

APRIL 2025

# GOOD NEWS BANNER

## FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### Reverend Matt Nieman

A message from our Pastor



#### At the Table During Holy Week

This Lent, we have been focusing on encounters Jesus had with people around the dinner table. Coming together for a meal, no matter the setting, allows for connection, welcome, and radical hospitality.

During Holy Week, this focus will be heightened as we consider a family meal Jesus attended at Lazarus' home, the historic Last Supper he had with his disciples, and his post-resurrection meal he had with two followers he met on the road to Emmaus. In all these encounters at the table, grace was given, and Christ's holiness was revealed.

As we mark Jesus' death and resurrection this Holy Week, come to the table once again and be fed. The Lord's Supper will be served through Easter Sunday.



April 13 (Palm Sunday)

ONE SERVICE AT 10 am

John 12:1-8, "A Meal with Family"  
(Brunch in Fellowship Hall to follow)

April 17 (Maundy Thursday) 7 pm

John 18, 19 (select verses), "A Meal of Memories"

April 19 (Good Friday) 12:00 Noon

Prayer Service in the Sanctuary  
(The sanctuary and all prayer stations  
will be open from 9:00-noon)

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 am (casual), 11:00 am (traditional with brass)

Luke 12:13-35 "Revived by the Breaking of Bread"  
(An Easter Egg hunt for kids will take place at 10:00 am)

Join us for  
Worship

9:00 am  
Casual Service  
Sanctuary

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.





*Matt Nieman*

*& Laura Hash*

joyfully invite you  
to celebrate their wedding  
on May 31, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
at RiverView Family Farm  
12130 Prater Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37922

Reception & Dinner to follow

Due to limitations on space at the venue

please RSVP  
no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>

online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/NiemanWeddingRSVP>

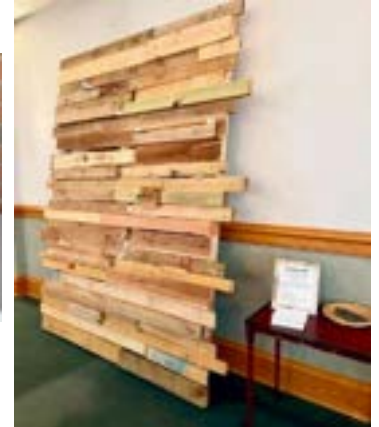


## Prayer Mosaic

During this season of Lent, FPC has an opportunity to experience a Prayer Mosaic, a collection of interactive prayer moments intended to foster our prayer lives and promote spiritual growth.

You will find 7 prayer stations set up around the sanctuary, in the narthex, and in the entry near the church office. We encourage you to pause at a prayer station, read the framed instructions and take a moment to commune with God in a short prayer activity. This experience can be done independently, as a couple, or as a family. It can be done before worship, after worship, during office hours, or any time the church is open. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate.

There is no wrong way to pray only different ways to pray. This experience invites you to find new ways to connect with God. The prayer stations will be available through the Lent season.



Please RSVP at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/FPC-PalmSundayBrunch>,  
use the QR code, or  
email the church office.



FPC Family Ministries is gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20, but we need YOUR help!

We need donations of several dozen filled plastic eggs. The eggs can contain treats, prizes, and candy without nuts. Please give donations to Director of Family Ministries, Mason Warren by Sunday, April 13.



Come support our church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #444 at their annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

Saturday, April 12  
between 5 and 8pm

Fellowship Hall

Admission Ticket is \$10/person  
Spaghetti (meat, vegetarian or glutenfree),  
Bread, Salad, Drink, and Dessert

Join them for Dine In or Carry Out! You can pay at the door or call the church office to purchase tickets in advance.

## Adult Education

### **PASTOR MATT'S CLASS** Library

Join us for Bible study, discussion of today's issues that relate to our faith, and community among those who seek to ask questions and grow in faith together. The class will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter but will resume on April 27.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Outdoors/Room D Led by Elizabeth Wilson

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. This practice of assigning particular readings to each Sunday and festival has continued through the history of the Christian Church.

