



HIGHLIGHTS

GROWING IN FAITH • SERVING IN LOVE • LIVING IN HOPE

Blessing of the Backpacks - A Letter from the Christian Nurture Team

Education is an important part of our lives because it helps us grow our knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Proverbs 4:7 reminds us, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." When we educate our children, we are not only preparing them for school and careers; we are helping them develop the wisdom and understanding they need to live according to God's Word. Our children are an important part of the church today, and we have a responsibility to help them learn and grow. Our entire church family plays a role in encouraging children to develop their minds, character, and faith.

Our upcoming **3rd-5th Grade Bible Class** is a wonderful opportunity to help children build a strong foundation in God's Word. Through Bible stories, discussion and activities, our children will learn how God wants us to treat others with love and kindness. When we teach our children both knowledge and God's wisdom, we are preparing them not only for success in life but also to become faithful servants of God.



Lay Worship Leaders Needed

We are looking for volunteers for all three worship services to lead portions of Sunday morning worship. No prior experience is necessary—we will walk you through everything and help you feel comfortable in the role.

Serving as a lay leader is a meaningful way to participate in worship and help lead our congregation in praising God. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more, fill out this form: <https://fcpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/155/responses/new>



Tennis Shoe Recycling

Collecting sneakers now through September 30

The Fox Chapel Garden Club is collecting used sneakers and putting them to good use via the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program. Donations are being collected in the large colorful recycling box in the Red Tile Area. Your old sneakers will be recycled and used to build tennis courts, playgrounds, and running tracks! Cleats cannot be accepted. Gently used sneakers will be donated to Second Harvest and The Free Store. Thank you for your help!

Questions? www.foxchapelgardenclub.org/Contact-us



Caregiver Coffee Hour

Friday, Aug 28 | 10 - 11 AM | Library

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 with questions.



Upcoming Bible Studies

DISCIPLE Bible Study (Morning)

Our interim pastor, Dr. John Bell, and his wife, Reverend Lynn Bell, will lead a 34-week DISCIPLE study covering the sweep of Scripture from Creation to the New Jerusalem. John and Lynn have taught this curriculum before and found it truly impactful.

The study will be held Wed mornings beginning Sept. 16th from 10:00-11:30am.

We'd love for you to join us! Questions can go to Dr. Bell at john@fcpc.us. Sign up by scanning the QR code, or visit: fcpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/156/responses/new.

The deadline to register is August 31st.

DISCIPLE



Women's Bible Study (Evening)

This fall we'll continue our Wednesday evening study where we will be digging into 1, 2 & 3 John over 10 weeks, also **starting September 16th, from 7-8 pm**. We'll be using Jen Wilkin's *Abide* as our study guide. Please sign-up up at fcpc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/161/responses/new or scan the QR code.

Questions? Reach out to either of us anytime. We can't wait for another year in the Word together.

In Christ,

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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

FCPC Children's Choir Party

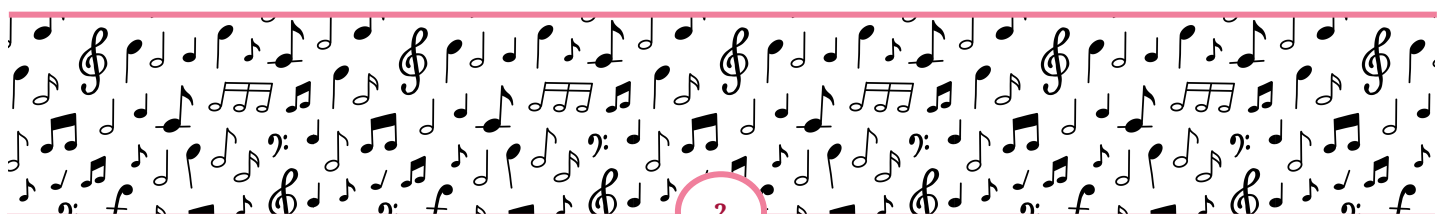
August 30th | 3:00-5:00 PM
442 Dorseyville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15215
At the home of our Children's Choir Accompanist, Connie Phillips

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!!



