

# Highlights APR 7 2024

## The Positive Painting Project: Using Art for Healing and Connection

SAT APR 13 10AM-12PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Positive Painting Project believes that art can be a powerful tool for healing and connection, and we are committed to providing opportunities for people of all ages to create and share their own art.

The goal of Positive Painting Project is to use this visual art to help de-stigmatize how we talk about mental health, to encourage seeking help when struggling, and to remind us to check-in on our friends. We are part of a global movement aimed at ending suicide and the stigma surrounding mental health — especially with our youth.

### Join us for a special event using art to:

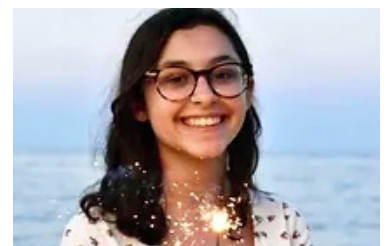
- + Provide opportunities for people to express their positive thoughts and feelings
- + Promote positive mental health and suicide prevention
- + Break the stigma surrounding mental illness and suicide
- + Let people know that “It’s okay not to be okay”

**Learn More** You can learn more about the Positive Painting Project at their website:



You are everything  
to someone.  
You are enough.

KATIE WHYSONG



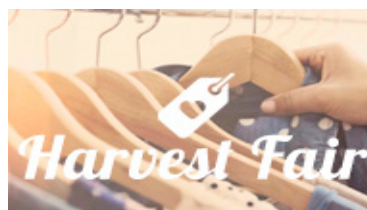
The Positive Painting Project was created to honor the memory of Katie Whysong. Katie was a talented artist who struggled with depression and anxiety.

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#### SPONSORSHIP CONCERT

Join us for a concert featuring George Frideric Handel’s most beloved oratorio *Messiah*...  
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#### HARVEST FAIR

Start gathering donations and consider being a Harvest Fair volunteer. You can be a difference maker!  
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## Sunday at FCPC

**8:15am Cup and Loaf Worship Service in Chapel**

**9:30am Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall**

Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)

**10:15am Children's Choir (Choir Room)**

**11am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary**

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**12-1pm Confirmation (Youth Lounge)**

**2-3:30pm Middle School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)**

**4-5:30pm High School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)**



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## 39th Annual Sponsorship Concert

**SUN APR 14 AT 4PM / FREE / RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

This year's concert will feature George Frideric Handel's most beloved oratorio *Messiah* (Parts 2 and 3). *Messiah* was chosen as perhaps the most meaningful music for this year's Sponsorship Concert, as it will be the last such event before the retirement of both David Billings and Guy Russo from FCPC's staff this summer. The concert will feature the FCPC Chancel Choir and guest singers forming the Fox Chapel Festival Chorus as well as the Academy Chamber Orchestra. The concert is free. A reception in the Atrium follows the concert.



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## FCPC Garden Work Days

**SAT APR 20 FROM 9AM-12PM / SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY GARDENING**

Calling all gardeners (and wannabe gardeners): Be a part of tending our FCPC garden which grows and harvests fresh produce for local food pantries! It's a great family activity. Join us Saturday, April 20, from 9am to 12pm to prepare the beds for planting.

Sign up to tend the garden for a week during growing season – sign ups available May 1.

**More Information?** contact Kathy Smith at [kathleensmith@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleensmith@hotmail.com).





## Getting Ready for Harvest Fair

SEPT 6-7 / COLLECTING DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you begin your Spring cleaning, please keep the Harvest Fair in mind and set aside any items you'd like to donate. We will start collecting donations in late May or early June. For donation questions or information, please contact Fay Powell at 412-576-8898.

### Calling All Harvest Fair Volunteers!

The Harvest Fair Leadership Team needs your input as we plan for our 2024 Harvest Fair. Come and let us know how you would like to help, and what days during the week you are available to help, so that we can set our summer volunteering schedule.

**For more information**, please contact Gwen Zaleski by email at [gwendazaleski@gmail.com](mailto:gwendazaleski@gmail.com).



## Caregiver Coffee Hour

FRI APR 26 FROM 10:30-11:30AM / LOUNGE

Join us for coffee/tea, conversation, and connection with other family caregivers. All caregivers are welcome. You do not need to sign up, just drop in and enjoy some good coffee and fellowship! Hope to see you there.

