



**PRAISING GOD  
SERVING OTHERS  
GROWING IN FAITH**

# Good News Banner

November 2022

## **Farragut Presbyterian Church**

209 Jamestowne Blvd.  
Knoxville, TN 37934  
865-966-9547  
office@fpctn.org  
www.fpctn.org

## **Office Hours**

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

## **Worship**

**9:00 am**

**Casual Service**

**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



## Loving Well

Christian writer John Mogabgab has come to see that success in this world comes down to a single, simple, and disturbingly profound question: Have I loved well?

I'm not sure that would be the criterion the rest of the world would use to define earthly success, but I do agree more and more with Mogabgab's sentiment. Repeatedly asking ourselves if we have "loved well" could very well be the most important barometer for finding meaningful success throughout our life journeys.

This past Monday, I sat in front of cameras and lights to answer some questions for a series of videos we are having produced about FPC that will be posted on social media over the next several months. The topics ranged from our worship to our fellowship to our service and to our spirit as a congregation.

When I was finished, I reflected on how I answered the interviewer's questions. And I realized that I concluded just about every response with something about how the people of FPC join forces for the purpose of loving our neighbors. Again and again, I talked about serving, being disciples, and uniting amid differences all for the sake of loving others.

I think that does define us. We're concerned; we're concerned to the point where we want to do something to meet the needs of the world around us. Jesus said, "Love one another." And that's what we aim to do.

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is "Taking care of each other, our church, our community." When we make our financial commitments to the work of FPC on November 13, we're in essence pledging to "love well" in 2023. Taking care of those around us—near and far—is one way we fulfill our call to love our neighbors.

Thank you for loving—and loving well. It satisfies.

# Consecration Sunday is coming!

---

November 13, 2022



Why are you generous? It's a question we all should ask ourselves as we give our treasure, time, and talent to the church and other

worthy entities. Each year, we encourage the congregation to answer that question as we all consider how supportive we will be in committing our money to the work of the church in the next year.

The consecration theme for this year is *Taking Care of Each Other, Our Church, Our Community*. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:13 says, "And the greatest of these is love." Love ascends over every other human behavior. When we practice the same love God has for us, we're able to take care of everyone we hold dear, including each other, our church, and our community.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13, we are asking our attendees and members to make their **financial commitments** as our generous response to God's provision and so that our church's many ministries in this community and around the world will be supported in 2023.

In the next few days, everyone will receive in the mail an **Estimate of Giving Card**. **Please bring it with you to worship on November 13**. During morning worship, we will make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. And then, that evening (following a two-year absence), we're once again hosting a church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00. To make your reservation, you can go online: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCThanksgiving2022>, or fill out a reservation card provided during worship.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in this year's Consecration Sunday events.

The Consecration Sunday Team

*Jerry Martin, Tom Koch, Karen Ellis, Gayle Williams,  
Jack Rightmyer, Jeff Thode, Matt Nieman*



# Outreach

## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



The next VMC lunch will be on Tuesday, November 15 coordinated by Joyce Williams. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to help with this meal.



# Coming Soon

Look for the sign up for Sunset Gap Christmas November 6. We are sponsoring 40 children this year. We will have both on-site and, on-line signups available. Deadline for return is Sunday, December 4.

Please extend our gratitude to all involved in the food drive and school supplies. These will make a huge difference in so many families lives. The food drive will help us provide for so many families that are in need. The school supplies will benefit so many teachers and children. Thank you and God bless. Audrey, Sunset Gap



# CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING

## SUPPORTING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERS

When we gather with friends and family at Christmas, we celebrate the many gifts that we have both given and received. Looking toward the Star of Bethlehem, we give thanks for the blessings of the past year and anticipate a future filled with hope and possibility. We live in hope that the Christmas gift we offer is exactly what that special person has been hoping for. Yet for those of us celebrating Advent's expectation, we know that the only perfect gift ever given is the one we receive in Jesus Christ.

The perfect gift. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us – past, present and future – who have pointed us to God.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

The final Special Offering for 2022 is the annual Christmas Joy Offering which will be collected between now and December 18.

### To Donate:

**Use an envelope provided at the church or send a check to FPC with Christmas Joy Special Offering on the memo line or submit a gift through e-giving at [fpctn.org](http://fpctn.org)**





Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church



Kid  
Zone



Join Us for KIDZONE WILD ENCOUNTERS!

*Bring the kids to FPC KidZone at 9 am on Sundays for a wild time with animal friends! These engaging animals will guide the children through historical bible events.*

*Adult helpers and substitutes are always needed – please contact Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) for more information.*



# FAMILY ADVENT GIFT MAKING

*Saturday, November 19, 10 am - 12 pm*  
*Fellowship Hall*

We're expanding our craft tables! Kick off the holiday season by joining us for our annual Advent Gift Making Workshop. This year we are asking parents or grandparents to attend with their children ages three through 5th grade. Come watch your little elves work on holiday ornaments, gifts, and other craft projects they wrap to take home.

We also need helper elves (volunteers!) Please reach out to Carol Gardiner, Denise Griffin, or Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) to RSVP, volunteer, or for more information.





# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

## MICKEY'S ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 10

3-5 PM

We'll have a series of short films and wonderful Christmas activities for children ages preschool - 5th grade. We understand Santa will make an appearance with photo opportunities on the Polar Express! Please RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).







UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHAMBER SINGERS  
FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHANCEL CHOIR  
MEMBERS OF THE KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# *Handel's Messiah*

DR. ANGELA BATEY, CONDUCTOR

*Date: 20 November, 2022*

*Time: 3:00 pm*

*Farragut Presbyterian Church  
209 Jamestowne Boulevard  
Knoxville, TN 37934*

# 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. Breakfast, coffee, and great fellowship provided!

**!!!CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER!!!**

**Join us November 3 and 17  
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*



**Presbyterian Women in the  
Presbytery of East Tennessee  
Community, Presbyterian Missions  
Set Tone at Fall Spiritual Retreat**

**Presbyterian Women from across East Tennessee gathered at the John Knox Center for the annual Fall Spiritual Retreat 2022 October 8. In just one fall day, the women stocked the supply pantry at the John Knox Center with donations, heard Mission Co-worker Nancy Dimmock talk about her family's mission work in Africa, and made quilted hearts to share with people in need of hope. And they enjoyed fellowship.**

**"We are just blown away by the gifts & donated items they brought to support this ministry," said JKC director Bri Payne of the paper towels, dish detergent, markers, gift cards and other items women brought.**

**"Everyone was very enthusiastic about being together in person again," said PWPET Moderator Becky Thomason, who with Connie Umbach led the donation drive.**

**At the event:**

**--Nancy and Ann Myers, the Tennessee representative to Mission Haven spoke about Mission Haven, which provides affordable, short-term housing to mission co-workers of the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

**--The "Bees" craft group of First Presbyterian Lenoir City led the group in making Hope Hearts, quilted hearts that remind hurting people God loves them.**

**--Jessica Lewis, recipient of the PWPET 2022 scholarship and a seminary student at the Dubuque Theological Seminary, gave a presentation.**



**Connie Umbach and Becky Thomason with PWPET donations to the John Knox Center given by attendees of the Spiritual Retreat October 8.**



## Chair Yoga

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY  
10 AM  
30-MINUTE CLASS IN  
THE 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!**



A collage of photos showing a golf group on a course, a group photo indoors, and a golf ball on a green. The photos are arranged in a collage style with overlapping edges. One photo shows a group of people on a golf course, another shows a group of people indoors, and a third shows a golf ball on a green. There is also a photo of a golfer swinging a club.

The 2022 EPC Fellowship Golf season ended on Wednesday, October 19 with a chilly, but beautiful, 9-hole round at Avalon Country Club followed with pizza and fun at the home of Wayne and MaryAnne Walls. Our sincere thanks to Wayne for sending weekly reminder emails, organizing teams, securing tee times, and enlisting a substitute (usually Kathy Emmerson) to cover his duties whenever he and MaryAnne were out of town.

If you would like to join us next spring, watch for information in our Good News Banner newsletter, our weekly bulletins, or announcements on our website: [www.factn.org](http://www.factn.org)





Ready for some holiday fun?

# HOLIDAY PARTY AND GIFT STEAL

Christmas carols, sumptuous  
food and drink, and lots of love!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

6-9 PM

HOME OF JENNY AND PHIL TRUSSELL

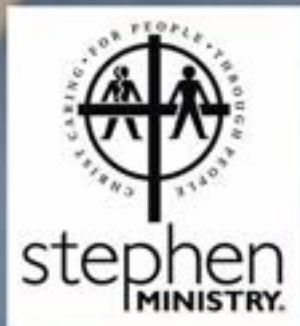
Please RSVP to Jenny Trussell at  
[cedarstudios4@gmail.com](mailto:cedarstudios4@gmail.com)  
Address and directions given at RSVP.

This casual adults night out event is for all  
singles and couples.

Bring a dish to share (anything goes),  
and DON'T FORGET,

bring a wrapped unisex gift per person for the  
gift steal (approximate value \$10 - \$20).

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

Candice Blake, Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Barb Emery, Billie Fain, Dean Fleming, Chuck Foriska, Tyrone Gregory, Ron Griffith, Susan Harbin, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Larry Roberts, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Jerry Seiler, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, George White, Kent Williams

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

Prayers for the Stuewe family in the death of FPC charter member Dorean Stuewe on October 9.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**November 29, 11 am**

**NOTE NEW TIME**

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.

Dear faithful friends,  
We are so very grateful for all of you - our church family - for the many expressions of love, comfort, condolences, and support you have shared with us during Robert's illness and passing. Your care for us during this time has meant so much to us. We have received so many cards, hugs, kind words, and prayers - your love and friendship has lifted us up and sustained us. We are so grateful that our whole family was able to visit with Robert and share in fond memories just 2 weeks before he passed - God's loving presence and perfect timing were so evident! We love you all, thank you!

