



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 25, 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 Nov. 15 at 9:45 am. For more information, please contact Nancy McNeill at nmcneill@fpcasheville.org.

All Saints' Day

In worship on Nov. 1, we will give thanks for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. In addition to remembering FPCA members who have died in the past year, it is our tradition to remember others known to our faith community. If you would like us to remember by name someone who has died in the past year, scan the code to complete the form by noon on Friday, Oct. 30.



FAITH FORMATION @ FPCA

Sunday Mornings

- **Percolating Presbies** meets at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
- **Godly Play** meets at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
- **Text Talk** meets at 9:45 am in Room 112.
- **Faith & Fellowship** meets at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall. Join us this month as we explore how Scripture came together, why genre and context matter, and how these tools can help us appreciate the Bible's beauty, complexity, and meaning more deeply.

Faith & Fellowship in November — Held, Seen & Pieced Together

Every created being is creative, even those of us who would never call ourselves artists. We are made in the image of a Maker. As we prepare for Advent, when God took on ordinary flesh, we'll spend time with three living artists. Read alongside scripture, their work helps us ask what it means to bear that image. This is not a lecture series. Each class is hands-on and interactive. We'll look closely, talk together, and make something with our own hands. No artistic experience is needed, only curiosity.

Presbyterian Women

PW will gather on Monday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 am in Room 112, where Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson will lead a discussion on how Christian freedom is shaped not by self-interest but by love, humility, and concern for others. All women are invited to join these monthly gatherings as we share in study, prayer, and conversation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE @ FPCA

Lunch Bunch at Pomodoros (1070 Tunnel Road)

Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, Oct. 26, 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.

Church Street Organ Spooktacular on Friday, Oct. 30

All are invited to this progressive series of mini-organ recitals featuring spooooky music and decorations, costumed performers, Halloween caroling, and candy! The event begins at 5 pm at Central UMC; from there, a host will escort you to FPCA, then to Trinity Episcopal, where we'll end at 6:15 pm. All are invited back to Central UMC after the recitals to attend their fall festival; costumes are encouraged for children and adults alike.

Still FLO (Young Adults) Serving with Saturday Sanctuary on Nov. 7

We will be trained together at 11:30 am, eat lunch with neighbors, serve together, and clean up after neighbors leave at 2 pm. Those who would like to can then venture together to a nearby spot for further fellowship and debriefing the experience. RSVP to David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org by Nov. 3.

MISSION @ FPCA

Mountains to Marsh: Trip to Charleston in April 2027



Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel with the Chancel Choir and Racial Justice Team to Charleston, S.C! We'll experience the boundary-breaking love of Christ by building and strengthening relationships within FPCA, learning about racial justice history and current challenges and work in Charleston, and using our gifts and passion as we worship in a different setting, together. Scan the code for trip details and to register. Sign up by Oct. 31, and contact Elizabeth LaJeunesse at elajeunesse@fpcasheville.org with any questions.

Building Bridges Panel Discussions at FPCA – All are welcome!



We have been hosting the fall Building Bridges course here at FPCA, with a fantastic team of volunteers. From now through Nov. 2, panel discussions are open to our community on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm in the FPCA fellowship hall. Scan the code for dates and topics, and contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with any questions.

Join the Habitat Faith Build This Fall

This is the 33rd year that, together with other faith communities, FPCA is building a house for a local family. There are jobs for all skill levels (16 years and older), and we have reserved three work days for those who want to help build: Saturdays, Oct. 31 and Nov. 14, and Friday, Nov. 20. Other slots are also available. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Visit the church website or contact Bill Winkler at life@fpcasheville.org for information.

Saturday Sanctuary

Every Saturday for roughly six months, we provide a warm meal and a safe, welcoming space to neighbors, building relationships and finding Jesus in our midst, right in the fellowship hall. Contact David Germer at dgermer@fpcasheville.org with questions or to join the email list.

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, October 25, 2026

Rev. Shannon Jordan will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Percolating Presbies will meet at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
Godly Play will meet at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
An artist reception for Mary Callaway Logan will follow 11 am worship in the gallery.
Youth Group will meet from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in the ground floor fellowship hall.

Monday, October 26, 2026

Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 am at Pomodoros (1070 Tunnel Road).
Building Bridges panel discussion will meet from 6:30 to 8 pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

The Men's Group will meet at 9 am in Room 112.
FPCA Stitchers will meet at 10 am in Room 214.
Women's Bible Study will meet at 11 am in Room 112.
Wednesday night dinner will be served at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall.
Parent Group will meet from 5:45 to 7 pm in Room 214.
Beginning Choir and Junior Choristers will rehearse from 6 to 6:45 pm.
Handbell Choir will rehearse from 6 to 6:45 pm in the choir room.
Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday, October 29, 2026

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

Thursday, October 30, 2026

The Church Street Organ Spooktacular will begin at 5 pm at Central UMC.

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Saturday Sanctuary will take place from 10:30 am to 2 pm in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Rev. Caitlin Johnson will be preaching at 8:45 and 11 am.
Percolating Presbies will meet at 9:30 am in the second floor youth suite.
Godly Play will meet at 9:45 am on the first floor children's hall.
Text Talk will meet at 9:45 am in Room 112.
Faith & Fellowship will meet at 9:45 am in the ground floor fellowship hall.
The All Souls Cathedral Choir will perform Fauré's *Requiem* at 5 pm in the sanctuary.

Partners at 40 Church Street



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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 & Micki Argall and family, as they grieve the death of Jerry's brother Glen on October 6 following a brief illness.

Pamela Baker and family, as they grieve the unexpected death of her brother-in-law, Newell Baker, on October 12 in Atlanta, Ga.

Jerry Bleckley, as he navigates cancer treatments.

Martha & Bo Branden, as they navigate family health issues.

Jean Corliss, daughters Erin & Jamie, and family, as they grieve the death of husband and father Steve on October 20.

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.

Susan Gaddis and family, as they grieve the death of Susan's mother-in-law, Joann, on September 13 following an extended illness.

Nathan Gruver's mother, Sandy, as she receives weekly chemotherapy treatments.

Julie Lehman, Michael Poulos, and family, as they grieve the death of Julie's mother, member **Judi Lehman**.

Alice Lentz, as she grieves the death of her brother, Kenny, on October 4 after a tough battle with cancer.

Fran Ogasawara, who is in rehab following a recent hospitalization.

Jean Shearouse's mother, Mary, who was recently hospitalized and is now home.

Craig & Lynn Sumey, along with their ministry in Scotland, that they are led to the faith community God has in store for them.

Charlie Talley & Marriette van der Sluijs and family, as they grieve the death of Charlie's mother on September 27.

We are thankful for:

The birth of **Bodhi Farmer**, son of **Bailey & William Farmer** and brother to **Liam**, on October 20.

Bette Moore, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 15.

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

Bill Winkler, Charlie Talley, Nat Meadows, Joanne Rasco, Emma Frellick, Mary Jane Skinner, Tyler Smith, and Pat McClellan.