

Other Groups

Agape

The mission of AGAPE is to encourage a church wide conversation about the meaning of Christ's command to love one another. To recognize and advance: Justice, Inclusion and Diversity through study and learning, self-reflection, example and fellowship. The purpose is to achieve an open, welcoming, and safe place of worship that has a positive impact in the lives of parishioners and the community at large. We hope that we will then become a church known throughout the presbytery as a model of the best Christianity has to offer. This group meets at the church, but occasionally at someone's home, at least once a quarter on the second Thursday of the month (more frequently if we are conducting a project).

Involvement is the Key

This Guidebook is provided by the Outreach Committee to offer information about the many programs and activities of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

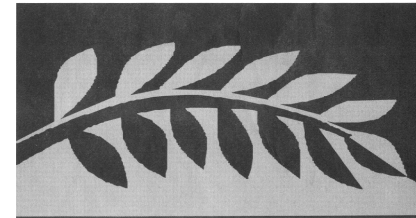
Involvement is the key. Involvement is what allows people to grow in their faith and feel a sense of satisfaction about their participation in any church.

Hopefully you will see something here that will spark an interest in you or help meet a need you have, and that you will take the initiative to speak to one of those listed as a contact person. Our goal is for involvement to be quick and easy and welcoming. We want you to find just the right place so that you may grow in your faith and the church may thrive.

Fox Chapel Presbyterian has great ministries with wonderful variety and quality. We cannot meet all the needs that are out there but we seek to meet all we can within our limits. This is a good place, filled with people who are talented, committed and excited about living their faith in a deep and joyful way as disciples of Jesus Christ the Savior.

Come and be a part of this vital community of faith! We need you in order to be all that the Lord is calling us to be.

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church



GUIDEBOOK

2011/2012

*To help people of all ages become mature disciples
of our Lord, Jesus Christ*

FCPC at a Glance

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship is at 10 a.m. for both the Traditional and Contemporary services

With educational opportunities available following worship

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 & 10 a.m. Traditional and 10 a.m. Contemporary

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Summer Office Hours

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday

Leadership Meetings

Session normally meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

The Board of Deacons normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month

The Entire Church Staff and The Program Staff

meet on Tuesday mornings

Revised 8/11

Community Builders

Church Library

FCPC has a wonderful church library offering up-to-date faith resources to our community. The library is located in the wing leading to the church offices. Sandy Howard is our contact and she may be reached at 412-782-3082.

Stitch n' Time

Meets every Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the church in the Library to knit, crochet, do needlework and contribute to the mission outreach of our congregation with prayer shawls and baby blankets. Contact Jean Hopper at 724-265-1277.

Friday Morning Book Group

For seventeen years has attracted "inquiring minds" from FCPC members and friends to read and discuss books dealing with matters of faith and issues. Books, and occasionally videos, are chosen by the members who take turns leading the discussion. Sometimes guest leaders from the seminary and the community are invited to lead. Meets every Friday throughout the school year in the Lounge from 9-10 a.m. Call Dorothy Hill at 412-828-7285 or Lois Marshall at 412-781-6920.

Bridge

On the second Friday of each month adults gather to play bridge in a relaxed, informal setting. Contact Betsy Lodwick through the church office.

Fellowship Events

FCPC has regular events to bring the congregation closer together and provide occasions for fellowship.

- Chili cook-off
- Valentine's Day Celebration
- Pentecost Reception
- Lemonade on the Lawn
- Root Beer Float Sunday
- Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast and Baseball Game

Contact the co-chairs of the Fellowship Committee, Emy Boag or Susan Follansbee, through the church office.

Congregational Care

Yoga Foundations

A Wellness Task Force initiative led by Sherri Wilson, meeting in the Chapel on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. For information on the schedule and to register contact Malvene at arvaym@fcpc.us. Drop ins are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5 per person each Tuesday.

Wellness Task Force

This task force, Chaired by Julie Hagan, juhagan@hotmail.com, is a subcommittee of the Congregational Care Committee with a mission to further wellness of body, mind and spirit in our church and community. Contact Julie or the church office if you're interested in participating. The group is newly formed and eager for new ideas.

Hospitality

Baskets for Babies and The Rose Ministry

Coffee, Bagels and Greeters are not enough! The Hospitality Committee has 2 new ministries: the "rose ministry" and "baskets for babies". White roses are placed in services on the death of a church member; red roses are placed to honor the birth of a new baby to church members. "Baskets for babies" are gift baskets prepared to welcome new babies of church members. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Joan Hogge or Malvene, in the church office, at 412-963-8243, if you would like to participate in these new ministries.

Singles Over 50

This group is for those who are SINGLE. If you are 50+ and widowed, divorced or single, please join in the fun and sign up for some of our outings. It's a great way to meet people and make new friends. You can sign up by contacting Malvene in the office at 412-963-8243 and to receive emails by filling out an application. You can also contact Anne Ringham at akringham2010@verizon.net or Bunny Wolff at bunwolff@comcast.net. You do not have to be a church member to join and feel free to bring friends. Transportation is the responsibility of the individual. There is no fee to join as we pay our own way for each event we attend.

How To Get Involved

Pray

You can be confident God is interested in leading you to effective places to serve within Christ's Body, the Church.

Consider Your Passions

If you could dare to do anything at all for God, what would it be? Assume that strong desires and restlessness are God's ways of speaking to you.

Use this Guidebook

Use the best guidebook of all, the Scriptures. But also use this guidebook to learn about ministry opportunities at FCPC. Feel free to contact the leaders listed by the group or activity in which you're interested.

Follow Announcements

Keep track of updates in the church's weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, **The Window**. We'll do our best to keep you current on involvement opportunities. Give us your email address and you will receive weekly reminders of events at the church.