**For more information**, contact Nikki Rosswog at [nikki@fcpc.us](mailto:nikki@fcpc.us) or 412-963-8466 with questions.



## Lunch with the Pastors

SUN APR 28 12:15-1:30PM / IN THE LOUNGE

For those newer to FCPC, join us for a light lunch and an opportunity to learn more about FCPC's pastors and ministry staff, ministries, and membership – and for us to get to know you. We hope you'll join us!

**Please RSVP** to [sarah@fcpc.us](mailto:sarah@fcpc.us) or using the QR code with names and number attending and childcare needs.



## Now Hiring Sunday Nursery Caregivers

Know someone with experience and love for young children? We have several available positions for Sunday nursery caregivers, 9am-

12:30pm. You must be 18+ years and have experience with children and infants. The schedule is flexible. To apply, contact Pastor Lori Bass-Riley at 412-737-1412 or by email, [lori@fcpc.us](mailto:lori@fcpc.us), or scan the QR code.





## Upcoming Retreats for You!

SAVE THE DATES & MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Make plans to be involved in the following fellowship and spiritual enrichment retreats! Look for more information and registration details coming soon!

+ **WOMEN'S RETREAT / September 20-23, 2024**

+ **MEN'S RETREAT / October 11-13, 2024**



## New Meditation Course

TUESDAYS 5:45-7PM / CHAPEL / CONCLUDES ON APR 9

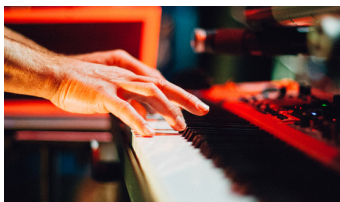
Led by Will Adams, PhD, this course is designed for beginners as well as experienced meditators drawing deeply from the wisdom of Christian contemplative traditions as well as Buddhist traditions. For more information, contact Will W. Adams by email at [adamsw@duq.edu](mailto:adamsw@duq.edu). **Just show up, no registration needed.** A donation of \$10-\$15 per session is suggested.



## Event Hosts Needed

PAYS \$100 PER EVENT

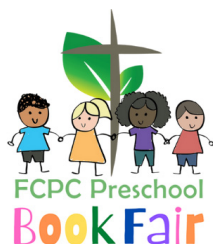
We need Event Hosts to provide help and hospitality during community events at FCPC. Event hosts need to be 18+ years old and have (or be able to obtain) clearances at church's expense. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Rebecca DePoe at [rebecca@fcpc.us](mailto:rebecca@fcpc.us).



## Worship Musicians Needed

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS FOR 9:30AM WORSHIP

We are in need of musicians and vocalists desiring to use their God-given gifts and talents for the 9:30am contemporary worship band. Must be available for rehearsals and Sunday mornings. Contact Jason Adams, [jason@fcpc.us](mailto:jason@fcpc.us), to get involved.



## FCPC Preschool Book Fair

PURCHASE ONLINE THROUGH APR 12 / SCAN THE QR CODE TO SHOP

Students and families are encouraged to shop and purchase books through the Book Fair, which helps support our preschool teachers! Purchased books will be delivered to the school in 2-3 weeks.



## Want to Serve Your Church?

USING YOUR GIFTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Several ministry committees and teams are looking for people interested in sharing their gifts for the upbuilding of the church! If you have gifts in offering hospitality, organizing events, preparing food, encouraging others, communicating, tracking finances, learning tech or AV equipment, or

managing projects, your gifts are needed! Contact Pastor Ginger Thomas ([ginger@fcpc.us](mailto:ginger@fcpc.us)) to discuss how you can use your gifts for the church!

## Tech Team Needs You

The 9:30am and 11am worship services are seeking people to be trained to run sound, projection, and live stream. Contact Ryan Lancia ([ryan@fcpc.us](mailto:ryan@fcpc.us)) if you are able to join the crew!

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## Care & Concern

### **We hold these friends in prayer:**

Brian Baxter  
John Hoyt  
Julie & Roger Juselius  
Margaret Shields, friend of Emy Boag  
Wilberta Pickett  
Kim & Rob Strohm  
Missy and Jason Fry  
Penny Young  
Laurel Schultz  
David Garzarelli  
Stephanie, daughter of Sharon Bodak  
Lowell Swartz and Jay Labarthe, neighbors of  
Wilberta Pickett  
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick  
Philip Russo, friend of Gary and Mary Ann Celo  
Tina Shaw, friend of Gary and Malina Trozzo

### **We celebrate with:**

The Gazarov family's cousin on the birth of their daughter Lyra on March 30.

