



**OCTOBER 2023**

The Adult Ministries Group hosted a luncheon and Jim Collins was the guest speaker on September 28th. The luncheon is held monthly.

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Who are you? Why do you exist? There is no more important question for human beings than "What is the meaning of life?" So, it makes sense that catechisms begin by addressing the question "Who am I, and why am I?"

**What is a catechism?** A catechism is a summary way of teaching what it is we believe.

The PC(USA) has three catechisms that are included in our Constitution as part of our Book of Confessions—the Heidelberg Catechism and the Shorter and Longer Westminster Catechisms. In addition, in 1998, the 210th General Assembly adopted a Study Catechism and a "first" catechism, written primarily for elementary-age children.

Here is the first question and its answer in each of our Presbyterian catechisms:

**Heidelberg Catechism (1563):** What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 14:8; 1 Cor. 3:23; 1 Pet. 1:18; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; 1 John 3:8; John 6:39; Matt. 10:30; Luke 21:18; Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14; Rom. 8:16; Rom. 8:14

**Westminster Shorter Catechism (1649):** What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.  
1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36; Ps. 73:24-26; John 17:22, 24.

**Westminster Larger Catechism (1649):** What is the chief and highest end of man? Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

Rom. 11:36; I Cor. 10:31; Ps. 73:24-26; John 17:22, 24

**PC(USA) Study Catechism (1998):** What is God's purpose for your life? God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." - 2 Cor. 13:13

**PC(USA) Belonging to God: A First Catechism (1998):** Who are you? I am a child of God.

This fall, as we are reminded by the changing and falling of the leaves that our earthly lives are only for a season, spend some time reflecting on who you are and what your purpose is.

# Farmington Day School

Happy Fall Ya'll from the Day School!

Even though the calendar says fall the weather still says summer. However, the school is celebrating all things fall and autumn. At the end of September, we hosted our annual classroom family picnic. Families brought a picnic style dinner, we provided bubbles, chalk and outdoor games. The kids loved running around playing afterhours with their friends. The parents were able to meet other families and enjoy the evening.

The Scholastic Book fair was held at the end of the month and we had over \$2,800 dollars in sales! Resulting in over \$1,000 given back to the school. We spent money on books for the classroom and will purchase other products from Scholastic with the remaining money. The school created FPDS t-shirts for students and parents to purchase. These shirts will promote our school and the kids will wear them to special Spirit Days this fall. As a gift to our staff we purchased FPDS sweatshirts for the cooler temperatures that are hopefully on their way ☺.

The month of October will bring a trip from the Fire Department to celebrate and learn about fire safety month. The four-year-old classes will take a trip to the pumpkin patch and the three-year-old classes will hunt for a pumpkin here at school. We will take school pictures and celebrate fall break. At the end of the month we will have a school wide Halloween party with fun rotation centers. These include music and dancing, arts and crafts, a fun snack, story time and trick or treating at the office.

Speaking of Trick or Treating we have challenged our teachers and their classroom to host a trunk for the church youth group's annual Trunk or Treat.

Even though the temperatures are hot the school is not cooling down. We have lots of fun and educational learning going on. We invite you to come by and visit anytime.

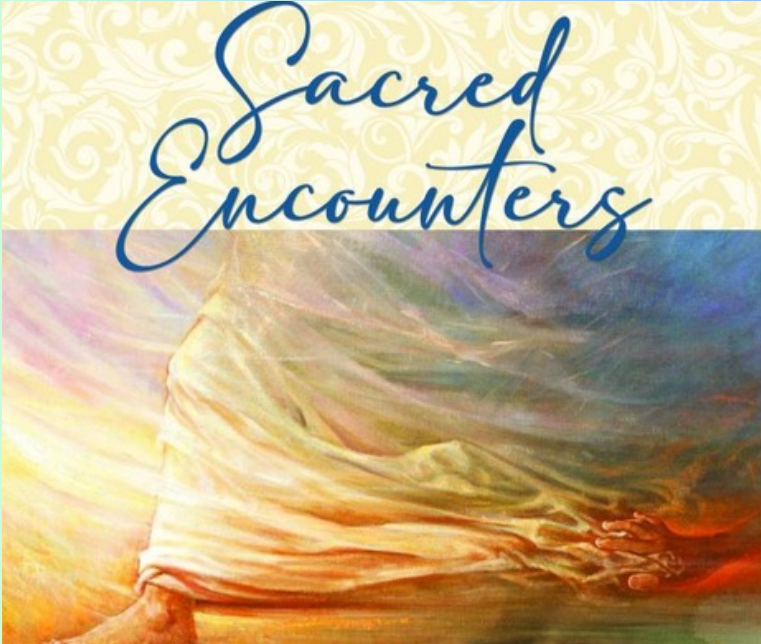
Happy Fall.