## KIDS ZONE!

We invite any little adventurers aged 3-9 to come aboard for a Sunday morning full of fun at 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall!

Kids will dive into the magical world of God's love with Bible tales, catchy tunes, cool videos, and loads of giggles, while grown-up helpers guide them through arts, science, food and jam sessions.

Let's make Sundays a fun day!

### **YOUTH CLASS** 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. We will explore key themes like God's covenant with the Israelites, stories of pivotal figures like Abraham, Moses, David, and Daniel, learning about concepts of obedience, faith, justice, and redemption, while also examining how these stories and characters relate to their own lives and challenges today, especially through relatable experiences like dealing with difficult choices, facing adversity, and navigating relationships with others; all while understanding the historical context of the stories and how they foreshadow the coming of Jesus in the New Testament.

# OUTREACH

## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Jesus calls us to love one another — with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. This is our calling as Christ's Church: to love others as Jesus loved us. To love every person we encounter despite the many walls that separate us.

In Isaiah 58, the Scripture that best helps us to understand the ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, we are called to be repairers of the breach. The prophet implores us to see those on the margins, the hungry and addicted, as those for whom God holds great care. And so should we. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we repair the breach in so many of our interactions in this world.

In this country and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Your gifts help those who are fighting for basic needs and seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love."

As we prepare our hearts today to support One Great Hour of Sharing, we are making the choice to implement love and justice, for they are the only currencies in God's economy.

Always remember, we are called to repair the breach.

We are the Church ... together, and when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



FPC recently received \$450 in KARM cards to be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

# Posies for the Pantry

## Annual Fundraiser benefitting Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

Five local Farragut churches are supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Posies for the Pantry* fundraiser at Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd., on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 1pm. Their hope is that the community will come and purchase spring flowers, plants, and herbs to help support the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry located in Faith Lutheran Church. Besides beautiful flowers and plants, *Posies for the Pantry* will also feature multiple craft vendors, a "Bargain Shed" of gently-used garden tools and décor, and free crafts for the kids.



The Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry strives to assist and serve those who are experiencing food insecurity. No person is turned away from receiving nourishing food from the pantry. Their mission is to Love God, Love Others and Serve. As previously mentioned, the pantry is a ministry of five faith-based organizations: Faith Lutheran Church, Concord United Methodist Church, Farragut Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Concord Church, and Grassy Valley Baptist Church. Through the generosity of the pantry partners, local businesses, church members, and over 100 volunteers, the pantry served a total of 5,282 people in our community during 2024. The need continues to grow over the years.



The "Urban Table" food truck will also be onsite to purchase delicious breakfast sandwiches and other food items to benefit KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries.) Since 1960, KARM has helped men and women struggling with homelessness, poverty, mental health and addiction.

How can you help? It's easy! Come purchase your spring flowers and plants, crafts, garden décor and breakfast food items to help support the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry and KARM on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Farragut Presbyterian Church, rain or shine!



If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, please contact pantry director Renee Stone at [shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com) or call 865-966-9626.



**Saturday April 12, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
(rain or shine)

**Farragut Presbyterian Church**

209 Jamestowne Blvd. - Farragut, TN 37914

**SUPPORTING VENDORS INCLUDE:**

- Pope's "The Junction"
- Champion Daylilies
- Hummercarver
- Bound & Determined
- Vicki's Multi-Media Art
- Rewind Cork Art
- Bargain Shed
- KARM's "Urban Table" food truck w/breakfast & lunch items
- Free crafts for kids and more!



Community churches supporting the pantry:

Faith Lutheran - Concord Methodist - Farragut Presbyterian - First Baptist Concord - Grassy Valley Baptist

**Emerald Youth Foundation Prayer Breakfast is Friday May 2 from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Knoxville Expo Center. If you are interested in sitting at the FPC table reach out to [scottmckinney68@gmail.com](mailto:scottmckinney68@gmail.com) before April 15.**



# *Music at FPC*

## *Dr. Angela Batey, Director*

### The Role of Silence in Worship

*The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. —Mark 6:30-32*

Southwest Airlines once had an ad campaign known simply as "Wanna get away?" Of course we do! We can all reap benefits by stepping away from the buzz and din of the world. The getaway I'm referring to is not the tropical island vacation of a lifetime. No, this one is available to you right now, wherever you are. No planes, packing, or prepping. It's giving ourselves permission to step away to a quiet place with Jesus at our side. Jesus understood the necessity of quiet. We can gain so much by unplugging from the world, relinquishing our perceived sense of control, and listening to what God has to say to us.

