



Madonna Learning Center's Celebration Troupe led in worship April 14th.

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Deepening Our Discipleship

BY REV. REBECCA LUTER

Pentecost is known as the "birthday of the church." Traditionally, churchgoers wear red to commemorate the tongues of fire and read in a variety of languages to commemorate the ability of the apostles to be understood by all the tongues of the world.

Why is it called "Pentecost"?

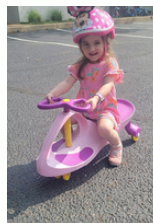
Pentecost is the Greek word for "fiftieth." Jesus was crucified when he went to Jerusalem for the festival of Passover. 50 days after Passover, the Jewish people celebrate another festival called Shavuot, the "Festival of Weeks," commemorating the gift of the Law to Moses. In Hebrew thought, 7 is the number of completion and perfection. On the 7th week of 7 days after Pentecost, Acts 2 tells us that the followers of Jesus were all together in Jerusalem when a sound like a rush of violent wind filled the house and what looked like tongues of fire rested on each one of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The early believers understood the significance of the timing: the time of the Mosaic Law inscribed on stone was complete and the Spirit of God was writing God's law on human hearts.



All are encouraged to wear red on
Pentecost Sunday, May 19th



Farmington Day School



Moments from April: St. Jude Trike-a-thon fun!



Happy May Everyone! I can't believe we are winding down another school year. Preschool finished out their special classes with a great music program and a very talented art show. They are watching their caterpillars turn into chrysalis and then will watch them hatch into butterflies for science class. The four- year-old classrooms are getting ready for their preschool graduation. What a bittersweet time for all! We are so proud of them and can't wait to hear all about the great things they will be achieving as they head off to Kindergarten this fall.

A personal milestone is that I have finished my 9th year here at FPDS and am starting my 10th year of summer camp! We have a lot of exciting and fun weeks planned and plenty of kids to attend. If you or anyone you know is interested in working at FPDS this summer, please have them reach out by email to: gretchenefarmingtonpres.org.

A successful year happens because of great teachers and great staff. We are celebrating our GREAT team by throwing a Rock Star Teacher Appreciation Week. We couldn't do it without them, and we appreciate them so much! Thank you for your support this school year and we look forward to a fun summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea



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

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MOPS
 6-8PM IN THE
 FELLOWSHIP HALL



Thursday, May 2
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

MOPS will meet on May 2 for a Pajama & Pizza theme in the Fellowship Hall from 6 - 8pm.

All moms are welcome to this time of fellowship, study, and support for one another.



ALL MOMS WELCOME — FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW End of Year Dinner & Farewell to the Oests Tuesday, May 7 at 5pm

All Farmington Presbyterian Women are invited to celebrate the end of the PW year and bid farewell to Nadine, Melanie, and Meredith Oest. We will miss the Oest ladies dearly and want to enjoy being with them before they leave us. We also want to have fellowship with one another before summer break.

Come join us for dinner (Dutch treat)
on Tuesday, May 7 at 5pm
at Amerigo's, 1239 Ridgeway Road

Space is limited so you must RSVP to Jinney Hart
no later than April 28.

Hope to see you there!



Room in the Inn Mission Grant

The Presbyterian Women of Farmington Presbyterian Church were pleased to receive a \$200 grant to augment our ministry through Room in the Inn with guests who are experiencing homelessness. This award was received at a recent PW Spring Gathering at Germantown Presbyterian Church. The money will be used to purchase hand and foot warmers and bus passes for our guests next winter. A note of appreciation is extended to all those who helped with RITI at The Cottage this winter. It is a joy to come to know our guests, hear and support their goals and dreams, and share Christ's love with our neighbors.

The Farmington Presbyterian Women continue to remain active with several mission activities. We have concluded our 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study, but we will start our new Horizons Bible study in August. Until then, we will have several informal gatherings. For further information or suggestions, feel free to contact Jinney Hart, Moderator.