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW BIBLE STUDY  
OCTOBER 22 12:30PM



All women of the church are invited to attend the Horizon's Bible Study: Sacred Encounters Sunday, October 22 at 12:30 pm in the East Room for Lesson 2 from this series. Ann Erickson, Kay Patterson, and Jinney Hart will be leading the Bible study for the 2023-2024 series. This will be a study of Luke-Acts which is actually 2 volumes of the same book and is considered to have been written by the same author, Luke. Through this interactive Bible study series, we will investigate ways the 21st century church can exhibit mercy and compassion within and beyond the traditional congregation.

## FARMINGTON PW CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

- Sunday, October 22 - Lesson 2
- Sunday, November 19 - Lesson 3
- Wednesday, December 13 - Bake Sale
- Sunday, January 28 - Lesson 4
- Sunday, February 25 - Lesson 5&6
- Wednesday, March 25 (tentative) - Bake Sale
- Sunday, April 28 - Lesson 7
- Sunday, May 19 - Lesson 8 & 9

## SESSION REPORT

Session approved new committee assignments for the 2023-2024 session year. The August 2023 Financial Report was accepted. A motion was approved for Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham to preach on October 8 and Doug Barr to preach on October 15. Budget requests were approved for a new Trane air conditioning unit for the youth room and for the repair and resurfacing of the parking lot. Mike Schneider reported the day school has strong enrollment for fall and that both Grandparents Days were well attended. Session received the annual pastor feedback report. Rev. Luter provided an update on her DMin practicum proposal. Session approved a motion to agree to support her DMin practicum. Doug Barr provided the Commissioners Report from the Presbytery Meeting on August 22. Bonnie Blair shared an update on adult ministries events including a trip planned for October 5 to the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum.

Thomas Sauer

September 3, 2023

To the Farmington Presbyterian congregation,  
Thank you for inviting me to walk with you while Rev. Luter was on sabbatical. As I approached my start date, I wondered how the summer would go. And the warm embrace I felt immediately said it all - God had led me to a loving and caring

congregation, a congregation very much committed to growing their faith and their fellowship. I thank God for you daily - and for the opportunity to serve you until Rebecca returned.

So, please know of my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. I may not be with you physically, but I will be with you in spirit, and I will continue to hold you in my heart and prayers.  
Blessing! Tom



## POTLUCK SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST

Join us for Potluck on October 1st. 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 contact 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](http://www.farmingtonpres.org/sign-up)

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

### October 1st is World Communion Sunday

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we are united with Christians in all times and all places around the Table. Each year, the Presbyterian Church receives an offering to support peacemaking and Christian witness around the world.

Learn more about one of the ways your Peace & Global Witness Offering makes a difference:

### Helping to Stop Human Trafficking and the Exploitation of Children

A mere child herself, living in Madagascar, Rose had already married, given birth to and lost a child by the time she was 15. Upon discovering that she was pregnant just four months after her traditional wedding, Rose's joy at the birth of her son quickly turned to sorrow when he died after just 10 days. One agonizing month later, Rose's in-laws demanded that she move out of their home and file for separation from their son. According to their belief system and the prevailing customs in their native Madagascar, if a baby dies before it is 1 month old, it doesn't have a good mother.

Overwhelmed and despondent at having lost everything, Rose turned to Madagascar's nightclub and discotheque scene where human trafficking is rampant. It was there that the Rev. Helivao Poget (hay-lē-vah-ō) found her. Rev. Helivao and her colleague listened to Rose's story and prayed with her. Rose agreed to follow them to a safe place where she was ultimately able to turn her life around. Rev. Helivao serves as director of ministry to marginalized people at the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, one of Presbyterian World Mission's global partners. Thanks to her efforts and dedication, now Rose is helping to lead others out of the scourge of human trafficking. The call to end human trafficking in Madagascar and the exploitation of children everywhere is made possible, in part, by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Rev. Helivao is not alone in her efforts to prevent children from being exploited. She says, "PC(USA) mission co-workers work with us by visiting our activities, sharing ideas and providing materials and support. "PC(USA) regional liaisons come to see our work in the field, regularly helping us to write our projects and advising us in many other ways." Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we can touch lives far beyond our individual reach. It reminds us that we are not alone, that the world is a very big place, but we are in this ministry of peace and global witness, together. We are the peacemakers. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please give generously.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29, 2023  
4 - 6pm

We will have hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, trunks, costumes, treats, and more. Join us for this festive celebration. Sign up to host a trunk!

Contact Melanie Oest for volunteer opportunities.



November 3  
5:00pm - 8:00pm

# LINECREST Camp Food and Cocktails

Sunday, November 5, 2023  
4 - 6pm

Shady Grove Presbyterian Church

## Fall Yard Work Day

Saturday, October 21  
9am-12pm  
Rain date: October 28

Saturday, October 21st beginning at 9am all are encouraged to come to the church to rake leaves and clean up the parking lot for Trunk-R-Treat on Sunday, October 29th. Bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blower, 5 gallon buckets and joy! If you can't make it by 9am, come anytime before noon. We will begin wrapping up then. Contact Bob Plotner or Cooper Patterson to volunteer. Rain Date - October 28th, same time, same project!





Pizzas made during our first Dinner & Discipleship, Sept 24.

# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

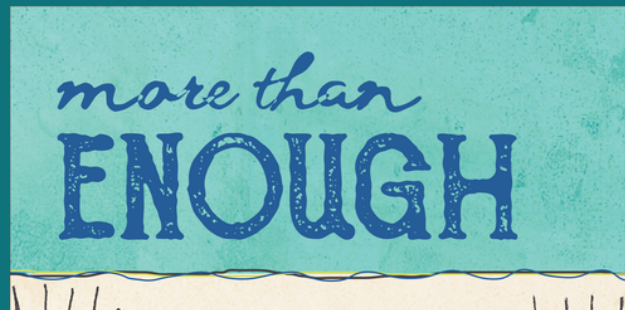
**OCTOBER 1 / 2 - 4pm**  
Gather at Johnson Road Park for an afternoon of Disc Golf.

**OCTOBER 8 / No Youth Fellowship**

**OCTOBER 15 / 2 - 4pm**  
We will take the Bus to the Corn Maze.

**OCTOBER 22 / 4:30 - 6:30pm**  
Dinner & Discipleship

**OCTOBER 29 - 3:30 - 6:30pm**  
Trunk or Treat



## BOOK STUDY W/ REV. REBECCA LUTER

NEW 6-WEEK ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY!

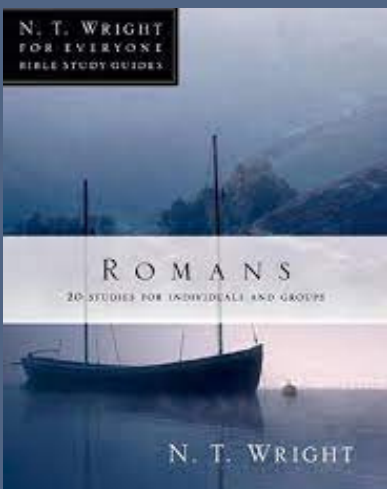
Beginning October 22nd at 10am in the East Room

Books are available in the Church Office for \$12. Read the Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2, if possible, for the first class. If not, come anyway! We will enjoy a great discussion that starts with sharing how we came to live in the house where we currently reside.

### More about the book:

Ever look around your life and feel overwhelmed with gratitude for everything you have? Sure, nothing is perfect, but if you have a safe place to live, food on the table, and clothes to wear, the reality is that life is pretty good. That's not true for many people in the world, and you may wonder, "How do we live in a way that honors God and shows gratitude for the good life we are living in the midst of a world full of pain and brokenness?"

All our daily choices have an impact on the earth and the people around us: choices about where we shop, what we eat, what we give away. But can we really do anything to help? Can we find joy in our own lives when there is so much pain in the world? Sorting out the answers gets overwhelming and complicated very quickly. 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.



## 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**

**MOPS**  
**OCTOBER 19**  
**6-8PM**  
**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



MOPS will not meet during Fall Break but we will have our regular meeting October 19th in the Fellowship Hall, 6 - 8pm.

Join us October 26th for Mops Night Out at the Agricenter Corn Maze. Cost is \$12, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Dress Accordingly.

**ALL MOMS WELCOME**  
**NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED.**



**Farmington Adult Ministries**  
**Thursday, October 26**  
**12:00pm**

The Adult Ministries Group will host a luncheon on Thursday, October 26th at noon. The speaker will be announced at a later date.

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, October 23rd.



**ADVENT**  
*Candle Lighting*



If you would like to participate in worship by lighting the Advent Wreath this year, please email [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org) with the date(s) you are available:

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



**ADULT MINISTRIES**  
**FIELD TRIP**

**OCTOBER**  
**5TH**  
**AT 11AM**

**Slave Haven Underground  
 Railroad Museum**

**826 N. Second Street  
 Memphis, Tn 38107**

**Tour is \$11  
 +Lunch**

**Lunch following at  
 The Arcade Restaurant**

**Meet at the church at 10am**  
**RSVP to [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org)**



**FAYETTE COUNTY FOOD  
 PANTRY COLLECTION**

Farmington Presbyterian continues to collect canned goods for the food pantry in Fayette County. Donations are delivered to First Presbyterian Church in Oakland, TN. All support we have been giving them is greatly appreciated. Anyone who needs food can come by and get what they need. Please consider donating for our neighbors in need. A basket is located at the west entrance of the church.





## Sunday Worship Online

Join us, Sunday mornings for worship on YouTube. You can find us through our website, [www.Farmingtonpres.org](http://www.Farmingtonpres.org), or on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/c/farmingtonpresbyterian). Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss our services or video events.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cole Ritchey
- 3 Jack Ritchey
- 3 Jim Collins
- 3 Steve Demaree
- 3 Jerry Hosier
- 4 Gerry Wilder
- 8 Charlie Smithers
- 13 Annette Hosier
- 14 Aiden Barlow
- 14 Becca Anthony
- 18 Gretchen Burch
- 18 Paula Gale
- 29 Carol Lovell
- 31 Myrt Saxon

## 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 November New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, October 17th. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at [shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:shelley@farmingtonpres.org)



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