



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

October 2023

Farragut Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours

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

Worship

9:00 am

**Casual Service
Front Parking Lot
Bring a lawn chair**

11:00 am

**Traditional Service
Sanctuary**

<https://tinyurl.com/fpclivestream>

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



Being There

In John 15:15, Jesus said, “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

It’s significant that Jesus defines friendship here as an elimination of status barriers, such as master/slave. Friends are equals (they know each other’s business). On this day, the disciples became more than servants or followers or partners in a cause. They became friends.

Friendships are important.

When it comes to friendships in America today, statistics say they are not as plentiful as they once were. According to an American Perspectives Survey, between 1990 and 2021, the percentage of Americans reporting that they had no close friends at all quadrupled. For men, the number had risen to 15 percent. Almost half of all Americans surveyed reported having three close friends or fewer.

What’s the solution to this friendship crisis? It rests mostly on being diligent in their development and maintenance. Nurturing our friendships is important, but unfortunately, they get left by the wayside due to a variety of reasons (people moving or transitioning into a new season of life is the biggest).

Here at FPC, one of our biggest assets is our sense of community. And it’s within our community that deep friendships can hopefully form and grow.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, “Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art, like the universe itself (for God did not need to create). It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival.”

Friendship gives value to survival. Indeed. Especially when life is difficult—a painful moment comes, a hard decision needs to be made, or the loneliness of a moment persists—friendships make going on in the face of adversity worth the heartache.

Value your friendships. Nurture them. And watch them grow.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



New member **Marilyn Felts** lives a quiet life of retirement these days, spending her winters in her home on Santa Rosa Beach, FL, and her summers in her home in Glen Abbey, but she lived in far more exotic places while she and her deceased husband Jim raised their family in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico for eight years. Jim, a “farm boy”, who worked for the Austin Company advised farmers about improving their crops in Mexico, but also in Brazil, Chile, and Argentina. Their daughter and son spoke Spanish almost as their first language, although they always claimed it was “children’s Spanish”. The family moved to Mexico City, where they were members of an Interdenominational Church for English-speaking Protestants.

An ordained Elder, Marilyn was on the pastor search committee

when they called their new pastor from Denton, TX (most of the pastors were Presbyterian). While she was a member of that church choir, the congregation was delighted to welcome Pat Boone, who dropped in to sing with them and join in worship.

Returning to the states when their kids were in high school, the family lived in Greeneville, and were active in the Cumberland Presbyterian church there. Again, Marilyn was part of a pastor search committee, but even more enjoyable was a Clown Ministry that she organized among her young people. They all dressed as clowns, did service projects, and even took their group to the Triennium. What she remembers the most about that trip is how hot it was, with all of them in full costume and make-up. Each one had a clown name, and Marilyn’s was Agape.

Marilyn’s daughter Debbie lives with her family in Villa Rica, GA, has two daughters, and Marilyn’s fourth great grandchild is due in mid-October in Nashville, to join three great-grandchildren. Son David lives in Farragut and is the father of two sons. Marilyn joins on transfer of membership from West Emory Presbyterian Church.

INQUIRER CLASS

Matt will be leading two weeks of a class for interested visitors, as well as any curious member of the congregation. Called an “Inquirer Class”, Matt will cover a short review of Reformed Theology and specifically what Presbyterians feel is important to their faith. This is also a time to learn more about the mission and outreach emphasis here at FPC. Have you ever wondered what responsibilities the Administration Committee has? or Church Life? Come meet Matt in the Fellowship Hall at 10am on October 15 and 22, to find out. For more information check with Dawn in the church office, or Mikie at mikielancaster@gmail.com.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Sunset Gap Food Pantry Drive

Please join Presbyterian Women to help stock Sunset Gap food pantry. They are serving from 443-597 families each month in 2023. Items most needed are the basics - **flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, preferably in cans**, (Hunts is available at

Kroger and Walmart). We will be collecting Sept 17- Oct 8. Thank you for your generosity during this period when unemployment seasonally increases.

