



**PRAISING GOD  
SERVING OTHERS  
GROWING IN FAITH**

# Good News Banner

April 2022

## **Farragut Presbyterian Church**

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## **Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday 9-3  
Friday 9-1**

## **Worship**

9:00 am

**Casual Service**

11:00 am

**Traditional Service**

Subscribe to the FPC Youtube page to watch via the web live or at a later time

## **Statement of Purpose**

**We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to make disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.**

# Reverend Matt Nieman

## A Message from our Pastor



### **The Same, Old Story**

My oldest son, Jacob, is going to college in the fall. And he'll live in a dormitory, like all freshmen do. And he'll eat in the dining hall, like all freshmen do. And...he'll do his own laundry, like some freshmen do.

It's been a long time since my freshman year of college. But, I do remember doing my own laundry. In our dorm, the laundry room was in the basement (I lived on the third floor).

So, late nights or early mornings were filled with trips each week to the basement, where I prayed at least one washing machine and one dryer stood empty. If I was fortunate to find them available, the trips would begin: Up and down the stairs, back and forth to the laundry room to see if each load was finished washing and then drying. You couldn't predict, it seemed, how long they would take. It was maddening.

That's why I was astonished a few years ago when I learned from a representative of my alma mater that, along with the renovations to the dormitories there, all new laundry machines have been added to the premises. And, along with being free to use (no more quarters in those little slots), when each machine is finished washing or drying, it will send the owner of the laundry an email or text message telling them so!

It was bound to happen, I guess. Much like televisions that can automatically record shows when programmed and automobiles that can tell you verbally which direction to turn, it's fitting that washers and dryers can now save college kids umpteen trips to the dorm basement in order to preserve precious study time (uh huh, right)!

Technology has changed everything.

Well, maybe not quite everything. Some things never change, thank goodness. Like the accounts of Holy Week and Easter! Since those events first happened, Jesus has been placed in the tomb on Good Friday, and the tomb has been empty on Easter morning. And this year, so will these things be true again.

All of the world's technological advances haven't altered the stories of Holy Week and Easter. Jesus was betrayed, arrested, sentenced to death, and killed on a cross. He underwent tremendous suffering to take away the sin of the world and be in solidarity with our suffering. It's the ultimate example of his love.

And, after Holy Week, we will hear again that Jesus is still risen, death has still been defeated, victory has been achieved. The empty tomb is still a gift to us.

One more thing technology hasn't done: It hasn't changed our need to hear the story and accept the gift of new life that comes with it. No gadget or device will do this for us.

There are many elements of life for which we're grateful technology has changed, including computerized laundry machines. Nothing, though, can improve the significance of Holy Week and the magnificence of the Easter story. This month let's all listen and enjoy them again.



# Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

9:00 AND 11:00 AM

PROCESSION OF PALMS



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022

7:00 PM

COMMUNION SERVICE WITH  
READING OF THE PASSION

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15, 2022

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR  
PRAYER AND MEDITATION



EASTER CELEBRATION

APRIL 17, 2022

9:00 AND 11:00 AM



# Welcome New Members

We welcome to the FPC family Elijah and Helena MacCarthy and their one-year-old son Samuel.

The McCarthys moved here for Elijah to take a job as HPC Engineer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Before that Elijah was assistant professor of mathematics at Lane College in Jackson, TN. While studying to complete his PhD at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC, Elijah was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Taking care of Samuel, who is focusing on learning to walk, takes up most of Helena's time, but she enjoys music and especially likes learning new lyrics as she listens. Elijah follows soccer, which for most of the world is the "real" football! He became a fan while growing up in Ghana.



