



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

July 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.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



For Good

In the class I've started on Sundays about some of the sayings we think are in the Bible but aren't, we first focused on this phrase: "Everything happens for a reason."

It's a phrase that seems to install God as the author of everything—including all the stuff that doesn't settle well with us, like tragedy and failures.

Safe to say, all of us around the table didn't attribute everything that happens in the world to God's authorship. While we believe God is powerful and sovereign, we seemed to land in a place where God, we think, is overwhelmingly loving and concerned for creation and not the author of our suffering.

Somewhere in the discussion, one wise voice pointed out a verse of Paul, from Romans, chapter 8, verse 28: "We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Notice what is not in this verse. Paul doesn't necessarily place authorship of "all things" on God. Instead, he simply says that God takes "all things," regardless of who created them, and works all these things together for good.

We all can attest that, amid the trials of our lives, blessing often comes from them. God turns something nasty into something new and beautiful.

Do all things happen for a reason? No, not necessarily. But good things can come from them, no matter who authors them.

Welcome!



New member **Warren Fox** has a bona fide Presbyterian pedigree: born in a Presbyterian hospital in Hollywood, CA, married in a Presbyterian Church, and a member of many during his peripatetic moves across the country. He moved from CA several times, always returning, but says Tennessee is his new home state.

Retired, he was an entrepreneur, owning multiple automotive dealerships and leasing companies in southern CA through the years. He's been active in multi-focused volunteer groups: for politics, business, and charity. He has four grown children. all of them reside in CA.

Warren has been active in his various church homes, being elected Elder and a member of Stephen Ministry. He loves sports, golf, racing cars, traveling, and boating. He is an outgoing friendly guy looking forward to meeting FPS members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Summer Faire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**Casual Service 10:00 am in the sanctuary
followed by food, fun, and fellowship.**

More information to follow.



The FPC children are having a "royal" time in the KidZone program "Knights of the North Castle." They are learning how to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God as we discover discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation. Mason is certainly looking very dapper in his new role as King!



Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FPC has been a long-time supporter of the Knoxville Mobile Meals program delivering meals in the Farragut area on Fridays. We currently have a need for an additional team for a regular route, and also for substitute teams. We recommend two-person teams but one person could do the route.

Duties involve once a month picking up the meals at the Mobile Meals kitchen near the News Sentinel building, delivering to 8 to 10 clients and returning the coolers to the rear of FPC. A typical route will take about 3 hours usually finishing around noon.

This outreach program is very rewarding and if you can help or have questions please contact Irene Rice at 865-675-4804.



Thank you FPC volunteers who donated grocery/gas/dinner cards for our guest families this hosting period, July 10-17. Westside UUC appreciates our participation and support. Our next support hosting is in October.

Family Promise of Knoxville's target date for restarting in person hosting is January 2023. It has been almost 2 years since volunteers have interacted with the guests due to the covid crisis. We look forward to seeing our former volunteers as well as new volunteers become overnight/dinner hosts, and activities participants again. The families do enjoy the homemade meals, and the children enjoy the attention from our members.

Each month I will highlight one of the volunteer tasks so you may see what fits your gifts or schedule. There are opportunities for in-person training and a tour at the day center or online training through the national office. We would love to have you join the volunteer group. We support host three times, one week at a time. For questions please contact Beth: bethloyless@hotmail.com.



School will be back in session soon which means it is time to collect supplies for Sunset Gap. We are sponsoring 25 children this year from Cocke County. Items need to be returned by July 24 with the tag number and child's name on the bag. We will be delivering the following week before school begins

August 1. If you would like to help deliver please contact Debbie Long. Look for the Sunset Gap Back to School signup list on site or follow this link, <https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapBack2School2022>. Place your name and phone number on the list.

In addition, 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).



The two little girls of the mission co-workers we support are growing up and everyone in our church can make it special for them.

Keila and Annika Hare will celebrate their 13th and 11th birthdays respectively on July 16 and July 10. Please help make them very happy by sending each of them a card at the following address:



(Name)
c/o Mauricio Chacon-UBL
APDO 901-1000
San Jose, Costa Rica

Put our church name under your signature. USA Global Forever stamps are for sale at the post office—or you can use regular domestic forever stamps equal to \$1.20. Mail from the U.S. to Costa Rica can take up to 2-3 weeks, so mail your cards soon!

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 July 14 and 28
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

Beth White, 865-966-1121

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am

Leaders: Mikie Lancaster, 865-675-0360

Jo McElhaney, 865-966-5424

All Women of the church are invited to a gathering to be held in the church fellowship hall. Brunch will be provided by the Apple Cake Tea Room. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, then installation of new PW officers.

Ticket sales will be at 9:00am and 11:00am on July 24, July 31, and August 7 in the narthex. Ticket prices are \$15.00 per person.

