



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

# Good News Banner

AUGUST 2024

## **Farragut Presbyterian Church**

209 Jamestowne Blvd.  
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www.fpctn.org

## **Office Hours**

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

## **Worship**

9:00 am

**Casual Service**  
**Parking Lot**

11:00 am

**Traditional Service**  
**Sanctuary**

<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.

# Reverend Matt Nieman

## A Message from our Pastor



### *Security*

The Session has, for many months, been discussing the topic of security—how we make our church building and grounds as safe as can be for our members and visitors on Sunday mornings. It's a topic that stirs some unease. We hate to think of our church being a place of anything but peace, love, and welcome to all. And yet, we realize we should do all we can to look after each other in the very unlikely event of somebody coming onto the church property with the intent to do physical harm.

After considerable discussion and prayer, the Session has committed to enhancing our security through two measures beginning in August.

First, we have contracted with Solid Ground Security Solutions in Maryville to provide a plain-clothes, armed officer from 8:30-12:30 on Sunday mornings.

Solid Ground was started several years ago by a Maryville police officer (now retired) who sensed a calling to help churches, schools, and businesses maintain and heighten the safety of their facilities. All its officers have been trained in the most up-to-date security procedures and weapons safety (many are retired police officers).

A Solid Ground officer will be at our church in advance of, during, and following both worship services and will observe and keep a watchful eye on the building and grounds throughout the morning, in addition to responding to any security event that may develop. A marked vehicle with the company's name on it will also be visible in the parking lot.

Second, our ushers will be trained to work in tandem with the officer (observing and being aware of people entering and leaving the property) and being in communication should any problems develop.

We know that the prospect of having an armed officer here raises the objections of some. The Session grappled with the wide variety of perspectives we all bring to the table regarding the best ways to increase safety. We respect those who believe weapons of any kind have no place on the church premises.

However, we also believe that it is our obligation to protect as best we can our worshipers here on Sunday mornings. And we trust these added security measures will serve as further deterrents to anyone who would consider doing us harm.

Our church is located in a safe neighborhood, and there have been no threats made to us or anybody in the church. The Session simply believes these actions will increase our safety and, therefore, will enhance our community life and worship on Sunday mornings.

# Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



## BACK TO SCHOOL

A big thank you to all who participated in this year's Sunset Gap Back-to-School program. To those who sponsored a tag, those who assisted in sorting and bagging, those who delivered the items, and those who donated to the school supplies for special area teachers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a big difference to the many recipients.



Special thanks to some of our FPC youth, Joey Nieman, Turner Neely, Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries, and Reagan Corbett for feeding the less fortunate at VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER in July. If you would like

to participate in this worthy outreach program, please contact August Coordinators Joyce & Kent Williams, or sign up in the narthex.

## 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](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) for more information.



# *Music at FPC*

*Dr. Angela Batey, Director*

TWENTY-SIX YEARS! It's absolutely incredible to me I have been called for 26 years in ministry with you at Farragut Presbyterian Church!!!

And what wonderful years have those been! It is very hard to believe how much our ministries and facilities have changed since my arrival on August 1, 1998. When I arrived, the Sanctuary was nothing but a grassy field, and now we are considering a refurbishment of the space. As I look back over my nearly fifty years of ministry, I cannot help but feel excited about the future at Farragut Presbyterian Church as we return to our full activities this fall.

Our church offers many opportunities to raise your voice in thanks and praise to God. There is a place for you, no matter what your age or ability. We are proud of our Music Ministry, and we are eager for you to join us!

We certainly do appreciate all the positive feedback about our Music Ministry! The Chancel Choir and I are excited that you enjoy the music in worship. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our Music Ministry. Our ministry is for those who want to give of their gifts. It is NOT for the "most talented" or "most experienced". Try us! You will be welcomed into a warm and loving fellowship.

## The Purpose of Music in Worship

1. To praise and worship the Lord - this should be the highest purpose for music.
2. To teach the Word - We often know more scripture because of the hymns we sing than we do through rote memorization. There is something about putting music with the words that makes them much easier for us to remember.
3. To release the power of God through music - it is not uncommon to experience wonder and awe as we worship the Lord through music in worship.
4. To tell the great works of our God - through music we may constantly be reminded of the greatness of our God.
5. Music also helps bring a unity within our services - as we gather together we each come from varied backgrounds and experiences. Music is able to help us focus our heart and thoughts on worship. It draws us together into a corporate unity more quickly than anything else.
6. Music prepares the heart of people to hear the Word - as we are led in musical praise and worship, we are, in effect, making ready the hearts of people to receive the Word. Music in our worship at FPC is NOT a performance – it is an integral part of the fabric of our worship.