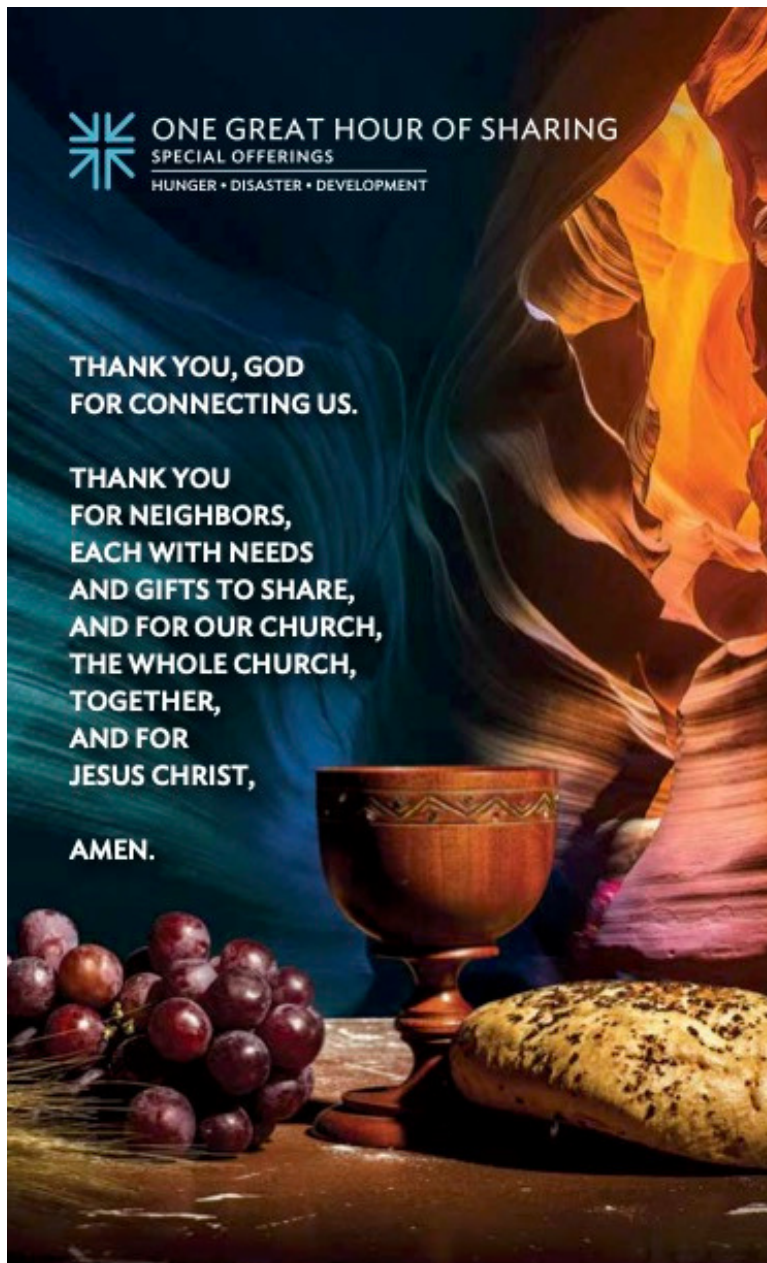
Shed some of your  
unused garden items for the  
**BARGAIN SHED**



For the  
"Posies for the Pantry"  
event we are collecting  
donations of gently-used  
garden tools, decor,  
and supplies to resell.  
Clean out that shed and  
help support Shepherd of  
Hope Food Pantry.  
Drop off items to the  
church between  
April 1-20 in  
Youth Room D.

Contact Annette Meador  
or Gale Montgomery  
with any questions.

# SPECIAL OFFERING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



## CONNECTING US

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Through One Great Hour of Sharing...we stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Restore Streets to Live In*

### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

*Share your Bread with the Hungry*

### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

*Loose the Bonds of Injustice*



*Please give generously.*

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

Donations may be made at any point through April 17.

