



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

May 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**

Sanctuary

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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



Endings and Beginnings

The month of May is upon us. May has different themes, spring in full bloom being primary. However, I've always thought of May as the ending of the school calendar—a time of finishing. Another year of learning comes to an end. And for graduates, a season of life closes.

At graduation, though, there is what we call “Commencement.” To commence is to begin, of course. So, graduation serves as both an ending to a season and the kick-off to another.

The transition from one season to another can be difficult —fall to winter, high school to college, employment to retirement, married to divorced, healthy to sick. Yet there is one constant through every transition: the steadfast presence and love of the Lord.

Psalm 36:1 reinforces this: “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

Holding firm to the confidence that God's love will always endure can make the transitions smoother and not so fearful. As we move from one state of health to another, one relationship to another, one phase of schooling to another, or one career to another, trusting that God's love will always be present can help make the rough places more like a plain.

In May here at FPC, we will mark the transitions of five young people from baptized members of the church to active members. They have spent the last several months going through a confirmation program that educates them on the many components of our faith. They have been challenged to put in writing what it is they believe about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And when they confess their faith in Jesus Christ on May 8, they will find the ending of the confirmation experience

to be a beginning of a new and more mature part of their faith journey. And the steadfast love of the Lord will accompany them.

On May 22, we will recognize our high school graduates. We will celebrate the completion of their high school careers and mark the upcoming beginning of college for them. And through it all, the steadfast love of the Lord will accompany them, too.

The psalmist said that God’s love endures. It endures everything our humanity creates for ourselves—success, failure, excitement, fun, boredom, fear, loss, and pain. From one season of life to another, God’s love never betrays us.

The Brief Statement of Faith from our Book of Confessions says it well: In life and in death, we belong to God.” And in Romans 8, Paul writes, “Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” So, in every ending and in every beginning—even the most extreme ones, we are in God’s loving arms. Let’s be thankful.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Rachael Hopson is graduating from Farragut High School and will enroll in the Rocky Top program at Pellissippi State University.



Jacob Nieman is graduating from Farragut High School. He will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall, majoring in Math.



Melena “Molly” Robinson is graduating from Bearden High School. She will be attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville this fall in the College of Arts & Sciences Exploratory program.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



FPC: REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS

Farragut Presbyterian Church believes that a very important part of our mission is to reach out to those in need, both in our local community and beyond. The 2021 financial support of a wide variety of agencies provides real evidence of our response to this commitment. The most significant indication of our commitment to this mission is the fact that 10% of the FPC annual budget is designated for outreach programs.

Where Does it Come From?

For 2021, the regular budget designation for outreach was \$63,060. In addition, \$44,362 was added to outreach through the combined efforts of:

- Faith Dollars
- Outreach Funds (beyond budget)
 - PCUSA Special Offerings
- Posies for the Pantry Flower Sale
 - Presbyterian Women
 - Presbyterian Men
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 - Souper Bowl collection

Overall, FPC served others by providing \$107,422 in 2021! That amounts to \$491 per giving unit at FPC.

Where Does It Go?

Waverly Flood Relief
Interfaith Health Clinic
Mission of Hope
Overseas Mission
Second Harvest
PW Birthday Offering
Bridge Refugee Services
KARM
Sunset Gap
Habitat for Humanity
Restoration House
Susannah's House
McNabb Center
VMC
Maryville College

Boys and Girls Club of TN Valley
Camp John Knox
CCAHT
Emerald Youth
Family Promise of Knoxville
Fellowship of the Least Coin
Living Waters for the World
Mission Haven
Mobile Meals
Morgan Scott Project
Place at the Table
Presbyterian Assistance
PW Thank Offering
Shepherd of Hope
UKirk

Most of these agencies receive funds on a quarterly basis and all are extremely thankful for the support we provide.

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 fpcn.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.

Family Promise of Knoxville

Drive Out Family Homelessness
Golf Tournament

WILLIAMS CREEK
golf course



Date and time

**Fri, May 20, 2022
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT**

Location

**Williams Creek Golf Course
2351 Dandridge Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37915**

Fundraising & Festivities to benefit families with children experiencing homelessness in Knox County and the surrounding area.

