



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

August 2022

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

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

Worship

9:00 am

Casual Service

Parking Lot
(bring a chair)

11:00 am

**Traditional Service
Sanctuary**

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

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God, graced by Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God through worship in the Reformed tradition, compassionate service to all, and the nurturing of each other so as to grow in faith together.



JOIN US FOR OUR
**Summer
Fair**

SUNDAY AUGUST 7

ONE CHURCH
SERVICE
AT 10:00 AM

FOOD, FUN,
FELLOWSHIP
BEGINS AT 11:00

Join us for lots of fun, with games and activities for all including a bouncy house! The Church Life Committee will provide a delicious brunch/lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SET UP, GAME BOOTHS, AND TAKE DOWN. PLEASE CONTACT MASON WARREN AT MASONWARREN@FPCTN.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



Simplifying Our Faith

Several years ago during a Vacation Bible School, I led seventy-some children in a study of the Lord's Prayer. The first day, we studied the phrase "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name." From these kids (ranging from kindergartners through sixth-graders), I didn't know what to expect when I asked them why we call God "Father" or to explain the word "hallowed."

I was amazed at their creativity.

One child said that we call God "Father" because God watches over and protects us when we go on a roller-coaster ride, just like her own dad does. Another said that God is like a coach and teacher, just like his own dad who coaches and teaches kids at school. And yet another said that we call God "Father" because God loves us like all good daddies do.

When we came to the word "hallowed," I was a bit more concerned. It's not an easy word to get your brain around, especially if you can barely pronounce it (one young guy swore it had something to do with Halloween). And yet, when I posed the question, one young girl made the lesson very simple. "It means 'holy,'" she said. Sure enough, to pray "Holy is your name" seems like just the right thing to do when we are eager for God to listen to us.

Faith can slip into irrelevancy if we don't take the time to connect its most complex elements to the normal, everyday moments and occurrences of life. To equate God's protection to that of a dad holding a son or daughter tight during the ups and downs of a rollercoaster ride is so simple and yet so amazingly pertinent. And to change "hallowed" to "holy" is also a creative way to capture God's goodness toward us.

Living our faith demands our creativity in words and in actions. Creativity keeps us engaged with the God who created us and yearns to maintain a relationship with us. And just when you think you don't have a creative bone in your body, spend some time with young children and be reminded that God has placed a simple creativity in all of us.

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Kid
Zone



Join Us for KIDZONE WILD ENCOUNTERS!

Bring the kids to FPC KidZone at 9 am on Sundays during the casual service for a wild time with animal friends! These engaging animals will guide the children through historical bible events during our next program that starts August 21 (there is no KidZone on Sunday, August 14 so the children can have church time with their parents). Adult helpers and substitutes are always needed – please contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org for more information.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



As reported in the July Banner, Family Promise of Knoxville is gearing up to begin in person hosting at different congregations in January 2023. Our partners at Westside UUC will be again providing shelter for our guest families who are homeless where we will have 3

support host weeks. We will be asked to give meals and volunteers for serving, activities, and spending the night. Help will be needed for set up and cleanup on the Sundays at each end of our host week.

For this article, I want to talk about meal volunteers. A team of 2-3 people arrive at Westside around 5pm to set up the serving table (buffet style), heat up the food which consists of an entree, sides, and a dessert. Families arrive around 6pm. I enjoy the interactions with the parents and children during a shared meal. Parents and older children are asked to help with clean up, and on some evenings, an activities volunteer comes to read, help with homework, sing, or do crafts. Meal servers leave around 7pm.

There are training sessions at the day center every Monday, or you can choose an online course. Questions, concerns, or a link to the online training contact Beth at bethloyless@hotmail.com



Looking to get involved with VMC?

Meal groups are a great volunteer opportunity for churches to provide meals for those working hard to escape the streets and achieve housing. Farragut Presbyterian has been serving lunch at Volunteer Ministry Center for many years.

The August VMC lunch will be on Tuesday, August 16 coordinated by Linda & Jim Scothorn. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would be interested in volunteering to help.



FPC Presbyterian Women are collecting supplies for Special Area Teachers in the Sunset Gap area. The collection deadline is August 14. If you have questions please contact Debbie Long. Items needed include the following: pencils; crayons; colored pencils; dry erase markers; tissue; hand sanitizer; sanitizing wipes; bottled glue; glue sticks; copy paper; construction paper; zip-lock bags (all sizes).

Presbyterian Women will sponsor a pound party in September and October to help stock the Sunset Gap Food Pantry. With the August sales tax holiday on food & food ingredients, we are making this announcement now in order for you to take advantage of the potential savings. Items most needed include sugar, cooking oil, flour, cornmeal mix, pasta and pasta sauce. Any questions, contact Debbie Long.

UKIRK WORK DAY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 9:00 AM

**Help us prepare the UKirk house for a new semester!
Yard work, indoor cleaning, and fellowship! All ages are welcome!**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men of FPC gather twice a month for fellowship and a time of bible study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the narthex at 8am. If you would like to join us, please contact John Neighbors or the church office to get on the contact list. Donuts, coffee, and great fellowship provided!

**Join us August 11 and 25
8 am in the Narthex**

*Presbyterian
Women*



For most women, participation in Presbyterian Women starts just down the street in your local church. Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. In terms of what this means to you, Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a vehicle for making the world a better place for all of God's children. Consider joining an FPC Circle.

