



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 26, 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](mailto:life@fpcasheville.org). For a full staff list, please go to [fpcasheville.org/leadership-staff](http://fpcasheville.org/leadership-staff). To see and sign up for our weekly email, please go to [fpcasheville.org/weekly-news](http://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 on Sunday, May 17, at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at [nmcneill@fpcasheville.org](mailto:nmcneill@fpcasheville.org).

## Building a Wider Welcome

Learn more about the exciting plans for FPCA at [fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome](http://fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome) and explore this congregation's legacy of capital investment via the display in the atrium. You are invited to prayerfully consider being a part of this investment into building a wider welcome—every gift counts! Please submit a letter of intent (mailed to members this past week and available for download online) by May 15. Contact team co-chairs Richard Sens and Lynn Kieffer with questions or comments at [widerwelcome@fpcasheville.org](mailto:widerwelcome@fpcasheville.org).

## 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** and **Faith & Fellowship** will not meet today. Join us in the fellowship hall for a town hall conversation with the capital campaign team to learn more about Building a Wider Welcome.

### 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](mailto:sjordan@fpcasheville.org).

### Presbyterian Women

PW will gather on Monday, May 4, at 10:30 am in Room 112, where Rev. Tamara Puffer will lead "When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaeus." All women are invited to join these monthly gatherings as we share in study, prayer, and conversation.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

### Registration Open for Church Retreat – Oct. 2-4 in Montreat

For almost 30 years, FPCA has had the tradition of going to Montreat to connect in meaningful and intergenerational ways at our churchwide retreat. This cherished weekend offers time to slow down, enjoy the beauty of Montreat, and strengthen the relationships that shape our life together. Register by Jun. 24 for overnight attendees and by Aug. 24 for commuters. Scan for details, or visit [fpcasheville.org](http://fpcasheville.org).



### Giving Online: Option to Cover Credit Card Fees

Beginning Apr. 1, those making online payments or gifts to the church via credit or debit card will see an option on Realm to contribute an additional 3% toward processing fees. These fees are a real cost to the church—please consider checking the box to cover them. Every bit helps!

### Womens Studies: Helpmate on Thursday, Apr. 30

We'll enjoy a potluck brunch at 10:30 am at the home of Donna Ensley and hear from Caitrin Doyle, Acting Associate Director and Outreach Coordinator of Helpmate. Serving survivors of domestic violence for nearly 50 years, Helpmate provides critical services in Buncombe County. Caitrin will share the history of the organization, current needs, and bold plans for the future. RSVP to [life@fpcasheville.org](mailto:life@fpcasheville.org).

### Still FLO: Theology on Tap – Saturday, May 16

Theology on Tap offers a chance for young adults to gather over drinks at a fun location, check in on one another in our lives, and discuss a relevant topic as it intersects with our faith. Our next gathering will be at Cellarest Beer Project (395 Haywood Rd.) on Saturday, May 16, at 5 pm, when we will discuss “False Idols and Ordered Love.” We'll also brainstorm topics and ideas for future gatherings. RSVP to David Germer at [dgermer@fpcasheville.org](mailto:dgermer@fpcasheville.org).

### Spring Hymn Sing & Luncheon

On Wednesday, May 20, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, Elizabeth LaJeunesse will lead us in a hymn sing and luncheon in the fellowship hall. RSVP to [life@fpcasheville.org](mailto:life@fpcasheville.org).

## MISSION @ FPCA

### Love Asheville is Today!

We have a wonderful group registered for our annual Love Asheville Day of Service & Learning today. Lunch (catered by Mamacitas) is at noon in the fellowship hall, and service is 1-3 pm at various locations both offsite and at FPCA. Registered participants have received an email with service site assignments and additional details. While we appreciate and prefer early sign-ups, we MAY have enough food (and volunteer opportunities, particularly onsite at FPCA) for unregistered folks to join us—please check in at the entrance to the fellowship hall following 11 am worship.

### Parking is now available at 46 Aston Street!

Parking is available on our new lot for Sunday worship, Wednesday night events, and other special activities. FPCA members displaying a valid parking sticker may park there at any time or day without charge. The Memorial Garden entrance to the church (facing Church St.) is unlocked during events and is easily accessible from the new parking area.

# 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, April 26, 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.  
Building a Wider Welcome Town Hall will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.  
Love Asheville will take place from noon to 3 pm in the fellowship hall and off-site.

## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.  
Wednesday night dinner will be served at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall.  
Beginning Choir and Junior Choristers will rehearse from 5:45 to 6:30 pm.  
Parents' Group will meet from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in Room 214.  
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

## Thursday, April 30, 2026

Women's Studies will gather at 10:30 am at the home of Donna Ensley.  
The Liturgical Arts Team will meet at 1:30 pm in Room 205.

## Sunday, May 3, 2026

Rev. David Germer 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.  
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.  
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.

### Partners at 40 Church Street



### FPCA Affiliations

## 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](mailto: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:

**Bo and Martha Branden**, as they offer support to dear friends **Gene, Rosie, Carol, Kim, and Gus** through serious and life-threatening health conditions.

**Debbie Duncan**, as she receives treatment for a new cancer diagnosis and an infection.

**BJ Crosby's brother Gary, and his wife**, as Gary has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

**Joan Gaddis, mother-in-law of Susan Gaddis**, for an ongoing hospitalization.

**Janet and Ron Armstrong's friend, Andi**, as she begins chemo for a third recurrence of cancer.

**Dawn and Heinz Grohs and family**, as they grieve the death of their son Michael Grohs.

**Jo Nan Hester**, as she recovers from a knee replacement.

**Jane Laping's brother, Rob**, as he continues to recover from a prolonged illness.

**Marge Marsh and family**, as they grieve the death of Marge's sister.

**Gail McLeod**, who recently suffered another stroke and is recovering at home.

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

A life-long **friend of Danny Muller**, as she receives treatment for breast cancer.

**John Pickens**, as he recovers from foot surgery.

**Mark Reeves**, as he recovers from neck surgery on April 13 after a fall.

**Anita Rose's niece, her husband and two children**, as her niece undergoes surgery the end of this month.

**Nancy Willson's mother, Nancy Deal Weaver**, who is receiving hospice care at Givens.

**Joyce and Tom Young**, as **Joyce** undergoes cancer treatments.

We are thankful for:

The birth of **Josephine "Jo" Robinson**, on April 3, daughter of **James Robinson and Sarah Parsons** and sister to **Kit**.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week:  
**Sarah Abernethy, Lauren Flickinger, Ann Kieffer, Elena Ramos, Richard Sens, Kim Thomas, Andrew Burdette, Jane Vann, Mary Raine Moore, Lynn Sumey, William Sword, Carol Benson, and Marcus Snyder.**