Musicians particularly can identify with both Mozart and Debussy, both of whom explored the idea that music is often found in the silence between the notes. John Cage's infamous 4'33" highlights just how uncomfortable and out of sorts we are with silence.

Being silent is a challenge in our world. Society encourages us to be constantly connected, taking great pains to hardwire us to visual and aural stimulation. From 24/7 streaming platforms to doctor's office waiting rooms, elevators, grocery stores, and restaurants, music and videos as a commodity bombards our senses everywhere we turn. I recently traveled to adjudicate a choral festival. I was amazed at how many people arrived at the performance space with airpods or other types of headphones connected to their phones or other devices to stream music and/or videos, addicted, if you will, to this technology-induced stimulation through screens large and small.

In preparing to rehearse and conduct music, I spend a good deal of time silently reviewing music scores. I review the music, measure by measure, page by page, following the rise and fall of the melodic lines, the interweaving and shifting of harmonies, listening for all of this in my mind's ear. Each of us can foster inner listening where music resonates on a spiritual level. Our stillness allows us to cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation of music.

Church musicians are tasked with providing glorious music in worship. We work diligently to provide music that is our very best, polished and gleaming with beauty, crafted with excellence. While we are so focused on the act of creating sound, perhaps we all would do well to make more space for being silent in worship. In doing so we can move beyond the notes and rhythms and other sounds in worship and take the opportunity to create a closer connection with God.

The passage from Mark listed above is not the only time Jesus embraced silence. We read in Luke 4 that at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus went into the wilderness alone, praying and fasting for 40 days and nights. This was time spent apart and in deep communion with God. In Matthew 26, after the Last Supper, Jesus went with his disciples to Gethsemane, imploring them to watch and pray while he gathered strength for the difficult journey ahead.

Stillness in worship gives us time to truly listen to all the ambient sounds around us. The sound of water being poured from the pitcher into the font. The silence of prayer. These moments can often produce an inner voice of calm which allows for deeper connection to the texts found in choral music, the beauty of instrumental musical lines, and to the One for whom they were written.

Stillness in sacred worship provides inspiration and encourages reflection by reserving space to contemplate faith and our relationship with God. When we are still within ourselves, we are more attuned to one another and to the still, small voice of God whispering within. The psalmist knew the best way to do this is to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Next time you are in worship at FPC, look for those moments of silence and stillness. You will find God there.

# Ministries

## Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

### Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am  
Leaders: Megan Figel  
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

