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Trunk or Treat was a great event filled with treats and games for all ages.

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BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Pumpkins, Fall Leaves, and Meals - Oh, my!

As I look at the November calendar, I see so many opportunities to gather together as a community and change the world. Our 3rd Annual Friendsgiving is November 3rd to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's humanitarian aid in Israel and Palestine. We will sit back, relax, and enjoy Ted Horrell and the Monday Night Card playing, Scott Hutchins serving up his amazing homemade pizza pies, and a bounce house and face painting for the kids. Sunday, the 5th, we will honor All Saints' Sunday with Communion and Potluck and then support Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center Sunday night for Campfood and Cocktails. On Wednesday, November 15th, we will have our Farmington family Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship. Saturday, the 18th, we will host our homeless neighbors for dinner at Room in the Inn for the first time since March 2020, and Sunday the 19th we will return to First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen with bologna sandwiches we've made Sunday morning in the church kitchen and serve soup and sandwiches to our neighbors in need.

The Wednesday after Thanksgiving, November 29th, mark your calendar for a very special evening with a community dinner at 6pm with worship at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary and livestreamed to begin our Advent journey toward Christmas. As a community we will draw near to God and allow space for healing and prayer, recognizing that for many the holiday season can be tiring - filled with grief and loneliness, stress and unmet expectations. Come, take a deep breath in, release the weariness from your body, and feel lighter as you open your heart to welcome the Christ Child once again.

Farmington Day School



November is one of my favorite months. I like that it represents thankfulness, family, gathering and friendship. One of my favorite aspects of my job is the gathering of our students. We gather each day and I hope the children know that we are so thankful for them. We serve our families and build friendships that often times last for many years to follow.

This November I hope my staff and I can slow down just a little to reflect on why we gather each day and renew our commitment to our families that we serve. May we each take a little extra time to spend with our own families and nurture our friendships.

May each of you have the opportunity to gather with friends and family. We here at the school will gather and have a Thanksgiving feast with our friends and give thanks for all our blessings!

Blessings to all.

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea

CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE



POTLUCK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

Join us for Potluck on November 5th. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share and place it in the kitchen prior to worship with serving or warming instructions. If you are able to assist with setting up or cleaning up, please contact Paula Patterson or Liv Palmer.



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

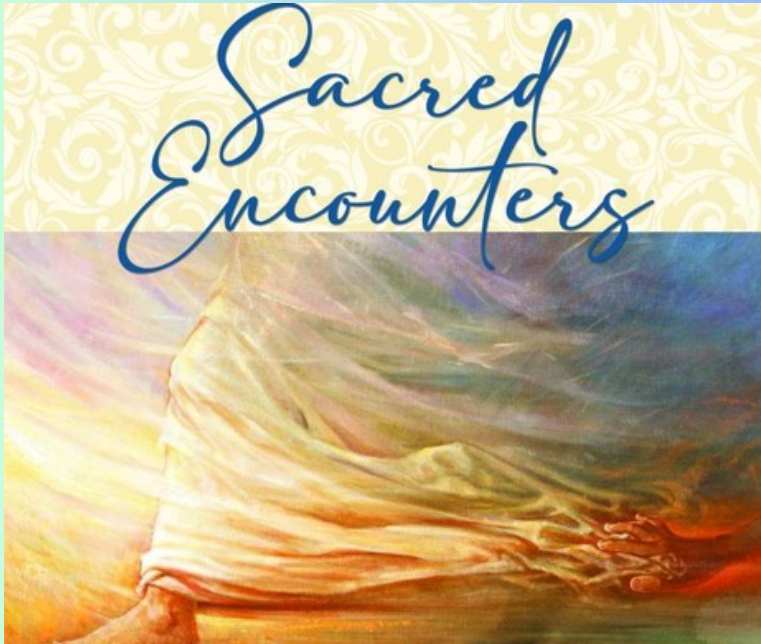




PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW BIBLE STUDY

NOVEMBER 19 12:30PM



The Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church have begun their Horizon's Bible study for 2023-2024 Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.

Ann Erickson, Kay Patterson, and Jinney Hart will be guiding us as we examine our faith, develop our Biblical knowledge and interpretation, and examine our traditions. Meetings are held in person and/or by Zoom. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 PM in the East Room to study lesson 3 of our book. All women are welcome!



SESSION REPORT

Session approved an adjustment to the 2023 church budget. The September financial report was accepted as well as corrected monthly financial reports for previous months. Session approved a motion to cover the cost of the four cisterns installed in Xpujil, Mexico by our recent mission team. A motion was approved to support Pinecrest again this year through a Spark level sponsorship at the Campfood & Cocktails fundraiser. Session approved a motion to modify our cleaning contract to add an additional hour of cleaning each weekday. As elected commissioners for meetings of the Presbytery of the Mid-South, Session elected Ann Erickson for the October 17 called meeting and elected Doug Barr and Bonnie Blair for the November 18 meeting with Laurinda Ingram as alternate. Session approved a motion to install Paul King on October 22 as Ruling Elder - Class of 2026. Doug Barr provided a report from Christian Education on the current materials being used. Jinney Hart provided a report from Service on upcoming events including Friendsgiving on November 3, Room in the Inn on the third Saturday in November through March, Soup Kitchen on November 19, and Ten Thousand Villages on December 1-3 as well as several events planned in 2024.



Stewardship Sunday is November 12th. We hope each family will choose community and return an estimate of giving for 2024. The amount you are able to give is not as important as your heart in giving. Together, God is using us to change the world!

