



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

June 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



Half Truths

In the Grief Support Group we hold twice monthly at the church (first and third Mondays at 2:00), we explore many elements of loss and reactions to loss that come from inside ourselves and from others.

One of the elements we must confront as we grieve is the attempt by someone who loves us to bring comfort by quoting the Bible. It's a noble effort, but sometimes the words being said aren't entirely or even partially from the Bible. With the goal of bringing solace, sometimes people don't quite get it right when it comes to what God has said in the Biblical record or what our interpretation of God's activity is in the world.

For the families in Uvalde, Texas, who are grieving the loss of their children in that deadly school shooting recently, what would resonate for them as comforting words? "God is in control"? "God won't give you more than you can handle"? "God helps those who help themselves"?

You'd be correct in concluding that those phrases aren't entirely helpful to a grieving parent or anybody going through grief.

Starting June 26 and continuing through July, join me for an examination of some of these phrases that we think originate from the Bible but don't or don't entirely. With the expertise of author and pastor Adam Hamilton, we will study phrases like "Everything happens for a reason." What's the origin of that phrase? Is there an example of this depicted in scripture? And, how does our theology square itself with those words?

We all know that words matter. As we study these words and others like them, hopefully our own beliefs will be crystalized so that the words we use in bringing comfort to others will be grounded in authentic biblical expression.

We will meet from 10:00-10:45 on Sunday mornings in the church library starting June 26.



*Farragut
Presbyterian
Church*



BETH HALLMAN

Director

The final day of the Children's Enrichment Program was May 19, 2022. We had a wonderful Pre-K graduation for fifteen children followed by refreshments. As most of you know, not only was it the last day of school but also the end of CEP. I am truly honored to have been part of this program for 31 years. Over that time, we served 45-50 children each school year. Most families started their children in the ones or two-year-old class and continued through Pre-K, followed by many siblings that also attended. There were even a few parents who had been with our program as children and returned many years later to bring us their own children. For me that is the biggest compliment to CEP when parents kept returning to enroll their children.

Believe it or not, working with a preschool/parents' day out was never in my plans. It was always my intention to be a stay-at-home mom and go back to nursing when my son Michael was older. But God had a different plan for me. I started as a substitute, became the Under Twos teacher, and finally the director in 2009.

What I loved about CEP was the dedication of the staff to our children and their families. We were recognized in the community for our quality of care and the kindergarten readiness skills our children received. I will miss the program terribly, but I am looking forward to new adventures in retirement. Thank you all for the many years of support and encouragement you have always given me. Please pray for Big Fish Academy as they begin in August.

Since I am also a church member I will still be around, and of course I will continue to bowl with "Predestined to Bowl," FPC's talented bowling team!

Thank you Beth for your many years of dedication and care to our Children's Enrichment Program.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Thank you to all the FPC members who donated grocery/gas gift cards and baby items for our last hosting in February. Our dates for the rest of the year are July 10-17 and October 2-9 with meals and gift cards being dropped off at the day center.

For the past two years, guest families have been staying in an extended stay hotel, and if unemployed, spending the day at the day center on Middlebrook Pike. Family Promise has been quite busy and productive, and according to the Knoxville director, 2021 was the best yet. Some stats: number of families served-82, average shelter stay-50 days, and number of families kept from becoming homeless-65.

Family Promise follows the guest families for several years after their transition into permanent housing. Families are provided with counseling, budget and financial resources, employment assistance, etc. FP staff check in regularly to help families deal with crises before they become overwhelming. The staff also helps non-guest families find resources to help them navigate the obstacles to finding housing, medical assistance, childcare, etc.

Reverend John Mark Brown, the Knoxville director of FP has set a target date of January 2023 to begin in person hosting of guest families at different churches. From now until the relaunch, there will be mission moments during worship, online and in person re-training, recruitment of new volunteers. Please become involved. WATCH THIS SPACE for more information!!

