



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

Good News Banner

June 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



Thoughts as Summer Begins

Summer has unofficially begun. With it comes another shift in seasons. In the church, there's a bit less programming. But, there are still opportunities for faith development. A few thoughts on what's available:

First, summer worship will take place at 9:00 outside (weather permitting) and 11:00 in the sanctuary. The styles differ somewhat, but much of what we do is consistent at both services. If you know a neighbor or have a friend who is seeking a casual worship experience, invite them to join you at 9:00. Or if you know of somebody who's seeking something more traditional, invite them to join you at 11:00. Summer is a great opportunity to make our brand of church more known to others. And with FPC's welcoming and inclusive spirit, let's take advantage of it.

Second, KidsZone will be held from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in June and July with a Vacation Bible School theme. Again, this is the perfect chance to invite families with young children to join us on Sunday mornings. Our many volunteers have a wonderful experience planned for each of these two months.

Third, 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.

Finally, summer is a good time for reading. Hopefully, you'll find one or two books to capture your attention. I have started reading a new book by Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow titled, *Everything Good About God is True*. In an era of polarizing views about God, what are the salient features of God that we can rally around and embrace for strengthening and more joyful faith? I'm looking forward to what this book can provide. If you read it, let me know what you think.

I'll be here this summer (unlike last summer). I look forward to seeing you!

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!

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Mike hails from Omaha NE but would tell you he grew up in Louisville Ky, which happens to be where he met Mindy. He has a career in property maintenance with a background in carpentry and home construction. We tease that he is an "animal whisperer" due to his love of animals and their love of him. He also has a passion for Mopar cars, his favorite being a 73 Roadrunner.

Mindy was born in KY but has called 7 different states home before TN. Mindy's first career was in youth ministry and her current career is in residential property management. She may work with people for a living but her other passion is paper. Mindy has a custom bookbinding business, Bound & Determined Journals.

Thomas is 17 yrs old. He loves books, cinematography, technology, and camping. He is a volunteer Scripture reader at the early service. Peyton is 7 yrs old. He loves to ride and rope in the rodeo, invent and create with Legos, and aspires to be a tap dancer. The folks at the early service are also familiar with Cooper, the Houlihan's 3 yr old Australian Shepherd who attends worship regularly. Early service folks also enjoy times that Mindy sings with the Musical Ensemble.



New members Steve and Jan Darnell are not strangers to many in our congregation because of their contributions which have included FPC. Jan was a founding member involved in the organization of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry, where many of us have volunteered through the years, and her 10-year leadership saw a wonderful increase in participation to help relieve local hunger. This April she became Chairperson for our annual Posies for the Pantry flower sale to raise money for this important cause. An avid woodworker and carver, Steve has been a popular vendor and all-round volunteer supporter for Posies ever since its first year.

Steve and Jan met while attending the University of Kentucky, Steve being born in Paducah, and Jan from Fond du Lac, WI, and they still have fondness for that state, if you've noticed their wearing blue and white at our annual Tail Gate lunches.

Steve had successful careers both in horticulture and the insurance industry, and this led the family to live in five different states. Jan has been an avid quilter since way before it became such a popular activity. She has taught classes, designed patterns, and created many art quilts and bed coverings for commissions and shows.

Married for 50 years, Jan and Steve are most proud of their 2 children Tony and Mindy and their spouses, (more on Mindy and Mike above), their grandsons and four granddogs.



We are Earl and Kimberly Platt, formerly from San Diego, California. Earl is originally from Burlington, WI and Kimberly is a native San Diegoan, growing up in the Ocean Beach area. We've been married 41 years and are retired. We moved to Tennessee in 2022, after building a house in Tellico Village, with our Australian Labradoodle, Bosco.

We were members of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, where Earl served as a deacon. Kimberly was in charge of the Acolyte program since its inception at PLCPSC, as well as working VBS and LOGOS Bible Study classes.

We also attended La Jolla Presbyterian Church when our son was in college and began an internship with the Youth Program there. We continued to worship there until we moved to Tennessee.

Earl golfs at least three days a week and Kimberly enjoys horseback riding and pilates, is involved in a BUNCO group, as well as a Card group with the golf-wives. Earl and Kimberly are both volunteers at STAR. Kimberly has joined the choir at FPC.

