

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Highlights



## One Service - Confirmation & Youth Sunday

MAY 17 | 10 AM | Sanctuary

*A One Service Sunday full of faith and celebration for the children and youth of the church!*

### Coming of Age - A Letter from Sam Harding

Spring has a special way of reminding us that growth is both a gift and a calling. This season, we have the joy of celebrating our youth who are crossing important milestones in faith and life — Confirmation, High School graduation, and the blessing of receiving their very first Bibles!

Each of these moments tells a story of growing roots and stretching wings:

- Confirmation marks a personal “yes” to the faith first promised at baptism — a step from being nurtured in the church to fully owning one’s place within it.
- Graduation points to the next chapters ahead — new ventures, new communities, and the trust that no matter how far we travel, God’s love goes before us.
- Receiving a First Bible reminds us that the Word is both an anchor and a compass — a trusted companion for the road ahead, whether that road leads to middle school, college, or beyond.

As a congregation, we give thanks for the families, mentors, teachers, and friends who helped shape these young disciples. Let’s continue to surround them with encouragement, laughter, and prayer — and maybe a plate or two of cake at the reception after service!

Let this season remind all of us that faith isn’t a finish line, but a lifelong adventure. May we keep listening for God’s voice, cheering one another on, and trusting that the Spirit has many good surprises still in store!

#### New Bible Scholars

- Jacob Bloom
- Abel Brady-Porter
- Jackson Durr
- William Eberhart
- Izzy Khylllep
- Maggie Kleinman
- Claire Rocha
- Enzo Sundy
- Adelaide Wertz
- Charlotte Wolfe

### FCAHS Jeffrey Dean Memorial Recital

TODAY, May 17 | 3:00-4:30 PM | Sanctuary

Fox Chapel Area High School students present the annual Jeffrey Dean Memorial Recital. The Recital was established to showcase the talents of music students at FCAHS who have seriously studied music with a private teacher. The recital and associated scholarship were established to honor Jeffrey, the son of a longtime Fox Chapel Area High School nurse who died of a brain tumor in 2005 at the age of 43.

Tickets can be purchased at [fcahsmusicdepartment.ludus.com](http://fcahsmusicdepartment.ludus.com) or by scanning the QR code.



### Harvest Fair 2026 is Happening!

We are excited to announce that the Harvest Fair will return on September 11–12, 2026! This year may look a little different, but we are still planning a wonderful fair and look forward to another great year together.

A volunteer meeting will be held **today, May 17 at 12 noon in the Chapel**. We will begin collecting donations on June 1 (please no donations before then). Collection dates and times are still to be determined.

We are also looking for individuals willing to serve on the Harvest Fair leadership team to help make this year’s fair successful. If you are interested, please contact [harvestfair@fpc.us](mailto:harvestfair@fpc.us)

## Get Involved in Upcoming Groups & Events

### FCPC Fellowship Summer Bike Ride

Saturday, June 13 | 9 AM | Church Parking Lot

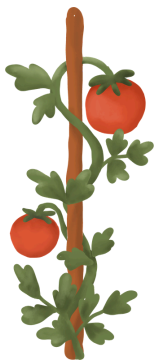
Come join us for our Summer Fellowship Bike Ride. Meet in the church parking lot for early coffee and donuts. Our route will start at Millvale Riverfront Park and we'll ride to the Point and back, crossing over the Allegheny River on the Ft. Duquesne bridge (~7 miles). All levels of personal fitness are welcomed to join us (like kids!).

We will meet at the church parking lot and then travel together to the planned path. We promise great fellowship as well as some good exercise.

Hope to see you there! Contact Paul Privett to RSVP at [privettp@hotmail.com](mailto:privettp@hotmail.com)



### FCPC Hunger Garden - Family Summer Service Project



Interested in helping grow food for local families in need? Last year our Hunger Garden produced over 400 lbs of fresh produce for our local food pantries. We need your help to make it happen again! All skill levels are welcome; no previous experience needed; instructions for tending will be provided. Come grow your knowledge of how things grow!

Beginning May 31st, sign up your family for a week of tending the garden by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.fcpc.us/children-and-family-ministry](http://www.fcpc.us/children-and-family-ministry).