Beth Loyless, 865 657 9644, bethloyless@hotmail.com

PENTECOST SUNDAY OFFERING

JUNE 5, 2022



Our second special offering for 2022 is the Pentecost Offering, designed to help children, youth and young adults build a life of faith. Since the Pentecost offering began in 1998, Presbyterians have given more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger people. Per PCUSA guidelines, your gift will be allocated as follows:

- Congregational Initiatives with Young People - 40 %**
- Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers) - 25%**
 - Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries) - 25%**
 - Child Advocacy - 10%**

Your Outreach Committee has designated the Emerald Youth Foundation to receive the local 40% this year. As always, your support of PCUSA special offerings goes to help those in need. A special thanks from your Outreach Committee.

This special offering will be collected on June 5, or you can make your donation before then.




To donate

- use an envelope provided at the church or**
- send a check to FPC with Pentecost Special Offering on the memo line or**
- submit a gift through e-giving at fpctn.org**

The Emerald Youth Foundation mission is to raise up a large number of urban youth to love Jesus Christ and become effective leaders who help renew their communities.

Posies for the Pantry RESULTS. . .

Our little plant sale started in 2018 and since then, we have doubled our profits to benefit Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. A check from FPC for \$5,000 will be delivered to the pantry from the proceeds of our 2022 sale.

 Farragut Presbyterian Church	DATE: <u>June 5, 2022</u>
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry</u>	\$ <u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Five thousand and no/100</u>	dollars
 FOR <u>proceeds from the 2022 Posies for the Pantry</u>	 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (\$) <small>This check is not legal tender, and is not valid for most banking purposes.</small>

Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the event from cashiering, set-up and clean-up, coordinating a KIDS CORNER, pricing, providing publicity throughout the community, donating and cleaning up all the garden items for resale, repotting plants to sale, transporting plants to the church, assisting shoppers with their purchases, traffic and parking control, and knitting/crocheting "scrubbies" for sale. Dawn Zilles was invaluable help with the artwork for our publicity posters, newspaper ad, vendor signage, etc. Thanks to Joey Nieman for entertainment and to PW for providing complimentary coffee and cold water for our shoppers. Of course, thanks to you, your friends and neighbors for their purchases and additional monetary donations.

This year, with the approval of Session and coordination of Tom Koch and Lori Corbett to accept credit/debit purchases, we had increased sale. Although there was a fee associated with these transactions, it amounted to a small expense of only \$66! It was well worth the effort and although we might have been a little reluctant to give it a try, it was managed well thanks to Becky Thomason and Bob Upchurch.

Here's a recap of the amounts we've given to the pantry from the sale since started in 2018:

2018 - \$2523.70
2019 - \$2640.00
2020 - NO SALE DUE TO COVID
2021 - \$4200.00
2022 - \$5,000.00

"Posies for the Pantry" has become an FPC Community Event. We've raised a lot of money to support our pantry and had some fun in the process.

-Betty Nicholls, *Posies for the Pantry* Coordinator



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF



Family

MINISTRY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER KIDZONE PROGRAM!

Have you ever wanted to live the life of royalty? We have a job for you!

The FPC Christian Education (CE) Committee is looking for adult/teen volunteers to assist with our summer programming needs. We've turned the middle school youth room into a castle complete with thrones and a drawbridge. Now we need helpers for snacks, science projects, drama readings, and recreation activities. We'll provide all the supplies and details. The program runs on Sundays from June 5 through August 7 from 9 – 10 am.

You can sign up for as many dates as your schedule allows (and designate your activity preference) through our easy online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BA5AC2AA1FA7-kidzone>.

Blessings to all in advance for volunteering! Please contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org with additional questions.

KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



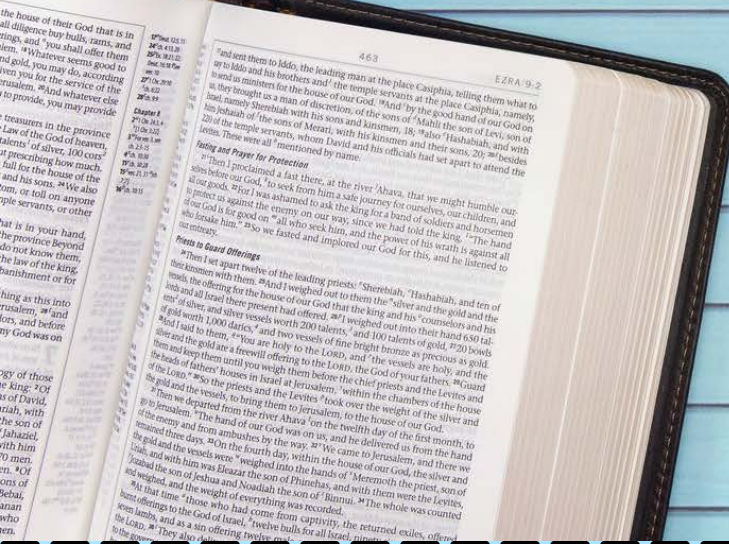
WHILE WE CAN'T PROMISE ANY FIRE-BREATHING DRAGONS – WE CAN PROMISE YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD WILL HAVE AN AMAZING TIME AT OUR FPC SUMMER KIDZONE SESSION KNOWN AS “KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE!” THIS IS A WONDERFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TYPE CURRICULUM WITH THE FPC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE GOING ALL OUT TO CREATE A PROGRAM COMPLETE WITH A CASTLE, SNACKS, SCIENCE PROJECTS, DRAMA, RECREATION! THE PROGRAM RUNS SUNDAYS FROM JUNE 5 THROUGH AUGUST 7 FROM 9-10 AM. PLEASE CONTACT MASON WARREN AT [MASONWARREN@FPCTN.ORG](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men of FPC meet 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 June 9 and 23
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
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



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Calling all women of the church! Come join us in rehearsal on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. as we prepare a special anthem to honor the men of our church on Father's Day, June 19. No previous experience required! Come have a great time of fellowship with us!

After a two-year hiatus, the annual collaboration between TVP and the University of Tennessee School of Music Choral area returns!

Eight performances over the span of two weeks at the Carousel Theatre (located next to the Clarence Brown Theatre) on the UT Campus. Plentiful and easy parking!



June 09, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 at 7:30 p.m.

June 12 and June 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets available now: <http://tennesseevalleyplayers.org/>

About the show: Welcome to the Renaissance and the outrageous, crowd-pleasing musical farce, *Something Rotten!*. Created by Grammy Award-winning songwriter Wayne Kirkpatrick, *Something Rotten!* was lauded by audience members and critics alike, receiving several Best Musical nominations and hailed by Time Out New York as "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years".

Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz.

Something Rotten! features large song and dance numbers, and a wacky cast of over-the-top characters. Throughout its Broadway run, the musical received a show-stopping standing ovation from audiences... in the beginning of the first act! It's become clear that "nothing's as amazing as a musical," so don't miss this history-twisting, hilarious production!

Featured in the show are FPC members Dr. Angela Batey, Tami Newsom, Mary Ellen Haig, LisaKay Matchen, and Nancy and Ron Pevey!

Please do not wait to get your tickets as they are already selling briskly!

Chair Yoga

**MONDAYS AT 10 AM
NARTHEX**

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

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!

TGIF Gentle Yoga

**FRIDAYS AT 8:15 AM
FARRAGUT COMMUNITY CENTER
239 JAMESTOWNE BLVD.**

**FRIDAYS 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

Our Wednesday Night Golf League continues at Avalon Golf and Country Club. Tee times start at 4:50 pm and the cost to play 9 holes with cart is \$22.50. Following golf, the group enjoys dinner and fellowship at the club grill. This group has men and women golfers of all skill levels, so don't let that stop you from joining us! Please let Wayne Walls know by Tuesday of the week you want to play to reserve your tee time.