Experiment

Go ahead and try several different ministries. Have fun finding just the right place.

Keep Your Eyes on God

Ultimately our church involvement is for one purpose only: we believe to bring the glory to God.

Discover Your

Spiritual Gifts

Learn about the gifts God has given you and you alone. Listen to others who can give you good feedback about gifts and interests you are exemplifying. Develop these talents.

Be A Committed and Joyful

Disciple of Jesus Christ

1. **Worship regularly.** It is the way to nourish a vital faith.
2. **Serve eagerly.** Find a place to get involved so you can grow and God's church can thrive.
3. **Live worthily.** You are a witness to the gospel wherever you go.
4. **Give generously.** Give freely of your time, talents, and money.
5. **Bring a friend to church.**

The Program Staff

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Prayers & Squares

Is the prayer quilt ministry here at the church. We meet every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon to create quilts for the ill and bereaved in our community as well as for the older patients at the Children's Home of Pittsburgh. No experience is needed to participate as we need shoppers, cutters and machine sewers, as well as an historian. This group also meets on the 3rd Friday evening of each month at 7 o'clock for Wine and Twine, a fellowship event where we add the knots that tie the quilts together. Again, no experience is needed for this - just a good heart and nimble fingers. Contact Diane Donovan at 412-487-6560 or dianedonovan71@mac.com for information or questions.

Service Opportunities

Assisting With Worship

In every worship experience at FCPC there are lay people involved in important ways. We would be happy for you to come and help by serving as an usher, a greeter, a lay worship leader, or to assist in the preparation of the Lord's Supper. The Chair of our Worship Committee is Jill Millard, who can be reached through the church office at 412-963-8243.

Serving on a Church Committee

All of our church committees include church staff and lay members of the church. Committees include Administration and Personnel, Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Care, Stewardship, Fellowship, Finance and Endowment, Mission, Hospitality, Outreach, Preschool Ministries, and Worship.

If you would like to serve on any church committee, contact the chairperson of the committee, see pages 8 and 9, for which you wish to volunteer your services.

Assisting in the Church Office

A church the size of FCPC relies on dedicated volunteers to assist with our bulletin, newsletter, and mailings, important tasks, which require many willing hands. Contact Ruby Ralicki, in the church office, for information on how you can serve at 412-963-8243.

Caring Ministries

Prayer Ministry

We carry on an active ministry of prayer and invite you to join your prayers with those of many other faithful ones as we raise our joys and concerns to the Lord. Call the church office at 412-963-8243 to let us know of concerns. A prayer list is printed weekly and prayers are raised both at home and in worship for members and friends.

Stephen Ministry

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church has a strong Stephen Ministry program. Lay people involved in Stephen Ministry go through a 50-hour training program in the spring before being teamed with a care receiver who is going through a time when they need a strong Christian friend to walk with them. Regular supervision and continuing education are important parts of the program. Whether you need a Stephen Minister or would like to be one, contact Lee Nichols, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Hospital Ministry

Our pastors call on members and friends who are in local hospitals. Please call the church office to keep us informed of admissions and discharges and let us know of any special needs. Confidentiality and privacy concerns are honored as requested.

Ministry to Shut-Ins

Lay people and pastors from Fox Chapel Presbyterian call regularly on those who are shut-in. Contact Lee Nichols, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Helping Hands-Healing Hearts

Helping Hands-Healing Hearts began as the FCPC Jubilee Mission Project in 2004 to promote palliative and hospice care for children with life-threatening conditions. Through education, information and volunteerism, HH-HH strives to enable families and health care professionals to provide the best possible quality of life for very ill children and their families. While still firmly anchored at FCPC, Helping Hands-Healing Hearts is an independent organization with broad ties throughout the Pittsburgh area and statewide. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with HH-HH, please contact Betsy Hawley at 412-963-8243 or at helpinghands@fcpc.us.

The Program Staff

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Ms. Nichelle Nelson Admin. Asst. for Education	412-963-8243 (o) ext 25
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Caring Ministry Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets every Thursday evening at 8:00 at the church. This is an open meeting and all who struggle with alcohol and substance abuse are invited to attend.

Adult Children of Alcoholics

Adult Children of Alcoholics are encouraged to attend this support and informational meeting. The group meets on Thursday evenings at 8:00 at the church.

Grief Share

Bereavement support through a series of classes on grief and loss for individuals who have lost a loved one. Grief Share is a non-denominational Christian centered grief support group which is open to both members of the church and the community-at-large. Whether you have lost a parent, a sibling, neighbor or friend, you will find these sessions helpful and hopeful. Two 13 week sessions held yearly. Contact Marti Beard at 412-967-1944.

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (PPI)

Our church serves as a satellite location for Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, to provide professional and confidential counseling to members and the local community. Contact Joan Hogge at 412-963-8243 ext. 19.

Career Transition Task Force

The FCPC Congregational Care Committee and Employment and Career Transition Task Force provide support for a successful job search and /or career transition. The FCPC family of faith includes professionals in employment services, coaching, counseling, outplacement, resume preparation, interview skills, and aptitude assessment. Many members of our congregation are available to provide professional and spiritual support in your search to find meaningful, fulfilling employment. Please contact Chip Crawford at wmmcrawford@msn.com.

Mission

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church has a long and proud tradition of support for mission both locally and worldwide. These are some of the things we do:

Support the worldwide mission program

Of our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (USA). Our efforts reach throughout the world in effective ministries of compassion by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, providing education and spreading the gospel.

Support worthy causes locally

And internationally through the giving of our mission dollars and prayers.

Our members serve

On numerous non-profit boards and as volunteers in the community.

Offer hands-on mission opportunities

At local food banks, soup kitchens, Hosanna Industries, Meals-on-Wheels, Sojourner House and in numbers of other places.