Questions ? Contact Debbie Long

OCTOBER TRIP TO CAM

With the falling leaves of October comes the scheduling of a trip to The CAM craft store in Townsend to bring them the supplies crafters have donated while cleaning out their closets. The trip is planned for late

October. Anyone wishing to ride along should contact Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster. (deborah.long112@gmail.com) (mikielancaster@gmail.com).

While always happy to receive any donations, some specific items are very needed. These include: zippers any size, thread especially brown, black and white, buttons especially 1/2" black, and quilt batting. Some crafters have specific needs: enough fleece for baby blankets or flannel for lap covers; printed fabric, especially featuring chickens, bears, and cats. There are crafters who take old bandanas and old jeans to make cute items, as well as old costume jewelry, which can include that one earring, or broken necklaces. Very cute Christmas ornaments are made out of light bulbs, either new or blown.

Donations can be given to Mikie or Debbie or they can be brought to a marked collection basket in the Narthex

SHEPHERD OF HOPE

Holiday Food Drive

NEEDED ITEMS

STUFFING MIX
CAKE MIX
CAKE ICING



FPC has been asked to contribute the above items for the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Holiday Baskets. Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Please place any donated items in the shopping cart in the Narthex labeled "Shepherd of Hope Pantry"



Join the FPC Family Ministry, in collaboration with Faith Lutheran, for this year's Trunk or Treat, as we embark on a wild jungle adventure hunting for all kinds of treasure! This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 22 from 5-7 pm in the FPC parking lot. If you are interested in hosting a trunk this year, volunteering your time, or donating prizes, please reach out to Mason Warren, masonwarren@fpctn.org, as soon as possible. If you are interested in donating prizes, please contact Mason Warren to receive a list of requested prizes.

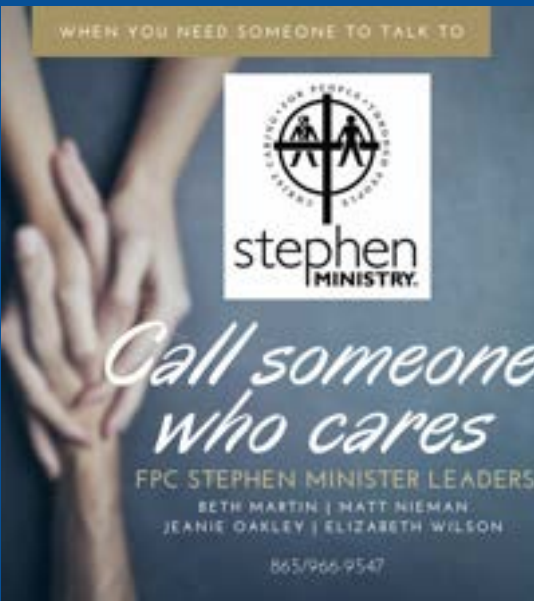
MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

October 24
11 am

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.



Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1
2nd Tuesday, 10 am
Leaders: Janet Tinder
865-556-8193
Kathy Emmerson

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 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. 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.

Check us out on Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) or on Instagram: PWPCUSA, Inc.
www.presbyterianwomen.org

Men's Bible Study

October 12 and 26
8 a.m. / Narthex

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!

Chair Yoga

MONDAY AND FRIDAY
10:00 - 10:30 AM
NARTHEX

Class designed for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

TGIF Gentle Yoga

FRIDAY 7:00 - 8:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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!



PWPET FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 28

Make plans to attend the 2023 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at the John Knox Center on Saturday, October 28! You will enjoy the autumn weather, a wonderful speaker, delicious lunch, and great fellowship.

The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include lunch. The cost to attend is \$10. A registration form will soon follow.

Kay Peas of Wabash, IN, will speak, using the theme of “Fingerprints on Me” -- Great Grandmothers’ Fingerprints,

Grandmothers’ Fingerprints, and Mothers’ Fingerprints. A veteran speaker at seminars, workshops and banquets, Peas taught Sunday school at Somerset Methodist and then Wabash Friends churches of Wabash for 47 years.

