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## Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

I have a candle holder on my desk that says, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." These words have given me courage in the midst of storms. They have reminded me of being a child and standing with my arms wide to welcome the first big drops of a gully-washer. They nudge me to recognize the holy in all of life's challenges and joys.

### *Every. Moment. Holy.*

What if we all lived our lives in grateful celebration of the holy of the moment just passed, expectant anticipation of the holy of the next moment, and joyful welcome of the holy moment that is? God, in Scripture, reveals that God's name is "I am." God is existence, being itself. As we embrace the gift of the moments of life, we are embracing God. Indeed, every moment is holy.

*God is with you in the storms. Look for the holy even in the midst of them: An unexpected text. A bird chirping. An offering of food. A hug. Bumping into someone at the store. Waking up rested. A card in the mail. A memory of love.*

### *Every. Moment. Holy.*

When Paul wrote to the Colossians, they were struggling to understand God's relationship to humankind. A heretical sect called Gnosticism was teaching that the goal of the Christian life was to ignore everything physical and escape everything earthly. Paul affirms the holy nature of the created world writing that Christ was, himself, fully human and God was pleased to have all God's fullness dwell in him. Our goal in life is not to escape earthly life, rather we are to embrace a new life in Christ.

We will be studying Paul's letter to the Colossians in worship throughout June. What does new life in Christ look like? Join us for worship on Sundays at 11am for a relaxed, family-friendly traditional worship service. If you can't make it in person, you can access the livestream by clicking "Worship with Us" on the homepage of our website.



# Farmington Day School

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a fantastic school year! Thank you for the support, encouragement and memories! After we host 8 weeks of summer camp we will resume our 2024-2025 school year Monday, August 5th .

Happy Summer and Stay Cool!

Sincerely,  
**Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea**

FPDS 2024 Graduating Classes



Madi Lewis, FPDS Science teacher, releases butterflies at the end of the school year.



## Farmington Presbyterian Day School

2024



**Week 1** - June 3 - 7  
 Around the World

**Week 2** - June 10 - 14  
 VBS "Let's Go Camping"

**Week 3** - June 17 - 21  
 Fitness Fun

**Week 4** - June 24 - 28  
 Under the Sea

**Week 5** - July 1 - 3  
 (Closed July 4 & 5)  
 America the Beautiful

**Week 6** - July 8 - 12  
 Festival of the Arts

**Week 7** - July 15 - 19  
 Secret Agents

**Week 8** - July 22 - 26  
 So Long Summer

**CLOSED** - July 29 - August 2  
 Teacher In-Service

**August 5 & 6** - First Day of Preschool Classes & Holiday Care

ALL MOMS WELCOME! FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED

# MOMS-ERCISE

**Thursdays in June**  
 6:30pm - Youth Room

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 6:30pm - Youth Room  
 \$5 per class

Classes will alternate between *Circuits* and *Dance Jam*. *Circuits* is a full body workout focused on short circuits of different exercises. *Dance Jam* is aerobic dance. All level workouts.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## PW End of Year Dinner & Farewell to the Oests

May 7

Farmington Presbyterian Women dined together recently to celebrate the conclusion of the Horizons Bible Study and to honor Nadine, Melanie, and Meridith Oest who are relocating to New England for school and family. We will miss them and appreciate all that they have done for our church and community. Farmington Women will remain active during the summer attending conferences, serving on projects, and enjoying fellowship with each other.

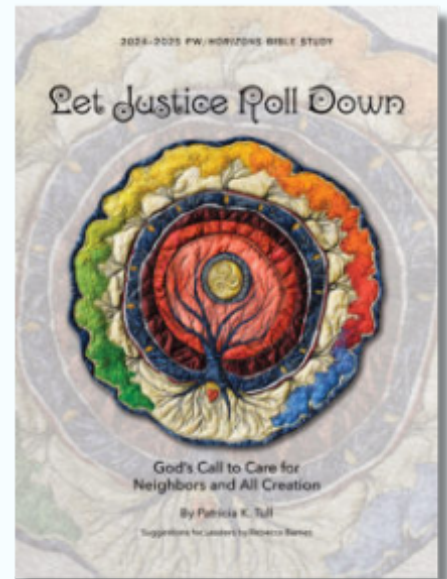


## 2024-2025 PW Bible Study book

The 2024-25 Presbyterian Women Bible Study book, "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull, are available for purchase. Please contact Melissa Still at [still\\_melissa@yahoo.com](mailto:still_melissa@yahoo.com) or 901-246-4214 if you would like a book. All are welcome to purchase the book whether or not you plan to attend the Bible Study.