Offer programs that allow our children and youth

The opportunity to support and participate in mission in a variety of ways and in countless places.

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Women

Distribute funds raised from the Harvest Fair in October to support many agencies and ministries. Some of these include: Aspinwall Meals on Wheels, East Liberty Family Health Center, Hosanna Industries, Lazarus Fund, Lydia's Place, Orr Compassionate Care Center, Seminary Student Fund and local women's shelters.

Our Board of Deacons

Is also involved in developing additional mission projects.

Session

The Session is the governing board of a Presbyterian Church, a group of men and women elected to serve three year terms as the overseers and policy-makers of a local church's ministry. Committees of Session are listed on the following pages. The FCPC Session is comprised of the pastors and lay church members. The Session normally meets on the fourth Monday of each month with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Questions, concerns and communications from members are always welcome.

Class of 2011—Jeffrey Au, Karen Connor, Christine Farrell, John Musgrave, Judy Spray, Amanda Thiessen, Jim Wallisch, Linda Wash, Bob Wilson

Class of 2012—Judy Albert, Beau Beard, Debbie Burke, Mary Harrison, Howard Havlicsek, Alice Lloyd, Brian Miller, Kim Power, Bob Ziringer

Class of 2013—Bob Ball, Emy Boag, Larry Brown, Susan Follansbee, Jill Millard, David Patterson, Charles Skinner, Janet Ummer, David Work

Moderator: Chris Taylor
Clerk of Session: Christy Farrell
Associate Clerk: Debbie Burke

Committees of Session

Administration and Personnel—Oversees the personnel, policies and practices of the church. Chairperson: Judy Spray. Staff serving you: Chris Taylor and Penny Young.

Building and Grounds—Oversees the operation and maintenance of all church property. Chairperson: Kim Power. Staff serving you: Wayne Dailey and Malvene Arvay.

Christian Nurture—Develops, administers, and oversees the entire education program through ministry teams. Chairperson: Bob Wilson; Elder of Children’s Ministry Team, Debbie Burke; Elder, Student Ministries Team, Bob Wilson; Elder, Adult Ministries Team, Charles Skinner. Staff serving you in Christian Education: Delinda Donovan and Nichelle Nelson.

Congregational Care—Provides oversight of caring ministries. Chairperson: Howard Havlicsek. Staff serving you in Congregational Care: Lee Nichols and Malvene Arvay.

Stewardship—Encourages Christian stewardship and prepares and conducts the annual operating funds campaign. Chairperson: Bob Ziringer. Staff serving you in Stewardship: Cilla Bamford and Malvene Arvay.

Fellowship—Seeks Christian fellowship by providing meaningful and fun events for the church family. Co-Chairpersons: Susan Follansbee and Emy Boag. Staff serving you in Fellowship: Cathie Smith and Nichelle Nelson.

Finance and Endowment— Manages the church’s finances. Chairperson: Jim Wallisch, Staff serving you in Finance and Endowment: Cilla Bamford.

Mission—Communicates and witnesses God’s love to those around us and to all the world by service to others. Chairperson: Judy Albert. Staff serving you in Mission: Chris Taylor and Penny Young.

Music Ministry Events

*Sundays at 9:45 a.m. before the 10 a.m.
Traditional Worship for 2011-2012:*

September 25 – Pittsburgh Baroque Ensemble

October 30 (Reformation Sunday) – Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass

November 20 (Christ the King/Thanksgiving) – Pittsburgh Ceremonial Brass

December 11 (Advent III) – Pittsburgh Baroque Ensemble

December 18 (Advent IV) – Annual Service Of Nine Lessons and Carols with The West Virginia Brass Quintet

January 1 – Moravian Love Feast in Fellowship Hall

April 8th (Easter) at 8:30 and 11 a.m. – Easter with The West Virginia Brass Quintet

Special Musical Events Series for 2011-2012:

Saturday, October 29th at 7 p.m. – “An Evening of Contemporary Christian Praise: Rob Krogh and Friends”.

Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. – “Organ Plus” Concert

Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m. – Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Christmas Concert

Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.—University of Pittsburgh Men’s Glee Club Concert

Sunday, March 4 at 4 p.m. – Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Concert

Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.: 29th Annual Sponsorship Concert with The Academy Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. – Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Pops Concert

Music Ministry

The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir meets Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. It is an adult ensemble that sings for most of the 10 a.m. worship services. The group's eclectic repertoire includes masterwork selections of choral literature and contemporary choral octavos of all genres and periods. The Chancel Choir is comprised of individuals who share a love of music and desire to use their talents to glorify God. Contact David Billings for information at 412-963-8243 ext 29 or billingsd@fcpc.us.

The Children's Choir

This is an opportunity for our youngest singers to celebrate in song. Carol Young directs this choir which is open to all children from kindergarten through grade 5. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Children's Choir sings monthly at the 10 a.m. service and for other special church occasions such as *Lessons and Carols*. You may receive more information by contacting Carol Young at 412-963-6867. The Children's Choir season begins in September and ends in April.

The H₂O Band

This band performs during the 10 a.m. Contemporary service. Percussionists, guitarists, pianists, and singers are welcome. Participate in a weekly two-hour rehearsal and one hour of worship. Contact Rob Krogh at rob_krogh@yahoo.com.

The Fox Chapel Ringers

This handbell ensemble consists of adults and youth, comprised of at least eight people. The ensemble rehearses on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and participates in the 10 a.m. traditional service approximately once a month. There is an occasional need for new members or even substitute people to ring. For more information, contact David Billings at 412-963-8243,x29 or billingsd@fcpc.us.

Committees of Session

Outreach—Extends the hospitality of Jesus Christ into the greater community and encourages discipleship and service. Chairperson: Amanda Thiessen. Staff serving you in Outreach: Lee Nichols and Malvene Arvay.