Questions? Contact Cristie Good at 412-251-6576, [cristiegood@gmail.com](mailto:cristiegood@gmail.com)



### Caregiver Coffee Hour

Friday, May 29 | 10 - 11 AM | Lounge

Caring for someone with physical, developmental, mental health, or age-related challenges can feel overwhelming and lonely. 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.

Contact Nikki Rosswog at 412-963-8466 or [nikki@fcpc.us](mailto:nikki@fcpc.us) with questions.

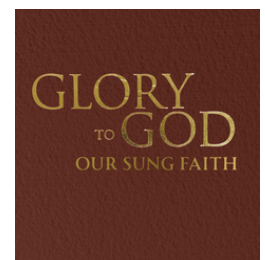


## 🎵 Music at FCPC 🎵

### Sponsorship Concert: "Glory to God: Our Sung Faith"

Sunday, May 31 | 4 PM | Sanctuary

This community based event brings together music lovers from all walks of life to learn and create something beautiful. This year's concert will share familiar hymns set to arrangements that beautifully paint what the text conveys. The Festival Choir, comprised of community members and the FCPC Chancel Choir, and accompanied by Don Megahan and chamber orchestra, look forward to sharing this time of music-making with you!



# Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



**Sunday Kids' Church  
in Kids Kingdom**

Designated Programming for Kids 3-10  
& Staffed Nursery Care for 0-3

Each week children are invited to listen to an interactive telling of a Bible story taught by our Preschool's Barbara Patterson. Children are then able to engage in activities, games, and crafts that enhance the stories' lessons.

A Nursery staffed with our Preschool's Jennifer Anderson (and team) is open during services for children ages 0-3

**Questions? Contact Sam Harding.**  
sam@fcpc.us | 412-726-0322

## Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed!

The Sunday morning Kids' Church is in desperate 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!!**



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vacation BIBLE school**

SCAN TO REGISTER

**EMERALD CROSSING**  
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

\$50/STUDENT  
AGES 5-12

JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>  
1 PM - 4PM

## Now Hiring - Children's Program Coordinator

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

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church is seeking an additional part-time Children's Program Coordinator to join our Children's Ministry Team. This role is ideal for someone passionate about mentoring children and supporting their faith journey through engaging programs, activities, and meaningful relationships. Coordinators would work with both Sam Harding and Barbara Patterson as part of the Team. For more info, contact Sam Harding at 412-726-0322.

**Interested?** Find the full job description at  
[www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities](http://www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities).



**FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
vacation BIBLE school**

JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>  
12 PM - 4:30PM

**EMERALD CROSSING**  
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

AGES: 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES - 99 YEARS OLD  
**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP!**



## Children's Ministry Contacts

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### Children's Program Coordinators

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# FCPC 2026 Confirmands

## *Congratulations and Welcome to these New Members*



**Matthew Bartolacci** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. He likes sports and reading. He has a dog. His future plans include being a CEO.

**Kelsey Delaney** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. She enjoys playing volleyball and lacrosse and hanging out with her friends. Her bestie is Lydia. She has two siblings, Molly and Jack. Her future plan is to take over her dad's car dealership business.

**Lydia DeMotte** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. She likes to play volleyball, lacrosse, and track. She enjoys her friends, especially her best friend Kelsey. Her future plan would include being both an English teacher and lacrosse coach.

**Mackenzie Foster** is Junior at Shady Side Academy. She excelled academically and skipped a grade! Some of her interests include soccer, model UN, shopping, skiing, and enjoying the sun. She also loves her dog, Ruby. Her future plans are to study Political Science and then law. She would aim for a career in Government Law.

**Ada Herald** is an 8th grader at Dorseyville Middle School. She likes to play both soccer and volleyball. Her favorite color is light blue. Her future plans would be something to do with kids.

**Adelynn Hunter** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. Some of her interests include painting, ice skating, rock climbing, writing, cooking, and hiking. She is passionate about spending her time working with kids. Her future plans would involve working with children, possibly as a pediatric occupational therapist. Her “dream of dreams” would be to own and operate her own daycare.

**Will Haas** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. He likes distance running and participating in track and cross country. He also enjoys reading. Interestingly, he is related to the 32nd US President, FDR. This may have something to do with his future plans of going into politics.

**Lucy Koteski** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. She enjoys playing golf, skiing, and baking. She has two sisters, Molly and Clara. Clara has already been confirmed. Her future career plan is to study to be a Doctor.