ALL CIRCLE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE CHURCH

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Janet Tinder, 865-966-5302

Kathy Emerson

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Becky Thomason, 865-607-0727

Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am

Leaders: Mikie Lancaster, 865-675-0360

Jo McElhaney, 865-966-5424



Chair Yoga

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY
10 AM, 30-MINUTE CLASS
NARTHEX**



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

TGIF Gentle Yoga

**FRIDAY AT 7 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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

**Contact Jenny Trussell at
CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM
for additional information or a private introductory session!**



FPC FELLOWSHIP GOLF

**Wednesday Night Golf League
Avalon Golf and Country Club
700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City, TN**

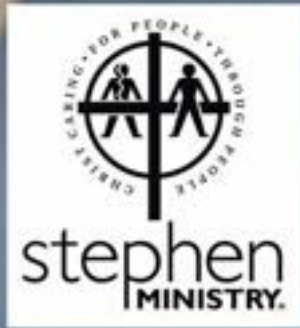


**Tee times start at 4:50 pm
9 holes with cart is \$30.
Following golf, the group enjoys dinner and fellowship at the club grill.
To reserve your tee time, contact Wayne Walls by Tuesday of the week you want to play.**



**DAYTIME ROCKERS
On break for the summer**

WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



*Call someone
who cares*

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS:

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

August 23, 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.

Remember in your prayers...

Prayers for Our Church Family

Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Ron Griffith, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Gary Marks, Janet Murphy, Larry Roberts, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Dorean Stuewe, Steve Tinder, Hazel West, George White

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

The Bolus family following the death of David's sister, **Diane Bolus Morgan**, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The family of **Vaughn Hickman** who died on Friday, July 15.

The Long family following the death of **Ken Long**, David's brother, who died last week in California after a long illness.

Births

Charles Lawson Allen was born July 8 to Patrick and Christine Allen, son and daughter-in-law of Mark and Beth Allen. He joins big brother Billy in the Allen home. Thanks be to God for the gift of new life!

Thank you FPC family. The loss of my brother, even a loss expected over the past 18 months, brings a small sense of relief among a great sadness. I am thankful for my FPC family who have reached out with their thoughts and prayers. Each has brought a small sense of sadness among a great comfort of support and love. I am also grateful that I had two opportunities over the past year-and-a-half to reflect, in person, with my brother that God has given him a great and full life. Sincerely, David Long

August Anniversaries

8/02 Wayne and Mary Anne Walls
8/03 Leonard and Emily Loveday
8/08 Jimmy and Beth Loyless
8/09 Paul and Karen Johnson
8/12 Jack and Patricia Watson
8/12 Chuck and Norma Foriska
8/13 Jerry and Jan Seiler
8/19 Dale and Kathy Emmerson
8/20 Darrell and Chris Sparks
8/21 David and Debbie Long
8/23 Howard and Pat Hickman
8/24 Robert and Terry Olberding
8/26 Henry and Cheryl Cardwell
8/26 Mike and Janet Murphy
8/28 Wenjun Ge and Lixia Jin
8/29 David and Linda Stutzenberger

August Birthdays

8/02 Ken Ladrach
8/03 Donna Phillips
8/05 Merle Andrew
8/06 Karen Ellis
8/09 Krista Belding
8/11 Tim Mashue
8/12 Frank Guess
8/13 Lixia Jin
8/15 Linda Wert
8/19 Gary Marks
8/20 Brian Davison
8/20 Dale Rogers
8/21 Wenjun Ge
8/24 Nancy Signer
8/24 Jennifer Johnson
8/24 Larry Roberts
8/24 Helena MacCarthy
8/25 Henry Cardwell
8/27 Kris Van Allen
8/27 Leigh Ann Neely
8/28 Margaret Ann Christian
8/28 Scott McKinney
8/29 Turner Neely
8/30 Fred Peretz
8/30 Jim Meador
8/30 Jerry Martin
8/30 Henry Matchen

Celebrate each other



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Matt's Class

Library

Adam Hamilton: *Half Truths*

Adam Hamilton in *Exploring Popular Sayings that Miss the Point* focuses on some of the phrases we think are Biblical but really aren't. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Join us in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Elizabeth Wilson
On Summer Break

Youth Sunday School

Led by Mason Warren
On Summer Break

Monday Connection

Led by David Long

Room A

God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath

By N.T. Wright

Discover a different way of seeing and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic, an approach drawing on Scripture, Christian history, and the way of living, thinking, and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

What are we supposed to think about the Coronavirus crisis?

Some people think they know: "This is a sign of the End," they say. "It's all predicted in the book of Revelation."

Others disagree but are equally clear: "This is a call to repent. God is judging the world and through this disease he's telling us to change."

Some join in the chorus of blame and condemnation: "It's the fault of the Chinese, the government, the World Health Organization..."

N.T. Wright examines these reactions to the virus and finds them wanting. Instead, he shows that a careful reading of the Bible and Christian history offers simple though profound answers to our many questions.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

No report this month.

Financial Report as of June 2022

	Actual for June	YTD June	YTD June Budget
Operating Income	\$65,817	\$365,536	\$325,314
CEP Income		\$61,713	\$61,575
Total Income	\$65,817	\$427,249	\$386,889
Operating Expenses	\$57,492	\$324,045	\$343,021
CEP Expenses	\$150	\$50,995	\$56,781
Total Expenses	\$57,642	\$375,040	\$399,802
Total Income less Expenses	\$8,175	\$52,208	(\$12,913)

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 or text 865-567-7636*



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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/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>
Our organization number is YU915.

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