Preschool Ministries—Provides support and guidance to the overall preschool operations. Chairperson: Brian Miller. Staff serving you in Preschool Ministries: Ellen Schall and Monica Hamilton.

Worship and Music—The Worship and Music Committee works to inspire members and friends by our grateful response to God in our common acts of reverent public worship. Our focus is to glorify God by preaching the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, the participation in corporate and private prayer, and the offering of praise to God in song and music. Chairperson: Jill Millard. Staff serving you in Worship: Cathie Smith and Penny Young.

Hospitality—Provides opportunities to extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ in such a manner that all who enter through our doors feel welcome. Chairperson: Karen Connor. Staff serving you in Hospitality: Joan Hogge and Malvene Arvay.

Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons is a group of men and women elected by the congregation to serve three year terms. Their prime tasks are ministries of sympathy and service, caring for members of our church in need and caring for our larger community. The Board of Deacons carries on an active ministry which impacts our congregation and far beyond.

Normally the Board of Deacons meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Questions, concerns, and communications from members are always welcome. Staff serving you: Lee Nichols and Ruby Ralicki.

Class of 2011—Susan Bartlett, Kim Bartolacci, Charlie Burke, Doris Calian, Marijo Crowe, Margot Johnjullo, Ann McGhee, Tracey Mulert, Bryan Norman, Beth Rygelski, Diane Tung

Class of 2012—Molly Childs, Laura Dawson, Susan Eshleman, Jeni Kondis, Lynn MacBeth, Kathy Marsico, Shelly Marcussen, Laurel Schultz, Sue Sterrett, Tom Walker, Ivor Wood

Class of 2013—Astrid Bitzer, Sandy Clements, Paul Hopper, Amanda Jaskey, Beth Lockwood, Erica McIlroy, Loraine Murphey, Jill Rowland, Jeff Schmutz, Charlie Sliger, Carol Squires, Amy Szlachetka

Moderator: Tom Walker

Vice Moderator:

Treasurer: Margot Johnjullo

Secretary: Tracey Mulert

Preschool Ministries

Sign Language

During six months of our school year, each classroom of children attend a special sign language time. This experience is designed to enhance our current preschool curriculum by giving children the tools to communicate their desires, concerns and feelings through hand motions and finger plays. This will give the children a positive impact into their growing self-esteem so that they are comfortable communicating in other avenues as they learn how to talk, share, live and grow in their everyday lives. This special time will help the smallest of our children (12 months) gain the knowledge needed to communicate while learning how to talk to others and this will also help our other program children (especially those who have English as a second language) develop their communication skills to their fullest potentials.

FCPC Preschool Summer Bible Program

The developmentally appropriate curriculum offers Bible verses, music, games, crafts, theater fun and snacks based on Bible stories.

This program gives children exciting adventures over eight weeks in June and July. It offers a unique reservation process for families to design their own schedule between the hours of 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information on how you can visit our preschool programs please contact Ellen Schall at 412-963-8243 ext. 60.

Preschool Ministries

“Special Days” once a month

Children and Worship/Chapel Service

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Preschool Threes and Pre-Kindergarten classes attend a special worship service in the Chapel. This worship experience, designed for children, is based on the books Young Children and Worship by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman and Following Jesus by Sonja Stewart. A worship context is used instead of an educational concept. Children learn that worship transforms ordinary time and space into sacred time and space. “Where education attempts to explain and interpret mystery, worship allows us to experience the presence of God as a way of knowing.”

Joyful Noise

“Joyful Noise” is a faith based musical program offered once a month to all Preschool and Little Blessing classes. This class is offered in collaboration with the Preschool Ministries and FCPC Children’s Ministries. During the thirty minute sessions the children learn a theme song of the month which support that month’s “Fruit of the Spirit,” old time religious favorites and new praise songs are introduced; designed to build character and faith. We use musical instruments and hand motions as a means to enhance the fine motor and rhythmic skills of our children. Music is the universal language and even the smallest of our children can express themselves and enjoy this wonderful time of “Joyful Noise.”

Science Time

Once a month, Little Blessings, Time for Twos, Preschool Threes and Pre-Kindergarten will receive 40 minutes of instruction in science. These special classes are designed to compliment the current preschool curriculum. All of the learning will be hands-on as children are broken into small groups to conduct experiments and explore their worlds. The classes are designed so that the lessons can be brought back to the regular classroom and expanded upon throughout the month. Some of the topics include: pill bugs, fish, thermometer, sink/float, shadows, rainbows, moons, stars, rockets, plants, flowers, seeds, earthworms, ants, magnets and pendulums.

Ministries of the Board of Deacons

Care and Concern: Teams of Deacons provide meals, transportation, or care to those in need within our church community.

Church Committees: Deacons serve on committees of the church.

Communion: Deacons assist in serving communion at our worship services.

Food for Friends: Food is collected from the congregation every Sunday and donated to local food pantries.

Letters of Concern: Each week, letters expressing concern, congratulations, or sympathy are prepared by Deacons, signed by the congregation, and mailed to members and friends.

Memorial Service Receptions: Receptions are provided, as needed, especially for funerals and memorial services.

Blood Drives: The Deacons coordinate community blood drives each Spring and Fall.

Dove Tree Project: During the Christmas season members of the congregation are given the opportunity to sponsor needy families, providing gifts and food.

Special Fall or Spring Projects: Special projects to benefit the local community are a regular part of the Deacons’ annual calendar.

Ronald McDonald Meals: The Deacons provide meals 6 times a year for families that are staying at Ronald McDonald House.

Flowers: Are sent to our members when they are hospitalized.

Women

Presbyterian Women

PW sponsors monthly events featuring themes important to women of today. Chairperson: Christine Bennett bennettcaper@gmail.com
Staff serving you: Ruby Ralicki.

