



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 28, 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 July 19 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 with over \$5 million raised and tremendous participation from this congregation! In the coming weeks, you may begin to notice some activity near our narthex and Commons areas, as our contractor, Beverly-Grant, conducts preconstruction work. If you would still like to participate in the campaign, you can learn more at fpcasheville.org/widerwelcome.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Summer Faith Formation Schedule

Godly Play will resume in September. Beginning July 12, there will be summer faith formation opportunities for children, preschool through 5th grade, at 9:45 am on the children's hall. Contact Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@fpcasheville.org 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 July 12, Faith & Fellowship will lead the series with thoughtful conversation on the topic: "Courage, Grace, and Hope: Learning from Maya Angelou."

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"

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 Choir Sundays

All are invited to join the Summer Choir on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of June (28), July (12, 26), and August (9, 23). We will meet at 10 am in the chancel to learn an anthem for that morning. Come to one or two or all, and invite a friend! No RSVP necessary.

FPCA @ the Tourists Baseball Game on Friday, Jul. 10

Meet at the ballpark beginning at 5:30 pm. FPCA has a reserved section of seats. Enjoy dollar hot dogs and fireworks after the game! Reserve tickets now: RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org. Adults \$12 per person; age 18 and younger are free.

You're Invited to Summer Sunday Lunch on Jul. 19 & Aug. 16

FPCA will gather on July 19 and August 16 in the fellowship hall on the ground floor for lunch following the 11 am worship service. Enjoy this informal time for all ages on one Sunday or both. Lunch will be prepared by our Kitchen Manager Nick Lenos. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org; suggested donation \$10 per adult, children free.

Call for Gallery Submissions: *The Art We Treasure*

The gallery committee is preparing the next exhibition (on display Jul. 29 to Oct. 31). Each household is invited to submit one piece of artwork (not created by yourself or a family member) that is particularly moving and meaningful to you. Please email a short statement (up to five sentences) about why the piece speaks to you to Donna Pickens at life@fpcasheville.org by Jul. 15; include in your email the dimensions of your piece and whether it will be hung or exhibited on a table. Artwork should be ready to hang (or table-ready for ceramic works and sculptures) and will be collected in the church library between the two services on Sunday, Jul. 26. We hope you will consider participating in this exciting exhibition!

REGISTER NOW for the 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. Commuter registration is open through Aug. 24. Scan for details, or visit fpcasheville.org.



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, June 28, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

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

Thursday, July 2, 2026

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

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Rev. David Germer will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.*
No faith formation classes will meet today; classes for all ages resume July 12.

Monday, July 6, 2026

Independence Day (observed) — the church office will be closed.

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

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:

Jerry Bleckley, as he navigates a recent cancer diagnosis.

Bo Branden's sister, Ruth, as she adapts to the permanent loss of her vision.

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.

The Moss family, as Grant continues treatment for cancer.

The Sword Family, as they grieve the death of Janet's father on June 21.

Craig and Lynn Sumey, ministry partners with Communitas International, as they move to Scotland to begin ministry there.

Joyce and Tom Young, as Joyce recovers from surgery for her cancer.

We are thankful for:

Elizabeth LaJeunesse, as we celebrate her first year as FPCA Director of Music and Organist.

The opportunity for FPCA to host **youth and adult leaders** from a variety of churches who are participating this summer in week-long Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) mission immersion programs.

Please join us in celebrating the following members who have birthdays this week:

Aimee McNeill, Margaret Peterson, Claire Trunnell, Ron Derry, Danny Muller, Cathy Stanley, Cindy Egerer, Reni Hamner, Nate Sell, and Roberta Widman.