



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 7, 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 concluding its fundraising phase today, with over \$5 million raised and tremendous participation from this congregation! We hope you will celebrate with us after 11 am worship with a potluck picnic lunch, ice cream sandwiches, and music by Appalachian Consort. If you haven't made a commitment yet, there's still time. Learn more at fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome.

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. Text Talk will host the class in June, 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

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.



Charlotte Bronze Handbell Concert on Friday, Jun. 19

All are invited to this free concert, "Hymns of Grateful Praise," performed by a talented visiting handbell ensemble. Join us in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

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, June 7, 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.
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.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Families of rising 3rd-5th graders will meet at 1 pm at Brookstone Park (Weaverville).

Sunday, June 14, 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.
Adult Faith Formation* hosted by Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Summer Choir* will meet at 10 am in the sanctuary.

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

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



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:

The leadership of our Building a Wider Welcome fundraising committee: **Richard Sens and Lynn Kieffer (co-chairs), Taylor Foss, Donna Ensley, Jim Hackney, Hank Johnson, Keith Love, and Eula Pence**, and to the volunteers and staff who pulled together materials and provided support to the campaign team.

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

The fantastic job our **youth** did on Friday, May 29, with their Holy Fools presentation!

Our confirmands, **Lilly McDonald, Asher Starun, and Christian Trunnell**.

The birth of Clare Perle, granddaughter of **Alan and Paula Schlesinger**, on June 1.

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: **John Vruwink, Mark Fowler, Tom Bowkett, Reese Carlton, Doug Colvard, Felicity Johnson, Nate Kampe, Benjamin Mills, Chloe Grace Mills, Anne Apple, Daniel DeLauro, Donna Pickens, Joyce Brown, Pamela Culp, and Donna Sorrow**.