The Harvest Fair

The first Saturday of October, PW organizes a community-wide fair where “treasures” are sold and all proceeds go to benefit missions. Contact Christine Bennett at bennettcaper@gmail.com for information. Staff serving you: Ruby Ralicki.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Longwood at Oakmont. Contact Wilberta Pickett at 412-826-4797 for information. Staff serving you: Ruby Ralicki.

Men

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Every Tuesday morning men from our congregation gather in the Lounge at 7:30 a.m. for fellowship and prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are raised for our church, our community, and our world. Everyone is invited to participate in the prayer group. Contact the office for information 412-963-8243.

College

College Care Packages

Twice a year we send college care packages to all our undergraduate and graduate students. The package includes letters of encouragement and goodies to let them know that their church family cares and is thinking about them while they are away from home. Contact the church office for information at 412-963-8243.

Preschool Ministries

Pre-Kindergarten 4's

M-F; M,W,F, 9 -11:30 a.m.; M,W,F; T,W,TH, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Children must be 4 by September 1.

This program further expands a child's learning concepts and nurtures a greater and deeper understanding and curiosity of the wonder of God's world. All academic and social activities work together to further prepare the children for Kindergarten.

Lunch Bunch

M,W,F, 12 noon-2 p.m.

This is an extended program for children currently enrolled in one of 3's classes. Children have fun eating lunch with friends and teachers, as well as participating in special creative group projects.

Adventures in Art

T,TH, 9-11:30 a.m. or 11:40 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

This is for children ages 3 & 4.

This class will focus on each child's creativity. The class will allow the child to experience many different art mediums including mod podge, clay, printing ink, fabric and mosaics. The child will also be encouraged to express his/her artwork with words. We will begin the year reading a story each week and the child will then use different art techniques (such as collage, papier-mâché) to show or express comprehension of the story. Later into the year, the class will combine creating with verbalizing in that each child's work of art becomes a story. This is an exciting way for a child to discover the world around him/her.

Extended Day

M-F, 12 noon-2 p.m.

4's children may be enrolled 1-3 days

Children have opportunities to eat lunch together, enhancing socialization, cooperation and speech/language. Staff promotes further study of Bible stories and virtues through seasonal activities and crafts.

For more information on how you can visit our preschool programs please contact Ellen Schall at 412-963-8243 ext. 60.

Preschool Ministries

FCPC Preschool offers seven different programs for children ages 12 months to 5 years. Each is a ministry taught by qualified, dedicated early childhood educators. While all programs are faith-based, nurturing spiritual growth for all, they are based on the philosophy that children learn through play. We work to implement the standards outlined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, as well as the Early Learning Standards through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Small Wonders W,F, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Children must be 1 years old by September 1.

Children this age learn through their senses. Creating an environment that is safe, aesthetically pleasing, equipped with toys/materials designed for hands on exploration, and attended to by loving, caring staff, promote the view that each child is a special gift from God. Young toddlers grow in confidence as they learn to socialize with others and spend short periods of time away from parents.

Time For Twos T,TH; M,T,TH; or W,W,F, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Children must be 2 years old by September 1.

Children learn about God's love through the words and actions of teachers, friends and family. Primary focus is on socializing with others, learning a routine, and increasing self-confidence, particularly in a small group setting. Children discover new ideas and concepts and experience group play with an emphasis in simple Biblical virtues.

Preschool Threes M,W,F; T,W,F, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Children must be 3 years old by September 1.

This program builds on the concepts introduced in Time for Twos and further develops a child's spiritual growth, social interaction and cognitive development. Preschoolers are able to attend longer during circle time, follow simple directions, communicate their needs and wants, and play cooperatively. Opportunities are provided for children to utilize their rapidly developing speech/language, and to explore the world around them.

Family Ministries

FCPC has embraced an approach to our life and mission together that recognizes the importance of the home in spiritual development and the unique role parents have in nurturing faith in their children. As we move more deeply into this mission this year, look for: opportunities for people of all ages, and families of all kinds to worship and serve together; programs and resources that help equip parents to nurture and model faith at home; ministries of care and support that nurture all types of families; and signs that we, as a church, are living into our identity as a family of faith.

Intergenerational Mission Trip

Children, youth and adults of all ages are invited to step into an area of need in the world and share God's love through word and action. Projects may include doing home repairs, leading children's programs, working in a soup kitchen, volunteering in a senior center, clearing trails, or other projects which meet the need of the community in which we are serving. 2012 location and dates TBD.

Faith at Home: Building Blocks

Faith at Home: Building Blocks is an intentional and comprehensive series of workshops, programs and celebrations that: celebrate important steps in the physical, social and spiritual development of children and youth; provide resources and encouragement for parents and grandparents to nurture spirituality at home; and walk with children and youth and their families as they reach milestones in the life of the church family. See the Faith at Home: Building Blocks brochure and schedule for specific information for each program, event or workshop.

Contact Cathie Smith, in the church office, for more information at 412-963-8243.

Family Ministries

All Church Retreat

This weekend getaway is a time set apart for rest and renewal, spiritual growth, and times for fun and fellowship with your family and church family. Whether you come for the whole weekend or for the “day away” option, time will be spent in worship, elective workshops and activities, and free time to rest, play or explore. October 21-23, 2011 (day away option for Saturday only) at Camp Allegheny. Registration information available in August. Contact Cathie Smith or Delinda Donovan, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Labyrinth and Spirituality Center

Our Christian heritage is filled with beautiful, meaningful ways to deepen one’s spiritual life and experience God’s presence. Because so many of them are tactile and experiential, they are wonderful for children, youth, adults and families of all ages, learning styles and worship preferences.

On the 2nd Wednesday of most months, our new labyrinth will be spread in the Atrium and open for meditative prayer walking (information will be provided). Other experiences (prayer stations, journaling, scriptural meditations, etc.) will also be available in the Narthex.

