



TO PRAISE GOD, WELCOME ALL, SERVE OTHERS,
GROW IN FAITH, BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Good News Banner

July 2024

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3
Friday 9-1

Worship

9:00 am
Casual Service
Parking Lot

11:00 am
Traditional Service
Sanctuary

<https://tingurl.com/fpclivestream>

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



Living Water

“All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, ‘Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.’”

John 7:37-38

In the moments of our deepest thirst, there is nothing better than a cup or glass of cold water. That is most obvious in the heat of summer. At the beach, working in the yard, or sitting on the patio, a cold beverage is the perfect compliment and antidote to the heat. And the healthiest choice is water.

When Jesus offered a cup of water to the thirsty, his invitation was also a welcome to those who may have felt left out. For numerous reasons, people then, like people now, found themselves on the outside. They didn’t have a place, and they were excluded from the mainstream for any of a host of reasons.

So many in our culture today don’t feel like they have a place. And it’s especially for them that Jesus offers water—the living water of his grace and salvation.

You may be thirsty for this living water. Perhaps you’ve been part of the church for a long time and faith is not foreign to you. And yet, you’re thirsty. Jesus reaches out and offers you the living water of his grace. Again and again, he extends his mercy and love to all whose hearts are thirsty.

Our thirst for water tends to be strongest in summer. Yet, Jesus offers his living water all year round.

“If you are thirsty, come. If you believe, drink.”

Men and Their Self-Isolation

“Men drain the emotional life out of women.” That’s a quote from a woman in a *Harpers Bazaar* article that chronicles the difficulty men have in opening up and being vulnerable in front of other men. Female partners often bear the brunt of men’s inability to share feelings with other guys. As a result, men are lonelier and more isolated than ever and save whatever feelings they’re willing to share with the one person they have to receive them: female partners who practically have to drag the emotions out of them.

Stereotypes abound when it comes to men and their personas. Cultural expectations that they should be tough and reserved, and that being vulnerable only reveals weakness, have left men all alone emotionally while their female counterparts enjoy deep friendships with other women throughout their lives.

It’s not weak to share feelings, and establishing frameworks for doing so—both inside and outside the church—can go a long way in curing this epidemic of loneliness.

At FPC, our Stephen Ministry program (a one-to-one caregiving ministry) and our men’s Bible study and breakfast group are two ways we aim to connect men and allow them to be open about what they are thinking and how they are feeling. For more information on these two ministries, please contact Pastor Matt.

(Thanks to Frank Dorman for his interest in this topic and for forwarding this *Harpers Bazaar* article.)

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



BACK TO SCHOOL

Sunset Gap is a Christian-based organization that unites people of all faiths by providing programs that contribute to the physical, social, economic, and spiritual growth of the Appalachian people. Each year Farragut Presbyterian participates in the Back to School Drive, providing needed supplies for school age children. A sign-up is available both at the church and online. Please add your phone number in case we need to contact you. Donations should not be gift wrapped. Items are due at the church no later than July 28. Be sure to attach a tag with the child's name (or grade and gender for the online sign-up) along with the tag number. Any questions, contact Debbie Long. Below is the online link 2023 Sunset Gap School Supplies sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/SGback2school>. If you scroll down to the bottom of the online sign-up page you will see the supplies needed for each grade.

Sunset Gap Special Area Teacher School Supplies

The FPC Presbyterian Women are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to the special area teachers in Cocke and Sevier Counties. These include art, music, physical education, and special education teachers. Items most needed include: tissues, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, printer paper, ziplock bags, hand sanitizer, markers, construction paper, bottled glue, skin-toned crayons, sketchbooks. You can place your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. If you have any questions about Sunset Gap, please contact Debbie Long.



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Hello Friends! Farragut Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to assist in our worship services. If you can help in any of the submitted categories: usher, scripture reader, or communion server, please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions, please contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865/966-9547). Thank you for your help!



FPC Family Ministry would like all church members to consider volunteering to be a Prayer Partner to a FPC child. Each partner will be assigned a young child to pray for during the 2024-2025 school year. You can sign up on the narthex table, or contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org for more information.

FOODIES

Foodie Picnic

ALL are invited

July 13, 3pm

Mikie Lancaster's Lake House

227 Mainsail Road, Kingston, TN 37763

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats will be served

There is a 5 dollar fee per adult.

Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share along with your beverage of choice.

Sign-up is in the narthex.



Special thanks to June meal coordinators Wayne & MaryAnne Walls, along with volunteers David & Megan Figel, and Gayle Williams for preparing and serving a meal to the homeless at VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER on June 18. Our FPC Youth will be serving in July. Farragut Presbyterian Church has been preparing lunch for the hungry in the VMC Resource Center for over 25 years. VMC is grateful to all of our volunteer meal groups who cook and serve delicious meals for area neighbors working to achieve housing. Contact Jean Peretz for more information.

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes

Beginning this fall, the Presbyterian Women of Farragut Presbyterian Church will begin a new study entitled, “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation” authored by Patricia K. Tull. Patricia Tull describes her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone’s skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts.”