FCPC Children Instagram Activity Page

@FCPC.CHILDREN

**Parents of children
Follow us to stay in the loop!**

CHERUB CHOIR



Who: Children 2 years to Kindergarten
When: Sundays starting September 20th
Time: 10:30-10:55am
Where: Kids Kingdom Basement Classroom # F302/304
Questions? claudia@fcpc.us

WNL WEEK NIGHT LIVE K-5

Fall Semester
5:30-7pm
Dinner Will Be Served!



9/22	11/3
9/29	11/10
10/6	11/17
10/13	11/24
10/20	12/8
10/27	

Children's Ministry Contacts

Sam Harding

Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry
sam@fcpc.us | 412-726-0322

Children's Program Coordinators

Barbara Patterson | onepurplemom@gmail.com
Claudia Charley | claudia@fcpc.us

FCPC Preschool

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Interested in having your toddler join FCPC Preschool? Have questions about the enrollment process? Contact Karin Miller or the preschool office to schedule a tour!



Preschool Contacts

Karin Miller

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Preschool Office Staff

preschooladmin@fcpc.us
412-963-8243 ex. 60

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)



**FCPC Youth Instagram
Activity Page**

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**Youth & Parents
Follow us to stay in the loop!**



Save the Date!

PB&J! 8/30

4-6 PM

More Information to come!

**3rd Annual
YOUTH GROUP
POND, BBQ, & JESUS**

EVERY SUNDAY

Grade 6-12

BACK TO YOUTH GROUP

2 PM - 3:30 PM

STARTS SEPTEMBER 13th

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 7:15-9 PM

BIBS

BOOKS OF ESTHER & DANIEL

STARTS SEPTEMBER 22

SIGN UP HERE

MUST SIGN UP TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE A BOOK!

DIRECTLY AFTER WEEKNIGHT LIVE

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

JULY 18 - JULY 23, 2027

NIAGARA FALLS, NY

SAVE THE DATE

MUD LAURELVILLE WEEKEND

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: NOVEMBER 13TH
HIGH SCHOOL: DECEMBER 4TH**

FRIDAY NIGHT - SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LAURELVILLE RETREAT CENTER

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SAM AT
SAM@FCPC.US**

7TH - 12TH GRADE

Confirmation

**PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION:
9/3 [AT] 7:30-9:00 PM**

**STUDENT CLASSES:
10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, & 5/6
7:30-9:00 PM**

REGISTER HERE

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 16TH, 2027**

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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.

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

- Laurie Bean, mother of Matthew Bean
- Nancy, friend of Judy Leininger
- Barbara McQuaid, friend of Shirley Phillis
- Margaret Shields
- John Young
- Jenna Rodrigues
- Louise Lytle
- Vickie Vandergrift, friend of Bob Heister
- John Kelly, friend of Bob Heister
- The Baginski family
- Adam Souply and family
- Lili Rosenthal
- Bill & Emy Boag

We pray for Local Congregations:

- Bellevue United Presbyterian Church
- Bethany Presbyterian Church
- Bethel 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 the Ernharth family on the passing of Johannes' mother, Margot Ernharth, on August 3, 2026.
- For the Rosswog family on the passing of Nikki's grandmother, Marian Culver, on August 1, 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 23 Jessica Barbour, Todd Hendry, Kate Ingram, Charlotte Rattner, Simon Yver

AUG 25 Heather Annegan, Adeline Cockrell, Ann Slonaker

AUG 26 Caitlyn Anderson, Mary Jane Kuffner-Hirt, Maddie Rhoades, Jenna Tupponce

AUG 27 George Garbisch, Clara Koteski, Joshua Lockwood

AUG 28 Kyra Tucker, Patty West

AUG 29 Greg Carter, Betsy Lodwick, Conner Plunkett, Landon Rusnic



This Week at FCPC

SUN AUG 23

- 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)

MON AUG 24

TUE AUG 25

- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation/Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)

WED AUG 26

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

THU AUG 27

- 6:30 PM** Nominating Committee (Library)

FRI AUG 28

- 10 AM** Caregiver Coffee Hour (Library)

SAT AUG 29

SUN AUG 30

- 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)
- 3 PM** Children's Choir Party (Off Site)
- 4 PM** 3rd Annual Youth Group PB&J (Off Site)



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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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