

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights

All Church Picnic

TODAY | Sept. 28 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Now that we all have survived the summer vacations and Harvest Fair, it's time for the next annual event in the life of the church. Mark your calendars now for September 28 at 4 pm for this year's All Church Picnic. It's that time when we come together over a potluck meal to mingle and converse with our Church family. This year's picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall (with some overflow tables outside in the Patio Area, weather permitting).

The Fellowship Team will provide hot dogs, pulled pork, coffee, lemonade and water. In support of the potluck meal, please plan on bringing a food or dessert item based on last names (see instructions to the right).

Thanks for your continued support of Fellowship activities.
Hope to see everyone there!



Please bring a dish to share according to your last name.

Last names A to H: Salads
Last names I to P: Side dishes
Last names Q to Z: Desserts

Welcome to our New Members

The Brady-Porter Family - Joining through Letter of Transfer

The Brady-Porters came together in a small town in Maryland called Kitzmiller. After Meghan and Janelle got married in a barn in 2019, we had Frankie in 2020 and moved to Pittsburgh in 2021. Emma started middle school and Abel 1st grade in a brand-new city.

The kids adjusted well jumping into soccer and school. Soon came Rory in 2023. Now Emma plays tennis for the high school and Abel is still playing soccer and getting involved in band.

Meghan works at children's hospital as a nurse and Janelle as a PA with AHN. We all enjoy quality time as a family, playing soccer, watching hockey and the WNBA.

We learned of FCPC from Mary Clare Owens and encouragement from the Follansbees (our neighbors) and felt like it was a safe place for our diverse family. We are excited to be a part of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian community!



Congratulations to Sam Harding

We are delighted to share that Sam Harding has been promoted from Minister of Youth and Young Adults to **Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry**.

Sam comes with both professional and spiritual gifts that position her well for this role. With a bachelor's and master's in accounting, she has worked for years in a global accounting firm while also serving faithfully in youth ministry—both at FCPC and previously at her home church, ELPC. She attended a Christian-based college and has long sensed a call to vocational ministry. Since joining FCPC five months ago, Sam has invested deeply in our youth, as well as in Kids' Church and VBS alongside Barbara Patterson. She has discerned that this is the place where she is called to fully commit herself to ministry.

To see upcoming Children and Youth Ministry events and to learn how to get involved, turn to page 5/6.

Get Involved at FCPC

FCPC Annual Men's Retreat

Wisdom From Above: Old Voices on New Questions - Living well in a world of difficult people



TODAY SUN 28th - LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Please scan QR code to register or leave completed paper form with payment in the church office.

The 2025 Fox Chapel Men's Group retreat will be held again this year on October 10 through October 12 at the Antiochian Retreat Center in Ligonier. This year's theme is ***"Wisdom from Above: Old Voices on New Questions. Living well in a world of difficult people."*** The Rev. Dr. Rafael Rodriguez will join us as our guest speaker and will be exploring his new book *The First Christian Letters*, a discourse on 1st and 2nd Thessalonians.

In addition to our Friday evening / all day Saturday / Sunday morning rate with rooms, meals, and the complete line up of events, **we are now also offering a Commuter Rate** for those that can only attend the event on Saturday, October 11. This will include the full Saturday Thessalonians bible study and seminar with Rafael, along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner events that day as the individual is able. The Commuter rate is \$150 for the full day. The full three-day event single room accommodation rate is \$354 and the three-day double room accommodation rate is \$288.

This is a great time and place for a man to recenter his walk with Christ and with other Christian men. It is a time to explore God's word and your heart with a leading bible scholar and other church men.

Scan the QR code to register online and please be encouraged to invite friends who are looking to build relationships and grow their faith! Feel free to talk with Paul Privett (privettp@hotmail.com) or Steve Huntington (steve_huntington@msn.com) with any questions.

Congregational Prayer Group

Tuesday Sept. 30 | 10 AM | Library

In this time of transition for our members, staff, elders, and other lay leaders, let our church be unified through prayer and the knowledge that the LORD will generously provide for FCPC. Do you desire to pray for the changes our church is experiencing; keep the devil out; and grow spiritually? All are welcome!

To accommodate different schedules, the prayer group will start meeting **Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Library** to express gratitude, seek guidance, and find comfort in the new thing that God is doing. If you want to access the prayer meeting by Zoom, please contact Katie in the church office by Monday morning at 412-963-8243 or katie@fcpc.us.

If you have questions, please call or text Kim Power at 412-965-8794.

Fall 2025 Women's Bible Study

Join us Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the Chapel | September 18, 2025 – May 14, 2026

We will begin the year in the Book of Acts, a powerful story of ordinary people empowered by an extraordinary God. In this study, we'll journey through the early Church's beginnings, discovering how the lives of believers were rooted in prayer, community, and the bold proclamation of the gospel. As we explore their courage and faith, we'll be inspired to live with the same Spirit-filled purpose - right where God planted us.

