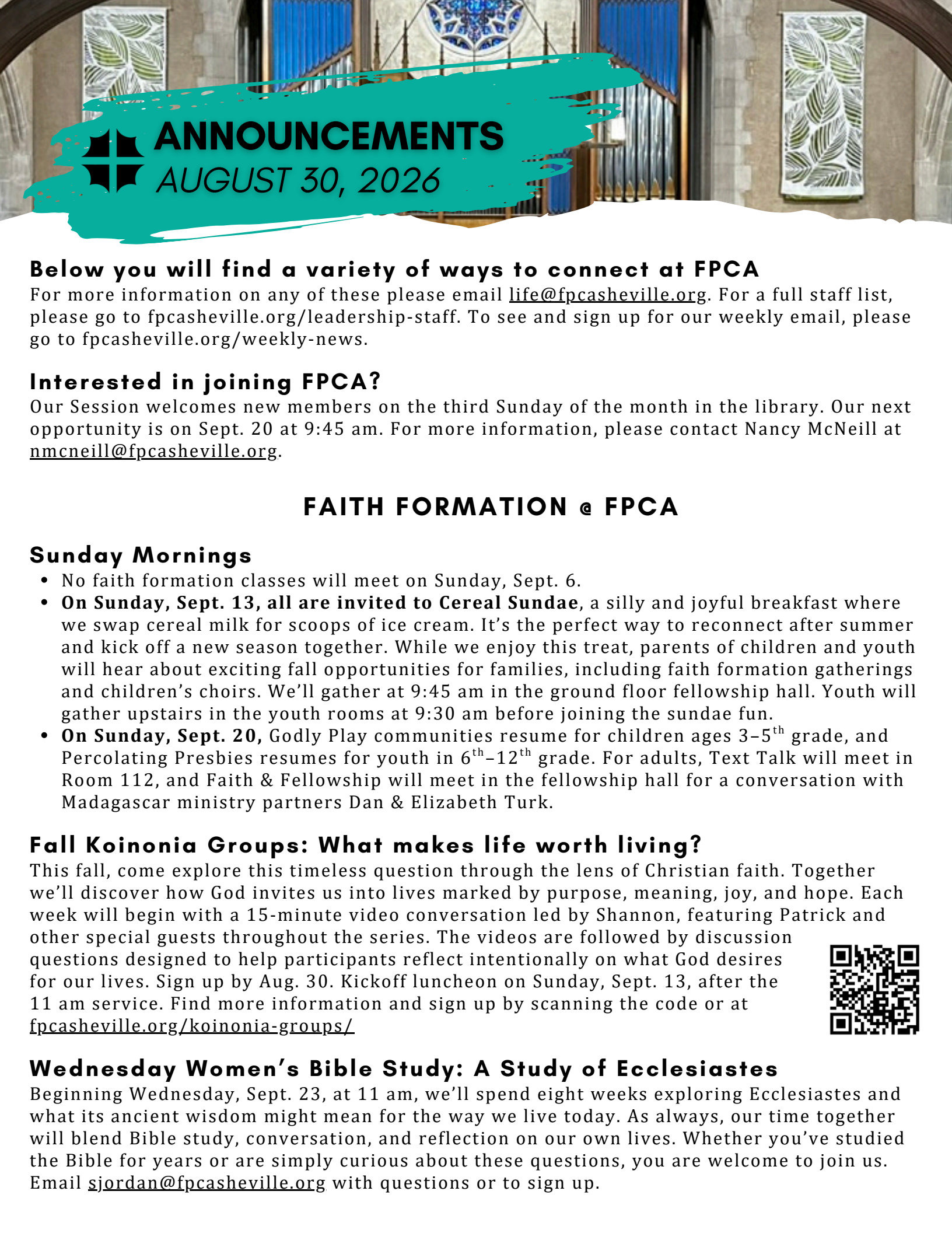




ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 30, 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 Sept. 20 at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- No faith formation classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 6.
- **On Sunday, Sept. 13, all are invited to Cereal Sundae**, a silly and joyful breakfast where we swap cereal milk for scoops of ice cream. It's the perfect way to reconnect after summer and kick off a new season together. While we enjoy this treat, parents of children and youth will hear about exciting fall opportunities for families, including faith formation gatherings and children's choirs. We'll gather at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall. Youth will gather upstairs in the youth rooms at 9:30 am before joining the sundae fun.
- **On Sunday, Sept. 20**, Godly Play communities resume for children ages 3–5th grade, and Percolating Presbies resumes for youth in 6th–12th grade. For adults, Text Talk will meet in Room 112, and Faith & Fellowship will meet in the fellowship hall for a conversation with Madagascar ministry partners Dan & Elizabeth Turk.

