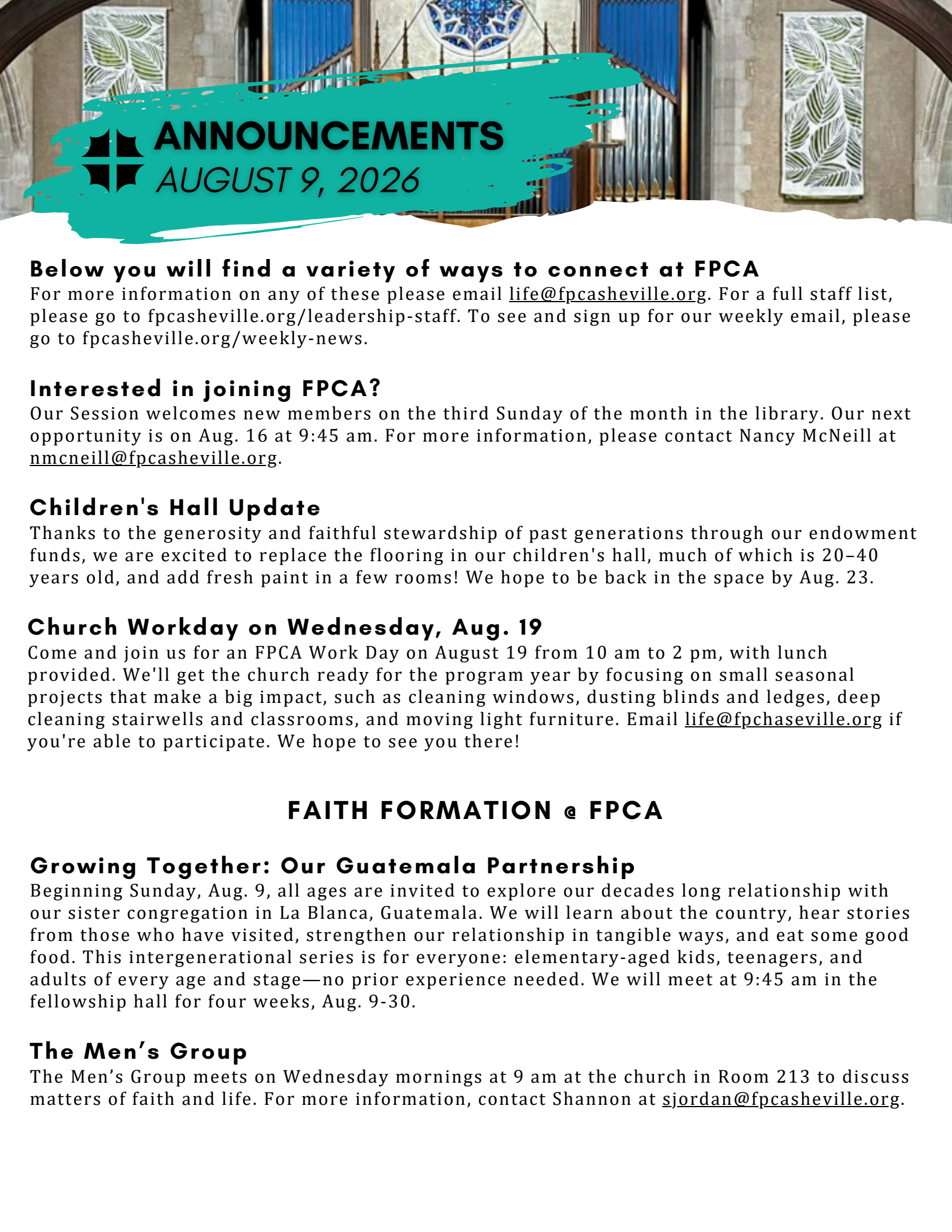




ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 9, 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.

Children's Hall Update

Thanks to the generosity and faithful stewardship of past generations through our endowment funds, we are excited to replace the flooring in our children's hall, much of which is 20-40 years old, and add fresh paint in a few rooms! We hope to be back in the space by Aug. 23.