Potluck Lunch Sunday, May 5 following worship



Dedication of the Gale Environmental Education Center at Pinecrest
Sunday, May 19 at 3pm

Dr. Paula Gale, retired Professor of Soil Sciences at UT Martin, has gifted Pinecrest with a new home for Pinecrest’s education program, Gale Environmental Education Center (GEEC). This will be a space dedicated to microscopes, hides, wasps’ nests, and Doodle, the Friendly Noodle (snake). The GEEC is connected to the existing Arts and Crafts Hut, a building that has gotten lots of use and needed some care.

Those wishing to attend are invited to gather in the parking lot near the Youth Room door (southeast corner) by 1:20pm to carpool and caravan to Pinecrest.

Room in the Inn Update

THANK YOU to our Winter Shelter Congregations who hosted 458 individuals from November through March! 115 of those sheltered were children. Together 32 congregations provided 4771 beds of warmth and safety.



Even with all this great work, there were still over 1,000 missed opportunities. That's over 1,000 times a person came to the door seeking safe shelter, and we had to tell them all our spaces were filled for the night. WE can change that story.

If you are interested in helping to MAKE ROOM for those experiencing homelessness, find out more on May 16th at 7pm on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting at bit.ly/3Qt3Gdw Meeting ID: **901 754 2794**

Session Report

Session approved the 2024-2025 Farmington Presbyterian Day School budget. The February and March 2024 financial reports were accepted. Session approved Tom Sauer to preach on Sunday, July 14 and Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham to preach on Sunday, July 21. Session received Doug Barr’s resignation from session. Ann Erickson presented the Commissioners Report from the Stated Presbytery Meeting on February 20.

A Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, April 14, for the purpose of receiving and acting on a report of the Nominating Committee. Tom Bryant, Mike Colley, Elizabeth Moots, Kay Patterson, and Sandy Wann were elected to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Please pray for God to guide this search.

Adult Ministries Luncheon

May 23 at 12pm

The Adult Ministries Group will host a luncheon on Thursday, May 23 at noon. The speaker will be Jinney Hart. Some say life is like a box of chocolates. Others say life is a highway. Jinney feels life is like an onion. Please make plans to attend.

Chef Scott Hutchins will be catering. The cost is \$13. Please email Sandy Wann at swanne@bellsouth.net by Monday, May 20 to make reservations.



Senior Recognition Sunday

We want to recognize all graduates during worship on May 5th. If you, or a member of your family, are graduating, please email Rev. Rebecca at rluter@farmingtonpres.org.



Spring Church Picnic

All members and friends of the Farmington Family are encouraged to attend!

When: May 8th, at 6:00pm

Where: Johnson Road Park (Croquet Pavilion) in Germantown

What: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with sodas, sides and dessert - If you have a particular food allergy or request, please email church@farmingtonpres.org by May 3rd.

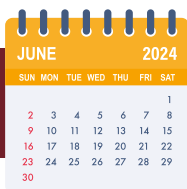
How much: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (12 and under), \$30 family max

Rise[®] AGAINST HUNGER

Thank you to the Service Committee, the Boy Scout Troop 368, and to all who packaged 18,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger last Sunday! It was a beautiful day filled with joy as we worked together! The total cost to package and deliver these meals is \$8,000. Your pledges allowed Session to budget \$6,000 toward our packaging event. So far, we have raised \$1,210 of our \$2,000 fundraising goal. To make a donation to Rise Against Hunger in honor of someone, stop by the desk in the Narthex following worship.



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



Save the dates!



VBS 2024

JUNE 10-14

Currently seeking volunteers!

Behind the scenes, center leaders,
and Group shepherd roles available!

Email Rev. Rebecca for more info

rluter@farmingtonpres.org

Farmington Presbyterian's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Supporting the Mexico
Mission Trip**

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



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.





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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Olivia Mittag
- 10 Duke Lively
- 11 Gerrie Wilder
- 11 Billy Wann
- 12 Jayme White
- 13 John Ingram
- 13 Carol Jameson
- 14 Autumn Colley
- 14 Camille (Young) Brown
- 16 Christian Barlow
- 23 Jamie Jameson
- 23 Doug Sweet
- 24 JoAnne Simpkins
- 25 John Bivens
- 27 Abigail Palmer

Staff Extensions

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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 June New Vision newsletter is due Tuesday, May 21st.
Email articles and event information to Shelley Wann at shelley@farmingtonpres.org



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