This study is open to the community, so feel free to invite a friend!

To register or get more details, scan the QR code.

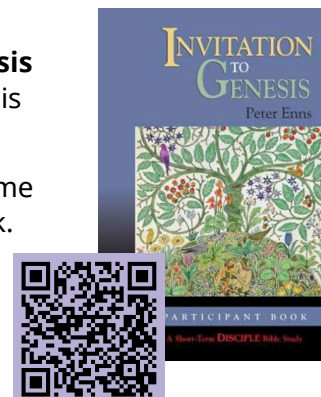


Fall Small Group Bible Study

The small groups bible study will resume again this fall. We will be studying **Genesis** which, as the story of the road to humanity's redemption through God's blessing, is the beginning and foundation of the entire bible.

We will be using the book *Invitation to Genesis* by Peter Enns, which is from the same series that we used in our study of John last fall. There are 10 chapters in the book. We will do the first 5 chapters this fall, beginning Sunday October 19 and ending the week of November 16, well before the Advent season. We will do the last five chapters in the winter, beginning early in January.

Scan the QR code to view small group dates & times and to register online.
Books are available in the church office.



Music at FCPC

Welcome to Kitty Strakna, Our New Alto Section Leader

Kitty Strakna is a mezzo-soprano vocalist originally from Baltimore, MD. She is currently in her second year of graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University, pursuing her Master's degree in vocal performance. She has appeared in numerous opera and concert performances, most recently in the opera Alcina with Carnegie Mellon University, and as the alto soloist in Handel's Messiah with the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus. She has also sung at many churches around the Pittsburgh and Baltimore areas, including three years of service as a section leader at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Cockeysville, MD. She is excited to join the music ministry and share her talents with the congregation at Fox Chapel Presbyterian.



Welcome to Meg Jones-Gatta, Our New Soprano Section Leader

Meg Jones-Gatta is delighted to join the Fox Chapel family as the soprano section leader for the chancel choir. Meg was raised in The South Hills and grew up singing in the choirs at Westminster church. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in performance from Ithaca College as well as a Master's Degree from Bard college. Meg sings with Pittsburgh Festival Opera as well as Fine Art Miracles; a nonprofit organization that works to bring live music to local nursing homes and memory care facilities. She's also the assistant vocal director for the drama program at Central Catholic High School, where she works alongside her husband Sean, the school's chorus/theatre director. She feels blessed God has led her to this opportunity and looks forward to continuing serving him through music alongside the Fox Chapel community.



Insight into Music Selection from the Minister of Music

This week, the chancel choir will offer a new anthem "Rejoice! Salvation's Come" music by Glenn L. Rudolph and text by Rev. John Dalles. Many of you will remember Rev. Dalles' time as an associate minister here at Fox Chapel Presbyterian as he ably cared for pastoral care needs and, as a skilled architect, designed the atrium that we still enjoy as a gathering space for fellowship and service to this very day.

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)

Volunteer Opportunities

Rise Against Hunger

October 4th | 9 AM | Fellowship Hall

It is that time of year again; time for us to team with our Mission Partners at Rise Against Hunger and provide 20,000 meals to needy souls around the world. Last year, the food purchased and packed by FCPC fed families endangered by drought and civil unrest in The Democratic Republic of Congo. Our efforts for each of the past many years have enabled Rise to feed hungry, starving people. It is also a joy to engage with your fellow church members and enjoy this time serving others.

We will gather at FCPC on Saturday morning, October 4th in the Fellowship Hall as we have in past years. Set up is at 8 AM, and we start packaging at 9 AM. It is incredible but we get this all completed and ready to ship by noon!!

Please scan the QR code to register or to donate if you are unable to attend the event. Looking forward to seeing you again this year!

Learn more about Rise Against Hunger's mission at <https://riseagainsthunger.org/>



Haiti H2O Pumpkin Sale

OCT 9-12 / 11:00 AM-7:00 PM / FRONT LAWN

It's time for our annual Haiti H2O Pumpkin Sale! Come and buy a pumpkin to support the work of one of our mission partners. All proceeds from the sale benefit Haiti H2O. Since 2006, Haiti H2O has been investing in Haitian-led solutions for remote villages through construction, agriculture, healthcare, and micro-business projects. Pumpkins are an important part of Haitian culture, so we sell pumpkins as a tangible way to support our mission partner.

We also need many volunteers to help sell pumpkins. If you are interested in volunteering for a 2-hour time slot, sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pumpkinsale/event/volunteer/>

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.