The mission focus of the Fall Gathering will be in support of Sunset Gap’s need for funds to repair the engine of its refrigerated truck, which is used to provide fresh produce, milk and eggs to recipients of its food distribution program. We hope attendees will donate generously to support the needs of one of our long-standing mission partners. More information to come soon!



FOODIES

Saturday, October 14

Menu

Cheese and Fruit Platter

Host Choice Italian Dish

Garlic Bread

Italian Salad

Caramel Apple Blondie Pie
with Apple Cider Caramel Sauce



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

The Power of Music

At our recent annual Saturday Fall Chancel Choir retreat, I asked our choir members how faith and music intertwined in their lives. The answers were WONDERFUL! We had a fantastic time of sharing what these two things meant in our lives and how the theology found in our traditional hymns contributed in such a rich way to our faith and spiritual formation early in our lives and how those texts continue to keep our faith strong and growing.

Hymns are the art form of the whole people of God, in which poetry, slowly and skillfully crafted or written quickly under the urgency of the Spirit's voice, and melody which rises from the depths of a composer's soul, come together as the art which is specific to worship. When they are well matched, poem and music confirm and strengthen each other in a medium through which the people may express exuberant celebration, earnest commitment, penitence, grief, wonder, and awe.

For centuries, people of all cultures have known and experienced this power of music. It has the capability to unite, bond, teach, comfort, stimulate, evoke, recollect. More than simply enhancing words, singing has the mysterious power to breathe life into words. Martin Luther asserted that a principal way to communicate and retain the word of God was through music. John Calvin regarded music as one of God's primary gifts for humankind's recreation.

The Music Ministry of Farragut Presbyterian invites each and every one of you to experience this power of singing at our 11:00 service on October 22, as we celebrate God's gift of music. We invite you, our friends, to participate in our annual "Invite a Friend to Choir" Day. As we have in the past, we would like to fill the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music. This event is NOT just for people who know how to read music, or who have sung in a choir before. No previous experience is required! The music ministry of Farragut Presbyterian IS for ALL the people of God! Please join us for rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday night, October 18, as we MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

"INVITE A FRIEND TO CHOIR" SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 7:30-8:15
CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
8:15-8:45 FELLOWSHIP**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 10:30 CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our music ministry here at FPC is for everyone who wishes to share their time and talents.
Come make a joyful noise!!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pastor Matt's Class

Library

This class is studying “Questions Jesus Asked” based on the book by Magrey deVega. The class will discuss six of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others in order to bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.

Youth

Cafe (Parlor)

Led by Mason Warren

The youth Sunday School class meets to “DIVE IN to the Old Testament!” Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Outdoors/Room D

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.



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Meetings on Zoom at 7pm

Led by Elizabeth Wilson

Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we’re turning to the shortest Gospel this year. The Gospel of Mark is the second of the four canonical gospels and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial, and the discovery of his empty tomb. If you’re interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we’d love to have you join us (even if you can’t make every week). For more information contact Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



Help us solve the
Mystery of the Missing Library Books!

In order to ensure that the FPC Library database is up-to-date a periodic review is made to ensure that the database reflects the holdings that are actually in the library or that are currently checked out by users. As a result of this review, 22 books listed in the Library database are

“missing.” If you have borrowed any one of these books from the library and are currently using it, enjoy! But please notify “Detective” David Stutzenberger regarding the book’s status. He can be contacted at dstutzen@utk.edu.

Thank you for your help in solving the mystery!

Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith – Kathleen Norris

An Altar in the World – Barbara Brown Taylor

And It Was God – Madeleine L’Engle

Better Children’s Sermons

C. S. Lewis – Kathryn Lindskoog

Changes That Heal: How to Understand Your Past to Ensure a Healthier Future
– Henry Cloud

Christian Doctrine – Shirley C. Guthrie

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology
– Daniel L. Migliore

Faith Unraveled – Rachel Hood Evans

God Said Yes – Heather Hornback-Bland and Ninie Hammon

Gospel-Telling – Richard Coleman

Grief Keeping: Learning How Long Grief Lasts – Harold Ivan Smith

Help, Thanks, Wow – Anne Lamott

Index Volume – The Daily Study Bible – William Barclay

Jesus, Pope Francis, and a Protestant Walk into a Bar – Paul Rock

Resonant Witness – Jeremy S. Begbie

The Big Book of Christian Mysticism – Carl McColman

The Canon Scripture – F. F. Bruce

The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus’s Final Week
in Jerusalem – Marcus J. Borg