We have three children: April Stein, Ohio; Diana Murphy, Knoxville, and Earl Aaron Platt, San Diego. We are blessed with seven grandchildren: Haleigh (25), Charlie (22), Riley (20), Dylan (14), Savannah (12), Nora (5) and Lyle (21 months). We enjoy getting together with our kids' families whenever possible and love to make memories with them!



Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Posies for the Pantry

Our event was a great success! We raised \$5168.55 for the pantry! There were 37 volunteers that made it all happen. We will help feed many people in need through all your hard work. Thank you to everyone for coming out to purchase plants. Plants and gardening have a way of bringing people together in fellowship. We saw that at the sale too. Thank you to everyone for whatever part you did for this great event! Jan Darnell



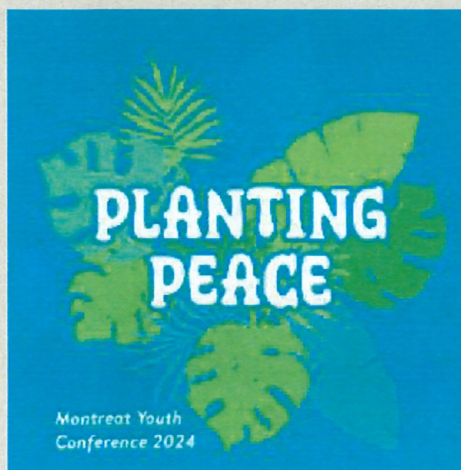
Look for the SUNSET GAP BACK-TO-SCHOOL signup list beginning June 16. Signups will be available at the church and on-line. We are sponsoring 26 children this year from Cosby Elementary School.



SPECIAL THANKS to Dave & Megan Figel, May Co-Coordinator Scott McKinney, Pastor Matt Nieman, Gayle Williams and May Co-Coordinator Kirk Morris for preparing a meal and feeding 30+ homeless people at Volunteer Ministry Center on May 21st. If you would like to help in this meaningful outreach program, contact the church office for the next available opening this summer.



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.



This summer, the Youth Conferences at Montreat will build an accepting community of unconditional love where every story matters. Through engaging worship, lively music, and practices of gratitude and fun, they will offer youth different opportunities to cultivate their spiritual faith journeys and practice sabbath. They will provide a secure space that is loving, holy, and authentic so that they may glorify God in all that they do, inspiring and equipping a lifetime of faith. Youth leave Montreat knowing that: Their faith matters. They are loved as they are. They are part of a community of faith. FPC youth attending this year include: Turner Neely, Joey Nieman and Kaitlyn Mee. Contact Mason Warren with questions at masonwarren@fpctn.org.



For more information and tickets go to:
<http://tennesseevalleyplayers.org>

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 25

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: 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

865-705-6518

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

June 13 and 27

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



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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.



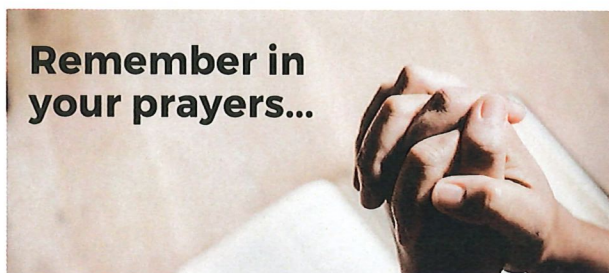
KIDZONE SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 2!

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.



June Anniversaries

6/01 Dave and Irene Rice
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 Jim and Annette Meador
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



Nathan Burris, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Carolyn DeGroot, Kathy Emmerson, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Beth Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Jim Rich, Dee Robinson, Helen Weaver, Buddy Wert

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The family of Steve Tinder

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.

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
6/11 Jane Brannon
6/16 Ella Sweetland
6/20 Claire Ramsay
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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

No Session meeting in May.

Financial Report as of April 2024

	Actual for April	YTD April	YTD April Budget
Operating Income	\$53,634	\$245,955	\$229,126
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total Income	\$55,634	\$253,955	\$237,126
Operating Expenses	\$51,939	\$213,461	\$236,689
Total Expenses	\$51,939	\$213,461	\$236,689
Total Income less Expenses	\$3,695	\$40,494	\$437



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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/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/> Our organization number is YU915.