



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 19, 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 opportunity is on Aug. 16 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.

A New Look for the Children's Hall

Thanks to the generosity and faithful stewardship of past generations through our endowment funds, we are excited to begin replacing the flooring in our children's hall, much of which is 20-40 years old. Work will take place over the next few weeks, so please watch for updates, as some meeting locations will temporarily change. During the project, children's ministry will meet in different rooms, groups normally meeting in Room 112 will relocate to Room 213, and the library will be closed while we store materials from the children's hall. A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped move furniture and supplies, and to the Childcare Center for sharing their facilities so we can provide Sunday morning nursery care.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Faith Formation

- “Sing a New Song,” for children ages 3–rising 2nd grade, meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.
- “Called to Lead,” for children in rising 3rd–5th grade, meets at 9:45 am in the children’s choir room.
- **Adult Faith Formation hosted by Faith & Fellowship** meets at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall. All are welcome. In July, 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 213 to discuss matters of faith and life. For more information, contact Shannon at sjordan@fpcasheville.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

Summer Choir Sundays

All are invited to join the Summer Choir on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of July (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.

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

FPCA will gather on Jul. 19 and Aug. 16 in the fellowship hall on the ground floor for lunch following 11 am worship. Lunch will be prepared by our Kitchen Manager Nick Lenos. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org; suggested donation \$10 per adult, children free. If you would like to join us today but have not RSVP'd, please check with Nancy McNeill before getting in line.

All Are Invited to Summer Writing Group

One of our Summer Social Groups is exploring writing together and welcomes anyone who would like to write in community! The group meets on Mondays from 10 am to noon in the ground floor conference room. Email life@fpcasheville.org with questions.

Lunch Bunch at Tupelo Honey South (1829 Hendersonville Rd.)

Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, Jul. 27, at 11:30 am. It's a great time for fellowship and enjoying a good meal with others in the FPCA family. RSVP to life@fpcasheville.org.

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 ASAP**; 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. Scan for details, or visit fpcasheville.org. Commuter registration is open through Aug. 24. The room block at Assembly Inn is currently filled; we are keeping a waitlist in case rooms open up. Contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org if you would like to be added to the waitlist.



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, July 19, 2026

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Nursery care will be provided beginning at 8:30 am in the ground floor Childcare Center.
“Sing a New Song” (ages 3–rising 2nd grade) will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
“Called to Lead” (rising 3rd–5th grade) will meet at 9:45 am in the children’s choir room.
New members will be received at 9:45 am in the ground floor conference room.
Adult Faith Formation (Faith & Fellowship) will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.
Summer Sunday Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following 11 am worship.
Youth Group will meet from 5 to 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Monday, July 20, 2026

Summer Writing Group will meet at 10 am in the ground floor conference room.
FPCA Youth will gather for local service and learning with mission partners at various off-site locations, July 20-22.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 213.
The FPCA Stitchers will meet at 10 am in Room 214.

Thursday, July 23, 2026

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

Friday, July 24, 2026

The church office will close at noon.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Still FLO (young adults) will meet for mini golf at 4 pm at Salt Face Mule.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Rev. David Germer will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Nursery care will be provided beginning at 8:30 am in the ground floor Childcare Center.
“Sing a New Song” (ages 3–rising 2nd grade) will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
“Called to Lead” (rising 3rd–5th grade) will meet at 9:45 am in the children’s choir room.
Adult Faith Formation (Faith & Fellowship) will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.
Artwork for the upcoming gallery show will be accepted at 9:45 am in the library.
Summer Choir will meet at 10 am in the sanctuary.

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:

Jeff Ballard, as he recovers from surgery and health issues.

Myles Baron, as he adjusts to moving to Colorado and his new job as high school choir director.

Jerry Bleckley, as he navigates a recent cancer diagnosis.

Phillip Cox & Maleah Monn, and daughter Lane, as they move to Greenville, S.C.

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

Family and friends of Rev. Bob Cumming, who died on Friday, July 3. Service day and time still undecided.

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.

Chris, Riley, Gardner, and Emma Ann Moss, as they grieve the death of their husband and father, **Grant**, on June 30. A memorial service was held on July 11.

Dan, Katie, Kyle, and Marcus Snyder, as they move to Pennsylvania to be closer to family.

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

Martha Vollmerhausen's daughter-in-law, recently hospitalized for a second time.

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

We are thankful for:

Those who helped us move furniture and supplies out of the children's hall: **Frances Alexander, Mary Edith Alexander, Jamie Beasley, Martha Bennett, Jean Corliss, Izzy Cox, Ian Croft, Chris DeJarnett, Susanna DeJarnett, Fred & Linda Dulin, William Farmer, Heather Harty, Sandra Hunter, Claire Johnson, Hank & Leslie Johnson, Luke Johnson, Patrick & Caitlin Johnson, John & Shannon Jordan, Bob & Lynn Kieffer, Keith Love, Aimee McNeill, Paul & Nancy McNeill, Bob Miller & Rosina Lau-Miller, Keith Powers, Alan Rosenthal, and Sandra Strickland.**

The middle school youth and adult leaders who traveled to Harrisonburg, Va., to take part in the Massanetta Middle School Conference this past week: **Talia Beasley, Serena Friend, Titus Germer, Ruby Gruver, Claire Johnson, Randall Johnson, Gwen Morlok, Iris Morlok, Byron Trunnell, Jemma Wijesinge, Juju Wijesinghe, Joanne Bartsch, and David Germer.**

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: **Aiden Cooper, Chris Loftis, Jil Meadows, Jonathan Thompson, Landon Waltemyer, Olin Jarrett, Connor Guthy, Rachel Macaluso, Bill Eakins, and Richard Griffin.**