#### FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Highlights

# YOUTH SUNDAY

# **All Saints Sunday**

**SUNDAY, NOV 2 / ALL SERVICES** 

On All Saints Sunday, Nov 2, bring a photo of a loved one you have lost and whose memory you carry in your heart, and place the photo on a table at the front before worship begins. May God comfort our hearts as we remember and give thanks.





# Newcomer Luncheon - Come Explore the Church

Sunday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> | 12:10 PM | Lounge

Are you interested in joining the family of congregants that is Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church? If so, please plan to attend the Explore the Church luncheon that is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9** in the Lounge following the 11:00 Service. Please plan to return for the luncheon if you attend the 8:15 Cup and Loaf or 9:30 Contemporary Service that morning. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Church staff and members of the congregation will be present to answer your questions and give you some historical tidbits about FCPC as we approach the church's 75th Anniversary. Rumor has it there will be a tour conducted to familiarize you with some of the building's nooks and crannies.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Katie (katie@fcpc.us) or Sarah (sarah@fcpc.us) in the church office. We look forward to sharing a meal and our love of FCPC with you. *Childcare will be provided.* 

# **Get Involved at FCPC**

### **Congregational Prayer Group**

#### Tuesdays | 10 AM | Library

We are continuing to meet through this time of transition for our members, staff, elders, and other lay leaders, let our church be unified through prayer and the knowledge that the LORD will generously provide for FCPC. Do you desire to pray for the changes our church is experiencing; keep the devil out; and grow spiritually? All are welcome!

The prayer group meets weekly on **Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Library** to express gratitude, seek guidance, and find comfort in the new thing that God is doing. If you want to access the prayer meeting by Zoom, please contact Katie in the church office by Monday morning at 412-963-8243 or *katie@fcpc.us*.

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

### **Caregiver Coffee Hour**

#### October 31st / 10-11AM / LOUNGE

Caregiver Coffee Hour is an opportunity to give and receive support from other caregivers through conversation, the sharing of ideas, and prayer. All caregivers are welcome. You do not need to sign up, just drop in for a warm cup of coffee or tea. Hope to see you there.

Questions? Contact Nikki Rosswog at 412-963-8466 or nikki@fcpc.us

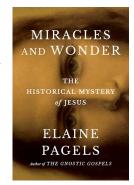
# **Friday Morning Book Group**

#### Fridays | 9:30 AM | Chapel

The Group will be concluding its discussion of *The Bible and Borders* on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will begin review and discussion of *Miracles and Wonder: the Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels on Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Chapel. For those who prefer to participate by Zoom, a customary link will be provided.

Ms. Pagels is the Harrington Spear Paine Foundation Professor of Religion as Princeton University. She is the author of *The Gnostic Gospels*, which won both the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Pagels was a MacArthur Fellow and was awarded a National Humanities Medal in 2015. Her most recent book is *Why Religion?* 

Please contact Bev Reding at *reding118@gmail.com* if you have questions or want the Zoom link. Books can be obtained through the bookseller of your choice.





## **Upcoming Election**

**November 4, 2025** is election day! Here at FCPC, we are a polling location and support the election process. All elections are important and it is our civil duty to participate in the democratic process. So make a plan to vote! Ask the person sitting next to you about their plan to vote. And see you at the polls!

# **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.

All food pantries are struggling due to rising food costs, an increased number of recipients, and significant cuts in government funding. **You can help by contributing non-perishable healthy foods to the designated bins** located in the Red Tile Area or downstairs, outside Fellowship Hall.

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



### **Canned Corn Food Drive**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW THROUGH NOV 9** 

Support Light of Life's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive, helping provide Thanksgiving dinner to over 10,000 families facing food insecurity. **Bring donations of canned whole kernel corn to church on Sunday, November 9, 2025.** Donations brought at other times can be placed in the bins in the Red Tile Area or outside Fellowship Hall.

Thank you! FCPC Deacons

### **Increased Need for Donations - SNAP Benefits Halted**

Due to the Government shutdown, Pennsylvania will not be issuing SNAP Benefits in the month of November. SNAP is funded by the Federal Government and if a budget is not passed before Nov. 1st, 2 million Pennsylvanians will lose their benefits. Many of us are in a position of privilege and do not experience regular food insecurity. If you are able to give, the need is greater than ever.

# **Congregational Care Ministry**

# Soup Ministry - Soup Available

The Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Soup Ministry is up and running for this fall and winter. The youth group made two delicious soups: Garden Minestrone and Taco Soup.



Soup is now available in the kitchen freezer labeled "Soup Ministry." Everyone is invited to gift a soup to someone in need, sharing God's love with others.

Questions? Contact Juli Huntington at <code>juli\_huntington@msn.com</code> or Nikki Rosswog at <code>nikki@fcpc.us</code>.

# Music at FCPC I

### From the Minister of Music

"O Come Let Us Adore Christ the Lord!" The joy of the season is calling and we would love for you to be part of it!

We're forming a Festival Choir to sing for our beautiful Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 21st at 10:00am. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to lift your voice in celebration, all are welcome!

**Rehearsals begin Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary and will continue each Thursday evening (excluding Thanksgiving, Thursday November 27th) as we prepare inspiring and festive music together.

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

#### All Saints Concert Invitation

Join us for a special All Saints Concert given by the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir on Sunday, November 2 at 4:00pm in the church Sanctuary. This beautiful afternoon of music and reflection will feature inspiring music of Gabriel Fauré and others. Accompanied by readings honoring those who have gone before us in faith. Come and experience an uplifting celebration of remembrance and hope through word and song. All are welcome!