The labyrinth and spirituality center can be visited anytime between 4 and 8 p.m. those Wednesdays. Contact Cathie Smith, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Student Ministries

Trips

Wilderness Extreme (9th and 10th grade)

A life-changing, challenging, soul searching trip to Wyoming. Summit the 3rd tallest peak in Wyoming, using rope teams, ice axes, and rock climbing, led by a professional mountaineering guide.

Jamaica Mission Trip (11th grade- age 20)

Come learn what it means to see life in a whole new perspective. What does it mean to love and have compassion for others? What does it mean to be joyful in times of sorrow? What does it mean to live in fellowship and community? A week long mission trip to an impoverished town in Jamaica will help you search your soul for these answers as you build houses for those who are homeless, provide food to those who are hungry, love those who are lonely, and encourage those who are hopeless.

Montreat Youth Conference

Is the national Presbyterian (USA.) conference for high school students. Each summer there are 6 weeks of conferences held in North Carolina and one in Colorado. Each week hosts about 1,000 youth from all over the country, and even from other nations. This great week of worship, speakers, small groups, recreation, mountain climbing, whitewater rafting, and more, will serve as our leaders’ retreat for older high school students and college students serving as leaders in the middle school youth group program (our own Charlie Sliger is on the national planning team).

Contact Becca Rowland for information about Student Ministries, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.

Student Ministries

Café Devotions (High School)

Is a relaxed time of conversation and exploration. High school students are invited to grab a second or third cup of coffee, gather at tables or on couches with friends and caring leaders to dig deeper into the scripture or topic from worship or whatever is on your mind. Café Devotions will run from 11:15 a.m. – noon on Sundays beginning Sept. 18th in the H₂O fellowship café.

Trips

Surf City (MS)

A 5 day camp on Lake Michigan that helps middle school students learn of God's love for them and what it means to live for Christ through really fun, energetic games, water sports, worship, speakers, and skits. The camp includes many of the surrounding Pittsburgh youth groups and is run by the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation.

Laurelville (MS and HS)

A fun-packed weekend retreat in the Laurel Mountains. The retreat includes many of the surrounding Pittsburgh youth groups and is run by the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation. Kids will get to experience a much-needed time away from the pressure and frustrations of being a teenager. They will get to do a lot of fun games, including an optional mud pit, and be deeply moved by an encouraging and loving speaker, an awesome worship band, and space to have those important conversations with their youth leaders.

Snow Tubing (HS)

An overnight event at a cabin in Hidden Valley. We will snow tube all day, hang out all night, and then have an awesome fire-side worship in the morning. A great event to invite those friends who are uncomfortable doing other "church" things.

Adult & Young Adult Ministries

Special Speaker Series

Sundays 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

This Sunday morning series focuses on bringing in persons of interest in Religion, Mission, Education, Social Concerns, etc. - to stir us into becoming enlightened, challenged and proactive in a world that is hurting and needs the love and compassion of Christ's disciples. Contact Delinda Donovan, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Café Devotions - Sunday Mornings

11:15 a.m.—noon - H₂O Fellowship Cafe

Café Devotions is a relaxed time of conversation and exploration. High school students, young adults and adults of all ages are invited to grab a second or third cup of coffee, gather at tables or on couches and dig deeper into the scripture or topic from worship. Conversation guides are provided for discussion ideas and a pastor or leader will be in the cafe if questions arise so each group can tailor the discussion for their own needs or interests. Café Devotions will begin on September 18th in the H₂O fellowship café. Contact Delinda Donovan, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Fox Chapel Social Club

A newly forming and loosely organized "club" for adults in the church who would like to gather occasionally for fun activities. Open to all, the FCSC welcomes your participation. The group attended a concert at the New Hazlett Theater in the spring and a jazz concert in Highland Park in the summer. For information, contact Lee Nichols at nicholsl@fcpc.us.

Beth Moore Bible Study

Wednesdays 7—9 p.m.-Youth Lounge

Is designed for women who are seeking a good Bible study and Christian fellowship. Through the use of Beth Moore seminar tapes the women view the tape, discuss the video and revisit the workbook they completed during the week of self-study. Contact Lynn MacBeth at LynnMacBeth@yahoo.com for information.

Adult & Young Adult Ministries

Financial Peace University Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.-Library
Is a discipleship program to assist people in managing and being good stewards of what God has given them; a potentially life transforming opportunity to get out and stay out of debt. Contact John Culbertson at culbytoons@verizon.net for information.

Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Tuesdays 8:30—11:30 a.m. in the Lounge
The mission of MOPS is to encourage, equip and develop every Mom in the group so they will know they are a part of God's bigger purpose, picture and plan to make a better world. MOPS meets the second Tuesday of the month during the school year. Contact Kim Haytock at khaytock@yahoo.com for information.

Moms in Touch

Fridays 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the Atrium
Moms in Touch is an interdenominational, Christ-centered prayer ministry for any woman desiring to pray for children and schools, whether private, public or homeschool, for preschool through college. Contact Cheryl Wilson at kondorzwei@hotmail.com for information.

Great Dates for Young Couples

Couples (ages 21-39) meet at the church from 6-6:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship and light appetizers, then head out in groups for a much needed night alone. Childcare will be provided by reservation (infants -kindergarten) until 9 p.m. Great Dates are held on the 2nd Friday of most months- see the church calendar for specific dates.

Young Adult Service Saturdays

College aged students and young adults will reach out to areas of need around Pittsburgh and surrounding communities on several Saturdays throughout the year. While Cathie Smith will serve as the point person, projects will be determined by the interests and passions of volunteers. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for project information, or talk to Cathie Smith at 412-963-8243 with your ideas.