DAYTIME ROCKERS

Thursday, June 23

11:30 am

Lakeside Tavern

A signup sheet is in the narthex.





farragut presbyterian church
night at the



**TENNESSEE
SMOKIES**



**CHATTANOOGA
LOOKOUTS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 7:00 PM

SMOKIES STADIUM

TICKETS ARE \$11 EACH IN SECTION 114

PARKING IS \$5 CASH AT THE GATE

FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME

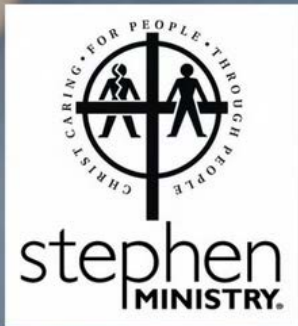
MAKE CHECKS FOR TICKETS OUT TO FPC

WITH SMOKIES BASEBALL IN MEMO LINE

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS JUNE 6

Henry Rowengartner is coming to Smokies Stadium. Thomas Ian Nicholas, the actor who played Henry Rowengartner in the 1993 film "Rookie of the Year" will be in attendance for an autograph meet-and-greet with the best fans in the Southern League! With this, the first 1,000 fans through the gate will receive a Henry Rowengartner bobblehead/arm sponsored by Pepsi! This is not a night you want to miss.

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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Remember in your prayers...

Prayers for Our Church Family

Sue Berry, Jim Brannon, Christine Britt,
Patricia Dail, Dean Fleming, Chuck
Foriska, Tyrone Gregory, Mikie
Lancaster, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless,
Jaci Marks, Helen Weaver, George
White

Bereaved

The family of Faye Greenlaw

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks,
Mark Wurth



Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 28, 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.

FPC Family:

**Sending this quick note to let you
know how much we appreciated the
calls, cards, words of
encouragement, and prayers. The
surgery was a success and I am
getting stronger every day. Thank
you for your support and kindness.**

Jaci Marks

Thank You

Caring Corner
from your Stephen Ministers

To suffer with another person does not mean to drown oneself in the other's suffering; that would be as foolish as jumping into a pool to save a sinking swimmer only to drown oneself. More to the point, I doubt that it is even possible to enter fully into another person's pain, for suffering is a profoundly solitary experience. To suffer with another person means to be there in whatever way possible, to share the circumstances of the other's life as much as one can - not to add to the world's pool of suffering, but to gain intimate understanding of what the other requires.

What we usually learn, once we are there, is that there is no "fix" for the person who suffers, only the slow painful process of walking through the suffering to whatever lies on the other side. Once there, we learn that being there is the best we can do, being there not as a cure but as a companion to the person who suffers on his or her slow journey. There is no arm's-length "solution" for suffering, and people who offer such only add to the pain. But there is comfort and even healing in the presence of people who know how to be with others, how to be fully there.

—The Active Life by Parker Palmer

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which he can do his work,
yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,
yours are the only eyes through which his compassion
can shine forth upon a troubled world.*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

—Teresa of Avila

Excerpts from The Blue Book, A Devotional Guide for Every Season of Your Life

by Jim Branch

June Anniversaries

6/01 Dave and Irene Rice
6/02 Dan and Shirley Greaser
6/03 Gilberto and Maria Medina
6/05 John and Carolyn Neighbors
6/06 Rick and Kris Van Allen
6/06 Larry and Jan Roberts
6/07 David and Emily Sweetland
6/10 George and Beth White
6/12 Chris and Michelle Henry
6/13 Jim and Annette Meador
6/13 David and Catherine Manning
6/17 Mark and Brenda Selecman
6/21 Marc and Kirsten Maley
6/23 Buck and Karen Jones
6/24 Jack and Nancy Rightmyer
6/26 Buddy and Linda Wert
6/27 Matt and Olivia (Loveday) Marcum
6/28 Jeff and Dana Dobson
6/30 Carl and Eileen Farwell
6/30 Kyle and Jennifer Johnson