# MINISTRIES



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

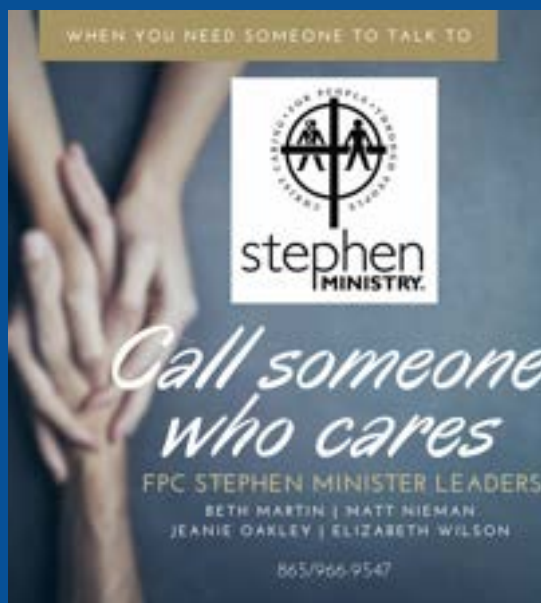
**August 27**

**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.



## 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 Emmerson

312-286-1676

### 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](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

## Men's Bible Study

**August 8 and 22**

**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](mailto: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



### Pastor Matt's Class Library

Sunday, July 29 we began a new seven-week series on the Holy Spirit. It is being led by our own Larry Byars at 10 a.m. in the library. I'm very excited that Larry has chosen to lead us in a discussion on a topic that we Presbyterians could use more insight on.

The resource for the study is called "God in You." As always, it is not necessary for you to attend the class every week if your schedule won't allow. Also, it is not necessary for you to have the resource; however, if you'd like to purchase it, here are 2 links where you can find it:

<https://www.davidjeremiah.org/store/product/god-in-you-4878>

<https://www.amazon.com/God-You-Releasing-Power-Spirit/dp/1576732339>

### 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.



These little space cadets loved their science lessons at the Kidz in Space summer program at Farragut Presbyterian Church!

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

#### Outdoors/Room D

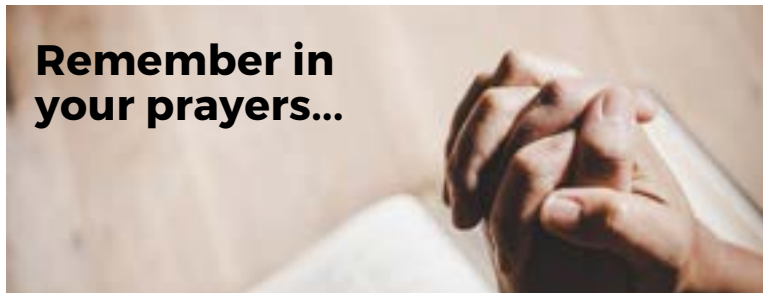
Led by Elizabeth Wilson

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. There's an optional lesson handout, but you can also join us for the conversation.

## August Anniversaries

8/02 Wayne and MaryAnne Walls  
8/03 Leonard and Emily Loveday  
8/08 Jimmy and Beth Loyless  
8/09 Paul and Karen Johnson  
8/10 Steve and Jan Darnell  
8/12 Jack and Patricia Watson  
8/12 Chuck and Norma Foriska  
8/13 Jerry and Jan Seiler  
8/18 Steven and Dawn Zilles  
8/19 Dale and Kathy Emmerson  
8/20 Darrell and Chris Sparks  
8/21 David and Debbie Long  
8/23 Howard and Pat Hickman  
8/24 Robert and Terry Olberding  
8/26 Henry and Cheryl Cardwell  
8/26 Mike and Janet Murphy  
8/28 Wenjun Ge and Lixia Jin  
8/28 Larry and Jane Byars  
8/29 David and Linda Stutzenberger

**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, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Jim Rich, Dee Robinson, Mason Warren, Helen Weaver, June Zachary

## Bereaved

The family of Denise Damelio

The family of Ruth Porter, Sandra Bohlken's grandmother

## August Birthdays

8/02 Ken Ladrach  
8/03 Donna Phillips  
8/05 Merle Andrew  
8/06 Karen Ellis  
8/09 Krista Belding  
8/12 Frank Guess  
8/13 Lixia Jin  
8/15 Linda Wert  
8/19 Gary Marks  
8/20 Brian Davison  
8/21 Wenjun Ge  
8/24 Jennifer Johnson  
8/24 Gail Wallace  
8/25 Henry Cardwell  
8/27 Kris Van Allen  
8/27 Leigh Ann Neely  
8/28 Margaret Ann Christian  
8/28 Scott McKinney  
8/28 Sandi Keagy  
8/29 Turner Neely  
8/30 Fred Peretz  
8/30 Jim Meador  
8/30 Jerry Martin  
8/30 Henry Matchen

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on July 22, the Session:

- Discussed potential improvements to the sanctuary and narthex areas in a future Fresh Look II project. Based upon focus group and survey results, areas of emphasis should include improvements to the lights and sound in the sanctuary, the narthex rest rooms, and updated décor throughout. Work with architect Brewer Ingram Fuller on detailed plans will commence in 2025.
- Approved a plan to inform the congregation of church security upgrades, including the hiring of a security company for Sunday mornings. The plan will include announcements in worship, Constant Contact emails, and the Good News Banner.
- Heard of Pastor Matt’s calling of a special Session meeting for August 4 at 10 a.m. to welcome new members.

## Financial Report as of June 2024

	Actual for June	YTD June	YTD June Budget
Operating Income	\$76,833	\$377,986	\$350,324
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$78,833</b>	<b>\$389,986</b>	<b>\$362,324</b>
Operating Expenses	\$68,500	\$336,645	\$358,577
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$336,645</b>	<b>\$358,577</b>
<b>Total Income less Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,333</b>	<b>\$53,342</b>	<b>\$3,747</b>



## STAFF

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Kirk Morris  
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



<https://www.instagram.com/farrgutpesbyterian>



@FarrPres



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



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**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.