

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 our Pittsburgh neighbors who are less able to provide Christmas cheer. Last day to adopt a Dove Tree family today, November 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



The Longest Night Service

TUESDAY | DEC 16 | 7:00 PM | ATRIUM

Join us for quiet service of music and reflection for those seeking peace during the holiday season. If you're going through a difficult time, whether it be grief, loss, illness, or life's challenges, you are not alone.

We invite you to come and experience a quiet evening of meditation, special music, and prayer. We will gather to acknowledge the darkness and find encouragement in the light of Christ's love.

Questions? Contact Nikki Rosswog, Minister of Congregational Care, at nikki@fcpc.us

Service of Lessons & Carols

December 21 | 10 AM Combined Service | Sanctuary



Join us for a combined worship service of Lessons and Carols. This special service will teach the story of Christmas through scripture readings and music.

*There will be **one combined service only** on Sunday, December 21.*





Christmas Season at FCPC



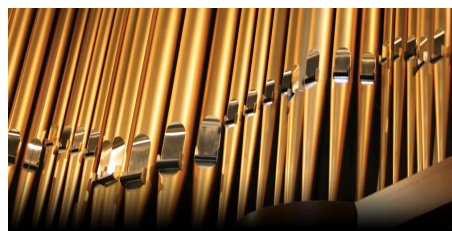
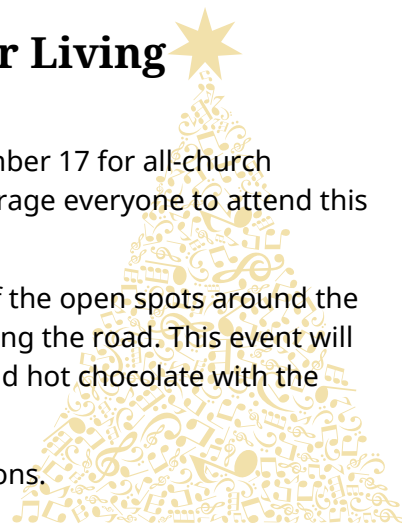
Christmas Caroling at Lighthouse Pointe Senior Living

WEDNESDAY | DEC 17 | 6:45 PM | Lighthouse Pointe Senior Living

Come and sing your favorite Christmas Carols! Join us on Wednesday, December 17 for all-church Christmas Caroling at Lighthouse Pointe Village at Chapel Harbor. We encourage everyone to attend this intergenerational event, and invite you to bring along friends and family!

We will gather in the main entrance of the building at 6:45 PM. Park in any of the open spots around the building as well as along the side of the building and back of the building along the road. This event will be indoors. We will sing Christmas carols and then gather to have cookies and hot chocolate with the residents of Lighthouse Pointe.

Please reach out to S.C. Toe, Sam Harding, or Nikki Rosswog with any questions.



Holiday Organ Recital

SUNDAY | DEC 14 | 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Come experience a magnificent concert by our Sunday Organist, Don Megahan. He will be performing a medley of holiday pieces.

Don't miss this opportunity for joy through music!



Celebrate Christmas at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Children led Worship - 4:30pm
Sanctuary | Livestream

Traditional Worship - 7:30pm
Sanctuary | Livestream | Childcare

Contemporary Worship - 6pm
Fellowship Hall | Livestream | Childcare

Traditional Worship - 10pm
Sanctuary

One Service Sunday - Dec 28, 10am

Join us for a combined One Service on the last Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall where we will be singing our favorite carols. We will also be saying farewell to The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall as our Bridge Pastor.

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



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 for their Next Table program (formerly called "Circles"), and deliver the meal around 5:15pm to their location at 800 Main Street, Sharpsburg.

This meal is for the participants & their mentors in the program 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.

Future months are available for sign up if you are interested in helping out on another date. If you have any questions, please contact Deacons Juli Huntington @ 434-534-4060 or Kim Power @ 412-965-8794.



Congregational Care Ministry

Soup Ministry

We're so happy to be blessing others with soup! There is still soup available in the freezer in the church kitchen labeled "Soup Ministry." 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.

Our Youth Group will be cooking additional batches of soup next Sunday, Dec 7. If you would like to support them by donating ingredients, scan the QR code to sign up! Food should be left in the church kitchen by Friday, Dec 5.



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

HELP NEEDED! Support for the Schwieger Family

When Mother Theresa was asked about how many people she wanted to help, she responded with "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and start with the person nearest you." Tragedy has struck and one of the people nearest us is in need of our help. On November 22nd a fire caused the Schwieger family to lose everything. Vanessa Schwieger is a preschool teacher in our own Alligators classroom. Vanessa, her husband, two kids, and family dog made it out okay; but all of their belongings and two kitties were unfortunately lost in the fire. We as a Church Community, both Church and Preschool alike, would like to rally behind Vanessa and show our support by providing some of those "everyday things" for the family. We will be collecting items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, canned goods, dog food, dog toys, blankets, etc. If it is something you use in your day-to-day life, they are probably now in need of it. Donations can be dropped off to the church office, preschool office, or youth lounge. Any questions, please contact Sam Harding or Karin Miller. Above all, lets keep the Schwieger family in our prayers!