A decorative border featuring pink peonies and white flowers with green leaves, framing the central text box.

August Womens Gathering

AUGUST 13 | 11:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Foodies Picnic

July 23 Gather at 3 pm Eat at 5 pm
Mikie Lancaster's Lake House
227 Mainsail Road, Kingston, TN 37763

Everyone is invited, children included!

**Hamburgers, veggie burgers,
brats and hotdogs.**

Please sign up to bring either an appetizer, side dish, or dessert AND \$5 to cover cost for meat and condiments. Sign-up sheet and directions are found in the narthex. If you have questions contact Pat Hickman at 865-458-9899.

On June 6th a \$5,000 check was delivered to
Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
Shown are Betty Nicholls, Tom Koch, Jan Darnell (Pantry
Director), Becky Thomason and Gloria Purjet.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Advent already?????!!!

One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. To begin our Advent season, on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m., we will present our annual Christmas Festival!

Our Chancel Choir will partner with the University of Tennessee Chamber Singers to present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*! We have missed this annual collaboration for the last two years of the pandemic. It is always a joyous time which fills our chancel and sanctuary with the glorious sounds of the season.

We will begin working this music in September - we hope you will join us for great musical fellowship! No experience needed!!!! Remember, if you sing with us in the choir, you have the best seat in the house!!!



UT CHAMBER SINGERS

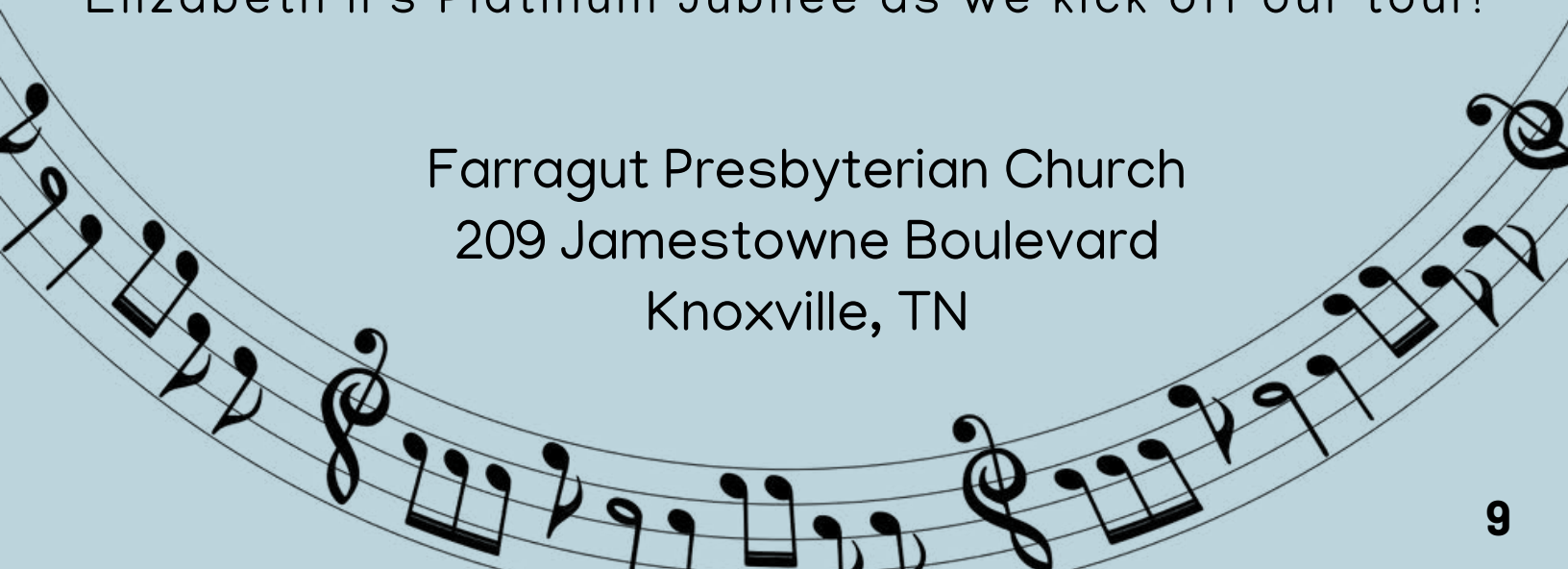
FAREWELL CONCERT

14 THURSDAY
JULY 8:00 p.m.



Join us for an evening of music the University of Tennessee Chamber Singers, Alumni, and Friends will sing on tour to Scotland and England. Featured will be sacred and secular music, including beautiful folksongs of the British Isles. Come help us celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee as we kick off our tour!

