Camp Schedule

**FARMINGTON DAY SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 31-AUGUST 4 TO PREPARE FOR
UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. SIGN UP NOW FOR
ANY OF OUR WEEKS BELOW:**

Week 5 - July 5- 7
Red, White & Boom
(Closed- July 3 & 4)

Week 6 - July 10- 14
Disney Mania

Week 7 - July 17- 21
Out of this World

Week 8 - July 24- 28
Made in Memphis

CLOSED - July 31- August 4
Teacher In-Service

**First Day of Preschool
Classes**
August 7

Holiday Care
August 7 & 8





Mexico Cistern Ministry

In Xpujil Mexico, water is a rare commodity. That is why each year Farmington sends a team to assist in the building of large concrete cisterns to capture rain water for poor communities. This year, a team will be headed to Mexico July 31 - August 5th. If you would like to help send the team, you can donate through the church office.

A spaghetti dinner was held June 15th in the Fellowship hall and raised \$790. The leftovers were then heated and shared with the Day School to bless the teachers with a free lunch. Thanks to all who donate to this meaningful and, sometimes, delicious ministry.

SESSION REPORT

Session approved a motion to hold a Service of Installation on July 2nd for the installation of Jackie Hall and Liv Palmer as elders of the Class of 2026 with Paul King's installation to be on a later date. The May Financial Report was accepted. School Board Chair, Mike Schneider, reported that registration for the 2023-24 School Year is strong. An additional budget request was approved for part of the Sanctuary painting project which was not included in the original bid. Session received the report on the May 23rd meeting of the Presbytery of the Midsouth. Service Chair, Jinney Hart, provided a report on the fundraising events for Rise Against Hunger and the Mexico mission trip. An update from Adult Ministries was provided which includes a planned day trip.

Batter Up! Step up to the plate and join Farmington in the Cardinal Suite, July 26!

Join us at Autozone Park for a Redbirds game with the Farmington Family, July 26 at 7pm. Tickets are \$25, \$100 family maximum with the church! Sign up on our website and please pay for your ticket in the church office. Receive indoor/outdoor seating, A/C, Colas, and popcorn!

\$25 tickets
\$100 Family Maximum
Sign up on at Farmingtonpres.org





EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

with an optional Exodus journey

July 9, 2024–July 18, 2024

or extend with us to Egypt and return July 23



Cross the Sea of Galilee



Walk the Valleys Jesus Walked



Stand on the Steps Where Jesus Taught



Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane Where Jesus Prayed

Stand in the cell in which Jesus was held the night he was arrested.

Have you always wanted to visit the places where the stories in the Bible happened?

Plan to travel to the Holy Land with Rev. Rebecca and Chris Luter next summer.

Daily Itinerary

- Day 1 - USA to the Holy Land
- Day 2 - Welcome to the Holy Land
- Day 3 - The Galilee
- Day 4 - Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo & Caesarea
- Day 5 - Bet Shean, Jericho, & Qumran
- Day 6 - Bethlehem & Jerusalem
- Day 7 - Jerusalem & the City of David
- Day 8 - Leisure Day (Masada/Dead Sea Option)
- Day 9 - Jerusalem & the Old City
- Day 10 - Return to the USA or Enjoy an Extension.

Cairo & the Route of the Exodus Extension

- Day 10 - Jerusalem to Mount Sinai in the footsteps of the Holy Family
- Day 11 - St. Catherine's Monastery, Mt. Sinai
- Day 12 - Route of the Exodus
- Day 13 - Memphis, Saqqara, the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx
- Day 14 - Cairo
- Day 15 - Return to USA

[Click for detailed itinerary:](#)

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl24a#eotours>

For more information:

Email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org

[Click to Register](#)

<https://www.forms.travelwithus.com/web/paxreg.nsf/Registration?OpenForm&HL24+A+070924A+00000>

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Stand on the beach where Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection.

Active Shooter Training



Germantown Police Department will be providing Active Shooter and Medical Training in the Sanctuary at Farmington Presbyterian on Saturday, September 23rd, at 10am. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, and plan to attend.

**September 23
10am
in the Sanctuary**



An **AMAZING!** VBS in the Books!

IN A WORLD where heroes cannot go it alone, where super powers fade if not shared, and where the greatest of heroes are calling out for assistance; who will answer the call? Vacation Bible School, Hero Hotline, launched June 12 - 16 and it was exciting in many ways. There were wild experiments, delicious snacks, engaging bible adventures, thrilling games, and a sharing of faith from across age groups from preschool to retiree. However, for me, the most incredible thing about the week was the team of heroes that gave of their time and energy to make the week possible. Shout out to the Hero Hotline crew who went above & beyond for the 159 students at VBS! -Doug Barr

THANK YOU

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| Anne Erickson | Kay Patterson | Paula Patterson |
| Autumn Colley | Laurinda Ingram | Rachel Barr |
| Bailey Wann | Leslie McNamara | Rhonda Byrne |
| Brenda Geise | Lizzie Luter | Sandy Wann |
| Charlie Smithers | Kristan Perkins | And all the |
| Chris Luter | Lorelei Phillips | incredible |
| Cooper Patterson | Melanie Oest | teachers and |
| Jinney Hart | Natalie Lively | directors of the |
| Julia Lively | Nic Luter | Day School! |

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?!

Instead of cooking, several members of the Farmington Family gathered at Huey's and Los Cabos for a meal with familiar faces from the Sunday pews. These are folks that may or may not know each other well, but welcomed the opportunity to grow closer over a delicious meal.

Part of the fun is that no one knows who they will be eating with until they arrive at the restaurant. Keep a look out for the next "Guess Who..." later this year.



BOOM!

HERO HOTLINE VBS WAS A BLAST!



Bible stories



dancing



music



worship



fun



engaging



...and a little bit silly.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Scott Hutchins
- 4 Annette Main
- 5 Beverly Bivens
- 7 Stephanie Nagel
- 9 Brooke Reed
- 13 Barbara Taylor
- 14 Catherine Johnson
- 15 Elsie Black
- 16 Vickie Street
- 17 Judith Cassidy
- 17 Paul King
- 21 Polly Knight
- 24 Carolyn Demaree
- 24 Susan Bryant
- 25 Jonas Haguewood
- 26 Jenn Paine
- 26 Jim Thrash
- 29 Emma VanFrank



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 August New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, July 25th.
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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