

JUNE 2026 | YEAR A

GOOD NEWS BANNER

Newsletter of Farragut Presbyterian Church



Join us for Worship

We offer four ways to worship on Sunday mornings: a casual service, our traditional service, and live-streamed versions of both services posted online.

9:00 am
Casual Service
Outside

Our casual worship service at 9:00 a.m. is in our church parking lot, a relaxed atmosphere with keyboard and guitars. If the weather is questionable, this service will move indoors to our sanctuary.

11:00 am
Traditional Service
Sanctuary

Our traditional worship service is at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary featuring our Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, traditional organ music and other talented guest musicians.

<https://tinyurl.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.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR REVEREND MATT NIEMAN

“They Were Altogether”

In the Pentecost story in Acts 2, the Spirit moved in such a way that all who gathered, upon the sound of a mighty wind and tongues of fire, began speaking in their own native languages.

While they spoke differently, they all were gathered under the same banner. The spirit united them amid their differences.

God created us all differently—each with unique gifts and talents, with different backgrounds and identities. And yet, there’s a commonality among us. And that is that God loves us all and desires for us to be united.

All of us who call on the name of the Lord would like to realize more fully a church of wider diversity—not to boast that we are diverse, but so that people who come from different backgrounds can live into the unity that God envisioned for us.

Within a diverse but united church, more diverse gifts and talents are used for the glory of God and to bring in the kingdom of God on earth. And also, amid greater diversity, we gain a healthier respect and love for the varied backgrounds and identities with which God has made us.

At the beginning of Acts 2, Luke says, “And they were all together in one place.” What a glorious sight that would be! How can each of us do our part to bring in this joyful reality?

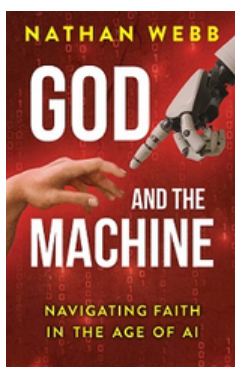
Fresh Look 2 Update from the Fresh Look 2 Campaign Committee

Through May 24, \$759,140 in commitments have been made to the Fresh Look 2 Campaign for refreshing our sanctuary and narthex spaces. Cash on hand already totals approximately \$285,000! Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

Plans continue to be made for the narthex refresh, the first of the prioritized projects. Work will hopefully begin this summer.

Sunday morning Adult Classes at 10am

Soul Cafe now meets in Room A. John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day. No lesson to prepare - come as you are!



Pastor Matt’s class meets in the Library. We are doing a study of the book “God and the Machine” by Nathan Webb. It's a study of artificial intelligence and how it relates to faith. As usual, you need not have read the book. However, if you'd like to read it, it can be found at Cokesbury.com or wherever books are sold.

OUTREACH

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



CAM CABIN DONATIONS

Our trip to the CAM Cabin has been rescheduled to THIS WEDNESDAY June 3.

We are still accepting craft supplies donations in the basket in the Narthex.

Much appreciated are all sewing supplies and fabric, yarn, and even costume jewelry, if it is the type that can be incorporated into hand-made items. Also crafters have mentioned some special "wished-for" items: hymnals (from any denomination), cotton for quilting and aprons, a great need for batting, denim, and yarn, especially cotton yarn. Used light bulbs are made into cute Snowmen and other Christmas decorations. Old and worn (even stained) tablecloths can be transformed into many useful items. Trims, such as ric rac and of course thread (black and white especially), and buttons are always on the wish list. The crafter who decorates glass jars is still doing it and uses even canning jars. 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!

Many thanks to our May VMC volunteers!

Jim & Linda Scothorn,
Jean Peretz, and
Nancy & Jack Rightmyer

*Sign up to serve on the
sign up sheet in the
Narthex*



Meals with a Mission

On June 14 we will pack chicken and rice meal bags for local food pantries and we need your help funding the project!



TODAY, MAY 31, ALL CASH DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS MEALS WITH A MISSION FOR MEAL PACKING SUPPLIES TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED. CHECKS CAN ALSO BE DESIGNATED FOR MEALS WITH A MISSION.

Let us know you're coming to help pack meals on June 14 by signing up at the link below or in the Narthex
<https://tinyurl.com/MissionProjectSignUp>





Mason Warren
Director of Family
Ministries

Family Ministries @ FPC



Join us every Sunday this Summer at 9am for a Wild Western Adventure on dusty trails, past tumbleweeds, and beyond the horizon and discover God's amazing creation and vast love for us.

Every Sunday
June 7th - August 9th
9 am
Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd
Farragut, TN 37934
www.fpcn.org

Our Summer KidsQuest program, Faith Frontier, is just around the corner, and we are currently seeking volunteers to help make this Summer's adventure possible! Whether you enjoy working directly with children, helping with activities, or supporting behind the scenes, we would love for you to join us "On the Trail with Jesus" this Summer.

