



JANUARY 2024

The children and youth presented the Christmas story
December 10th.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

We tend to use the phrase “the promises of God” without referencing exactly what it is that God promises. The covenants, the promises and conditions of relationship, God has made serve as a framework for understanding the Biblical narrative and the work of God throughout history. Beginning on January 14th, we will consider God’s covenants with humanity. First, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by reflecting on how Jesus is the “Second Adam.” On January 21st, we will seek solace in the midst of a world that seems to be filled with violence and corruption in God’s covenant with Noah. God’s covenant with Abraham and Abraham’s descendants informs our relationships today with all 3 Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. We will focus on the roots of these faith traditions on January 28th. On February 4th, we will delve into the relationship between law and grace as we bring together God’s covenant with Moses, the gift of the Law, and Jesus’s declaration that in him, the law is fulfilled. Finally, on February 11th, we will turn to God’s covenant with David, promising that a descendant of David will reign on the throne for the people of God.

Worship services of Farmington Presbyterian Church take place in person and on livestream at 11am each Sunday morning and are available afterward on our YouTube Channel. To access online, go to our website, www.farmingtonpres.org, and click “Worship with Us.”

Farmington Day School



2023 ended with great fun at the Billy Hardwick's Bowling ally for the staff Christmas party and Ugly sweater competition. We get back to business when we return in January to prepare for Day School Registration!



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

MOPS will meet on January 11th in the Fellowship Hall from 6 - 8pm. All moms are welcome to this time of fellowship, study, and support for one another. January 25th is TBD at this time.



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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Join us Sunday, January 28 at 12:30pm in the East Room. **The PW Bake Sale** has become a tradition at Farmington Church and Day School. Students and staff are delighted to explore all their options to satisfy the sweet tooth, and the ladies who prepare the items and work at the event are overwhelmed with the opportunity to serve our community. At this bake sale the PW of Farmington Church raised about \$900 to support their many missions. A special note of appreciation is extended to all!



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES CHRISTMAS 2023

Farmington Presbyterian Church recently hosted 10 Thousand Villages to help support sustainable communities in developing countries. Almost \$9000 worth of hand crafted items was sold. Thanks for helping with this fair trade event!



BOXING OF THE GREEN

JANUARY 7, 2024
AFTER POTLUCK LUNCH



January 20 - 21

Farmington Presbyterian will host Room in the Inn at the Cottage of Germantown Methodist. Sign up to host!

[SIGN UP](#)



The Presbytery of the Mid South and The Greater Memphis Area Charter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus

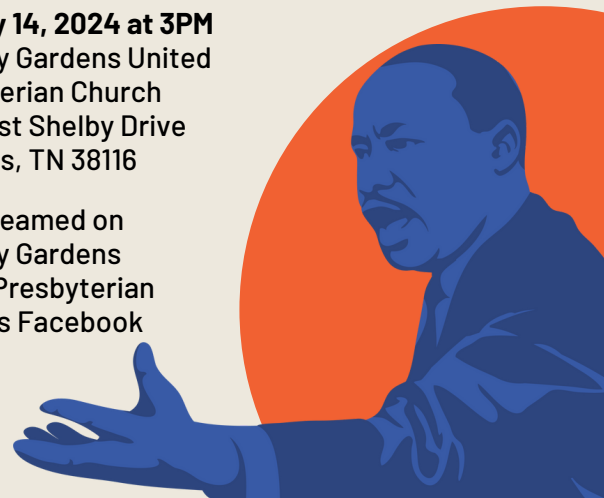
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Speaker, Attorney Van Turner, Jr.,
Former Shelby County Commissioner
Music By Cordova High School Choir

January 14, 2024 at 3PM
Parkway Gardens United
Presbyterian Church
1005 East Shelby Drive
Memphis, TN 38116

Live Streamed on
Parkway Gardens
United Presbyterian
Church's Facebook
page.



First Pres Memphis presents

BATTLE OF THE CONGREGATIONS TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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JANUARY

First Prebyterian
Church-Memphis
166 Poplar Ave

Proceeds benefit the First Pres
Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet

Session Report

Session approved the proposed Day School tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year and summer care rates for 2024. A motion from Property and Grounds was approved for tree and underbrush work around the building which will include removal of a large tree by the youth room. A request was approved from Boy Scout Troop 368 to hold a lock-in on January 19 and Merit Badge College on January 20. The November financial report was accepted. Session approved renewing our annual church pledge for \$17,500 to Presbytery for its 2024 budget. Ann Erickson shared an update from the Stewardship Committee as work continues on our 2024 budget process. The annual review of our Church Roll was completed. Session wishes to thank Sandy Wann for serving as Acting Clerk of Session for the December meeting.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jennifer Young
- 6 Vanessa Howard
- 8 Doug Barr
- 13 Bettye Lucas
- 15 Linda Bourassa
- 16 Rebecca Hutchins
- 16 Sandra Hilliard
- 23 Thomas Nagel, Jr.
- 29 Jon Still
- 29 Kristie Lively



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 - 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 February New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, January 16th. Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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