Chris Follansbee and Katie Kurzinski on the birth of their daughter Harper Elizabeth Follansbee, born March 5. Her grandparents are Bill and Susan Follansbee.

Rob and Lauren Simmonds on the birth of their son Graham Kurt Simmonds, born February 29. His grandparents are Bob and Jean Simmonds.

### **We pray for those who grieve:**

Susan Zorn Philips, Hayley Hellstern's grandmother, on the loss of her husband John

Tom Jolly with the loss of his son-in-law Dan Wilhoit who passed away on March 20.

Marcia Mayhew with the loss of dear friend and companion Gary who passed away on January 8.

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

- + The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, and every place there is conflict, violence, and hunger.
- + Refugees throughout the world.

***To keep this list current, please renew requests on a monthly basis for continued prayers.***

## Birthdays

A belated birthday well wish to Sue Heitzenroder, April 1, who was accidentally omitted from the birthdays list.

**APR 7** Jim Dattilo, Robyn Thomson, Kathryn Rockwell, Griffin Annegan

**APR 8** Keith Haw, Mike Connor, Trip Goehring, Kim Chivinsky, Jenny Ward, Violet Eberhart, Walter McGhee

**APR 9** Emilie Lawson, Gustave Rieck, Ben Williams, Ty Gourley

**APR 10** Peter Burk, Aaron Feldman, Barbara Laswell, Susan Rattner

**APR 11** Laura Beeken, Cliff Hendry, Gail Harger, Tim Wilson

**APR 12** Nancy Brownell, Jeff Crowe, Chris Yukevich, Chris Lattimore

**APR 13** Luke Nalevanko, Sally Wolfanger, Jack Sipe

**APR 14** Lisa Todd, Becca Jones, Gail Burke, Christine Beard

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## Letters of Concern

Every week the deacons send letters of concern to members of our church family who are experiencing joys or concerns. You are invited to sign these letters each week. Cards are located at these locations:

- + **8:15am Chapel**
- + **9:30am Fellowship Hall**
- + **11am Atrium**



## Need a Caring Presence?

Stephen Ministers at FCPC provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. If you or someone you know needs support, contact Nikki Rosswog at 412-963-8243 ext. 07, or [nikki@fcpc.us](mailto:nikki@fcpc.us).



# Children & Family Ministries (Infant-5th Grade)

## SUNDAY MORNING

### 8:15AM WORSHIP

No children's programming during this service.

### 9:30AM 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 are led to the lowest level Kids' Space. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the lowest level.

### 9:30 & 11AM NURSERY CARE

Room 109, for ages 0-3. Staffed by two experienced adults.

### 9:30 & 11AM COMFORT SPACE

Room 107. A place to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service.

### 11AM KIDS' CHURCH

For age 3 to 5th grade. Children are signed in prior to worship and begin the service with loved ones. After the Children's Message, children are led to the lowest level Kids' Space. Parents/guardians can pick up their children in the lowest level.

**Questions?** Contact our Director of Children & Family Ministries, Pastor Lori Bass-Riley, by email at [lori@fcpc.us](mailto:lori@fcpc.us) or call/text 412-737-1412.



## Wednesday Night Live!

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8PM / ELEMENTARY AGE (K-5TH)

Join us for Wednesday Night Live, April 10 and 17, as we travel to Egypt to learn about Joseph and his brothers! Sign-up through the QR code.



**WED APRIL 24 / MESSY GAME NIGHT** We'll play wacky, gross games... it's going to be fun!



## VBS 2024: Hero Hotline

JULY 8-12 1-4PM / PREK (AGE 4) - GRADE 5

**Registration is now open** for VBS: Hero Hotline –where everyone's a hero and every hero has a role to play in the Kingdom of God! To register, scan the QR code.



**Be a Hero! Be a Volunteer!** Anyone with a heart for serving others, 6th grade up to age 110 can be a volunteer. Scan the QR code to register online.



**What is Hero Hotline VBS?** Our VBS kids (called Heroes) will experience stories through music, storytelling, games, arts/crafts, and they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace!

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# Youth Ministry (Grade 6-12)

We invite all middle and high school students to join our weekly Sunday afternoon youth group. We meet in the Youth Lounge for games, snacks, discussions on how scripture impacts our life, and to grow together as a community.

## TODAY, SUN APR 7

Confirmation 12-1pm  
Middle School 2-3:30pm  
High School 4-5:30pm

## Questions?

Reach out to Ryan Lancia, Director of Youth Ministries at [ryan@fcpc.us](mailto:ryan@fcpc.us) or 412.963.8243 x19.

