



HIGHLIGHTS

GROWING IN FAITH • SERVING IN LOVE • LIVING IN HOPE

Mars Hill Mission Trip Update

This past week your pastor, Cheryl Khylllep, and I, Adelynn Hunter, ventured off to Mars Hill NC for a combined mission trip with Oakmont and Shadyside Presbyterian. Saturday was our travel day. We drove halfway to West Virginia and had lunch at New River Gorge National park before hiking in the mountainous trails and continuing towards Mars Hill University. Sunday on the other hand was our "fun day" packed with kayaking, tubing, watching the World Cup finale, and a taco dinner! I don't know which was more thrilling, floating down the river's rapids on my tube, or watching pastor Cheryl completely flip out of her kayak. The rest of the week we were there to work and use the resources we had to help those in need.

Each day we woke up bright and early for breakfast, packing lunches, and devotional time, before splitting up into groups to tackle different worksites. With the help of a nonprofit organization called Community Housing Collision (CHC), we managed to stain 2 decks, demolish and begin the rebuilding process of a separate deck, clean out a house, paint the interior of a house, and redo a whole kitchen. By the end of the week, we were not only beyond proud of ourselves for the work we had accomplished, but also for the bonds we had formed. The homeowners we met were truly some of the kindest souls, always happy to talk or offer any supplies they had access to.

If I could speak towards just one aspect of this trip, it would be about perspective. From a young age, I always thought of myself as an empathetic person who could more than understand the economic differences in our world. But I believe I can speak for everyone who has ever gone on a mission trip or has even just gone out of their way to help someone, when I say that no matter how much you think you understand something; it is always different to see it first hand. Sometimes other people's struggles and needs are deeper rooted than you may ever imagine. And sometimes those needs may go unattended for so long for a number of reasons.

So as I end this article, just remember that we are all God's children and that we are all called to not only help, but also to love everyone. That doesn't have to be as extravagant as a mission trip. It could be lending someone two extra hands when they need it, or even just being a kind listening ear.



Lemonade on the Lawn

On **Sunday, August 9**, please plan to attend an annual FCPC Summer event. It's time again for Lemonade on the Lawn! The Fellowship Team will be serving cookies and refreshing lemonade under the Portico immediately following the Contemporary (9:30) Service and the Traditional (11:00) Service. *(No one will stop you if you grab a treat on your way into the Sanctuary for the 11:00 Service!!)*. It's a great opportunity to mingle and to treat yourself to some nice refreshments. Hope you can make it.



Harvest Fair Donations

Only one more month of collections for Harvest Fair and we need your donations! You can find more information about Harvest Fair, including drop-off days, what items are being accepted, and how to volunteer on our website at www.fcpc.us/annual-harvest-fair.

Donations will be accepted through **Saturday, August 22**.



Cup & Loaf Service Move to Sanctuary

The 8:15 Cup & Loaf Service will temporarily move to the Sanctuary starting this Sunday, August 2. This move is in cooperation with the Harvest Fair team as they manage donations and move into the Chapel. Thank you for your flexibility during this time.

New Disciple Bible Study

The Revs. John and Lynn Bell are planning to lead a DISCIPLE Bible study together this fall. DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study which both have used extensively.

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading of the participant, and dynamic group discussion. Over the course of 34 weeks, the study covers the entire Bible following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

They plan to start on Wednesday, September 16, from 10:00-11:30am. Please register by scanning the QR code or visiting fcpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/156/responses/new. The deadline to register is August 31st. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Dr. Bell at john@fcpc.us.

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Music Ministry

Summer Choir

Have you ever wondered what it's like in the choir loft? Ever wanted to sing in a choir? Is your schedule too jammed to squeeze a rehearsal night into your calendar? Can't read music? Ever wanted to see the funny faces S.C. makes up close? Well, it's your time to shine in the Summer Choir! Come join us on relevant Sundays at 10am in the sanctuary and sing the 11am service. No robes, no fuss, just fun music making.

No RSVP or registration required. Just show up and sing!

See you then!

Summer Choir Dates:

- August 2nd at 10am in the Sanctuary
- August 16th at 10am in the Sanctuary
- August 30th at 10am in the Sanctuary

Bells & Brunch

August 15th | 11 am - 1 pm
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Interested in learning more about Handbells? Don't read music, NOT A PROBLEM! Join us for this special Bells & Brunch event as we learn basic ringing technique and share in fellowship with one another over brunch.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

See you there!

FCPC Children's Choir Party

August 30th | 3:00-5:00 PM
442 Dorseyville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15215
At the home of our Children's Choir Accompanist, Connie Phillips

You're invited to the FCPC Children's Choir party to kick off the start of the season! Children grades K-5th and their families can meet the Children's Choir director, S.C. Toe, party with current children's choir members, and learn about our wonderful program!

Scan the QR code to RSVP.

Questions?
Contact Connie Phillips
at phillipsdm@aol.com

SEE YOU THERE!

Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

We Need YOU!

Volunteer on Sunday mornings and make a difference for our kids!

The Sunday morning Kids' Church is in continued need of adult volunteers. Without enough volunteers each week, during each service, we will be forced to cancel due to the legality of an adult to student ratio. Signups are available for the entirety of 2026. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time!

We can't keep this essential program going without your help. As a volunteer, it's super easy and lots of fun—we handle all the planning. All that's needed is for you to join us during Kids' Church to help with a game or activity. Sign up today and let's make a difference together!