June Birthdays

6/01 Charlie Robinson
6/01 Amy Eiffert
6/02 Carolyn DeGroot
6/02 Dave Rice
6/02 Debby McKinney
6/03 Bron Lewis
6/04 Irene Rice
6/04 Eric Corbett
6/04 Barbara Murphy
6/05 Steve Dehmlow
6/05 Phil Trussell
6/06 Wade Gargan
6/06 Madelyn Schult
6/09 Kyle Johnson
6/10 Leah Key
6/11 Eileen Farwell
6/11 David Key
6/11 Jane Brannon
6/16 Ella Sweetland
6/19 Natalie Mulford
6/20 Claire Ramsey
6/21 Greg Signer
6/21 Linda Nunley
6/22 Lynn Daw
6/23 Buddy Wert
6/24 Rob Lynch
6/25 Adam Honey
6/26 Bob Colloredo
6/27 Mitzi Gentry
6/28 Candace Blake
6/30 Jim Scothorn

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

Bible Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles (4 weeks)
led by Jack Rightmyer
Library

The word Chronicles literally means "the events of the days". Chronicles is a theological history which intends to inspire Israel once more to be a great people obedient to God. Into the world of the Diaspora, the people of Israel are called to be faithful witnesses. Their place of worship, the Temple, was to be the focal point everywhere. The Temple was not a tribal tabernacle, the house of holiness for the God of the universe.

We will see a United Kingdom under David who prepares the way, and Solomon who builds the Temple. After the death of Solomon, we will see the deterioration and division of Israel, the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple, the exile, and God's grace shone to Israel through the Persian King Cyrus II, whose edict allowed Israelites to return to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel.

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.

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on May 23, the Session:

- Approved vacation for Pastor Matt from June 6-19. Charles Snodgrass will preach on June 12, and Rev. Wendy Neff will preach on June 19.
- Discussed our Sunday morning worship schedule and took no action to alter it. The casual service will continue outdoors through the end of September (weather permitting) at 9:00 and the traditional service in the sanctuary will continue at 11:00. Both services are now livestreamed and recorded.
- Agreed to enter an agreement with Brewer Ingram Fuller architects for work on reviewing Room D (behind the library) so that it can be approved by the state for occupying children ages 2 ½ and younger for the Big Fish Academy preschool that begins in August.

Financial Report as of April 2022

	Actual for April	YTD April	YTD April Budget
Operating Income	\$53,635	\$239,796	\$212,741
CEP Income	\$12,203	\$49,695	\$49,140
Total Income	\$65,838	\$289,491	\$261,881
Operating Expenses	\$52,126	\$212,936	\$222,928
CEP Expenses	\$11,609	\$39,405	\$45,638
Total Expenses	\$63,735	\$252,341	\$268,566
Total Income less Expenses	\$2,102	\$37,150	(\$6,685)

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>



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.

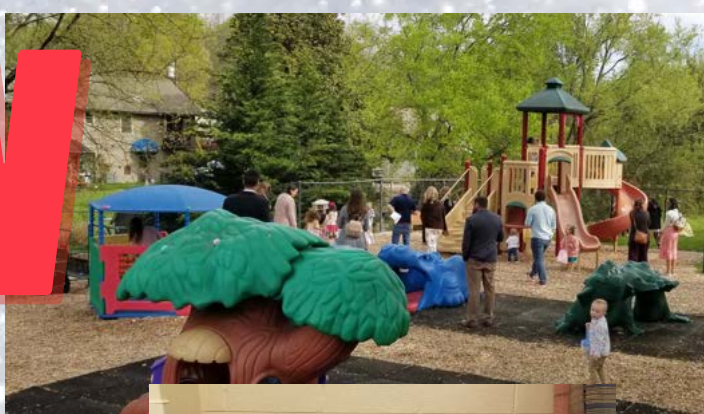
Sign up at:

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



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Go to smile.amazon.com
When you shop, Amazon donates.

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FELLOWSHIP



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