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7th: MS 2-3:30 & HS 4-5:30

14th: MS 2-3:30 & HS 4-5:30

21st: MS 2-3:30 & HS 4-5:30

26th & 27th: HS All Nighter

28th: No Youth Group

All of April, FCPC Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to local food banks



## Summer Trips for Youth

### SURF CITY CAMP IN MICHIGAN

Surf City is a camp in Michigan that is full of activities like tubing, zip-lining, laser tag, crazy games, and time to grow in community and with God.

**Middle School** (available for those in 6th-9th grade for '24-'25) happens August 4-9 and costs \$650.

**High School** (available for those in 9th grade through high school graduate) happens July 21-26 and costs \$650. Register at [fcpc.us/youth-ministry](http://fcpc.us/youth-ministry).



## Sunday Kids' Church Adult Team Sign-Up

### SIGN-UP THRU THE QR CODE



Be a part of our Sunday team and help share the love of Christ! Adults will need clearances and to go through our child protection process.

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## College Scholarships

### DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APR 7

FCPC offers a one time college scholarship for high school seniors. All are welcome to apply! Award amounts are based on the number of awardees. Deadline to apply is April 7. The application is at [fcpc.us/youth-ministry](http://fcpc.us/youth-ministry).

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## Graduating Senior Information

### HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you know and love a high school senior in our church community, please send their name and their post-high school plans to Ryan Lancia ([ryan@fcpc.us](mailto:ryan@fcpc.us)). We want to honor and pray for them on May 19 during the service and send them a gift from the church.

# Ways to Give

## Give Online

- + **Scan this QR code** to give online
- + **Text** the word "Give" to 412-201-0557



**Make a Financial Pledge** You can make a financial pledge to FCPC no matter the time of the year. 2024 pledges can be made online via our website ([www.fcpc.us/giving](http://www.fcpc.us/giving)) or by contacting FCPC's Finance Administrator, Sandi Deaner ([sandi@fcpc.us](mailto:sandi@fcpc.us)) or call 412-963-8479.

**Per Capita Assessment Giving** Another way to give is by helping to offset FCPC's Per Capita assessment, paid to the presbytery based on church membership. For 2024, FCPC will pay approximately \$33,006 (\$36.35 per member). Your donation of \$36.35 designated for the Per Capita assessment can help offset this obligation.

# We're Hiring

## Administrative Assistant, Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

Do you know someone who feels a call to serve in the church, is organized, proactive, attentive to detail, a good communicator, and experienced with Microsoft Office? Please share our job posting at <https://www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities> and encourage them to apply to join our staff team!

# Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given by Christine & Gregory Farrell in honor of Gary and Sue Heitzenroder with love from Christy, Greg, Daniel, Gary, and Thomas.

Your order of flowers beautifies the sanctuary and is a way to honor or remember someone special. You can find order forms in the church office, scan the QR code, or visit [fcpc.us/forms](http://fcpc.us/forms).



# This Week at FCPC

## MON APR 8

- 9am-2:15pm** Preschool
- 2pm** Knitting Group (Library)
- 7pm** Building and Grounds (Chapel)
- 7pm** Mission Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 7pm** Fellowship Team (Lounge)

## TUES APR 9

- 8am** Men's Prayer Fellowship (Lounge)
- 9am-2:15pm** Preschool
- 9:30am** Staff Devotions & Meeting (Lounge)
- 5:30pm** Nominating Cmte (Library)
- 5:45pm** Meditation Class (Chapel)
- 6pm** Safety Team (Lounge)

## WED APR 10

- 9am-2:15pm** Preschool
- 9:30am** Community Bible Study (Lower Level-Rm310)
- 6:30pm** Wednesday Night Live (LL & Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm** A&P Cmte (Library)
- 7pm** Men's Retreat Mtg (Lounge)

## THURS APR 11

- 9am-2:15pm** Preschool
- 6:30-7:30pm** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30-9:30pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## FRI APR 12

- 9am-12pm** Preschool
- 6pm** Amy Teele Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

## SAT APR 13

- 10am** Sponsorship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 10am-12pm** Positive Painting Project (Fellowship Hall)

## SUN APR 14

- 8:15am** Cup and Loaf Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30am** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15-10:55am** Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 11am** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12-1pm** Confirmation (Youth Lounge)
- 2-3:30pm** Middle School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 4pm** Sponsorship Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4-5:30pm** High School Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

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