

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights

The Christmas Doves are Here!

The Deacons invite the families and members of FCPC to participate in the annual Dove Tree Ministry, sharing love and joy this holiday season with Pittsburgh neighbors who are less able to provide Christmas cheer. Dove Tree adoptions will be available on November 16, 23 and 30 before and after all three worship services. All gifts need to be returned to FCPC on Sunday, December 7th between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

FCPC is partnering with East End Cooperative Ministry, Sojourner House, Homewood Early Learning Hub and Family Center and Poppin' Tags Free Store in Russellton. Thank you for making Christmas a little merrier for these families.

Questions: Please contact Christine Bennett at 412-400-0636



Advent-uring

Advent Wreathes represent hope, peace, joy, and love. They represent portions of Christ that we as Christians are called to embody. When lighting the candles within our home, with our families, we are connected with each other and with God in a way that is intended for the holiday season.

We as a church family will spend some time in fellowship creating advent wreathes together. Join us in making advent wreathes for our homes, dog treats for the local animal shelter, cards for shut-ins who may not know this fellowship, and crafts for the whole family to enjoy. On November 23rd from 10:30 am to 1 pm we will be set up in the lounge and the hallway outside of it with these activities. There will also be some snacks served in Fellowship Hall for when you need a break from building a gingerbread house! Feel free to drop by after the 9:30 service or after the 11 am service, whenever you are ready! Bring your friends, neighbors, family, and enemies as this is a time of fellowship.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

What are you waiting for? Lets have an "Advent"ure!



Congregational Prayer Group

Tuesdays | 10 AM | Library

During this time of transition, many are praying individually for Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. Thank you and praise the Lord!! There is also a small group that meets on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Library whose focus is on seeking God's guidance and protection regarding these changes. We pray for: the church staff, all our leaders, our members, those in the community, the various search committees, those who have left the church, those who are hurting, and for each other. We pray specifically for corporate unity, wisdom, and the strength to embrace the opportunity for growth. We would love to see more people involved in this important and foundational church activity.

If you have questions, please call or text Kim Power at 412-965-8794.

Congregational Care Ministry

Caregiver Coffee Hour

November 21st / 10-11AM / OFF SITE

Caregiver Coffee Hour will be held this week at Eat'n Park to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday. Those who wish to attend should email Nikki Rosswog at nikki@fcpc.us to RSVP.



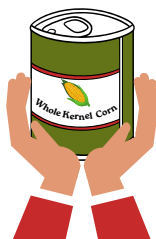
Soup Ministry - Soup Available

So happy we are blessing others with the soup in the freezer! There are new varieties of soup available in the freezer for those in need. Thank you to everyone that helped cook and provide ingredients!

Cheesy Broccoli soup, Chicken Noodle soup, and Taco soup are all available in the freezer. Everyone is invited to gift a soup to someone in need, sharing God's love with others. Thank you to all that have been taking soup to their family, friends, and neighbors. It is through these simple acts of support that we build community and strengthen our faith.

Questions? Reach out to Juli Huntington at juli_huntington@msn.com

Donation Appreciation



Canned Corn Thank You

Thank you all for making our Light of Life Canned Corn drive such a success! We were able to donate 420 cans toward their annual Thanksgiving Dinner basket drive.

Harvest Fair Thank You

Last week HARVEST FAIR dispersed **\$116,500 to 43 agencies** addressing the needs of women, children, homelessness, and those suffering from food insecurity. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and staff whose efforts made this MISSION PROJECT possible. The following is a list of organizations donated to:

