

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights



Giving Thanks & Being Grateful - A Message from Pastor Doug

Thanksgiving is not inherently a Christian holiday. It isn't even religious in any usual sense, other than the fact that when we give thanks, the question arises "To whom?" In some ways Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it has not been commercialized like so many of our other holidays. What would it look like if our lives overflowed with thankfulness, with gratitude for all the blessings of our lives? We have so much and have ample reasons to be grateful.

Take some time this week to reflect on the blessings of your life: material blessings – food, homes, cars...; beauty that takes our breath away – the changing seasons, the music that lifts our spirits, the smell of the kitchen on Thanksgiving...; a church that gives us opportunities for worship, places to serve, and helps us grow in our faith...; families and friends who love us and support us, sometimes in spite of who we are and what we have done...; the laughter of children that brings us joy...; the list is endless.



Advent-uring

TODAY, NOV 23 | 10:30 AM - 1 PM | LOUNGE

Advent Wreaths represent hope, peace, joy, and love. They represent portions of Christ that we as Christians are called to embody. When lighting the candles in our homes, 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 wreaths together. Join us in making advent wreaths 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. Today from 10:30am to 1:00pm we will be set up in the Lounge and just outside in the hallway with these activities. There will also be snacks served in Fellowship Hall for when you need a break from building your gingerbread house! Feel free to drop by after the 9:30 or 11:00 service, whenever you are ready! Bring your friends, neighbors, family, and enemies as this is a time of fellowship.

A \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of supplies.

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



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. 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





Christmas Season at FCPC



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

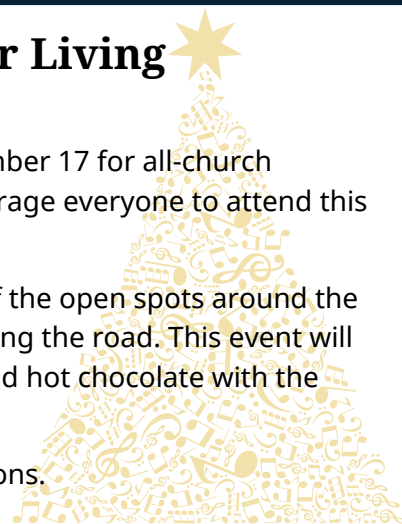
Christmas Caroling at Lighthouse Pointe Senior Living

WEDNESDAY | DEC 17 | 6:45 PM | Lighthouse Point 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.



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.



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!



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 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.

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 on another date. If you have any questions, please contact Deacons Juli Huntington @ 434-534-4060 or Kim Power @ 412-965-8794.

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.

Local Food Pantry Thank You

Thank you to all who have been supporting our local food pantries and other organizations that provide support to those facing food insecurity. Your support is felt by those in our community, so thank you!

Congregational Care Ministry

Soup Ministry - Soup Available

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.

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

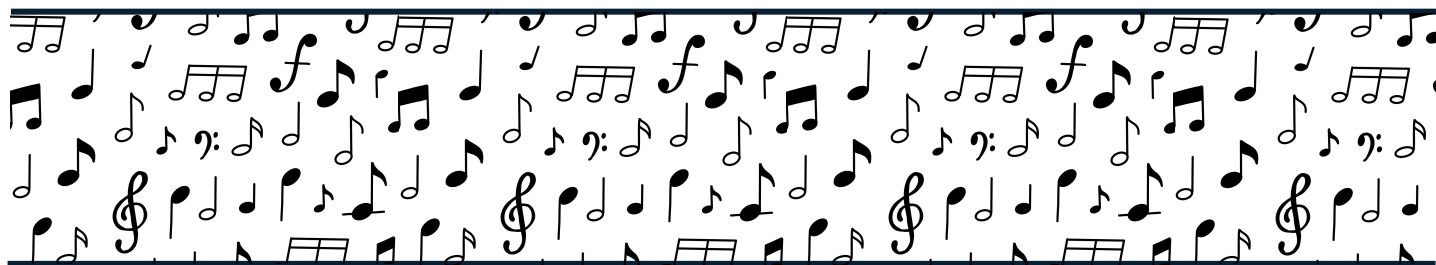
Music at FCPC

Thanksgiving Rehearsal Schedule

It is Thanksgiving so we will not have rehearsals on Thursday, November 27th. That means Bell Choir, Lessons and Carols Choir, and Chancel Choir will all have this week off. Our next rehearsal time will be on Thursday, December 4th.

Additionally, Children's Choir will not have rehearsal Sunday, November 30th. Children's Choir rehearsal will resume Sunday, December 7th.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!



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.



ADVENT-URING
Family Event

November 23rd
10:30 AM - 1 PM
In the Lounge

EVERY HOUSEHOLD NEEDS AN
ADVENT WREATH.

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

Drop in After Service
All Welcome!

Volunteers Needed! 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 | sam@fcpc.us | 412-726-0322

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)

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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Meg Wertz | Youth Program Coordinator |
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Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

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
Mary Hanna
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.

*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 23 Emma Brady-Porter, Chip Crawford, Holly Jewart, Marsha Lauterbach-VanKirk, Maya Szolna

NOV 24 Beth Brunins

NOV 25 John Bell, Alison Bischoff, Cynthia Britton, Katy Everett, Juliet McGann, Ian Patterson

NOV 26 Billy Frohlich, John Power, Matt Scott

NOV 27 Bev Reding, Scott Trabant

NOV 28 Meg Delaney, Heather Grune, Lindsey Grune, Michael Kudrick, Hugh Mettenburg, Kim Power

NOV 29 Marti Beard, David Heiner, Nicholas Lauer

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This Week at FCPC

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)
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)
2 PM Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
4 PM Youth Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

MON NOV 24

8 AM Preschool
7 PM Session Meeting (Chapel)

TUE NOV 25

8 AM Preschool
8 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
10 AM Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
5:45 PM Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Chapel)

WED NOV 26

9:30 AM Staff Devotion and Meeting (Office)
7 PM Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

THU NOV 27

Building Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

FRI NOV 28

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SAT NOV 29

SUN NOV 30

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Five things I am thankful for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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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