



AUGUST 2023

Farmington visited Autozone park for a Redbirds game, July 26. We had BBQ, popcorn, and Hudson took home a game ball!

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

The last month has been filled with travel and family. While we travelled, we visited many museums. I was particularly looking for representations of Old Testament stories in art for a course with Dr. Bill Brown this fall. I look forward to sharing some of the representations of the Passion of Christ with you in teaching.

Currently, I am working on data-gathering instruments to use in improving our worship services for those who worship primarily online. If you worship primarily online and are willing to give feedback, please let me know by emailing rluter@farmingtonpres.org.

Each Sunday I am visiting a different congregation to gain new ideas and improve our welcome to visitors. I can assure you, each week makes me appreciate the Farmington Presbyterian family. I look forward to being back with you in September.

Blessings,
Rebecca





Farmington Day School

Farmington Day School wrapped another great summer of adventure and fun. We visited Sun Studios, the Memphis Museum of Science and History, Urban Air, and many more to pack this summer with experiences to remember. Now we shift gears into the school year beginning August 9th. Thank you to all the summer staff and helping hands that brought enthusiasm and energy to each week of Summer 2023.

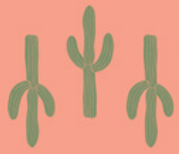




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FOR MOMS OF KIDS AGES
INFANTS TO ELEMENTARY



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this is motherhood

Never forget that love is the best thing we do. Love big, love messy, love loud. Slow down and cuddle your littles, even when they're big. Abandon the lie of perfectionism. Learn from your kids and color outside the lines, and then stand in awe of the masterpiece you create. Smile knowing right now will taste even better as a memory. Declare goodness; the words you speak dictate the life in front of you. Remember that bad days come and go. When all else fails, dance it out. You are loved by a good God who calls you daughter. Tend to your own wounds as gently as you do the skinned knees and the jammed fingers and the hurt feelings. Be the friend you need, even when you're busy. Hug people too long. Catch the tears of other moms too.

Speak up for those who don't have a voice and your kids will do the same. Sit in the warmth that your baby will change the world someday. Stand knowing that you can too.

- Mandy Arioto, Editor-in-Chief MOPS International

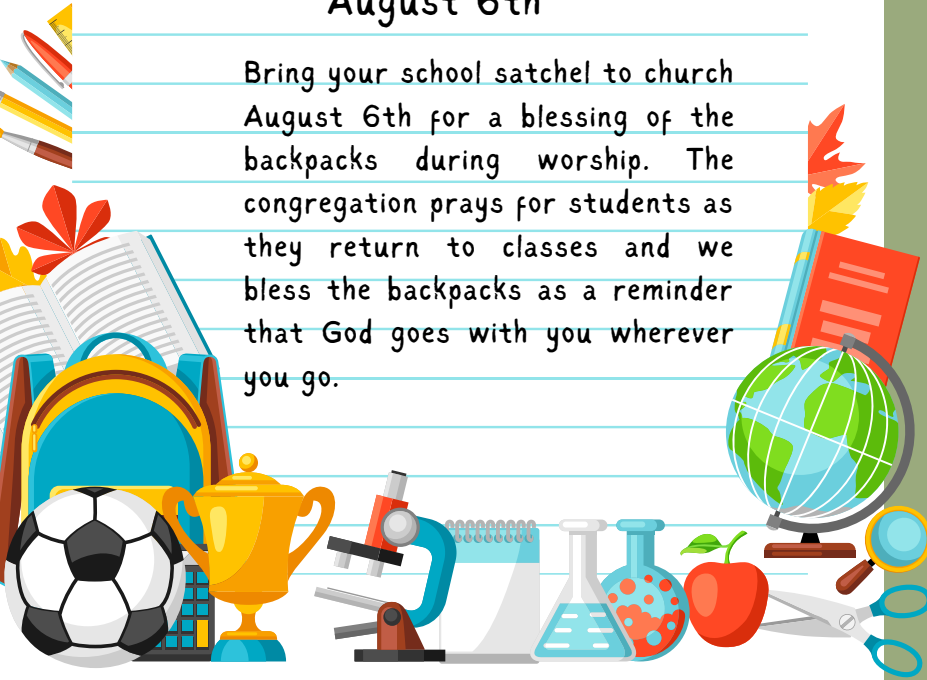
August 17, 2023
6-8pm
In the Fellowship Hall

MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers, is a new program at Farmington Presbyterian intended to give much needed support to mothers of students at our day school. MOPS will be offered in the evenings so working moms can gather for fun, support, and fellowship throughout the school year. Jennifer Paine will lead a 2 hour gathering, 6pm - 8pm, August 17, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 6th

Bring your school satchel to church August 6th for a blessing of the backpacks during worship. The congregation prays for students as they return to classes and we bless the backpacks as a reminder that God goes with you wherever you go.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Farmington Presbyterian is collecting food pantry items for Oakland Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry. Any items would be greatly appreciated.

