



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 17, 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 at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

Building a Wider Welcome

Our *Building a Wider Welcome* campaign is well on its way, with over \$3.9 million raised and tremendous participation from this congregation. If you haven't made your commitment yet, this is the moment! Pick up a packet from the table beside the reception desk, or view the materials online at fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome. Submit a letter of intent by placing it in the offering plate during worship, putting it in the dropbox in the Wallace Foyer, or mailing it to the church office. Contact the team with questions or comments at 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** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.
- **Faith & Fellowship** meets at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. Through conversation with a variety of voices and real-world examples in our series, "Practicing Resurrection: How We Live," participants will reflect on the different ways that we can live into life shaped by the resurrection of Christ.

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.

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.



New Gallery Exhibit: The Artistic "Telephone Game"

Eighteen FPCA artists, working in three teams, created chains of artistic response. Each team started with a photographer who received a scripture. They passed their photographic interpretation of the scripture to the next artist, who then shared their artistic response with the next artist on their team. The result is a fascinating progression across photography, painting, mixed media, and textile art. An artist reception will follow 11 am worship today.

Women's Studies: Field Trip to Jonesborough, Tenn., on May 21

We'll depart from FPCA at 10 am to carpool to Jonesborough, Tenn.—the state's oldest town and the storytelling capital of the world. We'll enjoy lunch, explore the historic downtown, and attend the 2 pm storytelling program at the new 95-seat center. We plan to return by 4:30 pm. Don't miss this fun day trip of history, fellowship, and story! Tickets are \$10 if we have 10+ participants; RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

Special Art Exhibition & Tour – New date added!

Due to great interest, the Gallery Team is offering a second guided tour of *In a New Light: American Impressionism 1870–1940* on Sunday, May 24, at 4 pm at the Asheville Art Museum, followed by a reception in the rooftop cafe. This event is facilitated by FPCA Session member and project lead curator, Mary Edith Alexander, Bank of America Collection Manager. Email life@fpcasheville.org to RSVP. Admission: \$12.50 for museum members; \$14.50 + general admission for non-members.

FPCA Youth Invite You to "A Night With Holy Fools" on Friday, May 29

The youth have been studying 1 Corinthians this year, thinking carefully about the ways that Paul's wisdom and guidance to the new Christians in Corinth can serve young Christians following Jesus today. Our youth are creating projects in various formats (including a short film, a music video, and a children's story) to share, and you're invited! We'll begin at 6 pm, and a reception will follow. Please plan to show the youth of FPCA your love and support by joining us for this unique experience.

Save the Date: Celebration Picnic on Sunday, Jun. 7

Make plans to join in our celebration of a successful capital campaign with a churchwide picnic following worship on Jun. 7. We will provide the main dish (hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers) and dessert (from Sunshine Sammies!). You're invited to bring a side dish to share.

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, May 17, 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 fellowship hall.
A reception for The Artistic "Telephone Game" will be held at noon in the gallery.
Pan Harmonia will perform a concert at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Women's Studies will take a field trip to Jonesborough, Tenn., departing at 10 am.
The Liturgical Arts Team will meet at 1:30 pm in Room 205.

Sunday, May 24, 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.
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



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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:

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

Frank & Cathie Dodson, as Frank continues to receive chemo treatments at Wake Forest.

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

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

Scott Haight, his parents and family, as Scott's parents transition to assisted living.

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

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

Gail McLeod, who recently suffered another stroke and is receiving care at home.

The Moss family, as Grant continues treatment for cancer.

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

Robert Smith and Mary Raine, as Robert navigates difficult health issues.

Joyce and Tom Young, as Joyce undergoes cancer treatments.

We are thankful for:

All the pastors, ministers, and educators who have led the Bible study for Presbyterian Women in the 2025-2026 year. We have grown in faith and knowledge thanks to your faithfulness and sharing: **Patrick Johnson, Caitlin Johnson, Shannon Jordan, David Germer, Jane Vann, Alice Petersen, Merri Alexander, Donna Ensley, and Tamara Puffer**.

The birth of McCarty Anne Vogel on May 12th, her parents Peter Vogel and Madison Kennedy, and grandparents **Jennifer and Vann Vogel**.

The conclusion of a wonderful year of children's choirs with immense gratitude to **Sarah-Helen Land, Valorie Vliek, Myles Baron, and Melanie Hunnicutt** for their leadership.

Jane Laping's brother, Bob, now at home recuperating.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week: **Alice Petersen, Asher Starun, Cat Kessler, Mark Stanley, Pat Cheffins, Anna Claire Jackson, Bob Kieffer, Laura Leavitt, Lucie Bridges, Parker Alligood, Claude Broach, Bill Grinwis, Carl McDonald, and Betsy Dutnell**.