About this event: We are inviting you and your team to be a part of the solution for family homelessness in Knoxville by registering for our 4th annual Drive Out Family Homelessness Golf Tournament. We are excited to host this year's friendly fundraiser at Williams Creek Golf Course on Friday, May 20. We will be encouraging social-distancing throughout the event and masks will be strongly encouraged when indoors. We will tee off at 9:00 am this year. Tickets are purchased in team and individual options. Only purchase one team ticket per team, please. Format will be a four-person shotgun playing a powerball scramble.

Cost is \$125/person or \$400/team.

Includes golf, cart, lunch, snacks and range balls. \$10 putting contest. \$20 for 2 mulligans.

**Send names and check to Family Promise of Knoxville,
PO Box 10184, Knoxville, TN 37939.**

COALITION FOR APPALACHIAN MINISTRY CAM CABIN CRAFTS

SPRING has arrived which means we are organizing another trip to Townsend to take crafting supplies to CAM (Coalition of Appalachian Ministries) on a date in May to be determined later. Needed are all sewing supplies and fabric, yarn, clean pint-size canning jars, and even costume jewelry. For more information or to arrange a pick-up, call Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster. Anyone wanting to ride along is most welcome: we always enjoy our lunch out!



Just off Highway 321 in eastern Tennessee, twenty miles west of Gatlinburg and near the entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, stands a modest log craft cabin and a small adjoining house known as the "Weller Cottage." The cabin and cottage play a vital role in the ministry of Reformed and Presbyterian churches to Appalachia.

The Craft Cabin Outlet is one of the several ministries of the Coalition for Appalachian Ministries (CAM). It provides a place for low income, and local crafters throughout Appalachia to sell their handcrafted items. The proceeds from craft sales help provide a supplement to their often low incomes.

We invite you to visit us at the Craft Cabin and see first hand the variety of crafts available, or check out a sampling of our craft inventory available online for purchase.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF



Family MINISTRY



FPC FAMILY HANGOUT

Bring the kids and your lunch and join other FPC families for a monthly hangout involving food, fun, and fellowship!

The next hangout is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org.

RAIN GUTTER REGATTA and PICNIC

Ahoy! It's off to the races with a spring regatta on Saturday, May 14 from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone will have the opportunity to design and build their winning boat with all supplies provided. Boats will be propelled with water blasters so watch out for the splash zone!

This is a church-wide event with hotdogs, chips and cookies provided for lunch. Trophies will be awarded for excellence in boat building and design. Volunteers are needed as Race Officials and Boat Building Buddies to partner with junior boat builders.

RSVP to Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org so we can have sufficient food and supplies on hand.



Hello All,

As the school year ends, students are often itching to be free from the daily routine of busyness that consumes their lives from August to May. Whether it be endless homework or after school activities every day of the week, most students are constantly on the go during the school year. However, while children and youth often ache for Summer and the perceived freedom it brings, they often are even busier during the summer months. Whether it be summer sports leagues or taking on a new hobby, kids are constantly on the go. With this unceasing busyness that our young people find themselves in, it can often be hard to fit church activities into their busy schedules. However, Summer allows churches the opportunity to connect with young people in different more intentional ways than during the school year. This year, FPC Family Ministries has a very exciting lineup of amazing opportunities for our kids and youth to participate in that is sure to provide ample time for healthy and Christ-centered fellowship.

For our youth, starting May 15, we will shift to our Summer programming which includes exciting trips such as Dollywood, tubing, and much more! Also, our high school aged youth will be going to the mountains of North Carolina for the 2022 Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. We are so excited to have youth from First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir City join us this year, as I also serve as their youth coordinator.

As for our children's ministry here at FPC, we have a whole slate of fun activities planned! First and foremost, we will be continuing our KidZone program through the Summer with an amazing theme of "Knights of the North Castle!" We are so excited to be able to take kids on an awesome Summer medieval adventure through some of the Bible's most engaging stories! Summer KidZone will begin June 5 during the entirety of the 9 am service. More details will follow soon.

Also, we will be having some really exciting opportunities for the entire church family to come together during the Summer! We will continue our monthly FPC Family Hangouts at noon on the first Sunday of every month. These hangouts are opportunities for people from the church to come together in fellowship and share a meal together. All you need to do is bring yourself, a lunch, and meet us in the fellowship hall at 12 pm on the first Sunday of each month! Next, on Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm we will be hosting our 1st Annual FPC Rain Gutter Regatta and Picnic. Come design and build a winning boat from the provided materials! We would love it to have some Boat Building Buddies to partner with kids to build the best boat possible! If you are interested in helping out please contact me via email!