**Holden Link** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. He enjoys skiing, playing tennis, and riding roller coasters. In fact, he has ridden 108 different roller coasters! He dreams of one day being a Roller Coaster Engineer.

**Maura Sample** is an 8th grader at Shady Side Academy. She is involved in lacrosse, swimming, and singing. It is lively at her house with her two cats, Meowser and Miette. Her choice of career in the future would to be a lawyer.

**Adelaide Schroeder** is an 8th grader at Dorseyville Middle School. She spends her time enjoying golf and skiing. She has two dogs, Lincoln and Runner. She also has two sisters, Anna and Emmy. Her future plans include a career in Physical Therapy.

**Elsa Watters** is a Freshman at Fox Chapel Area High School. She likes playing lacrosse and field hockey and also enjoys skiing. She was named before the movie Frozen introduced Elsa of Arendelle to the world. She has two sisters, Ada and Cora. Cora has already been confirmed. Her future plan is to be a Doctor.



# FCPC 2026 Graduates

*Celebrating Their Journey and Next Steps*

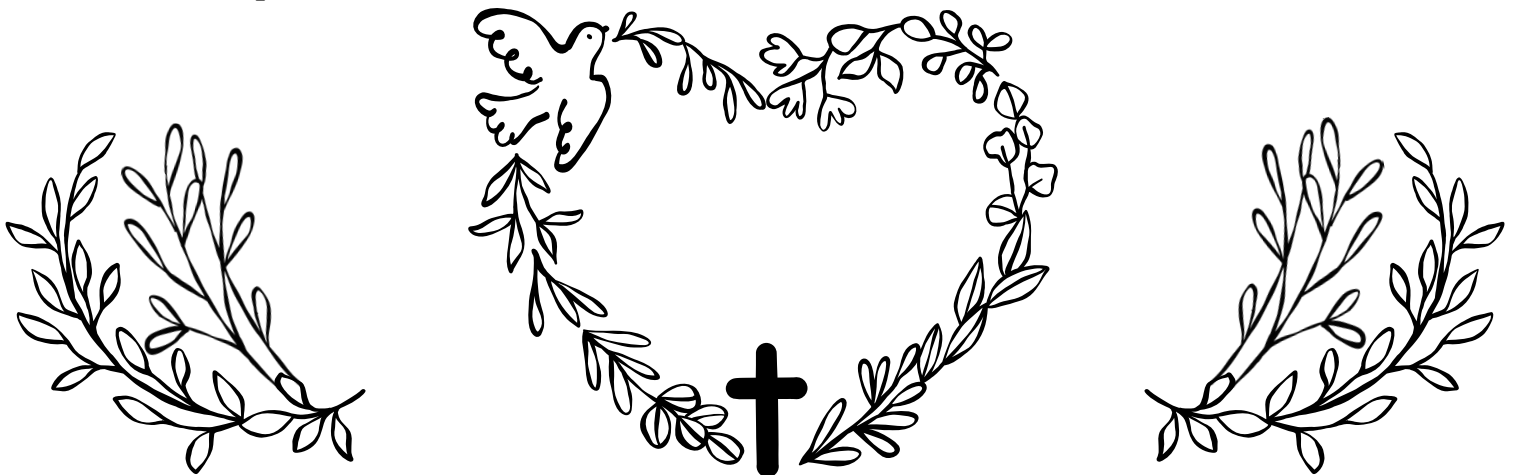
## **Graduating High School Seniors:**

- Xing Carlough
- Dan DeMotte
- Ryan Dougherty
- Grace Gouwens
- Luke Martin
- Gigi Mettenburg
- London Miller
- Maddie Rhoades
- Katie Siddons
- Nico Vavpetic

***Congratulations to this year's FCPC Scholarship recipients! Awarded to graduating High School Seniors who reflect the values of our church and are pursuing higher education.***

## **Scholarship Recipients:**

Luke Martin  
Gigi Mettenburg  
Katie Siddons



# Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

## May Schedule

- Apr 26<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - 6:30-8pm!
- 3 - Youth Group - 2:00- 3:30
- 8-9 - High School All-Nighter
- 10 - NO Youth Group  
Take your mom (or mother figure) out!
- 11 - Confirmation Rehearsal
- 17 - Confirmation Sunday
- 17 - Youth Group - 2:00-3:30
- 24 - NO YG - Celebrate those passed
- 31 - Youth Group - 2:00-3:30