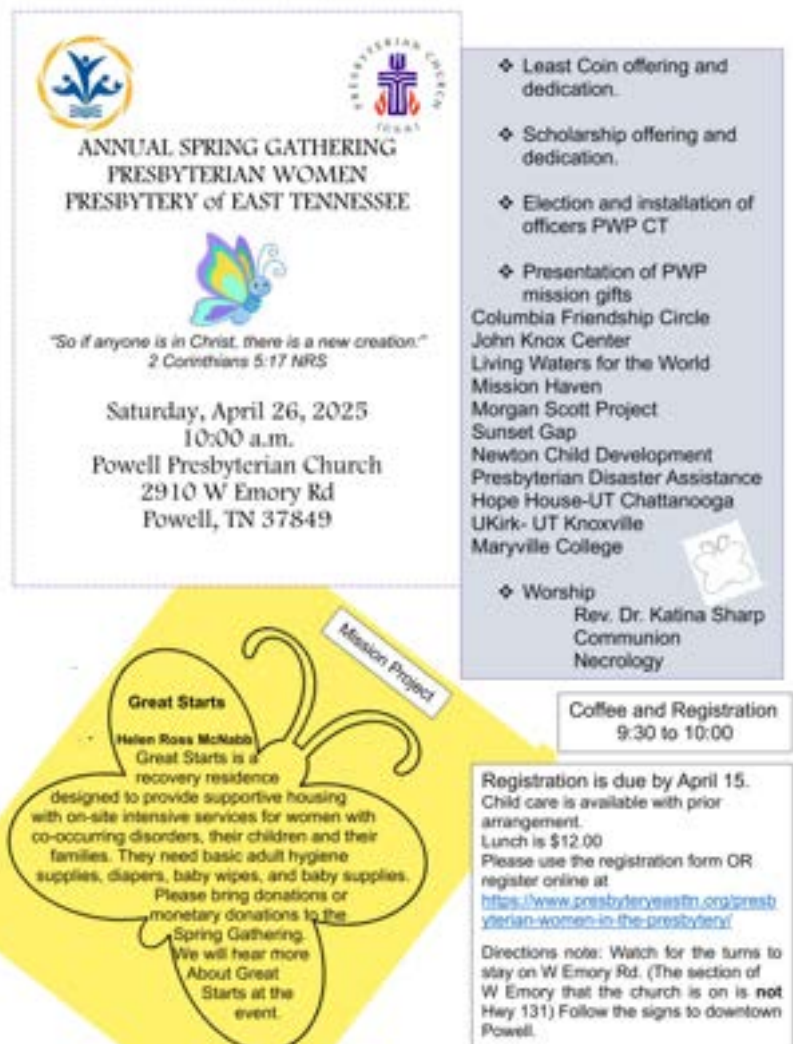
Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a 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

April 10 and 24  
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!



ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
PRESBYTERY of EAST TENNESSEE

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation."  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NRS

Saturday, April 26, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Powell Presbyterian Church  
2910 W Emory Rd  
Powell, TN 37849

- ◆ Least Coin offering and dedication.
- ◆ Scholarship offering and dedication.
- ◆ Election and installation of officers PWP CT
- ◆ Presentation of PWP mission gifts

Columbia Friendship Circle  
John Knox Center  
Living Waters for the World  
Mission Haven  
Morgan Scott Project  
Sunset Gap  
Newton Child Development  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Hope House-UT Chattanooga  
UKirk- UT Knoxville  
Maryville College

◆ Worship  
Rev. Dr. Katina Sharp  
Communion  
Necrology

Coffee and Registration  
9:30 to 10:00

Registration is due by April 15.  
Child care is available with prior arrangement.  
Lunch is \$12.00  
Please use the registration form OR register online at  
<https://www.presbyterianeasttn.org/presbyterian-women-in-the-presbytery/>

Directions note: Watch for the turns to stay on W Emory Rd. (The section of W Emory that the church is on is not Hwy 131) Follow the signs to downtown Powell.

**Great Starts**  
Helen Ross McNabb  
Great Starts is a recovery residence designed to provide supportive housing with on-site intensive services for women with co-occurring disorders, their children and their families. They need basic adult hygiene supplies, diapers, baby wipes, and baby supplies. Please bring donations or monetary donations to the Spring Gathering. We will hear more About Great Starts at the event.

Mission Project



# Activities

## 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*

*NARTHEX*

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!

Both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.

No childcare available

## **ATTENTION GOLFERS!**

The 2025 FPC golf season will begin at Avalon Golf Course on April 2. Tee times will start at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the year. The cost is \$40/person and includes 9-hole greens fee and cart. This enjoyable group gathers at the club grill afterwards for good food, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in playing, please contact Wayne Walls at 865-207-7114, for more information.