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Congratulations **Collin Greaser** on completion of the Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) certificate, graduating in May from Blue Ridge Yoga teacher training. Collin will be joining Jenny Trussell teaching a chair yoga class on Fridays at 10 am in the Narthex. Chair yoga is perfect for beginners, seniors, and those with limited mobility and balance concerns. Please dress in comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. Childcare is not available. FPC's chair yoga classes are open to the public, invite friends and spread the word. We hope you will support Collin in his new RYT endeavors!



Chair Yoga

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

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

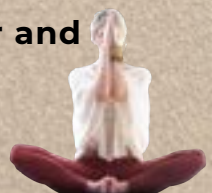


**Contact Jenny Trussell at
CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM
for additional information or a
private introductory session!**

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.**



FPC FELLOWSHIP GOLF

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

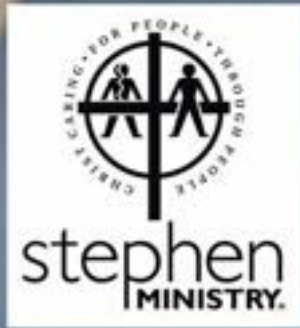


**Tee times start at 4:50 pm
9 holes with cart is \$30.
Following golf, the group enjoys dinner and
fellowship at the club grill.
To reserve your tee time, contact Wayne Walls by
Tuesday of the week you want to play.**



**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

865/966-9547

Remember in your prayers...

Prayers for Our Church Family

Lois Burris, Christine Britt, Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Billie Fain, Dean Fleming, Tyrone Gregory, Ron Griffith, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Debbie McKinney, Gary Marks, Janet Murphy, Mike Murphy, Hal Oakley, Larry Roberts, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Dorean Stuewe, Kelly Thode, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, George White

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth



Prayer Shawl Ministry

July 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.

July Anniversaries

7/02 Brian Davidson and Darren Schmitz

7/05 Philip and Becky Dangle

7/06 John and Jeannie Tabor

7/09 Les and Marie Shear

7/09 Steve Dehmlow and Judy Ireland

7/12 Steve and Donna Plumlee

7/12 Nathan and Lois Burris

7/16 Eric and Betty Nichols

7/24 Jim and Linda Scothorn

7/29 Tim and Beth Hallman

7/31 LisaKay and Henry Matchen

July Birthdays

7/02 Sandra Feast

7/03 Graham Colloredo

7/05 David Gargan

7/06 Kirk Morris

7/06 Annette Meador

7/06 Jacob Nieman

7/07 Kirby Purjet

7/08 Catherine Manning

7/08 Paul Hopson

7/10 Annika Hare

7/10 Graham Morrell

7/10 Parker Morrell

7/10 Wendy (Richards) Hahn

7/10 Carol Gardiner

7/11 Joanie Scheuer

7/12 Barbara Kivlin

7/15 Patti Davis

7/15 Jan Roberts

7/16 Keila Hare

7/16 Van Heflin

7/16 Margaret Pillsbury

7/17 Gloria Purjet

7/17 Edi Johnson

7/18 Judy Ireland

7/18 Mike Murphy

7/19 Kathi Damelio

7/21 MaryAnne Walls

7/22 Ron Grunke

7/24 Kirsten Maley

7/24 Lynda White

7/25 Reagan Corbett

7/25 Hilda Ingle

7/27 Maeven Marcum

7/28 Shirley Greaser

7/28 Mary Ellen Haig

7/29 Philip Jacobs

7/29 Olivia (Loveday) Marcum

7/30 Kelly Schueler

7/31 Karen Brown Gonzalez

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

At its monthly meeting on June 27, the Session:

- Welcomed new member Warren Fox into membership (see page 2 for his biography)
- Agreed to have just one worship service on August 7 at 10:00 in the sanctuary. The Summer Faire will follow, with a luncheon in fellowship hall hosted by the Church Life Committee and activities for children and families sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.
- Accepted a generous gift from Steve and Janet Tinder in memory of their children, Sara and Chris: a beautiful stone bench to be placed near the bubbling rock outside the church doors in front of the new connector.
- Allocated some of the money previously set aside for marketing our casual worship service for the purpose of producing a series of videos promoting that service, the KidZone program, and the church in general.

Financial Report as of May 2022

	Actual for May	YTD May	YTD May Budget
Operating Income	\$59,923	\$299,719	\$275,230
CEP Income	\$12,018	\$61,713	\$61,375
Total Income	\$71,941	\$361,432	\$336,605
Operating Expenses	\$53,618	\$266,553	\$274,671
CEP Expenses	\$11,440	\$50,845	\$56,781
Total Expenses	\$65,058	\$317,398	\$331,452
<u>Total Income less Expenses</u>	\$6,883	\$44,034	\$5,153

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*



<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/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>
Our organization number is YU915.

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