Sign up information can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EAAAD2CA2F58-64097170-kidsquest>

FPC YOUTH SUMMER 2026

- JUNE 7 — YOUTH SUMMER KICKOFF CHALLENGE
- JUNE 13-20 — MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE BOBS
- JUNE 28 — FPC YOUTH @ THE MOVIES: SUPERGIRL
- JULY 5 — NO YOUTH
- JULY 12 — ESCAPE ROOM
- JULY 14 — BMYG @ RIVER RAT TUBING
- JULY 19 — ONE KNOXVILLE SOCCER GAME
- JULY 21 — YOUTH SERVE @ VMC
- JULY 26 — WHITE WATER RAFTING
- AUGUST 2 — SOAKY MOUNTAIN WATERPARK
- AUGUST 9 — NO YOUTH

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
MASON WARREN, MASONWARREN@FPCTN.ORG



Our Summer youth activities are quickly approaching, and we are currently seeking adult volunteers and chaperones to help support our students throughout the Summer. If you are interested in helping with trips, events, and fellowship opportunities, please see the sign up information at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EAAAD2CA2F58-64116501-2026>





Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

The annual collaboration between the Tennessee Valley Players and the University of Tennessee College of Music Choral area returns for its twenty-first year!

Eight Performances over two weeks:
Thursday, June 04 Performance, 7:30
Friday, June 05 Performance, 7:30
Saturday, June 06 Performance, 7:30
Sunday, June 07 Matinee, 3:00
Thursday, June 11 Performance, 7:30
Friday, June 12 Performance, 7:30
Saturday, June 13 Performance, 7:30
Sunday, June 07 Matinee, 3:00

St. Gregory the Great Auditorium at
Knoxville Catholic High School,
620 N Cedar Bluff Rd.
Open Seating; Free and Easy Parking.

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

Farragut Presbyterian has a long relationship with Tennessee Valley Players, a local community theatre company, providing rehearsal space for some of their rehearsals for their summer musical. Many of you may have seen Joey Nieman as Gavroche in their production of Les Miserables several years ago! We always have FPC members associated with the show and this year is no exception. Featured in the show are FPC members Dr. Angela Batey, Tami Newsom, and supporting are TVP Board Members Mary Ellen Haig and Nancy and Ron Pevey. We always love seeing the many FPC members who come and enjoy the musical each summer. We hope you will join us this year!

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, Guys and Dolls ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. It received nearly unanimous positive reviews from critics and won a bevy of awards, including Tony Awards, Drama Desks and Oliviers.

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong.

Frank Loesser's brassy, immortal score makes Guys and Dolls a crowd pleaser with such classics as A Bushel and a Peck, Adelaide's Lament, If I Were a Bell, Take Back Your Mink, Luck Be a Lady, Sue Me, and Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat you'll be tapping your toes right down the theatre aisles!

Fun fact: Our FPC Office Administrator and Director of Casual Worship, Sandra Bohlken, played the lead role of Sarah Brown in the 2006 Tennessee Valley Production of Guys and Dolls!





June 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!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 23

11:00 am in the Parlor

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it comes in the form of a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls are simple gifts of grace from God that are prayerfully and lovingly stitched by us as a reminder that God's promise is always with us. Every day in our own individual lives, we encounter people for whom a special prayer would be of great comfort and support. This ministry would welcome your participation. If you have ever knit or crocheted it will come back to you quickly. The patterns are simple repeats. Basic instructions and yarn are available.



Chair Yoga

10 am most Mondays (taught by Jenny Trussell) and Fridays (taught by Collin Greaser) in the Narthex. The class is a 30 minute seated and standing class using the chair for balance. This is an excellent session for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

Gentle Flow

7 pm most Fridays in the Narthex
This class is a 60 minute gentle/slow flow class for beginner and experienced yogis. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing.

Jenny also teaches community yoga classes at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd) at 8:15 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and some Fridays. A minimal class fee may be charged by the community center.

All classes are taught by yoga teacher Jenny Trussell (RYT500/RCYT) and Collin Greaser (RYT-200), and offered at no cost. Contact Jenny Trussell at cedarstudios4@gmail.com for more information.



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
6/03 Catie Matson
6/04 Eric Corbett
6/05 Steve Dehmlow
6/05 Phil Trussell
6/06 Wade Gargan
6/06 Madelyn Schult
6/07 Landon Marcom
6/09 Kyle Johnson
6/10 Leah Key
6/11 Eileen Farwell
6/11 David Key
6/16 Ella Sweetland
6/21 Linda Nunley
6/23 Buddy Wert
6/24 Rob Lynch
6/25 Adam Honey
6/26 Bob Colloredo
6/27 Mitzi Gentry
6/30 Jim Scothorn

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Pat Dail, Jan Darnell, Frank Dorman, Marilyn Felts, Dave & Megan Figel, Dean and Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Lewis Ransdell, John Thomason

Prayers for **Jerry and Jan Seiler** who will be moving to Indiana, near their daughter, on May 19. Their address is 2741 N. Salisbury St., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

June Anniversaries

6/01 Dave and Irene Rice
6/01 Matt and Laura Nieman
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
6/07 David and Emily Sweetland
6/13 David and Catherine Manning
6/17 Mark and Brenda Selecman
6/17 Mike and Mindy Houlihan
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 (Lovelady) Marcum
6/30 Carl and Eileen Farwell
6/30 Kyle and Jennifer Johnson
6/30 Lewis and Kathy Ransdell



Our Stephen Ministry Leaders
can help:

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Jeanie Oakley Joanie Scheuer
(256) 468-4501 (865) 705-1571

No meeting in May

Session Highlights

Financial Report as of April 2026			
	Actual for April	YTD April	YTD April
Operating Income	\$66,810	\$250,199	\$243,505
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total Income	\$68,810	\$258,199	\$251,505
Operating Expenses	\$56,125	\$235,860	\$253,311
Total Expenses	\$56,125	\$235,860	\$253,311
Total Income less Expenses	\$12,684	\$22,339	(\$1,806)



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3
Friday 9-1

Get Social!

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



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