## April Birthdays

4/01 Bryan Nunley  
4/01 Jim Rooney  
4/02 Jean Peretz  
4/02 Mitchell Adams  
4/04 Greg Kraft  
4/04 Tami Newsom  
4/04 Lisa Bradney  
4/05 Larry Byars  
4/05 Marilyn Felts  
4/06 Bob Bowman  
4/06 Barbara Emery  
4/06 Thom Haig  
4/08 Tom Koch  
4/09 Lucy Fleming  
4/09 Connie Begovich  
4/09 Elaine Jackson  
4/10 Alan White  
4/10 Chuck Gonzalez  
4/11 Sandra Hipsher  
4/11 Jane Byars  
4/12 Jack Rightmyer  
4/16 Buck Jones  
4/16 Dave Greaser  
4/16 Thomas Maley  
4/17 Jim Caldwell  
4/18 Chuck Gentry  
4/20 Denise Griffin  
4/20 Gayle Williams  
4/21 Chris Patterson  
4/21 David Manning  
4/21 Nancy Huntley  
4/22 Reece Foster  
4/23 Sam Wilbanks  
4/26 Dawn Zilles  
4/27 Wesson Schult  
4/27 Thomas Houlihan

## April Anniversaries

4/13 Greg and Carol Kraft  
4/16 Joel and Leigh Ann Neely  
4/19 Jeff and Lisa Gary  
4/24 Bob and Gwen Mitchell  
4/26 Dennis and Betsy Starr  
4/26 Ronny and Bev Lomax

**Remember in  
your prayers...**



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**



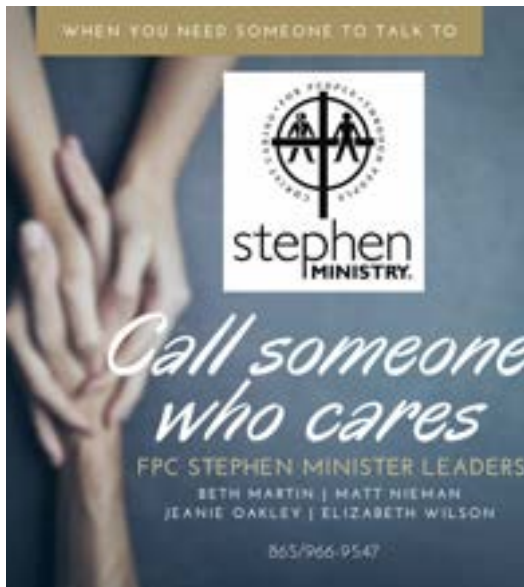
**Tuesday, April 22  
11:00 am in Room D**

Pat Dail, Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts, Dean Fleming, Chuck Foriska, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Tim Hallman, Dixie Heflin, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Marlene Woodard and her sister Teresa Revis

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.



**Our Stephen Ministry Leaders  
can help:**

**Beth Martin  
(865) 776-3132**

**Matt Nieman  
(865) 966-9547**

**Jeanie Oakley  
(256) 468-4501**

**Joanie Scheuer  
(865) 705-1571**



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on March 24, the Session:

- Endorsed Horizon 2035, a deliberate plan to grow FPC from a pastoral-sized to a program-sized congregation (one with an average worship attendance of more than 150). Since we are in a position of strength, the Session views now as the time to intentionally take steps to strengthen our viability for the future and live into God’s call for our life as a worshipping community. Steps to enact this plan will be developed and implemented in the coming weeks and months. More information will be provided to the congregation as the way becomes clearer.
- Approved the replacement of the two exterior narthex doors nearest the back parking lot, along with automatic door openers. The current doors are no longer able to reliably lock, posing a security risk.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 13 Blended service, Palm Sunday (brunch to follow worship)

June 29 Casual service (cookout to follow worship)

September 28 Casual service (tailgate to follow worship)

November 9 Blended service, Stewardship Sunday (Thanksgiving meal to follow worship)

December 7 Casual service, Children’s Christmas Program

December 14 Traditional service, Lessons and Carols (reception to follow worship)

December 28 Traditional service



### Financial Report as of February 2025

	Actual for February	YTD February	YTD February Budget
Operating Income	\$67,404	\$114,013	\$114,679
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total Income	\$69,404	\$118,013	\$118,679
Operating Expenses	\$52,507	\$107,533	\$109,666
Total Expenses	\$52,507	\$107,533	\$109,666
Total Income less Expenses	\$16,897	\$10,480	\$9,013



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Scott McKinney  
Jan Darnell

Property  
Thom Haig  
Rick Van Allen

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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



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



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



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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.