Church Workday on Wednesday, Aug. 19

Come and join us for an FPCA Work Day on August 19 from 10 am to 2 pm, with lunch provided. We'll get the church ready for the program year by focusing on small seasonal projects that make a big impact, such as cleaning windows, dusting blinds and ledges, deep cleaning stairwells and classrooms, and moving light furniture. Email life@fpcasheville.org if you're able to participate. We hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Growing Together: Our Guatemala Partnership

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 9, all ages are invited to explore our decades long relationship with our sister congregation in La Blanca, Guatemala. We will learn about the country, hear stories from those who have visited, strengthen our relationship in tangible ways, and eat some good food. This intergenerational series is for everyone: elementary-aged kids, teenagers, and adults of every age and stage—no prior experience needed. We will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall for four weeks, Aug. 9-30.

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 August (9, 23). We will meet at 10 am in the chancel to learn an anthem for that morning. Come to one or both, and invite a friend! No RSVP necessary.

New Gallery Exhibit: *The Art We Treasure*

The congregation was invited to submit art that is meaningful to their families, and wow, did we receive some wonderful pieces! Come explore these submissions and the stories behind them. Friends, family, and experiences all gave meaning to the wide variety of pieces brought to this exhibit.

Popsicles & Pizza in the Park – This Afternoon!

Families with children infant through rising 5th grade are invited to gather at Robert Lake Park in Montreat for an afternoon of play, popsicles, and pizza, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Sunday, Aug. 9. RSVP to Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@fpcasheville.org.

Still FLO: Asheville Tourists Game on Thursday, Aug. 13

Our young adult group will gather to enjoy a baseball game at 6:30 pm—and also to support our own Emma Frellick singing the National Anthem before the first pitch! RSVP to David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org today. Friends are always welcome!

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

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

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. 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.



Church Street Chorister Mini-Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20

We have a special opportunity for our young singers this fall! Dr. Kari Adams, Professor of Music Education at UNCG, will come to work with children (in grades K–6) from FPCA, Central UMC, and Trinity Episcopal for a Church Street Chorister Mini-Festival. Following 11 o'clock worship, children will gather for lunch at 12:15 pm, then sing together, followed by an “informance” for parents and friends in the FPCA sanctuary at 3 pm. RSVP to life@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, August 9, 2026

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

Nursery care will be provided beginning at 8:30 am:

- Children ages 0-3 years in the ground floor Childcare Center
- Children ages 3+ years in Room 112

Intergenerational Faith Formation will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.

Summer Choir will meet at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Pizza & Popsicles in the Park will meet at 4:30 pm at Robert Lake Park in Montreat.

Monday, August 10, 2026

Summer Writing Group will meet at 10 am in the ground floor conference room.

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 213.

Women's Bible Study Potluck will meet at 11 am in Room 213.

Thursday, August 13, 2026

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

Still FLO (young adults) will meet for a Tourists' Game at 6:30 pm at HomeTrust Park.

Friday, August 14, 2026

The church office will close at noon.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

Nursery care will be provided beginning at 8:30 am:

- Children ages 0-3 years in the ground floor Childcare Center
- Children ages 3+ years in Room 112

Intergenerational Faith Formation will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.

New members will be received at 9:45 am in the conference room.

Summer Sunday Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following 11 am worship.

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.

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. A memorial service will be held at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church at 11 am on Saturday, August 22.

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.

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:

The birth of **Rory Ellis Farr**, on July 27, 2026, his parents Caralee Sadler Farr & Hampton Farr and brother John Lee.

Talia Beasley, Drew Dodson, Josiah Germer, Titus Germer, Olive Gruver, Ruby Gruver, Claire Johnson, Isla Johnson, Luke Johnson, Randall Johnson, Lilly McDonald, Gwen Morlok, Iris Morlok, Eli Oldenburg, Asher Starun, Byron Trunnell, and Christian Trunnell, led by **David Germer**, who participated in our FPCA youth mission week learning about the YWCA, Deep Time, 12 Baskets, and the Haywood St. Congregation.

The opportunity for FPCA to host **youth and adult leaders** from a variety of churches who participated 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:

John Jordan, LeNoir Medlock, Joan Schrader, Emma Ann Moss, Al Schlesinger, Sandra Strickland, Charlie Stutesman, Poppy McClendon, Andrew Stout, Mimi Merrill, Jean Shearouse, and Henry Stutesman.