Scan the QR code or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/FCPCkidschurch>
to sign up.

Sign Up!!



Hiring - Children's Program Coordinator

Part-time | 5-12 hours per week | Year-round

Interested? Find the full job description at
www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities.



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FCPC Preschool

Preschool 2026-2027 Space Available

Come see what all the excitement is about in our Tuesday/Thursday Twos classes — where we nurture tender hearts, curious minds, and strong bodies.

Register your child at www.fcpc.us/preschool or call 412-406-6617.



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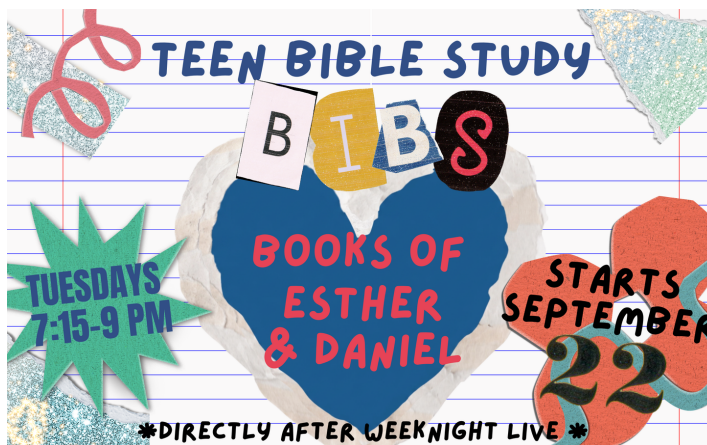
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GriefShare Group - Fall Session

Thursdays | Sep 17 - Dec 17 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM | Chapel

GriefShare is a grief support group led by trained lay leaders from FCPC that have been called to this compassionate ministry to people from our congregation and community that are grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.



The goal of this group is to provide a Christ-centered, safe, welcoming place where people can come together to talk about their loss with others that are walking a similar journey. This 13-week group uses videos, workbook exercises, and in person discussion to work through common grief topics, providing tools and resources that are helpful in healing after a loss.

Sign up at <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/296301> or by scanning the QR code.

Questions? Reach out to Gail Harger at gailharger@verizon.net.



Memorial Garden Closed for Restoration

Beginning **Monday, August 3rd**, masonry restoration work will begin on the Memorial Garden. The work will take approximately 3 weeks to complete (8/3-8/21). **Visitation will be limited to weekends only.** Internment services may be limited during this time.

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

- Vickie Vandergrift, friend of Bob Heister
- John Kelly, friend of Bob Heister
- The Baginski family
- Adam Souply and family
- Lili Rosenthal
- Miguel Quintero, friend of Diane Tung
- Rick Dolnack, neighbor of Brian Baxter
- Kim Power
- Bill & Emy Boag

We pray for Local Congregations:

- Waverly United Presbyterian Church
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Wexford Community Presbyterian Church



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

- For people affected by immigration policy.
- For safety to those traveling.
- For all facing economic uncertainty and food insecurity.
- For addicts in our community to heal and recover.
- The people of Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and places in conflict, violence, and hunger.
- Refugees throughout the world.
- For our republic.

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Tracey Mulert and family on the passing of her sister, Gay Groomes, on July 8, 2026.
- For Shirley Phillis and family on the passing of her brother, Dean Gallagher, on July 13, 2026.

Prayer requests will be publicly listed for one month. Please re-submit your request if you would like to renew after a month. Requests made before end of day Wednesday will be published in the Sunday prayer list.

Birthdays

AUG 2 Ryan DeMotte, Robert Goehring, Catherine Jewart, Jessica Killian

AUG 3 Emma Francis, Donna Ludwig

AUG 4 Wally Clements, Charlotte Everett, Jeanne Lauer, Kitty Skinner

AUG 5 Owen Carter, Lori Stump, Shannon Watters

AUG 6 Debbie Burke, Deborah Crowley, Henry Harrison, Brooke Nalevanko,
Addie Todd, Robert Yates

AUG 7 Josephine Braham, Mikell Schenck



This Week at FCPC

SUN AUG 2

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (**Sanctuary**)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Youth Lounge), Nursery (Kids Kingdom)
- 10 AM** Summer Choir (Sanctuary)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Youth Lounge), Nursery (Kids Kingdom)

MON AUG 3

- 7 PM** Mission Committee (Library)
- 7 PM** Worship & Music Cmte (Atrium)

TUE AUG 4

- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9 AM - 1 PM** Harvest Fair Donation Drop Off (Springhouse Lane Entrance)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation/Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM** Christian Nurture Cmte (Library)

WED AUG 5

- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotions & Meeting (Library)

THU AUG 6

- 9 AM - 1 PM** Harvest Fair Donation Drop Off (Springhouse Lane Entrance)

FRI AUG 7

- 5:30 PM** Xing Carlough Senior Recital (Sanctuary)

SAT AUG 8

- 9 AM - 1 PM** Harvest Fair Donation Drop Off (Springhouse Lane Entrance)

SUN AUG 9

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (**Sanctuary**)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Youth Lounge), Nursery (Kids Kingdom)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Youth Lounge), Nursery (Kids Kingdom)
- 12 PM** Lemonade on the Lawn

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Giving

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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