We are called to care for neighbors and God’s creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society’s least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God’s first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear “you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor” (Exodus 23:6); in Moses’ final speech at the promised land’s border, he reiterated, “Justice, and only justice, you shall

pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

Farragut Presbyterian Church has three women’s Circles, each of which meet monthly throughout the school year to discuss, share, learn and pray together. We would love to have you join one of the Circles that best suits your schedule. Circles #1 and #2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Circle #1 leaders are Kathy Emmerson (ksemmerson@aol.com) and Megan Figel (margaret.ann.rad@gmail.com). Circle #2 leaders are Becky Thomason (rft854@gmail.com) and Linda Nunley (lsnunley@tds.net). Circle #3 meets the second Wednesday of the month also at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Leaders for this Circle are Mikie Lancaster (mikielancaster@gmail.com) and Jo McElhaney (jomc@tds.net). Please feel free to contact any of our Circle leaders or the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Moderator MaryAnne Walls (wallsmaryanne@aol.com) for more information.

What Presbyterian Women Do



Nuture Faith



Support Missions



Work for
Justice
and Peace



Build Community



Develop Leaders

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

July 23

11:00 am

Room D

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.

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

Our Stephen Ministry Leaders can help:

Beth Martin
(865) 776-3132

Matt Nieman
(865) 966-9547

Jeanie Oakley
(256) 468-4501

Elizabeth Wilson
(865) 382-6786

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Megan Fidel

240-319-6768

Kathy Emerson

312-286-1676

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Becky Thomason

865-607-0727

Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am

Leaders: Miki Lancaster

865-675-0360

Jo McElhaney

865-705-6518

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

July 11 and 25

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!

No childcare available, but both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Mary Overstreet, our pastoral intern this summer, will be leading a class at 10 a.m. on Sundays on themes in the book *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. The book centers on the author's "thorny relationship with the church, articulating the concerns, frustrations, and hopes of many of her peers." It's a potential roadmap back to the church for those who've given up on church and it serves as a boost for those of us struggling to maintain our connection to the church. The class will meet in the library or Room A.

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.



KIDZONE SUMMER PROGRAM

All children ages 3-9 are invited to join us in Room A for the KidZone Summer Program! This year's theme is: Kidz in Space! Special thank you to Clay and Denise Griffin, Phil and Jenny Trussell, Brett and Amy Eiffert, Beth Honey, Julia Overstreet, Carol Gardiner, and everyone else who helped bring this theme to life. Child drop-off is in Room A prior to the 9:00 service, and pickup is in Fellowship Hall after worship.



July Anniversaries

7/02 Brian Davidson and Darren Schmitz
7/05 Philip and Becky Dangle
7/06 John and Jeannie Tabor
7/09 Les and Marie Shear
7/09 Steve Dehmlow and Judy Ireland
7/12 Steve and Donna Plumlee
7/12 Nathan and Lois Burris
7/12 Brian and Carol Gardiner
7/16 Eric and Betty Nicholls
7/24 Jim and Linda Scothorn
7/29 Tim and Beth Hallman
7/31 LisaKay and Henry Matchen

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Carolyn DeGroot, Kathy Emmerson, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Annette Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Kimberly Platt, Jim Rich, Dee Robinson, Gail Wallace, Amand Walls, Helen Weaver, Buddy and Linda Wert

Bereaved

The family of John Montgomery
The family of Betty Dick

July Birthdays

7/02 Sandra Feast
7/03 Graham Colloredo
7/05 David Gargan
7/06 Kirk Morris
7/06 Annette Meador
7/06 Jacob Nieman
7/08 Catherine Manning
7/10 Annika Hare
7/10 Graham Morrell
7/10 Parker Morrell
7/10 Carol Gardiner
7/11 Joanie Scheuer
7/12 Barbara Kivlin
7/15 Patti Davis
7/15 Louise Stevenson
7/16 Keila Hare
7/16 Van Heflin
7/16 Margaret Pillsbury
7/18 Judy Ireland
7/18 Mike Murphy
7/18 Edi Johnson
7/19 Kathi Damelio
7/21 Mary Anne Walls
7/22 Ron Grunke
7/24 Kirsten Maley
7/25 Reagan Corbett
7/25 Hilda Ingle
7/27 Maeven Marcum
7/28 Shirley Greaser
7/28 Mary Ellen Haig
7/29 Philip Jacobs
7/29 Olivia (Loveday) Marcum
7/30 Kelly Schueler
7/30 Cheyanne Feldhausen
7/31 Karen Brown Gonzalez
7/31 Megan Figel

To my dearest church family,

I want everyone in the church to know how much I appreciate their love, prayers and support during Steve's cancer battle. It is hard to believe that he had been fighting with one form of cancer or another for 17 ½ years. He was always very sensitive to the prayers from our church. You are family in no uncertain terms. I am very appreciative for the meals that were bestowed on us and cards, so many cards. Steve loved reading them, over and over again. You are all in my prayers every day and I am great at giving out hugs any time you need one.

With much love and caring, Janet, Steve and Frank

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

No Session meeting in June.

Financial Report as of May 2024

	Actual for May	YTD May	YTD May Budget
Operating Income	\$55,198	\$301,154	\$283,090
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Income	\$57,198	\$311,154	\$293,090
Operating Expenses	\$54,684	\$268,145	\$286,350
Total Expenses	\$54,684	\$268,145	\$286,350
Total Income less Expenses	\$2,515	\$43,009	\$6,740

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Scott McKinney

Property

Darrell Sparks
Thom Haig

Worship and Music

Catherine Manning
MaryAnne Walls

Clerk of Session

Lisa Gary



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/FPCKnox>



Farragut Presbyterian Church



KARM STORES
The Thrift Store with a Mission

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.