**Stewardship Sunday
November 12th**



SERVICE



Room in the Inn is an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness. The Memphis program is modeled after the Room in the Inn model in Nashville that has been successful for over 30 years. Farmington Presbyterian Church has been assisting Room in the Inn for several years. We had previously helped serve at the Cottage of Germantown Methodist by hosting individuals and families 2 Saturdays a month from November - March. Our partnership with Germantown Methodist was interrupted by COVID, but we continued to provide support for RITI at the Ayers location downtown.

On October 9, 2023, The Commercial Appeal reported that Lisa Anderson, founder of Memphis Room in the Inn, expressed concern regarding the decrease in numbers of churches and worship spaces that were offering shelter for those experiencing homelessness. CA reported that less than half of the normal 55 congregational shelters have signed up to help this season. Lisa Anderson also shared that there are twice as many children experiencing homelessness than the previous year. RITI is working hard to prioritize families needing help. The goal is to provide not only shelter on cold and hot nights but also hospitality. The numbers of people who are homeless is more than it should be! Therefore, we are stepping up to start helping at the Cottage of Germantown Methodist the third Saturday of each month beginning November 18 through March 16. The church's website has a sign-up page for those evenings we are volunteering. Anything you can do will benefit this mission. For more information, contact Rev. Luter or Jinney Hart. Farmington Church: We are Christ in the community.

[SIGN UP](#) 



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN NOVEMBER 19

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, November 19th 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 November 19th 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!



**DECEMBER 1-3
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP
HALL**



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3RD ANNUAL FRIENDSGIVING



**FREE
ENTRY**

LIVE MUSIC FOOD BOUNCE HOUSE

05
PM

**FEATURING
TED HORRELL AND THE
MONDAY NIGHT CARD**

08
PM

**NOVEMBER
3**

**BENEFITING PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023
4 - 6PM
SHADY GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Gather around the campfire, sing some great songs, bid on something you can't live without, and help further the mission of our "place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God." Eat, drink, and be merry at this adults-only casual event featuring music from two local bands, convenient parking, and our take on God's eye chic decor! Bring your own lawn chair for fireside seating under the twinkle lights. Tickets are \$60 (email lucy@camppinecrest.org to reserve tickets and mail a check) or \$75 at the event.

EDUCATION



The Youth Fellowship conquered the corn maze!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 5 - No Youth Fellowship

NOVEMBER 12 - 4:30 - 6:30pm Dinner & Discipleship

NOVEMBER 19 - 1 to 3pm Soup Kitchen

NOVEMBER 26 - No Youth Fellowship

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

more than ENOUGH

BOOK STUDY W/ REV. REBECCA LUTER

6-WEEK ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY!

Continuing each Sunday at 10am in the East Room for the month of November.

Books are available in the Church Office for \$12. We will enjoy a great discussion that starts with sharing how we came to live in the house where we currently reside.

With a blend of practical reflection and insight on topics from guilt to delight, More than Enough goes beyond a call to gratitude and generosity and invites the reader to a new way of life, one that is grounded in the hope and grace of God.

NOVEMBER
MOPS & MOMS
6-8PM



IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOPS will meet regularly November 2nd, 16th, and 30th in the Fellowship Hall from 6 - 8pm. All moms are welcome to this time of fellowship, study, and support for one another.



The MOPS crew celebrated Halloween with RIP Cupcakes, a Halloween craft and a trip to the Corn Maze. Join in the Fun and Fellowship every other Thursday night.

ALL MOMS WELCOME
NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED.



WORSHIP



THANKSGIVING DINNER & WORSHIP NOVEMBER 15

Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Wednesday evening, November 15th, the Farmington family will gather for a full, traditional Thanksgiving feast and to worship. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12) with \$30 family maximum and will be served buffet-style at 6pm with a Service of Gratitude in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at 6:45pm. Please make reservations by emailing the church office at churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org.



HANGING OF THE GREEN DECEMBER 2, 10AM

Ready to get Merry? Merry Christmas that is! Please join us December 2nd for the "Hanging of the Green". Lunch will be served afterwards - Scott will be making Chicken Spaghetti, salad and a dessert. We will have a sign up sheet available soon. The Nativity will be set up the same time. Strong arms are needed to lift the lumber. Contact Cooper Patterson to help.

DISCIPLESHIP

Farmington Adult Ministries Luncheon Thursday, November 30 12:00pm



The Adult Ministries Group will host a luncheon on Thursday, November 30th at noon. The speaker will be Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham.

Please mark your calendar to attend this event. Lunch will be prepared by Chef Scott Hutchins. The cost is \$13. Please contact Sandy Wann to make a reservation by Monday, November 27th.

ADVENT *Candle Lighting*

Your family is invited to participate in worship by lighting the Advent Wreath this year. Please email churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org with the date(s) you are available:

- December 3
- December 10
- December 17
- December 24
(11:00am and 5:00pm)
- December 31



How does a
weary world
rejoice?

If you want to prepare for Christmas more intentionally this year, mark your calendar for November 29th.

As we move through Advent to Christmas, we will be focused on practicing joy in a weary world. We will begin our journey with a community dinner and a time of worship that invites us to take a deep breath and remem

ber that the story of Christmas is the story of God coming to comfort us, to restore us, to be with us and never leave us. God loves you. Draw near and experience the joy of settling in God's peace. Dinner - 6pm
Worship - 6:45pm Cost - \$10 adults, \$5 children, \$30 family maximum Please make reservations by emailing the church office at churchoffice@farmingtonpres.org.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charlene Still
- 1 Cristaldawn Smith
- 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
- 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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 Clerk – Laurinda Ingram
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Content for the December New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, November 21st. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org