More information about all the awesome events happening in the Family Ministry here at FPC will be shared as the Summer begins! If you are interested in being a part of the awesome team working to plan these amazing events, please reach out and let me know!

Peace & Blessings,
Mason Warren
Director of Family Ministries

JOIN US FOR THE

FPC Foodies!

**WE GATHER IN GROUPS OF 6-8.
EACH PARTICIPANT BRINGS AN ASSIGNED DISH
FROM A PROVIDED MENU, RECIPE INCLUDED.
WE MEET AT A DESIGNATED HOST HOUSE.**

**The dates and menus are listed here.
Sign up for the May Foodies in the Narthex.
Please come and join this fun fellowship event.**

**If you have questions contact Pat Hickman
865-458-9899**

May 14

Appetizer- Veggies and Dip (FF)

Entree - Lamb chops with Mint Jelly (Costco lamb chops are a good price)

Feta, Peas, and Mint Salad

Herbed Roasted Potatoes

Dessert - Mini Chocolate Carmel Cheesecake

July 23

Summer picnic at Mikie's Lake House

Hamburgers, brats and hotdogs will be provided (5 dollar per person)

There will be a sign up for appetizers, salads, and desserts.

October 15

Appetizer - Brie with Caramelized Onions (FF, Trader Joe's)

Entre - Roasted Pork Loin

Boursin Mashed Potatoes

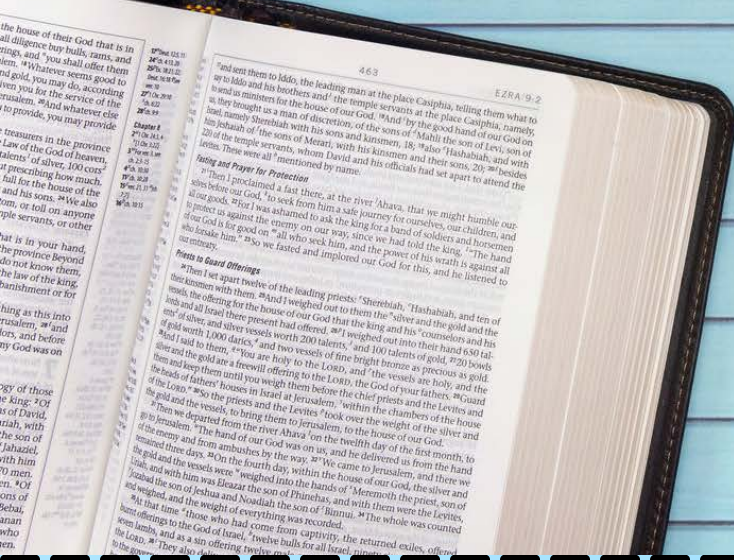
Roasted Broccolini

Dessert - Apple Pear Crisp with Ice cream

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 May 12 and 26
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

Symbolism of Colors in Traditional Worship

I recently had someone ask me about the stoles the choir wears on their robes. The choir's robes are styled traditionally, in a flax color, with stoles worn over the top, which are in the four liturgical colors: purple for Advent and Lent, green for Ordinary Time, white for Christmas and Easter, and red for Pentecost. I read something several years ago about robes by the theologian Paul Westermeyer that gave me a new perspective on their purpose and use. Robes, he said, are not meant to dress us up, but rather to dress us down. They really serve to cover up who we are individually, while we are in the act of worship. They are, in a sense, uniforms, symbols of our role in worship, so that ministers and choir members may be recognized. But they are also uniforms in that they make us "one form;" we all become equal. No one has nicer clothes than anyone else, we all become the same shape and the same color. We become anonymous servants of God. The attention is not to be focused on us, but directed at God, the object and subject of true worship. It is not that we are not each unique individuals, all loved by God, which we are. It is just that, in worship, we wish not to receive the attention ourselves, but to offer the glory to God in thanks and praise in response to God's grace. I think that is very good for us to do.