In Christ,

Joanie Scheuer and Barbara Kivlin

Dear FPC Friends,  
Thanks with all my heart for the many kindnesses you have shown me during my recent hip surgery. Your calls, cards, email, and most of all, prayers, were so appreciated. Barb Emery



## November Anniversaries

11/01	Hal and Jeanie Oakley
11/07	David and Liz Gargan
11/10	Scott and Betsy Henderson
11/14	Kent and Joyce Williams
11/20	Jim and Carolyn Caldwell
11/26	Jim and Jan Brannon
11/29	Andy and Merle Andrew

## November Birthdays

11/01	Mary Lutz
11/01	Becky Thomason
11/02	Dee Robinson
11/02	Debbie Long
11/05	Steve Plumlee
11/06	Sue Burton
11/06	Darren Schmitz
11/09	Tyrone Gregory
11/13	Nancy Pevey
11/14	David Countiss
11/16	Margo Gregory
11/16	Laura Hofman
11/17	Collin Greaser
11/18	John Huntley
11/21	Jan Seiler
11/21	Laura Colloredo
11/21	Gale Montgomery
11/24	John Montgomery
11/25	Robert Olberding
11/25	Beth Honey
11/26	Ron Griffith
11/28	Rick Van Allen
11/30	Helen Agee
11/30	Kathy Emmerson

*Celebrate each other*



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## Pastor Matt's Class

Library

*We Make the Road by Walking*

Brian McLaren

If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey. From critically acclaimed author Brian McLaren comes a brilliant retelling of the biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith.

- Cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in 21st century
- Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage
- Reimagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace

## **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

Meets on Zoom led by Elizabeth Wilson

Beginning September 8

Join us for the finish line! The Thursday evening Bible study is discussing Book V of the Psalms this year. This is the part of the Psalter that has the longest psalm, the shortest psalm, the angriest psalm, and the highest percentage of praise psalms. We have great conversations and many laughs at our weekly Zoom meetings, and even more at our occasional parties.

## Youth Sunday School

Room 10, Led by Mason Warren

Join us each week for a look at a different book of the New Testament.

## Monday Connection

Led by David Long

Room A

*Grateful*

*The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*

Diana Butler Bass

If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. *Grateful* shows "it is not impossible to imagine a society based on gratitude. It merely takes courage, creativity, and trust." (Los Angeles Review of Books)

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In *Grateful*, cultural observer and theologian Diana Butler Bass takes on this "gratitude gap" and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Elizabeth Wilson

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. There's an optional lesson handout, but you can also join us for the conversation. In nice weather we meet outside under the trees, in bad weather we meet in the parlor.



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on October 24, the Session:

- Heard from the Administration Committee that the budgeting process for 2023 is underway. The Session will approve the budget at its meeting on December 13.
- Expressed appreciation to the Church Life Committee for the wonderful Tailgate Luncheon held following worship on October 23. 120 people were served, and attendees very much appreciated the opportunity to be together for good food and fellowship.
- Agreed with the recommendation of the Property Committee to replace two failed furnaces in the sanctuary at a total cost of \$12,500. Funds for the replacements will come mostly from the strategic reserve fund.
- Received an urgent plea from the Christian Education Committee regarding volunteers needed for the Fall-a-palooza (Trunk or Treat) event on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7 p.m. in the church parking lot.

## Financial Report as of September 2022

	Actual for Sept	YTD Sept	YTD
Operating Income	\$46,379	\$531,103	\$491,125
CEP Income	\$0	\$61,713	\$61,575
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$46,379</b>	<b>\$592,816</b>	<b>\$552,700</b>
Operating Expenses	\$59,716	\$465,256	\$506,291
CEP Expenses	\$0	\$50,995	\$56,781
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$59,716</b>	<b>\$516,252</b>	<b>\$563,072</b>
<b>Total Income less Expenses</b>	<b>(\$13,338)</b>	<b>\$76,565</b>	<b>(\$10,372)</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.



Support Farragut Presbyterian Church  
Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)  
When you shop, Amazon donates.



**Pastor**

**Reverend Matt Nieman**  
**matt@fpctn.org**  
**402-660-2451 (call or text)**



**Administrative Staff**

**Dawn Zilles**  
**Office Administrator**  
**office@fpctn.org**  
**865-966-9547**

**Lori Corbett**  
**Bookkeeper**  
**bookkeeperfpc@gmail.com**

**Mason Warren**  
**Director of Family Ministry**  
**masonwarren@fpctn.org**

**Music Ministry**

**Dr. Angela Batey**  
**Director of Music**  
**abatey@utk.edu**

**Dr. Khyle Wooten**  
**Casual Service Worship Leader**  
**khylebwooten@gmail.com**

**Tami Newsom**  
**Associate Director of Music**  
**tnewsom3@utk.edu**

**Session**

**Administration**

**Kirby Purjet**  
**Jack Rightmyer**

**Christian Education**

**Denise Griffin**  
**Jenny Trussell**

**Church Life**

**Gary Heidinger**  
**Jane Bolus**

**Outreach**

**Buck Jones**  
**Kirk Morris**

**Property**

**Mark Allen**  
**Darrell Sparks**

**Worship and Music**

**Sharon Koch**  
**Catherine Manning**

**Clerk of Session**

**Janet Tinder**