



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Below you will find a variety of ways to connect at FPCA

For more information on any of these please email life@fpcasheville.org. For a full staff list, please go to fpcasheville.org/leadership-staff. To see and sign up for our weekly email, please go to <https://fpcasheville.org/weekly-news/>.

Interested in joining FPCA?

Our Session welcomes new members on the third Sunday of the month in the library. Our next class is Sunday, Oct. 19, at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at life@fpcasheville.org.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

There is **no faith formation programming today**. We will resume our regular schedule next week:

- **Text Talk** meets in Room 112 to discuss the weekly sermon scripture.
- **Percolating Presbies** meets at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
- **Godly Play** meets at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
- **Adult Faith Formation "God's Welcome"** meets at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Studies

Thursday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 am - Asheville Art Museum

We'll visit the Asheville Art Museum for the special exhibit "Lasting Legacies." Our docent will be none other than Mary Ellen Porter! The exhibit highlights early 20th-century architects (Richard Sharp Smith, Albert Heath Carrier, Douglas Ellington) alongside the revival of craft and decorative arts in WNC.

- RSVP to Shannon Jordan at life@fpcasheville.org.
- Group admission: \$13 if RSVP'd and prepaid by Oct 7. (Free for museum members.)
- Optional lunch together afterward at Pack Tavern.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women continue their fall theme of resilience with thoughtful lessons and meaningful fellowship. PW will gather on Monday, Oct. 6, at 10:30 am in Room 112, where Rev. Merri Alexander will guide a study on Mary Magdalene, exploring her strength and faithful witness in the face of challenge.

Looking ahead, PW will gather again on Monday, Nov. 3, when Rev. Alice Petersen will lead a lesson on the testing of Jesus in Luke 4. All women are invited to join these monthly gatherings as we share in study, prayer, and conversation that encourage resilience and deepen our faith.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

November-December Gallery Theme: "Making Room"

This fall we are curating a show that will be up through Thanksgiving and the season of Advent, a perfect time to ponder hospitality, margin, and welcome. Create in any medium around the theme "Making Room" in our lives, our church, and our community. How is God calling us to make space for all people?

- Submit by: Saturday, Oct. 26
- On view: November & December

Parents' Night Out

On Sunday, Oct. 19, from 4:30 to 7 pm, grown-ups may bring children to the church for a fun night with friends and pizza, while the adults walk to The Draftsman for dinner together. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

The Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9 am at the church in Room 112 to discuss matters of faith and life. For more information, please contact Shannon at life@fpcasheville.org.

MISSION @ FPCA

Saturday Sanctuary

Saturday Sanctuary, our ministry of welcome, hospitality, relationships, and food with our downtown neighbors, begins the 2025 season on Saturday, Oct. 11. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with questions or to be added to the email list.

LIFE AT FPCA



Below are some of our upcoming church events. For a full list, scan to see our most recent Thursday News.

For information on our Staff and Leadership, please scan here:



Sunday, October 5, 2025

NOTE SCHEDULE/LOCATION CHANGE

There will be a prayer service in the chapel at 8:45 am. (No childcare.)

Capital Campaign Town Hall 9:15 to 10:30 am in Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn, Montreat.

There will be no faith formation or 11 am service at 40 Church Street in Asheville.

Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner will be preaching at 11 am in Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn, Montreat. All are welcome to attend in person or via livestream.

Monday, October 6, 2025

Presbyterian Women will meet at 10:30 am in Room 112.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

The Men's Group will meet from 9 to 10 am in Room 112.

Women's Bible Study will meet from 11 am to 12:15 pm in Room 213.

Wednesday night dinner will be served from 5 to 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Beginning Choir and Junior Choristers will rehearse at 5:30 pm.

Handbell Choir will rehearse from 6 to 6:45 pm in the Choir Room.

Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Saturday Sanctuary will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 am to 2 pm.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Rev. Shannon Jordan will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.

Faith Formation will meet 9:45 am in the ground floor Fellowship Hall.

Text Talk will meet in Room 112 at 9:45 am.

Percolating Presbies will meet at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.

Godly Play will meet at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.

Partners at 40 Church Street



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COMMUNITY JOYS & CONCERNS

Please pray for these joys and concerns in our FPCA Family. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 828-253-1431 or email life@fpcasheville.org. If it is an emergency, please reach out to the church office, and if after hours, please choose option 5 to reach our pastor on call this week.

We pray for:

Tammy Bradley's mother, who has broken her tibia and has a long recovery.

Dawn Carlton, who fractured her neck in a fall, but thankfully she has no neurological damage.

Jerry Crosby, as he recovers from surgery on September 23.

Chris DeJarnett's brother Rev. Douglas Grove-DeJarnett, as he recovers from triple bypass surgery on August 25.

Sondra Dorn, partner of **Jonathan Tetzlaff**, as she recovers from cancer surgery on September 9. The surgery went well and she has returned home. They welcome thoughts and prayers for her continued recovery.

Bob and Betsy Dutnell, as **Bob** recovers from pacemaker surgery on September 23.

Phillip Hardee, long time friend of **Mark & Cathy Stanley** as he awaits heart surgery.

Marilyn Kolton-Dwarshius, as she recovers from a recent hospitalization.

David Godchaux, as he recovers at The Laurels from a stroke on September 21.

The Moss family, as **Grant** undergoes treatment for cancer.

Anne Robinson, recovering from pneumonia.

Marriette Van Der Sluijs, as she grieves the death of her father in July.

Susie Wheelis, as she recovers from a fall resulting in a shoulder injury.

Chad Wood, as he recovers from a serious car accident.

We are thankful for:

Susan Gaddis's daughter in law, Emily, who has received a double lung transplant after a long wait. Prayers for full recovery!

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week: **Liam Culp, Alice Boggs Lentz, Tamara Puffer, Jennifer Vogel, Mary Beth Atherton, Phillip Cox, Ian Croft, Debbie Duncan, Tom Hunnicutt, James Robinson, Zack Jones, Garza Baldwin, Ruth Barnhardt, Anita Rose, Valorie Vliek, Dee Mason, and Martha Sloan.**