### To Donate

- Use an envelope provided at the church  
or
- Send a check to FPC with One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on the memo  
line  
or
- Submit a gift through e-giving at [fpctn.org](http://fpctn.org)



# Posies for the Pantry

**Saturday April 23, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

(rain or shine)

**Farragut Presbyterian Church**

209 Jamestowne Blvd. ~ Farragut, TN 37934

## SUPPORTING VENDORS:

- Pope's "The Junction"
- Tennessee Naturescapes
- Erin's Meadow Herb Farm
- Champion Daylilies
- Poverty Barn
- Hummercarter
- Vicki's Multi Media Art
- Bound & Determined
- Bargain Shed
- Toney's Italian Ice & Pretzels
- Free coffee and crafts for kids

proceeds  
benefit:



Community churches supporting the pantry: Faith Lutheran, Concord Methodist, Concord Baptist & Farragut Presbyterian



# *Men's* **BIBLE STUDY**

**April 14 and 28**

**8am in the Narthex**

**Coffee and doughnuts provided**



## *Presbyterian Women*

**ALL CIRCLE MEETINGS  
ARE HELD AT THE CHURCH**

**CIRCLE #1**

**2ND TUESDAY, 10 AM**

**LEADERS: JANET TINDER, 865-966-5302**

**KAREN ELLIS, 865-368-9093**

**CIRCLE #2**

**2ND TUESDAY, 10 AM**

**LEADERS: BECKY THOMASON, 865-607-0727**

**BETH WHITE, 865-966-1121**

**CIRCLE #3**

**2ND WEDNESDAY, 10 AM**

**LEADERS: MIKIE LANCASTER, 865-675-0360**

**JO MCELHANEY, 865-966-5424**



# P.W. Synod Gathering

June 24-25, 2022 - Online Event



## *Fueled to Serve*

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - I Peter 4:10

*Key Note Speaker: Carol Bechtel* the author of the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"

## Presbyterian Women

June 24-25, 2022

Synod of the Living Waters  
Triennial Gathering  
A Virtual Gathering





The Presbyterian Women had an enthusiastic and generous response to the denomination-wide Birthday Offering. At our luncheon on March 26, donations of just over \$1,100 were received. These gifts will join with donations from other PW groups nation-wide to provide grants to a variety of national and international sources, such as PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions, and church-related groups.

We also enjoyed great music from the Roane State Community College Bluegrass Band. Thanks to our own Brenda Luggie and students of RSCC!





# UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

## FPC FAMILY HANGOUT

Sunday April 3 and May 1  
12 pm; Fellowship Hall

Bring the kids and join other FPC families for a monthly hangout involving food, fun, and fellowship! RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 17  
10 am; church playground

Join us for a hopping good time with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 10 am on Easter Sunday in the playground area behind the church. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather. All are invited to attend and watch this joyful event, Please RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) so we can ensure we have plenty of eggs and baskets for everyone. We would love to have donations of wrapped candy (no nuts please), treats, and prizes and will place a container for donations in the Narthex area for the next few weeks.

## POOL DAY AT THE YMCA

Saturday, April 30  
3:30-5:30 pm; 2133 Northshore Drive

Make a splash with the kids and join us for family pool time fun at the Davis YMCA. There is no cost for this event, but we do need supervising adults to participate. Space is limited so please RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).

## RAIN GUTTER REGATTA

Saturday, May 14  
1-3 pm; Fellowship Hall

It's off to the races with a spring regatta! Families will have the opportunity to build their own small racing boat at the event. Details to be announced later. Bring the family and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).





# MARCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT



A good time was  
had by all!  
We're sworn to  
secrecy  
who won Jenga!



**BETH HALLMAN**

Director



April is a busy month at CEP. Our curriculum themes of spring, growing things, insects, and weather will continue from March. On April 1st our Fabulous Fun Friday class will have a crazy, mixed-up day complete with Christmas decorations, Christmas carols, and pretend snow.

The pre-k children will celebrate one hundred days of school on April 19th. Each child will make something with one hundred items. These are usually very creative and each one will be different. They will have an ice cream party complete with all the toppings.