Donate to the GoFundMe campaign set up by friends of the family by using the QR code:



🎵 Music at FCPC 🎵

December 17th - Lighthouse Point Village - 6:45 PM

Meet at the event!

All Invited!!

**ALL-CHURCH
CHRISTMAS
CAROLING!**



Indoor Event!

Cookies, Hot Chocolate,
Carols, and Fellowship!!

Please reach out to S.C. Toe, Sam Harding or Nikki Rosswog with any questions.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

Bell Choir, Lessons and Carols Festival Choir, and Chancel Choir rehearsals will all resume Thursday evening, December 4th all in the Sanctuary.

Children's Choir has no rehearsal today, November 30th and will return December 7th at 10:15am in the Choir Room.



Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming 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

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.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve
4:30 PM Service

Rehersal Dec 21
11AM - Lunch Provided



All Children Welcome - Interested in Participating or Helping Organize?
Contact Sam Harding at sam@fcpc.us

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
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
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Barbara Patterson
Children's Program Coordinator
onepurplemom@gmail.com

FCPC Preschool Registration

Families interested in signing up for the 2026-2027 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)



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- 7th - **Soup Ministry** during Youth Group + Bible Study
- 13th - **Trampoline Park** Outing (See Ad)
- 14th - Youth **Group** + Bible Study
- 17th - Caroling Event @ **Lighthouse Point** 6:30PM
- 21st - Christmas **Pageant Rehearsal** after Service - Begins 11AM
- 21st - **Christmas Party** during Youth Group - NO BIBLE STUDY



Fly High with the Youth at SkyZone

December 13th 10:30 - 3ish

Spend an afternoon at SkyZone with the Youth Group
Followed by Lunch. \$40/student covers jumping and food.

Sign Up Deadline - December 7th



Youth Group & Soup Ministry

When: December 7, 2025 2:00-3:30

Where: FCPC Kitchen

What: We will be spending the afternoon making Chicken Noodle Soup together that will be frozen and available for our congregation to distribute to those in need.



Visit us online:
fcpc.us/youth-ministry

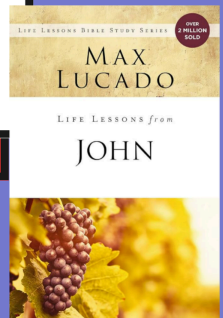
Feel Free to Attend Youth
Group or Bible Study or Both!

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Sundays After Youth Group

4pm - 5:30pm

Beginning November 2nd



Youth Ministry Leader Contacts

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

Meg Wertz | Youth Program Coordinator | meg@fcpc.us | 412-736-8787

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

Ann McDermott
Rick Dolnack
Barry Freman, friend of Janice Wilson
Carol and family, friends of Marcia Mayhew
Gabriel Greer, friend of Brian Baxter
Judy Leininger
John, uncle of Nellie Boehm
Tracy, sister of Lynn Rueter
Martin Motschman
Kathleen McGhee
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
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Jonny Wallisch

We celebrate with:

• David and Christine Bennett on the birth of their grandson, Conor James Bennett, born November 12, 2025. Conor's parents are Megan Magovern and Stewart Bennett.

We pray for those who grieve:

• For the family of William Duffy who passed away Friday, November 14, 2025.
• For Paul Hopper and family on the death of his wife, Jean Hopper, on October 28, 2025.

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

• For all facing economic uncertainty and food insecurity.
• 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.

Prayers for Congregations in our Presbytery:

• Bethel United Presbyterian Church
• Bethesda United Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh)
• Bethesda United Presbyterian Church (Elizabeth)

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

Birthdays

NOV 30 Astrid Bitzer, Margaret Groninger, Chloe Gulati, Pippa Junger, Jake Williams, Mabel Wright

DEC 1 No birthdays

DEC 2 Anna Ferris, Barbara OConnell, Kathy Smith

DEC 3 David Dick, Emmy Shroeder

DEC 4 Luca Friday, Anne Heiner, Jase Kutzner, Timothy Sutton

DEC 5 Matthew Magulick

DEC 6 Stephan Dake, David Daquelente, Jimmy Minor, Michele Williams



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This Week at FCPC

SUN NOV 30

- 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)
- 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)

MON DEC 1

- 9 AM Church Office Closed for Maintenance**
- 12 PM** Church Office Opens
- 7 PM** Mission Committee Meeting (Lounge)

TUE DEC 2

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 9 AM** Backpack for Hunger (Chapel)
- 10 AM** Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)
- 6:30 PM** Christian Nurture Committee (Library)

WED DEC 3

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Office)
- 6:15 PM** Wednesday Night Live (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

THU DEC 4

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

FRI DEC 5

- 9 AM** Preschool
- 3:30 PM** Friday Morning Book Group (Zoom)

SAT DEC 6

SUN DEC 7

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9 AM** Dove Tree Gift Drop Off (Lounge)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 10:15 AM** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 2 PM** Youth Group - Soup Ministry (Kitchen)
- 4 PM** Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

Church Office Hours Dec. 1

The Church Office will **open at 12:00pm** on Monday, December 1st, to accommodate scheduled maintenance. Regular office hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm will resume on Tuesday, December 2nd.

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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