The Losses of Our Lives – Nancy Copeland-Payton

What’s So Amazing About Grace? – Philip Yancey

When God Interrupts – M. Craig Barnes



October Anniversaries

10/03 Louise Stevenson and Paul Matson
10/07 Dave and Megan Figel
10/14 Tom and Cheyanne Feldhausen
10/17 Joe and Lynn Kszos
10/23 Tucker and Merideth Fritz
10/24 Jeff and Kelly Thode
10/30 Tim and Madelyn Schult

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Candy Blake, Bob Bowman, Denise Damelio, Kathi Damelio, Kathy Emmerson, Billy Fain, Chuck Foriska, Shirley Greaser, Frank Guess, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Betsy Starr, Janet and Steve Tinder, Gail Wallace, Helen Weaver, Kent Williams

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

Liz Gargan and family at the death of her brother, John.

Matt, Jacob, and Joey Neman at the death of Matt's father, Francis.

If you have updated information about our prayer recipients you would like to share, please email office@fpctn.org or call the church office at 865-966-9547.

October Birthdays

10/02 Pam Heidinger
10/02 Jeff Thode
10/02 Brooklyn Eiffert
10/02 Madison Eiffert
10/04 Jane Bolus
10/06 Jenny Bent
10/09 Betsy Hopson
10/09 Lewis Ransdell
10/09 John Begovich
10/10 Gwen Mitchell
10/12 Mark Allen
10/13 Bert Robinson
10/14 Sharon Koch
10/14 Ruth Jacobs
10/14 Jeannie Tabor
10/18 John Thomason
10/18 Jack Watson
10/19 Lori Corbett
10/19 Christine Britt
10/20 Cully Gargan
10/20 Donny Matchen
10/22 Libby Matlock
10/23 Liz Gargan
10/24 Scott Henderson
10/24 Ronny Lomax
10/25 Lauren Gentry
10/26 Deacon Manning
10/26 Judy Alexander
10/26 Kelly Thode
10/26 Eleanor Cipriano
10/28 Stuart Phillips
10/28 Marie Shear
10/30 Howard Hickman
10/30 Linda Scothorn
10/30 Allen Lutz
10/30 Savannah Mashue
10/31 Chuck Foriska

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on September 25, the Session:

- Voted to assess the needs and wishes of the congregation for a possible “Fresh Look – Phase 2” project that would primarily address the sanctuary and narthex areas. A working group will be formed to gain the congregation’s input beginning in early 2024.
- Heard that the 2023 Stewardship Campaign will conclude with Consecration Sunday on November 12. There will be one service at 10 a.m. that day with a meal to follow in fellowship hall.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee is in the process of securing a slate of elder nominees to present to the congregation for election on November 19.

Financial Report as of August 2023

	Actual for August	YTD August	YTD August Budget
Operating Income	\$61,516	\$503,254	\$447,088
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$12,500	\$13,000
Total Income	\$63,516	\$515,754	\$460,088
Operating Expenses	\$49,922	\$420,130	\$456,063
Total Expenses	\$49,922	\$420,130	\$456,063
Total Income less Expenses	\$13,594	\$95,624	\$4,025



Get Social!

Farragut Presbyterian is live on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Have something to post?

Send to our social media coordinator, Emily Sweetland,
at social@fpctn.org or text 865-567-7636



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<https://www.facebook.com/FPCCKnox>

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When donating used items to KARM tell the employee the name of the church. 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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SESSION

Administration

Kirby Purjet
Kathy Emmerson

Christian Education

Denise Griffin
Beth Honey

Church Life

Jeff Thode
Gayle Williams

Outreach

Kirk Morris
Bill Nelson

Property

Mark Allen
Darrell Sparks

Worship and Music

Sharon Koch
Catherine Manning

Clerk of Session

Janet Tinder