Our organist, Tami Newsom has a slightly different robe. Her robe is an organist's cassock. This is mainly for functional reasons; the styling of the robe allows easier access to the organ pedals. Tami invites anyone who would like to see how her new robe works differently to visit with her at the conclusion of the postlude after worship.

These stoles our choir wears, many of which were generously crafted by our very own Sewing Sisters, are reversible and are in the four colors we use at different times during the liturgical season. When I was asked recently about the colors, and what they symbolize, I was reminded that even though we have used these colors in the paraments on our pulpit and lectern for years, the reasons why might be something we took for granted. I personally have found symbols and the liturgical year very educational; they have enriched my understanding and appreciation of the Christian story.

The book, *The Symbols of the Church* by Maurice Dilasser includes this about liturgical colors in general: "In the present human condition in finite space and the limitation of time, the perception of the world is received through appearances. The colors combine in the splendor of natural light and reveal the

uncreated light, the divine Word. Their liturgical symbolism follows from the language of colors.” The most common liturgical colors are blue or purple for Advent and Lent, white for Christmas and Easter, green for Ordinary Time, and red for Pentecost Sunday. Much of what follows is taken from Dilasser’s book.

Purple is the color of majesty for the coming of the King of Kings. It is also the color of Saturn, suited to the autumnal passage from life to death, to trials and ordeals. Purple replaced black in the 13th century, which was used for times of mourning and penance, vigils, Advent, and Lent. While purple has traditionally been the liturgical color for Advent and Lent, Blue is increasingly used for Advent, especially in Protestant churches, to distinguish it from Lent. Blue symbolizes the sky or heaven, where heralds proclaimed Jesus' birth. In some traditions, it symbolizes Mary, who is known as "the Queen of Heaven." It can also symbolize the waters of Genesis 1, the beginning of a new creation.

White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. The New Testament consistently uses white to describe angels and the risen Lord. In the ancient Church, people were given white robes as soon as they emerged from the waters of baptism. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as for baptism, marriage, ordination, and dedications. It is also used for memorial services and funerals as a symbol of the resurrection.

Green is the color of Venus and contrary to purple, marks the return of life in spring and conveys hope. It is the color of plants and purifying waters which regenerate. Liturgical green is symbolic of the “Tree of Life.” Green is the color of Ordinary Time as it also represents the last days and the expectation of the world to come.

Red is the color of Mars and the color of fire, blood, and passion. Since Vatican II, red represents the spilt blood of Christ, and can also be used on Passion Sunday and Good Friday. Red is also the color of the flames of love and the tongues of fire of Pentecost.

Of course, this is just a brief overview of the fascinating symbolism of colors used in the church. I encourage you to explore and learn more. Symbolism can make our worship and our spiritual journey more meaningful, especially if we understand their symbolic meaning.

SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY MAY 1 6:00 PM UT ACAPPELLA ENSEMBLES



REVOLUTION



UT SINGERS



VOLUME

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, May 26

11:30 am

Aubrey's

Middlebrook Pike

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 24, 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, Dean Fleming, Faye Greenlaw, Ron Griffith, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Jaci Marks, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Dorean Stuewe, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, George White

Bereaved

The family of Cathy Dorman

The people of Ukraine

Those struggling with COVID

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Birth

Kirsten and Marc Maley would like to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Charles "TC" Maley, born on Saturday, April 16! TC was born at 8:26 am weighing in at 7 pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long. He has a full head of hair and is absolutely perfect! Praise be to God.

Marc And Kirsten Maley
10332 Banjo Lane
Knoxville TN 37932



Dear beloved FPC family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, support, and meals this past year. They have meant so much to Jimmy and me, and we are so fortunate to be part of such a compassionate and generous congregation. You have been at my side these past 6 years during multiple surgeries and recoveries lifting me up and showering me with positive thoughts and prayers. I am at home now with a full time aide and a long way to go to achieve some independence again. Please come visit!!
Love, Beth Loyless

In Memorandum—with Gratitude

As my beloved Cathy set sail for the Promised Land, you folks made the sail billow with kindness and prayers. As her trials ended and her pain ceased, she traveled light and her travel was smooth and filled with joy and anticipation. She told me this, and she left me and the girls her Love and Memories—to share together and to show and distribute to others. I now know the meaning of the phrase to “Love someone more than Life itself.” And now you have turned thoughts and prayers my way, laying soft with words of care and understanding. In my solitude I am humbled by your warmth and a soft light of wisdom as my world tries to turn dark and cold in my confusion. I reach for Cathy to encounter only a snowfall of loneliness. Your thoughts, cards and expressions of concern become beacons to turn the cold snowflakes to warm Spring raindrops with a hint of that sunshine which follows the rain. I love you.