Student Ministries

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation

Pre-Confirmation

Confirmation at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church is a multi-year, multi-layered process. Young people enter into this process during the middle school years. During the pre-confirmation years (grades 6-8), a foundation is built to prepare students for claiming God's promises when they are confirmed in 9th grade. Explorations of the Old Testament, New Testament, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and basic tenets of the Christian Faith and Reformed Tradition are covered in fun, interactive sessions over a three year series. Pre-Confirmation meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. in rooms 301 (8th grade), 302 (7th grade), and 306 (6th grade) and meets prerequisites for Confirmation in 9th grade.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a special time (8-10 weeks) in the faith journey set aside for questioning, wondering, doubting, seeking, searching, and growing. It is the beginning of a new life and commitment in God's family, the Body of Christ. At the end of the confirmation process, students will have the opportunity to express their growing faith in Christ as Savior and Lord and their desire to be part of the Body of Christ. Confirmation at FCPC is primarily targeted for the 9th grade year, but older youth may be confirmed if they have not done so. See the confirmation schedule for times and locations of class, retreats, service projects and events.

Contact Cathie Smith, in the church office, for information about Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation at 412-963-8243.

Student Ministries

Leadership Opportunities

Church School Shepherds

Middle and high school students serve as volunteer shepherds on Sunday mornings. Shepherds accompany groups of children to their classes, assist teachers as needed, and build loving relationships with God's precious children. Students interested in serving in this capacity should speak to Delinda Donovan, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.

Vacation Bible School Leadership

Middle and high school students provide important leadership for our summer program for preschool and elementary children. Students earn credit for youth trips while leading songs, crafts, and games; preparing and serving snacks; shepherding small groups of children; and serving in a variety of other up-front and behind the scenes roles. Interested students should speak with Cathie Smith, Delinda Donovan or Becca Rowland, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.

Middle School Leaders

Middle school leaders are high school students who are willing to commit to being a mentor and positive role model for middle school students, attend Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday nights and come with us to the Surf City Middle School camp in August and the Leadership Retreat to the Montreat Youth Conference. Talk to Becca Rowland, in the church office, at 412-963-8243, if interested.

Youth Ministry Volunteers

We are always looking for people to help be a mentor and bring love and compassion to our young people. If you have just graduated from high school or older, please let Becca Rowland know if you are interested in helping run middle/high school youth groups and events, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.

Adult & Young Adult Ministries

Women of Faith Conference

Imagine what it would be like if the God who created us were willing and able to provide exactly what we need. Why would God do that? Because God loves us. God loves you! Imagine that. For two days - through real life stories, music, drama, and laughter- we'll explore what that could mean to you. From Friday morning to the final message on Saturday afternoon, you'll laugh, cry, sing, worship, listen and understand why millions of women flock to Women of Faith events year after year. October 7-8, 2011 at the Consol Energy Center. We have 25 seats reserved, claim yours now! Contact Cathie Smith, in the church office, for information at 412-963-8243.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Saturdays 7-10 a.m.– Lounge

BSF is an international Bible study fellowship that holds classes in various places around the world. Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church is the host church for the women's evening Bible Study fellowship in the Pittsburgh region. The Bible Study Fellowship experience is more than a class. It is a daily opportunity to interact with the text of the Bible. From the first class, BSF has used a four-fold method to help people better understand the context and applications of what they are studying. The Four-Fold Approach factors in: daily questions for individual study, lively discussion groups, compelling lectures and enriching notes. Contact Barb Hastings bhast2@comcast.net for information.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries reaches out to children (birth to Grade 5) with age appropriate classes, worship, fellowship, and family activities. Through Bible stories, music, rites of passage and mission projects, the children come to know Jesus Christ. Our ministry provides opportunities for children and gives families the tools needed to nurture their spiritual lives and build a strong faith. Please see the weekly bulletin for updated schedules and opportunities for children.

Worship

Children (age 3 through Grade 5) are encouraged to worship with their family at all services and are an important part of the FCPC family. They are welcome to stay for the entire service or be dismissed, with their peers, during the 10 a.m. services for age appropriate Christian Nurture classes.

Stewardship

The "Giving Well" is placed in H₂O and in the hallway where Sunday morning and preschool students can place their offerings which go to support our four World Vision adopted children and three local organizations; Caring Place: Center for Grieving Children, All of Us Care and Lydia's Place.

Mission

In the rotation model learning station, *Cup of Water*, our focus is on Mission and sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel (a cup of cold water) through three centers focusing on congregational care – local, national and world agencies and first hand stories of those who have been on mission trips and our four World Vision Children we have adopted through our Giving Well offering.

4th and 5th Grade Fellowship

This fellowship time meets Nov. through April, the first and third Sundays, 5-6:30 p.m. Each evening begins with directed play/creative time for 45 minutes, followed by talks on how we live by faith in our daily lives, and snack time. The first Sunday of the month the play time will be games in Fellowship Hall and the third Sunday will be an art project. We will have one overnight retreat in February.

Student Ministries

Service Projects and Events

Sharpsburg Easter Egg Hunt

Middle school and high school students learn what it means to help serve their very own community by running games for the children of Sharpsburg.

Salvation Army Christmas Party

High school students travel down to the Pittsburgh Women's and Children's Homeless Shelter to run a fun Christmas Party and bring a time of joy and love to those who are experiencing great struggles in their lives.

30 Hour Famine

An absolutely amazing, life-changing event. Students will fast for either 30 or 24 hours in order to experience what it feels like to be hungry. Students will get people to sponsor them for the event in order to raise money for starving children all over the world. This event is a 24 hour long overnigher at the church. In this time, students will get to learn about the extreme poverty and hunger that takes place in the world and be inspired to help make a difference, along with doing some sort of service project to help alleviate hunger locally. Both middle and high school students participate.