We anticipate a visit from the fire engine on April 5th. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate that day since they usually can't reschedule so late in the school year.

Finally, each class will have age-appropriate Easter activities including egg decorating and egg hunts. Mr. Mason will remind everyone how much Jesus loves us during chapel time.

Thank you all for your continued support as we get closer to the end of our school year.



# **BOY SCOUT TROOP 444 SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9  
6:00-7:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**The Troop 444 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is back after a two-year absence due to the pandemic! The cost is \$8/person. Tickets are available from any Troop 444 member or at the door. Takeout will be available, and there will be vegetarian and gluten-sensitive options. Come support scouting and our church-sponsored troop!**

### Chair Yoga

**Mondays at 10 am  
in the Narthex**

**30 minute class is perfect for  
those with limited mobility or  
balance concerns.**

### TGIF Gentle Yoga

**Fridays at 8:15 am**

**Farragut Community Center  
239 Jamestowne Blvd.**

**Fridays at 7 pm**

**FPC Fellowship Hall**

**60 minute gentle/slow flow class  
Bring a mat and comfortable  
clothing. For beginner and  
experienced yogis.**

**All classes are taught by yoga teacher  
Jenny Trussell (RYT500/RCYT) at no  
cost.**

**Please reach out to Jenny at  
CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for  
additional information or a private  
introductory session!**



### **FPC GOLF RETURNS...**

**beginning Wednesday, April 6 at Avalon Golf and  
Country Club. First tee time is 4:50 pm. Four (4) tee  
times, playing nine holes, have been reserved with the  
ability to add more if needed. The cost is \$22.50  
including cart. Following golf we will have dinner and  
fellowship at the Club Grill. We have men and women of  
all skill levels. Please RSVP to Wayne Walls at 865-207-  
7114 no later than Tuesday.**

### **DAYTIME ROCKERS**

**Thursday, April 21**

**11:30 am**

**Longhorn Steakhouse**

**Turkey Creek**

**A signup sheet  
is in the narthex.**





WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



*Call someone  
who cares*

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS:

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN  
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

865/966-9547

## *Remember in your prayers...*

### Prayers for Our Church Family

Andy Andrew, Candice Blake, Judith Bradbury, Denise Damelio, Patricia Dail, Billie Fain, Elise Gillenwater, Faye Greenlaw, Ron Griffith, Frank Guess, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Mike Murphy, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Dorean Stuewe, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, George White

### Bereaved

The family of Cathy Dorman  
The Manning family as they mourn the death of David's mother, Barbara Carmody.

### Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**April 26, 2 pm**

Join this wonderful group of knitters and crocheters to make shawls for FPC members who need extra comfort during a difficult time.

Patterns and yarn are provided.



My sister and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone who expressed their sympathy for our mother's passing through thoughts and prayers, cards and donations. We appreciate your kind thought and love.

Thanks to everyone,  
Elizabeth (Libby) Matlock  
Patricia (Patti) Ricker  
Daughters of Peggy Monger

## April Anniversaries

04/09 Steve and Janet Tinder  
04/13 Greg and Carol Kraft  
04/16 Joel and Leigh Ann Neely  
04/19 Greg and Nancy Signer  
04/19 Jeff and Lisa Gary  
04/26 Dennis and Betsy Starr  
04/26 Ronny and Bev Lomax

## April Birthdays

04/01 Bryan Nunley  
04/01 Jim Rooney  
04/02 Jean Peretz  
04/02 Mitchell Adams  
04/04 Greg Kraft  
04/04 Tami Newsom  
04/04 Lisa Bradney  
04/06 Bob Bowman  
04/06 Barbara Emery  
04/06 Thom Haig  
04/07 Sue Berry  
04/08 Tom Koch  
04/09 Lucy Fleming  
04/09 Connie Begovich  
04/10 Alan White  
04/10 Chuck Gonzalez  
04/11 Sandra Hipsher  
04/12 Jack Rightmyer  
04/16 Buck Jones  
04/16 Dave Greaser  
04/17 Jim Caldwell  
04/18 Chuck Gentry  
04/20 Denise Griffin  
04/20 Gayle Williams  
04/21 Lew Linhart  
04/21 Chris Patterson  
04/21 David Manning  
04/21 Nancy Huntley  
04/23 Sam Wilbanks  
04/25 Dorean Stuewe  
04/26 Dawn Zilles  
04/26 Denian Ge  
04/27 Rachel Campbell