Please note that your generous contributions to St Jude’s in Cathy’s name have been noted and gratitude expressed. Children are benefitting due to Cathy’s earthly life and your affection for her.

Thank you, Frank Dorman

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank Darrell Sparks and Scout Troop 444 who set up the Fellowship Hall for the Palm Sunday Brunch and to the gracious folks who helped take down and clean up. YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!! Gary Heidinger

A HUGE thank you to Eric and Lori Corbett, Thom Haig, Ken Ladrack, Eric Nicholls, Irene Rice, and Bob Upchurch for all their hard work at our Annual Spring Clean-up. While few in numbers, much was accomplished, especially the areas around the main entrances to the church.

May Anniversaries

- 5/04 Chuck and Karen Brown Gonzalez
- 5/04 Liam and Margo McClish
- 5/18 Mitchell Adams and Laura McFee-Adams
- 5/10 Tom and Sharon Koch
- 5/11 Chuck and Mitzi Gentry
- 5/14 Kirby and Gloria Purjet
- 5/15 Jim and Jessy Rich
- 5/19 Fred and Jean Peretz
- 5/21 Christopher and Lori Patterson
- 5/28 Alan and Melody White
- 5/28 Gary and Beth Mitchell
- 5/31 Philip and Ruth Jacobs

May Birthdays

- 5/01 Janet Tinder
- 5/01 Helen Nalley
- 5/05 Connie Rutenber
- 5/05 Pat Dail
- 5/05 Bruce Wilson
- 5/06 Holly Morrell
- 5/06 Beth Hallman
- 5/06 Brenda Selecman
- 5/08 Wayne Davis
- 5/08 Jason Campbell
- 5/09 Hazel West
- 5/09 David Long
- 5/10 Rachel Hopson
- 5/10 Carolyn Caldwell
- 5/11 Ann McAnally
- 5/12 George White
- 5/15 Kathryn Robinson
- 5/17 Paul Gary
- 5/17 Ginger Grunke
- 5/18 Jenny Trussell
- 5/19 David Bolus
- 5/19 Beth Ralph
- 5/20 Angie Batey
- 5/21 Dennis Starr
- 5/22 Bill Nelson
- 5/23 Liza Wright
- 5/24 Jeff Gary
- 5/25 Judith Bradbury
- 5/26 Tim Schult
- 5/27 Jaci Marks
- 5/29 Norma Foriska

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 April 25, the Session:

- Held a wide-ranging discussion of our worship styles and Sunday morning schedule, assessing strengths and weaknesses and how our worship program positions us to be our best at making disciples of Jesus Christ. The Session will continue to be in prayer and will have ongoing discussions at future meetings.
- Celebrated the success of the Posies for the Pantry plant sale on April 23 to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. The final total on money raised is still being tallied, but it could very well be a record high for the event. Thanks to Betty Nicholls and her team of volunteers for making it happen.
- Heard of possible changes to our classrooms that may have to be made to accommodate the new childcare license being sought by Big Fish Academy to operate their preschool program in our facility starting in August. Our architect, Lee Ingram, is having conversations with the state fire marshal's office to discern what this would entail. The Session has not yet approved any changes or expense for those changes.

Financial Report as of March 2022

	Actual for March	YTD March	YTD March Budget
Operating Income	\$67,182	\$186,161	\$162,657
CEP Income	\$12,855	\$37,493	\$36,905
Total Income	\$80,037	\$223,653	\$199,562
Operating Expenses	\$65,501	\$160,810	\$169,418
CEP Expenses	\$9,975	\$27,796	\$33,072
Total Expenses	\$75,476	\$188,605	\$202,490
Total Income less Expenses	\$4,561	\$35,048	(\$2,928)

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.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Support Farragut Presbyterian Church
Go to smile.amazon.com
When you shop, Amazon donates.

Pastor

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