



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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 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 today, Feb. 15, at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

Our 2026 Stewardship Season: Making Room for Generosity

Thanks to everyone who submitted an Estimate of Giving this past week, we are 75% of the way toward our financial goal for 2026. If you haven't already submitted yours, please do so as soon as possible by bringing your card to the church office or pledging online via the link at fpcasheville.org/stewardship.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- **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.
- **Text Talk** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.
- **Faith & Fellowship** meets at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. We continue our Wisdom for Real Life journey with Rev. Shannon Jordan, who will lead an exploration of the connection between wisdom and the discernment we need in an anxious and fractured age.

Wisdom for Real Life... From the Movies

Join Rev. David Germer in Faith & Fellowship on Sunday, Mar. 1, for his annual film discussion. This year, David will give a brief overview of the 2025 year in film, but most of the time together will be spent discussing and analyzing the wisdom found in two timely films: *One Battle After Another* and *Wake Up, Dead Man: A Knives Out Story*. See additional details in the weekly email.

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, contact Shannon at sjordan@fpcasheville.org.

Presbyterian Women

PW will gather on Monday, Monday, Mar. 2, at 10:30 am in Room 112, where Jane Vann will lead a discussion on "The Woman Who Was Bent Over." All women are invited to join these monthly gatherings as we share in study, prayer, and conversation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

Join Our Godly Play Team! Leader Training Rescheduled for Today

As we continue nurturing the faith of children on Sunday mornings, we're inviting interested and current leaders to join us for a one-hour Godly Play leader training today at 12:15 pm on the children's hall. Contact Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@fpcasheville.org with questions.

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship on Feb. 18

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our journey into Lent and is an opportunity to pause and reflect. Join us for a shared meal at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall, followed by a contemplative service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will read scripture, receive ashes as a mark of our mortality and repentance, and gather around the Lord's table as the forgiven people of God.

Women's Studies - Pisgah Legal Services on Thursday, Feb. 19

Join us at 10:30 am for a potluck brunch at the home of Mary Ellen Porter as we welcome Tracey Gruver from Pisgah Legal Services. Tracey will share about their vital work providing free civil legal aid and advocacy for low-income people. Come enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and an inspiring program on how justice and compassion come alive in WNC. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 22

Join us for our 2026 Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the fellowship hall, where we'll gather around tables for light breakfast and warm fellowship while doing the work of the church. We will hear a report from Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson, financial and endowment reports from 2025, a presentation of the 2026 budget, vote on pastoral terms of call for 2026, and welcome questions and discussion from the congregation. Please join us at 9:15 am for gathering and fellowship; meeting begins at 9:30 am. Children aged 0-5th grade enjoy a light breakfast, childcare, and activities on the children's hall.

Lunch Bunch at Pomodoros (1070 Tunnel Rd.)

Lunch Bunch—meeting Monday, Feb. 23 at 11:30 am—is a great time for fellowship and enjoying a good meal with others in the FPCA family. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

Sing with us! Pop-up Choir on Sunday, Mar. 1

Pop-Up Choir isn't just for summer anymore! If you've ever wanted to be a choir member for the day, join us at 10 am in the sanctuary on Mar. 1 to learn the stirring gospel anthem "Total Praise" for the 11 am service. Open to anyone 3rd grade and up who loves to sing!

MISSION @ FPCA

Saturday Sanctuary

Saturday Sanctuary, our ministry of welcome, hospitality, relationships, and food with our downtown neighbors, is in full swing and continues each Saturday through March 2026. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org to be added to the email list.

Support Immigrant Families at El Refugio House

The El Refugio House provides support for those being held at the nearby Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Ga., and their families. The Presbytery's Committee for Peace and Justice is organizing weekend trips to help provide families with meals, vouchers for gas, a place to rest and recharge devices, and to offer a welcoming presence in a time of great distress. Volunteers are in place for three trips in February and March; if you are interested in joining a trip in the spring, contact Cathie Dodson at life@fpcasheville.org. Can't make the trip? Donations of snacks are most welcome, as are funds to help pay for food and gas.

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, February 15, 2026

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 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.
New members will be received at 9:45 am in the library Room 108.
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
Godly Play Leader Training will meet at 12:15 pm on the first floor children's hall.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.
Women's Bible Study will meet at 11 am in Room 112.
Ash Wednesday dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 6 to 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.
Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Women's Studies will meet at 10:30 am at the home of Mary Ellen Porter.
The Liturgical Arts Team will meet at 1:30 pm in Room 213.

Saturday, February 21, 2026

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will gather at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall.
Children's activities and childcare will be available at 9:15 am on the children's hall.
Youth Group will meet from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in the fellowship 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 the pastor on call this week.

We pray for:

Rick Ballard, as he transitions from independant living to receiving hospice care.

Julia Burdette's sister, as she recovers from long term impact of emergency surgery.

Pamela Culp, as she continues to face long term issues related to her stroke and seizures.

Chris DeJarnett and his family, as they grieve the death of his mother, Ann, on January 29.

Frank Dodson, as he recovers from surgery on February 13.

Joan Gaddis, mother-in-law of Susan Gaddis, for a recent hospitalization and for the **Gaddis family**, as they grieve the death of Susan's father-in-law.

The Moss family, as Grant continues treatment for cancer.

Geneva Neeriemer, for her ongoing recovery from a stroke.

The family and friends of **Nicholas Poulos**, son of our former **Associate Pastor Michael Poulos** and his wife, **Julie Lehman**, brother to **Gabe**, and grandson of **Judi Lehman**, as they grieve his unexpected death on January 30. Services will be held at Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, on February 21 at 2 pm with a reception following.

Judy Rittmeyer's sister, who has been diagnosed with serious cancer.

Beth and Tom Robrecht, as Tom continues cancer treatment.

The family and friends of **Sandy Sellers**, as they grieve her death. Her memorial service will be at 2 pm on February 20 at Trinity Episcopal Church with reception at Trinity to follow.

Craig and Lynn Sumey, FPCA members and mission partners with Communitas International, as they continue to work stateside while waiting for visa complications to be corrected so they can begin in-person ministry in Scotland.

Suzanne Swan and Bret Kloos and family, as they grieve the death of Suzanne's father John.

Bonnie Welden, currently in skilled care at Deerfield recovering from an infection.

The group from our congregation who are in Montgomery, AL this weekend visiting several racial justice sites through the Equal Justice Initiative. **Janet and Ron Armstrong, Steve Aschmann and Carol Benson, Pamela Baker, Tom Byers, Fred and Linda Dulin, David Germer, Beth and Phil Leonard, Donna and John Pickens, Diane and Mark Rehfield, Anne Sayers, Alan and Paula Schlesinger, Jonathan Tetzlaff, and Joyce and Tom Young.**

We are thankful for:

The birth of **Liam Cameron Jackson**, son of **Anna Claire and Ben Jackson**, on January 27.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week:
John Lee Farr, Ruby Gruver, Sam Cook, David Godchaux, Jim Hunter, Marian Sigmon, Janet Armstrong, and Rieley Bennett.