*Celebrate each other*





# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Elizabeth Wilson  
Parlor

The Adult Bible Study Class discusses each week's Lectionary readings. A handout of the four Scriptures is emailed, which includes a short commentary and some thought questions which are then discussed with Elizabeth Wilson leading. In fair weather we meet outside; otherwise we meet in the Parlor. Come join us! (There might be cookies!)

## Pastor Matt's Class

Led by Pastor Matt  
Library

Join Pastor Matt and others for Bible study or conversation around topics of faith.

## Youth Sunday School

Led by Mason Warren

In this inspiring consideration of the spiritual themes in the popular Harry Potter series, well-known Christian author and Harry Potter fan Connie Neal explores the world of magic and mystery created by J. K. Rowling alongside the stories and grand themes of the Bible.

Contrary to those who reject the series as a threat to the Christian faith, Neal demonstrates how the lessons in Harry Potter not only echo many of the stories in the Bible but reinforce the central messages of Christianity.

## MONDAY CONNECTION

Led by David Long

Room A

*Wholehearted Faith*

Rachel Held Evans

We will explore Rachel Held Evans last book that asks candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

The **Thursday Evening Bible Study** is exploring the book of Esther. This well-loved story from just after the end of the Exile describes the origin of Purim, a Jewish holiday similar to Mardi Gras. One of the commentators described it as being "narrated with a ready eye for farce, an appetite for slapstick, and a pervasive sense of the ridiculous." We meet from 7-8 pm on Zoom and welcome new participants. If you would like to join us, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office.

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on March 28, the Session:

- Voted to move the 9:00 casual Sunday service outside starting on Easter, April 17. It will continue outside at least through the summer months. In the case of bad weather, the service will be moved into the sanctuary. The 11:00 traditional service will continue to be in the sanctuary.
- Decided to offer credit and debit card payment capability for the Posies for the Pantry flower and plant sale on April 23 to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry.
- Agreed to welcome a local Hindu community into our fellowship hall on the evening of April 23 for their celebration of the Hindu New Year. The group met in our fellowship hall for the same purpose back in 2019.

## Financial Report as of February 2022

	Actual for February	YTD February	YTD February Budget
Operating Income	\$51,626	\$118,979	\$112,573
CEP Income	\$12,197	\$24,638	\$24,470
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$63,823</b>	<b>\$143,616</b>	<b>\$137,043</b>
Operating Expenses	\$44,924	\$95,309	\$101,285
CEP Expenses	\$10,388	\$17,821	\$21,752
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$55,312</b>	<b>\$113,130</b>	<b>\$123,037</b>
<b>Total Income less</b>	<b>\$8,511</b>	<b>\$30,487</b>	<b>\$14,006</b>



# Get Social!

*Farragut Presbyterian is live on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.*

*Have something to post?*

*Send to our social media coordinator, Emily Sweetland,  
at [social@fpctn.org](mailto:social@fpctn.org) or text 865-567-7636*



<https://www.instagram.com/farrgutpesbyterian>



@FarrPres



<https://www.facebook.com/FPCKnox>



**KARM STORES**  
The Thrift Store with a Mission

When donating used items to KARM tell the employee the name of the church. Quarterly, the church will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to someone in need.



Support FPC Christian Ed with Kroger Community Rewards Program  
Link your Kroger reward card to FPC.

Sign up at:

Visit <https://www.kroger.com/account/enroll>  
CommunityRewardsNow/  
Our organization number is YU915.

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