Cost is \$11 per book.

Also Save the Date for the Horizon Bible Study Review, Saturday August 24th at Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center. Spend time with Presbyterian Women from many churches in our Presbytery to review and learn more about the 24-25 "Let Justice Roll Down" bible study. Cost is \$25 per person, breakfast and lunch included. Registration will start mid June.





**No Sunday School during  
the summer months.  
We will pick back up  
in August.**

## **Farmington Presbyterian's Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

### **Supporting the Mexico Mission Trip**

Annual Spaghetti Dinner is June 6th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting donations for the Mexico Cistern Ministry. Plan to come and invite your friends! For those unable to stay, dinners will be available to go at 6:00pm. This year's Mexico Cistern Ministry trip will be in early January. Let Rev. Rebecca or Jinney Hart know if you are interested in going.



**Thursday, June 6th at 6pm | Fellowship Hall | Donations only**

## **Session Report**

Session approved the Farmington Presbyterian Wage Rate Scale for 2024-2025. The April 2024 financial report was accepted. Session approved the offering of a MOPS exercise class during Summer 2024. Charlie Smithers and Melissa Still served as the elected Commissioners for the Stated Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and provided their report to Session.



# VBS 2024

June 10-14

You are encouraged to volunteer to participate all week, or any days that you are available! There is plenty to do with the children and behind the scenes. You can volunteer on the website or by contacting Rev. Rebecca.

Please be in prayer for all who are participating and for these lessons to plant seeds of faith that will grow and flourish.

Every day we will be learning that we can put our trust in God as we learn the stories of Bible heroes who modeled trust in challenging times:

- **Monday** - We will discover that even as we face the fear of the unknown like Jacob, we can put our trust in God to go with us on the journeys to where God leads us.
- **Tuesday** - We will be invited to think about the ways we can trust and see God leading us and others as we choose community, through the story of Ruth choosing to stay with Naomi and follow her back to Bethlehem.
- **Wednesday** - We will be invited to consider how we, like young Jesus in the Temple, can both begin the journey of pursuing God's wisdom and trust God to share wisdom that will go with us throughout our lives.
- **Thursday** - Through the story of Jesus calming the storm and bringing peace to the disciples, we will learn that, like Jesus, we all can ask God for peace during the storms that crash against our lives and know that God is with us throughout it all.
- **Friday** - We will be invited to consider how, like Philip with the foreigner, we can respond to God's love and grace ourselves, how we can share it with others, and how we can trust God to spark joy in our lives as we live out this key part of our own discipleship.

## VBS Decorating

Sunday, June 9 from 1-5pm. Come anytime during the day to help get the Sanctuary, hallways and classrooms setup for our campers.

# Rise<sup>®</sup>

**AGAINST HUNGER**



ONE STEP CLOSER TO A  
WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER

After worship on Sundays, the Service Committee will be selling Father's Day cards and "In Honor Of" cards for \$10. All proceeds go to Rise Against Hunger.

## **PLAY BALL!**

Join Farmington in the Cardinal Suite, June 19!

**Join us at Autozone Park for a Redbirds game with the Farmington Family, June 19 at 7pm. Tickets are \$30/\$100 family maximum with the church! RSVP by June 2.**





- 4 Kay Patterson
- 6 Angela Horne
- 6 Anthony Jones
- 10 Nathan Williams
- 12 Walker Ward
- 12 Mary Lou Collins
- 13 Vesta Andrews
- 14 Sandy Wann
- 20 Gavin Perkins
- 22 Brandon Wann
- 23 Bo Bradham
- 23 Jerry Renfrow
- 27 Rhonda Byrne
- 30 William Ingram
- 30 Shelley Wann
- 30 Simone Bourgeois

## 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.

And don't forget to like, share, and hit that subscribe button!



### Staff Extensions

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor, Ext. 3134  
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 -  
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 July New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, June 18th.  
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at [shelley@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:shelley@farmingtonpres.org)



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