- Bread of Life Food Pantry
- Brothers Brother
- Haiti H2O
- Hosanna House
- The Neighborhood Academy
- St Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
- Open Hand Ministries
- Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition
- Presbyterian Churches of Iraq
- Roots of Faith
- VOAPA - YEP
- Sojourner House
- Pittsburgh Prison Book Project
- Alle Kiski Are Hope Center
- Angel's Place
- Aspinwall Meals on Wheels
- Backpack for Hunger
- Bethlehem Haven
- Civically
- Allegheny Youth Development
- Fun and Freedom Sports
- Hearth
- Hosanna Industries
- Imani Christian Academy
- Poppin' Tags Free Store
- POWER
- First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne
- Blessing Board
- Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
- SEMBEC
- Fox Family Cares
- Ascension Refugee Community Co-Sponsorship Initiative
- Jewish Family and Community Services
- MAYA
- Presbyterian Senior Care
- Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna
- Allegheny Valley Association of Churches
- Casting Bread

Volunteer Opportunities

Support our Local Food Pantries

With your help, the Deacons of FCPC regularly donate non-perishable food to 3 local food pantries:

1) Bread of Life in Etna; 2) Singing Winds at the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center by Dorseyville Middle School; and 3) Sharpsburg Food Pantry located in the basement of St Mary's Church.

Thank you to everyone who has recently donated non-perishable food items to the designated bins located by either the Front Desk or downstairs, outside Fellowship Hall. These donations are regularly transported by the Deacons to 3 local food pantries. One of these food pantries is Bread of Life located in Etna. Last year, Bread of Life served over 1,500 families; this accounted for 3,236 individuals; 165 veterans and 547 disabled individuals. As we are all aware, the number of families and individuals in need of food has significantly increased in 2025. Please continue to purchase non-perishable healthy foods for those in need. If you are interested in volunteering at the Bread of Life Food Pantry, please call 412-781-3056 or BreadofLifeEtna@gmail.com

Healthy foods that are in demand:

- unsalted canned peanuts and nuts
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned beans & baked beans
- canned tuna fish, salmon and chicken
- unsweetened apple sauce
- granola bars
- pasta & pasta sauce
- toothpaste, shampoo
- deodorant, soap
- diapers, wipes & formula



Thank you! Don Boyd & Fay Powell



Prepare Meal for Next Table - Roots of Faith

FCPC has had a long association with Roots of Faith in Sharpsburg. We provide a meal on the first Tuesday of every month delivered to them, 800 Main St. around 5:15 pm.

The meal is for the participants & their mentors in the program to address the complexities of poverty through the power of tabletop relationships. The program provides participants with guidance, support and friendship with empowering them to overcome barriers to stability by focusing on personal growth and problem-solving. The program was called "Circles" but is now called "The Next Table"

We need the following donations filled for the December 2nd meal:

- 1 main course for 10 people
- 2 people to bring a salad for 10 people each
- 1 side dish for 10 people

Future months are available for sign up if you are interested in helping out but 12/2 is not a good date for you. If you have any questions, please contact the Deacons Juli Huntington @ 434-534-4060 or Kim Power @ 412-965-8794



Music at FCPC

From the Minister of Music

Grace has been on my mind as of late. First entering my mind surrounding communion. At our most recent All Saint's Sunday, one of the congregational hymns was "Come to the Table of Grace". We approach God's table not because of anything that we have done ourselves, but rather because of the extraordinary grace bestowed on us from God our Creator through Jesus Christ.

This week, I find myself just as stuck on the concept of grace. In baptism, we are again shown grace. As parents bring their children, often too young to even know what is happening, we see the glorious gift of God's grace. For the child is covered in God's grace even before knowing what grace is.

This week's hymn at the procession is "Jesus, Lover of My Soul". This hymn by Charles Wesley was written following Wesley's conversion. I was particularly drawn to this hymn as this week's opener because of the text found in the fourth verse which reads, "Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin." How beautiful it is that we bear witness to just how abundant God's grace is that it covers us even when we have no knowledge of it.

So, as we sing this week, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", let us not forget God's all-encompassing grace that covers us.