**SAVE THE DATES**

**YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS**

SAT JUNE 13	<b>ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICE PROJECT</b> *transportation provided
SAT JUNE 20	<b>KENNYWOOD 10:30 AM</b> *transportation provided
SAT JULY 11	<b>PIZZA &amp; MOVIE NIGHT PRINCE OF EGYPT 5PM</b>
SAT AUG 15	<b>PARTY IN THE PARK O'Hara Community Park 10am - 1pm</b>

\*OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GOING INTO 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE\*



**KENNYWOOD**

**\$45** Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
**10:30 AM**

Transportation Provided

RSVP by June 13<sup>th</sup>

\*OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GOING INTO 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE\*

## Youth Ministry Contacts

### Sam Harding

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### Youth Program Coordinators

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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](http://www.fcpc.us/preschool) or call 412-406-6617.



### Preschool Contacts

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#### Preschool Office Staff

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# Prayer Requests of the Congregation

## We hold these friends in prayer:

- Carrie, friend of Diane Tung
- Jeff and Stephenie Carle, brother and sister-in-law of Nellie Boehm
- Fred Lese, Father of Kim Bartolacci
- Marcia Mayhew
- William Hirsch
- Meredith Adams
- Salli Letteri, friend of Lorraine & Jack Tabish
- Carl and Peggy Bonfiglio
- Carol, friend of Marcia Mayhew
- Margaret Shields
- Gil Damico, friend of Avon Null
- Bill Boag
- Jonny Wallisch

## We pray for Local Congregations:

- Trinity United Church of Christ, impacted by a devastating fire to their house of worship
- New Life Community Church
- Noblestown United Presbyterian Church
- North Hills United Presbyterian Church



*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.*

## 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 Kathy and Jim Smith, on the death of Kathy's father, Ronald Carlson, who passed away May 9th.
- For Sally Vogel and family on the death of her husband, Vic, who passed away recently.
- For Megan Coleman and family on the death of her husband, Tim, who passed away on April 18, 2026. **A memorial service will be held at the church on Friday, May 22, at 11:00am.**
- For the Mellott family on the death of Lois Mellott, who passed away on April 16, 2026.

## Birthdays

**MAY 17** Tyler Finn, Donna Millburn

**MAY 18** Tim Donovan, Ricky Downey, Alison Francis

**MAY 19** Jack Delaney, Lynn Leppert, Dolly Roman

**MAY 20** Zelene Hutchison, Richard Jaynes, Matthew Williams

**MAY 21** Eli Miller

**MAY 22** Hollis Stewart, Peter Szolna, George Thompson

**MAY 23** Sheryl Austin, Faith DeBolt, Ward Powell, Gavin Rosswog, Donald Szlachetka, Diane Tung



## Upcoming Primary Election



**This Tuesday, May 19, 2026 is election day!** Here at FCPC, we are a polling location and support the election process. Primary elections are just as important as general elections in November, so make a plan to vote. Ask the person sitting next to you about their plan to vote. See you at the polls!

# This Week at FCPC

## SUN MAY 17

- 10 AM One Service Sunday (Sanctuary), Kids' Church & Nursery Care (Kids Kingdom)
- 11 AM Confirmation Reception (Atrium)
- 12 PM Harvest Fair Volunteer Meeting (Chapel)
- 2 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 3 PM Jeffrey Dean Memorial Recital (Sanctuary)

## MON MAY 18

- 9 AM Preschool
- 9 AM Backpack for Hunger (Chapel)
- 7 PM Deacon Meeting (Lounge)

## TUES MAY 19

- 7 AM - 8 PM Election Day (Chapel)
- 8 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 5:45 PM Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)
- 6:30 PM Finance Committee (Library)
- 7:30 PM Preschool Committee (Narthex)

## WED MAY 20

- 9 AM Preschool
- 9:30 AM Staff Devotions & Meeting (Library)
- 5:30 PM New Officer Training (Chapel)

## THU MAY 21

- 9 AM Preschool
- 9:30 AM GriefShare Group (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Nominating Committee (Library)
- 7 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## FRI MAY 22

- 11 AM Coleman Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

## SAT MAY 23

### SUN MAY 24 - Pentecost

- 8:15 AM Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church & Nursery Care (Kids Kingdom)
- 11 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church & Nursery Care (Kids Kingdom)



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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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