You can HELP

Soups and stews	Canned fish, meat	Pasta sauce
Grain breakfast	Peanut butter / other nut butters	canned tomatoes
Canned or dried beans		Shelf-stable milk
		Canned vegetables

Drop-off Items in the Basket at the west doors



SESSION REPORT

Session approved several motions for the 2023-2024 session year. Dates were approved for serving communion and for stated session meetings. Melissa Still was approved to serve as Treasurer. Laurinda Ingram was approved to serve as Clerk of Session. Session members agreed to continue serving in their current committee chair positions until Rev. Luter makes new committee assignments in September. The June financial report was approved. Budget requests were approved for bids for painting and for new flooring in the school office, youth room, and Doug Barr's office. A revision to the wage rate scale was approved to reactivate the job position for Substitute Maintenance Technician. Session joyfully approved a motion to endorse Paul King's request to be enrolled as a Candidate in the Preparation for Ministry process. Paul will be examined at the next Presbytery meeting on August 22nd for which Session elected Doug Barr and Ann Erickson to serve as commissioners, with Jinney Hart as an alternate commissioner.



Mexico Cistern Ministry

Running water is a luxury we often take for granted, that is, until we no longer have it. As Germantown recovers from weeks without clean drinking water, Doug Barr will be joining Steve and Carolyn Demaree on a mission trip to a region where clean water is rare year round. Please keep this team in your prayers the first week of August as they help to build a cistern in Xpujil Mexico, July 31st thru August 5th. Give thanks for the simple things that make our day to day lives easier, and pray for those in areas without.

SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY

It's time to assemble and make sandwiches for First Presbyterian Church's Soup Kitchen and help serve lunch to the community! Plan on assembling bologna and cheese sandwiches in the church kitchen Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 AM. Bring bread, bologna, and cheese for the assembly line, or go ahead and make the sandwiches prior to then and bring them to church. If you bring them early, please let Jinney Hart know. Plan on meeting at First Presbyterian Church at 1:00 PM on August 27 to assist with the distribution of sandwiches and other food to the community in need. If you wish to carpool, meet in the church parking lot no later than 12:30 that day. First Presbyterian and the guests they serve appreciate all our efforts. A little bit of kindness goes a long way. If you help in any way whether making sandwiches or going downtown, you will be rewarded in so many ways!



FARMINGTON

POOL PARTY

Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, August 12 @4pm

Churchwide Party with food and fun for all ages!
Burgers, hot dogs, tea & lemonade provided.
Bring a towel, lawn chair, and side dish or dessert to share.

Hosted at the home of Brandon & Shelley Wann
2550 Delmead Cove, Germantown

AUGUST 13 - RALLY DAY

A fresh starts to ongoing ministries of the Church

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



ACOLYTE TRAINING

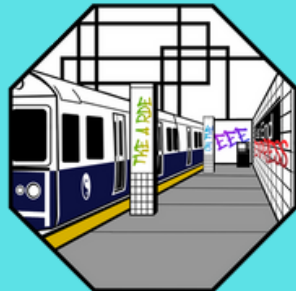
Learn the what, the when, and the how, as well as the why.

All Elementary children are invited to be an Acolyte during our worship services. The deep meaning behind this act of service is often misunderstood. Join us on August 13th during the Sunday School hour, 10 - 10:45 for Acolyte training.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Escape the stress of a new school year by escaping from a moving train! Join us 2-4 on August 13th for the East End Express Escape Room! Cost is \$20 if you come with Farmington.

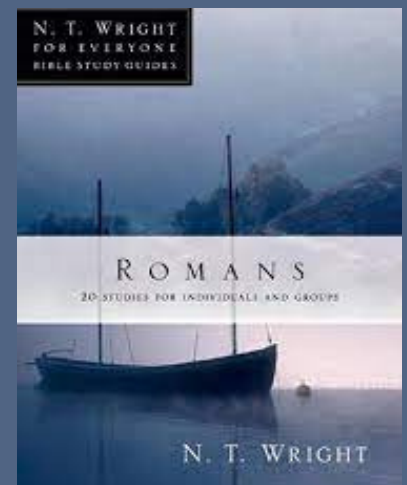


EAST END EXPRESS

N. T. WRIGHT FOR EVERYONE BIBLE STUDY

Cooper Patterson will be leading a bible study using the guide by N.T. Wright on the book of Romans in the Fellowship Hall

9:30am - 10:30am
Fellowship Hall
Led by Cooper Patterson



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



EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

July 9, 2024–July 18, 2024

or extend with us to Egypt and return July 23

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.

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

For more information:

Email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org

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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





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!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lynn Rushdi
- 2 Pat Sherman
- 7 Daysi Aldaz
- 10 Harland Lovell
- 10 Leslie McNamara
- 14 Ellen Renfrow
- 19 Brenda Geise
- 20 Tom Moots
- 22 Bonnie Blair
- 23 Nora Haguewood
- 24 Iris Lawing
- 29 Ray Bendall
- 30 Rory Mansour

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 - Liv Palmer
 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 September New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, August 22nd. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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