Mark Your Calendar! Other concerts at FCPC this season include:

December 14, 2025 4:00pm – Holiday Organ Recital with Don Megahan

February 15, 2026 4:00pm – The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh

March 15, 2026 4:00pm – Belle Voci

May 31, 2026 4:00pm – Sponsorship Concert

Lessons and Carols Festival Choir

It's not too late to join in the song!

This year's Festival Choir that will sing for Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 21st at 10:00am had our first rehearsal last Thursday. But there is still a place for you. Rehearsals are still open to anyone wishing to sing Thursdays 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the sanctuary (excluding Thanksgiving Thursday November 27th).

Come share the spirit of Christmas, make new friends, and help fill our church with joyful music. See you at rehearsal and we can't wait to sing with you!

Get Involved in FCPC's Music Groups

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sundays 10:15am-10:50am (Choir Room)

Bell Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 6:00pm-6:45pm (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsals

Sundays 8:00am-9:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm (Choir Room)

Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:15 AM WORSHIP

No children's programming during this service.

9:30 AM KIDS' CHURCH

For age 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in prior to worship and begin the service on the children's rugs at the back of Fellowship Hall. After the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**. Parents/guardians can pick up their children there.

9:30 & 11 AM NURSERY CARE

Room 109, ages 0-3. Staffed by experienced adults.

9:30 & 11 AM COMFORT SPACE

Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

11 AM KIDS' CHURCH

For ages 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in before worship and begin the service with loved ones. After the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**. Parents/guardians can pick up their children there.

Questions? Contact Barbara Patterson at onepurplemom@gmail.com.



ADVENT-URING
Family Event

November 23rd
10:30 AM - 1 PM

In the Lounge

Drop in After Service
All Welcome!

Volunteers Needed! Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

EVERY HOUSEHOLD NEEDS AN
ADVENT WREATH.

COME MAKE ONE, AS WELL AS
OTHER CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES TO
DONATE TO GROUPS IN NEED.



Wednesday Night Live 2025-2026 Schedule

NOVEMBER 5	FEBRUARY 11
NOVEMBER 12	FEBRUARY 18
NOVEMBER 19	FEBRUARY 25
DECEMBER 3	MARCH 4
DECEMBER 10	MARCH 11
JANUARY 21	MARCH 18
JANUARY 28	MARCH 25
FEBRUARY 4	APRIL 8

WEDNESDAYS 6:15PM - 7:30PM
★ 1st - 5th Grade ★
Questions? Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us



Kids' Church Volunteer Sign Up
Scan QR code to volunteer for Kids' Church
Sunday mornings.



Children's Ministry Leader Contacts

Sam Harding

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Barbara Patterson | Children's Program
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FCPC Preschool Registration

Families interested in signing up for the 2025-2026 school year should be on the lookout. Registration for our current, legacy, and church families opens Monday, January 26th, and registration for the greater community opens Monday, February 9th.

Contact Karin, Stephanie, or Jason in the preschool office at karin@fcpc.us, or preschooladmin@fcpc.us, 412-406-6617.

We're excited to have you join us for the next school year!



Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

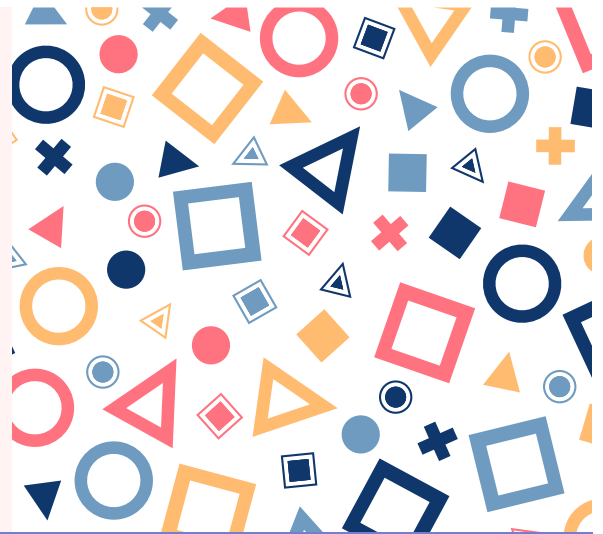
2ND - YOUTH GROUP FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE STUDY

9TH - YOUTH GROUP FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE STUDY

14TH - 16TH - HIGH SCHOOL LAURELVILLE
- NO YG!

