



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 31, 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 on Jun. 21 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 \$4.6 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, view the materials online at fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome, and submit a letter of intent. Contact the team with questions or comments at widerwelcome@fpcasheville.org. Join us to celebrate on Sunday, Jun. 7, with a potluck picnic lunch, ice cream sandwiches, and music by Appalachian Consort at 11 am worship and at the picnic.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- **Percolating Presbies** meets at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
- **Adult Faith Formation hosted by Text Talk** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.

Summer Faith Formation Schedule

Godly Play will resume in September. In June, there will be childcare for children of adults attending Text Talk at 9:45 am. In July and August, there will be summer faith formation opportunities for children, preschool through 5th grade — stay tuned for details. **Adult Faith Formation** will meet Sundays at 9:45 am in Room 112 during June and July, with a special intergenerational gathering in August. All are welcome. Beginning May 31 and through June, Text Talk will host the class, offering engaging discussion around scripture and faith.

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

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.

Sermon Series: "One Nation, Under God, Revisited" begins Jun. 14

Over five weeks (Jun. 14-Jul. 12), our pastors will lead us in an exploration of Christian citizenship, principled pluralism, and justice as the nation marks its 250th anniversary.

Summer Social Groups kick off Jun. 16

Looking for a great way to connect with others from the congregation? These groups are for long-time members and newer folks alike! Groups can be food-based (meals in each other's homes or in local restaurants), more activity-based (think game nights, or outings in town), or a combination of both, and will meet 3-4 times this summer. Email life@fpcasheville.org with questions, and scan to sign up by Jun. 9.



We give thanks for our recent college graduates...

- **Margaret Derry** graduated from NC State with a BS in Forestry. She has a job with the Department of Natural Resources in Washington State. She will be working as a Wildland Firefighter on an engine crew.
- **Athena Jade Gossett** graduated from UNC Asheville with a BS in Music Technology. She will be staying in Asheville to work with the Pisgah AVL production company and running sound part-time at FPCA.
- **Will Griffith** graduated from Warren Wilson College with a degree in Conservation Biology and a Music minor. He is working at Montreat again this summer, and then hopes to land a job in the outdoors.
- **Ava McClinton** graduated from George Washington University with a B.S. in Data Science. This summer, she'll be working for a D.C.-based federal affairs and defense lobbyist while interviewing for long-term opportunities.
- **Sally Thornburg** graduated from Bates College with a degree in Biochemistry. She'll be home for the summer to study for the MCAT exam, then she's off to be an EMT in Montana.
- **Olivia Belle Traylor** graduated Cum Laude at NC State with a degree in Zoology and a minor in Entomology (insects). She plans to work her third summer in a row at Camp Grier and will be a supervisor this summer. She is unsure of her plans after that time.
- **Reagan Webb** graduated in three years from University of Vermont with a BS in Environmental Policy. She plans to spend the next year traveling and exploring before attending graduate school to expand her field work studies and skills.
- **Caroline Wood** graduated from Wake Forest University. She will complete one more year there in the MSA program and will start her official employment with PWC (Price Waterhouse Cooper) in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2027.

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 fall, we are delighted to welcome David LaMotte as our guest speaker.** David is well known as a singer, songwriter, author, and peacemaker, and we look forward to our time together. Register by Jun. 24 for overnight attendees and by Aug. 24 for commuters. Scan for details, or visit fpcasheville.org.



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 31, 2026

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

Childcare for children of adults attending worship services or faith formation is available on the first floor children's hall.

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

Adult Faith Formation hosted by Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.

A congregational meeting will be held at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

Thursday, June 4, 2026

The Liturgical Arts Team will meet at 1:30 pm in Room 205.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.

Childcare for children of adults attending worship services or faith formation is available on the first floor children's hall.

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

Adult Faith Formation hosted by Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.

The Church Picnic will be held in the fellowship hall following 11 am worship.

Take a Blessing Bag to share with a neighbor

Volunteers assembled 200 "blessing bags" during our recent Love Asheville Day of Service & Learning. You are invited to take one or two bags to share with a neighbor who could use one. They are great to keep in the car! Find them on the table in the Wallace Foyer.

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.

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. 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 continues to receive treatment for cancer.

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.

The family and friends of Gail McLeod, as they grieve the death of Gail on May 18th. A memorial service will be held at FPCA on June 16 at 2pm with a reception to follow.

The Moss family, as Grant continues treatment for cancer.

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

Nancy and Patrick Willson as they grieve the death of her mother, **Nancy**, on May 24.

Joyce and Tom Young, as Joyce undergoes cancer treatments.

We are thankful for:

Graduating 5th graders who will join our youth group this summer and fall: **Gwen Morlok, Poppy McClendon, and Juju Wijesinghe**.

Our confirmands, **Lily McDonald, Asher Staryn, and Christian Trunnell**.

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.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week: **David Burdette, Stancil Campbell, Katie Huntley, Andrew Atherton, Cathy Byers, Hank Mosley, Agnes Kabambi, Kit Robinson, Rebecca Huntley, Pam McGill, and Sue Sparboe-Derry**.