Contact Becca Rowland for information about Student Ministries, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.

Student Ministries

6th-12th grade

Student Ministries

This program is designed to bring the love of Christ to middle and high school age students within the church and in the surrounding school district communities. We provide loving, understanding, and trustworthy leaders and mentors to help teenagers realize and embrace his/her identity as a beloved child of God and encourage them in living a lifestyle that is passionate about following Jesus. This relationship is nurtured through weekly youth group fellowship, Sunday morning fellowship, overnight events, retreats, service projects, summer trips/camps, and continuous love and support by mentors who attend school/sporting events and spend time with students in small groups and one-on-ones.

Youth Groups

Middle School Youth Group

A fun, welcoming, safe, and totally awesome weekly hang out. Ridiculous games, youthful musical worship, and an encouraging message directed at middle school aged students. Trusted and welcoming high school leaders also attend in order to help be positive role models and to help make every middle school student feel welcome, included, and valuable. Snacks usually provided.

High School Youth Group

An extremely important weekly “check-in” for your soul. It is a place to get away from the constant judgment, pressure, social status, and frustrations of being a high school kid. Come be free and have an awesome time playing crazy games or making really cool and meaningful artistic creations. Join each other in a time of fun and deep musical worship and listen to a message that encourages and lets you know just how loved and valuable you are. It’s a safe place to ask tough questions about God, faith, and the spiritual. Develop true friendships with other high school students through deep discussion and support, regardless of which clique or social status you come from. EVERY high school student is always welcome here. Snacks usually provided.

Children’s Ministry

Childcare (birth to 36 months)

Believing our children are God’s greatest gift, we seek to provide a safe, loving Christian atmosphere in our childcare area. A Childcare Coordinator is available to assist volunteers to facilitate special activities and read stories that guide children to a better understanding and acceptance of God in later life.

Sunday Morning – we continue to offer Sunday Childcare for infants through 36 months during the scheduled Worship Services and Christian Nurture classes.

Wednesday Nite Live – Childcare is offered to parents participating in the evening opportunities.

Special Worship Services and Concerts – Childcare will be available upon request of the Worship and Music Committee.

Age 3 to Kindergarten

Childcare - is provided from age 3 to Kindergarten at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to permit parents to serve as leaders in worship.

Sunday Morning Class - During the worship hour children attend worship with their parents and then are dismissed with a parent and signed into class. The children are guided into activities and learning centers that support the Bible story to be told in *Children and Worship* using the Presbyterian curriculum centers of *Celebrate*. Through the use of learning centers and play, children learn about God’s love and Jesus’ model of Christian discipleship. Parents of 3’s to K’s will rotate to assist the Coordinator in moving the children through their centers.

Sunday Morning Education Hour - Going Deeper With God utilizes small group discussion, learning centers and real life application, to delve into the day’s concept.

Wednesday Nite Live- Childcare is offered to parents participating in the evening activities.

Special Worship Services and Concerts

Childcare will be available upon request of the Worship and Music Committee.

Children's Ministry

Grades 1-5

Sunday Morning Classes

Springs of Living Water is an exciting Rotation Workshop Model. Learners will start their hour of study in worship with their parents at 10 a.m. They will be dismissed from worship at 10:20 a.m. to experience the same Bible story for 3 weeks in the following workshops:

T.E.N.T. Journeys - where the children experience the Bible story through drama or spirituality centers: *Artisan's Market* - where children use art interpretation to relate to the story in mediums and projects that will stimulate their creativity: *HolyWord Theatre* - where children experience the Bible lesson in a new and deeper way by watching quality presentations followed by discussions and interactive games; and *Cup of Water*-where our focus is on Mission and sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel (cup of cold water). Cup of Water uses three centers focusing on congregational care - local, national and world agencies, first hand stories of those who have been on mission trips, and our four World Vision Children we have adopted through our Giving Well offering.

Sunday Morning Education Hour - 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

In *Creation Station* kids will learn to use their "Special Gifts" to reach out within the church, into our community and into God's world through Worship, Mission, Fellowship and educational projects which follow a biblical theme.

Wednesday Nite Live - 7-8:30 p.m.

In *How Great Thou Art* children will use their creative minds and artistic talents to create "earthly crafts with a heavenly meaning." These biblically based projects bring the Bible story and its meaning to life as they create visual displays they will share with the congregation.

Children's Special Events

Vacation Bible School

VBS, formerly Summer Celebration, is for children age 4 by September first of that year through entering Grade 5. This is a one week experience for the church family and community each summer during the month of June. Through daily activities, Bible stories, music and relationships with a caring, dedicated staff, children share a Christ-centered summer adventure. Registration is in March each year. A modest fee is charged; scholarships are available.

ADVENT-uring to Christmas

This is a church-family oriented celebration to usher in Advent in our church family and in our homes. This takes place on the first Sunday of Advent, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship services. A light lunch is enjoyed throughout the celebration. Craft centers house traditional holiday craft making projects, simple mission projects to share with our members who cannot worship with us and our neighbors in need. Each family, whether a family of one or many, is invited to make a wreath to use during the Advent season. A nominal donation is requested to cover the cost of the Advent wreath material.

Advent Mission Project

The children have an Advent Mission Project in which they raise money for Heifer. The children's Mission Class will be providing an opportunity for FCPC members to honor loved ones with donations of Heifer animal shares. With each donation, an attractive Heifer Project card is provided that may be sent to an honoree to let them know that a Heifer donation was made in their name. A Heifer Project donation is a wonderful way to honor loved ones with a gift that keeps on giving.

Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m.

Service for families with small children on Christmas Eve. The children Grades 1-5 present a Christmas pageant of story and song. Contact Delinda Donovan for information about Children's Ministries or Children's Special Events, in the church office, at 412-963-8243.