23RD - YOUTH GROUP FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE STUDY

30TH - YOUTH GROUP FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE STUDY



Feel Free to Attend Youth
Group or Bible Study or Both!

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Sundays After Youth Group
4pm - 5:30pm

Beginning November 2nd



Visit us online:
fcpc.us/youth-ministry

Youth Ministry Leader Contacts

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Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

Gabriel Greer, friend of Brian Baxter
Judy Leininger
John, uncle of Nellie Boehm
Tracy, sister of Lynn Rueter
Martin Motschman
Kathleen McGhee
Eva Havlicsek
Carol McCarthy, friend of Charlie Skinner
Margaret Shields
John Young
The Becking family, friends of Gail Harger
Michael Ovcharenko
Dominic Lettrich, friend of the Oberlins
Charlie Skinner
Virginia Latini, friend of Diane Tung
Harumi and Takao Sumiya, friends of Diane Tung
Janet Rohrer
Holly Drake, friend of Bob Heister
John Culbertson
Karl Jussen, brother of Christian Jussen
Erick and Lily Jussen, family of Christian Jussen
Dom Leo, friend of Judy Leininger
Mary Hanna
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Johnny Wallisch

We celebrate with:

• Norma Roylance on the birth of her 5th great grandchild, Corrine Norma Magovern, born on October 2, 2025. Corrine's parents are Charlie Magovern and Simone Dejarnett

We pray for those who grieve:

• For Paul Hopper and family on the death of his wife, Jean Hopper, on October 28, 2025.
• For Maryanne Henderson on the death of her husband, David Patterson, on October 4, 2025.

We pray for peace, aid, and consolation for all who suffer, including:

• For all facing economic uncertainty.
• For addicts in our community to heal and recover.
• The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, and places in conflict, violence, and hunger.
• Refugees throughout the world.
• For our republic.

Submit your prayer request for the published prayer list by using a worship connect card or by emailing a staff member.

Prayer requests will be publicly listed for a month, if you would like to renew requests please submit another one.

Birthdays

NOV 16 Dave Brett, Ruth Connors, Sean Jewart, Tracy THurman
NOV 17 Natalie Gourley, Martin Motschman
NOV 18 Hadley Buchanan, Karon Dames, Steve Huntington, Amanda Thiessen
NOV 19 Jim Smith
NOV 20 Jim Rosswog
NOV 21
NOV 22 Shannon Coleman, Robin Durr, Charlie Otte, Brad Roth, Cody Speer, Toby Trammell



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This Week at FCPC

SUN NOV 16

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 9:45 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)

MON NOV 17

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9 AM** Backpacks for Hunger (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Deacon Meeting (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Zoom)

TUE NOV 18

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
- 11 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Sharpsburg Tower)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)

WED NOV 19

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Office)
- 10 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Library)
- 6:15 PM** Wednesday Night Live (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM** Preschool Committee (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

THU NOV 20

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)
- 1 PM** Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM** Festival Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRI NOV 21

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Friday Morning Book Group (Zoom)
- 10 AM** Caregiver Coffee Hour (Off Site)

SAT NOV 22

SUN NOV 23

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 9:45 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:30 AM** ADVENT-URING (Lounge)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)



Ways to Give

Online Giving

- Now using giving platform, PushPay.
- + Scan the QR code to give
- + Text the word GIVE to 833-830-6600



As a PCUSA church, we welcome all persons who trust in God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of his Church. The Gospel leads our members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons. (Book of Order, G-1.0302)



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