#### 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

### Welcome New Bass Section Leader, Sean Gatta

Sean Gatta is thrilled to be joining the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Choir as Bass Section Leader! Raised in Long Island, NY, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Ithaca College in 2019, and his Master's Degree in Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Music Education at SUNY Stony Brook University. After teaching high school chorus on Long Island for 5 years, he relocated to Pittsburgh with his wife, Meg (Fox Chapel's own Soprano Section Leader!) Sean currently serves as the Choir/Theatre Director at Central Catholic High School, and he looks forward to continuing both his faith and singing journey alongside The Fox Chapel Ministry!



### **Get Involved in FCPC's Music Groups**

Children's Choir Rehearsals Sundays 10:15am-10:50am (Choir Room)

Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsals Sundays 8:00am-9:30am (Fellowship Hall) Bell Choir Rehearsals
Thursdays 6:00pm-6:45pm (Sanctuary)

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. \*\*No Kids' Church today, 10/26.\*\*

#### 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.

\*\*No Kids' Church today, 10/26.\*\*

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

### Kids' Church Volunteer Sign Up

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

Children's Ministry and the Christian Nurture Committee thank all these who have volunteered over these past

few months. :)

Thank you!





### Trunk or Treat Thank You

Thank you to all those who participated in and helped support this years Trunk or Treat event. It was a great success with over 25 congregant cars and over 100 kids! Ministry programs rely on your support. If you are interested in helping out Sam Harding in planning and organizing Children's Ministry events, please reach out at *sam@fcpc.us* or call 412-726-0322.

## Children's Ministry Leader Contacts

**Sam Harding** | Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry | sam@fcpc.us | 412-726-0322

**Toby Eberhart** | Christian Nurture Committee Chair | pteberhart@hotmail.com



# **Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)**

# OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 5 - Youth Group 2pm-3:30pm

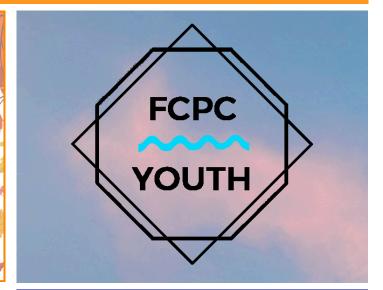
October 12 - Soup Ministry/College Boxes
Service Project 2pm-4pm

October 19 - Youth Group 2pm-3:30pm

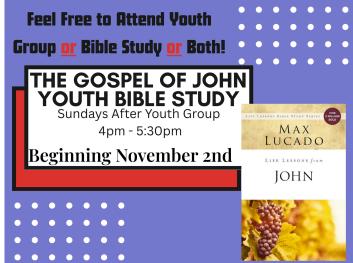
October 26 - Youth Sunday ALL SERVICES - 8:15
AM/9:30 AM/ 11 AM

Pizza Lunch to Follow Service - No Youth Group

**November 2** - Youth Group 2 pm-3:30pm Youth Bible Study 4pm-5:30pm







# **Youth Ministry Leader Contacts**

**Sam Harding** | Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry | sam@fcpc.us | 412-726-0322

**Jenna Tupponce** | Youth Program Coordinator | *jenna@fcpc.us* | 623-203-8385

# **Prayer Requests of the Congregation**

#### We hold these friends in prayer:

Sarah Crittenden

Marcia Mayhew

Karin Miller

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

Lynn Rueter

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 Maryanne Henderson on the death of her husband, David Patterson, on October 4, 2025.
- For the family of Carol Henderson, who passed away October 3, 2025.
- For Barbara Laswell and family on the death of her husband, Bruce Laswell, Sept 5, 2025.
- For the family of Elinor Lindsey, who passed away on August 28, 2025.

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**

OCT 26 Chad Bartlett, Samuel Ford, Lindsay Hegedus, Cynthia Winter

**OCT 27** Tom Forbes, Courtney Thier, Jay Troutman

OCT 28 Tim Oberlin, Darcy Ploucha, Tyler Stallings, Janet Ummer

OCT 29 Elizabeth Carter, Luke Martin, Emily Sundy, Connor Ward

OCT 30 Mary Lou Blakely, Jude Good, Matt Rhoades

OCT 31 Liza Gourley, Clara Szolna, Kelli Wood

NOV 1 Susie Dull, Harrison Lauer



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Alex Shroyer, Business Manager	·
Katie Caracciolo, Administrative Assistant	

### This Week at FCPC

#### **SUN OCT 26**

8:15 AM Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)

**9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), 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), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)

**7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)

#### **MON OCT 27**

**8 AM** Preschool

**7 PM** Session Meeting (Chapel)

**7 PM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Zoom)

#### **TUE OCT 28**

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)

**6:30 PM** Finance Committee Meeting (Chapel)



#### **WED OCT 29**

8 AM Preschool

**9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Library)

**10 AM** Fall Small Group Bible Study (Lounge)

**1 PM** Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

**6:15 PM** Wednesday Night Live Kids Club (Fellowship Hall)

**7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

#### **THU OCT 30**

8 AM Preschool

**9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)

1 PM Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

**6 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**7 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### FRI OCT 31

8 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Friday Morning Book Group (Chapel)

10 AM Caregiver Coffee Hour (Lounge)

#### **SAT NOV 1**

#### **SUN NOV 2**

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)

**2 PM** Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

4 PM Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

**4 PM** FCPC All Saints Day Concert (Sanctuary)

**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.

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