Fall Koinonia Groups: What makes life worth living?

This fall, come explore this timeless question through the lens of Christian faith. Together we'll discover how God invites us into lives marked by purpose, meaning, joy, and hope. Each week will begin with a 15-minute video conversation led by Shannon, featuring Patrick and other special guests throughout the series. The videos are followed by discussion questions designed to help participants reflect intentionally on what God desires for our lives. Sign up by Aug. 30. Kickoff luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 13, after the 11 am service. Find more information and sign up by scanning the code or at fpcasheville.org/koinonia-groups/



Wednesday Women's Bible Study: A Study of Ecclesiastes

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11 am, we'll spend eight weeks exploring Ecclesiastes and what its ancient wisdom might mean for the way we live today. As always, our time together will blend Bible study, conversation, and reflection on our own lives. Whether you've studied the Bible for years or are simply curious about these questions, you are welcome to join us. Email sjordan@fpcasheville.org with questions or to sign up.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

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.

New Gallery Exhibit: *The Art We Treasure*

The congregation was invited to submit a piece of art that is meaningful to their families, and wow, did we receive some wonderful items! Come explore these submissions and the stories behind them. These stories, involving friends, family, and experiences, all give depth, richness and deeper meaning to this exhibit.

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 am 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 elajeunesse@fpcasheville.org or scan the code to register.



MISSION @ FPCA

Building Bridges Anti-Racism Class... at FPCA!

Building Bridges fosters antiracism by educating people on how to intentionally engage in dialogues about racism. The class is from 6:30 to 9 pm on nine consecutive Mondays, Sept. 14 through Nov. 9. Check the weekly email or visit bbavl.org to register. Contact David at dgermer@fpcasheville.org if you are interested in helping us host OR participating in the class. Building Bridges has offered discounted fees for a limited number of FPCA participants.

Saturday Sanctuary Begins Oct. 10

Every Saturday for roughly six months, we provide a warm meal and a safe and welcoming space to neighbors, building relationships and finding Jesus in our midst, right in the fellowship hall. Training for new volunteers takes place on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 12:15-1:45 pm in the fellowship hall. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with questions or to be added to the email list.

Parking Reminders

Parking is available in our new lot at 46 Aston St. 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.

Please do not park along the sidewalk in the upper church lot or in the circle drive by the entrance to the Wallace Foyer. Help us keep this area open for pick-up and drop-off.

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 30, 2026

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Intergenerational Faith Formation will meet at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall.
Summer Book Club Luncheon will gather in the fellowship hall after 11 am worship.
Godly Play leaders will meet on the first floor children's hall after 11 am worship.
Youth Group Pool Party & Parent Meeting will gather from 3:30 to 6 pm at the Reinhardt home.

Monday, August 31, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday, September 3, 2026

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Rev. David Germer will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.

Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day — the church office will be closed.

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.

Frank & Cathie Dodson, as Frank continues to receive chemo treatments at Wake Forest.

Family and friends of **Debbie Duncan**, as they grieve her death on August 25. A memorial service will be held at FPCA on September 26 at 2 pm with a reception following.

Joan Gaddis, mother-in-law of **Susan Gaddis**, for an ongoing hospitalization.

Martha Vollmerhausen's daughter-in-law, for frequent hospitalizations.

Susie Wheelis, as she recovers from hip surgery.

Our children, youth, and college students who have returned to school, along with their families, teachers, and other school officials.

We are thankful for:

Kathryn Murray's friend, who is in remission from advanced leukemia, and her younger sister is also doing better!

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

The wedding of **Julie-Joy Dale**, granddaughter of Rufus & June Dale, to Noah Patrick on August 15 in Columbia, S.C.

Bob & Betsy Dutnell, who celebrated 67 years of marriage on August 21.

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

Judy Greenawalt, Dawn Grohs, Beckett Webb, Josie McClinton, Byron Trunnell, Fred Dulin, Debbie Teece, Reba Totten, Betty Walker, Lauren Colvard, Sarah Calloway, Barbara Hornaday, Bill Keys, Iris Morlok, and Kelci Thompson.