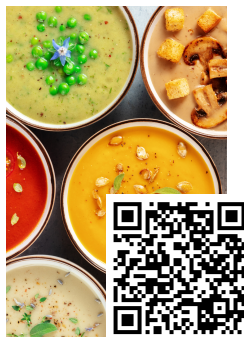
All food pantries are struggling due to rising food costs, an increased number of recipients, and significant cuts in government funding. **You can help by contributing non-perishable healthy foods to the designated bins** located by either the Front Desk or downstairs, outside Fellowship Hall.

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
- diapers, wipes & formula
- toothpaste, shampoo
- deodorant, soap



Thank you! Don Boyd & Fay Powell



FCPC Soup Ministry

The FCPC Soup Ministry will be starting again in October. Our first soup making event will be with the Youth Group on Sunday October 12. We need your help! Sign up to donate ingredients for taco and minestrone soups. Your donation makes this event possible and will bless many folks in need of a warm cup of soup during the fall season. Please sign up by scanning the QR code provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Juli Huntington at juli_huntington@msn.com or Nikki Rosswog at nikki@fcpc.us.

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

AUG/September Schedule

August 24th - Party at the Martin's House - 3:30pm

Friday 5th - Harvest Fair Fundraiser - 3:30pm-9:30pm

Sunday 7th - Harvest Fair Clean Up Service Project- 2pm-5pm

Sunday 14th - Youth Group - 2pm-3:30pm

Sunday 21st - Youth Group - 2pm-3:30pm

Sunday 28th - Youth Group - 2pm-4:00pm

Sunday 28th - All Church Picnic - 4pm



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS!!!



Laurelville Mud Weekend

\$200 November 14 - 16
Football, Fun, Fellowship....
and MUDDDDDDDD

Sign Up Deadline: October 10



MIDDLE SCHOOL LAURELVILLE MUD WEEKEND

\$200 OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2

FOOTBALL, FELLOWSHIP, FUN.....AND MUD!

**PLUS.....SPECIAL HALLOWEEN
WEEKEND ONLY EVENTS!!**

SIGN UP DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10TH

Youth Ministry Leader Contacts

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

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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.

Children's Ministry - Looking Ahead into the Fall Season

Sam and the Christian Nurture Committee continue to be excited about our Children's Ministry! As we move into the Fall season, be on the lookout for announcements of upcoming activities. We will be hosting Trunk or Treat, and are looking forward to restarting Wednesday Night Live in October. Of course, we'll continue our weekly Kids' Church lessons each Sunday! Stay tuned for more details.

Interested in helping out? Contact Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry at sam@fcpc.us or Toby Eberhart (Christian Nurture Committee Chair) at pteberhart@hotmail.com

Scan QR code to
volunteer for
Kids' Church



FCPC Children's Choir

Join the FCPC Children's Choir!

Children K-5th grade are welcome to join.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Sundays from 10:15-10:50 AM in the choir room (room 209).

Questions? Please reach out to S.C. Toe, Minister of Music at sc@fcpc.us

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 18TH | 4 PM - 6 PM

MUST SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We are looking for candy donations for the upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 18th!



If you are willing to donate please drop off candy to Sam Harding's office (or see Sam) by October 15th.

Thank you in Advance for helping us catch the "Wanted" candy!

Prayer Requests of the Congregation

We hold these friends in prayer:

Elicia Sutton
Holly Drake, friend of Bob Heister
John Culbertson
Karl Jussen, brother of Christian Jussen
Kathy Smith
Claire Susi, FCPC Preschool teacher
Holly Drake, sister of friend Rick Endres
Chuck, stepfather of Nellie Boehm
Jean Hopper
Erick and Lily Jussen, family of Christian Jussen
Dom Leo, friend of Judy Leininger
Lynn Rueter
Bill "Red" Craig
Charlie Haeussner
Nancy Jane Edelman
Sherry Adams, sister of Brenda Karas
John Kelly, friend of Bob Heister
Ted and Anne Foster
Jeff and Susie, friends of Gail Harger
Carol Henderson
Margaret Shields, friend of Emy and Bill Boag
Mary Hanna
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick
Johnny Wallisch

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.

We pray for those who grieve:

- For Betsy Hawley and her family on the death of Washburn Hawley, uncle of Dudley Hawley, on September 19.
- For Cristie Good and family on the death of her father, Bob Kelly, who passed away September 8, 2025.
- For Polly and Jerry Swanson on the death of Polly's mother, Margaret Cole, on August 15th
- For George Stewart and family on the death of his mother, Janet Stewart, on August 14th
- For the family of Jeffrey Au, who passed away August 15th

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

- For all facing economic uncertainty.
- 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.

A Memorial Service will be held for Mary Harrison Oct. 3rd at 2 PM in the Ballroom at Longwood at Oakmont Retirement Community.

Her obituary can be found at www.burket-truby.com/obituary/mary-orne-harrison

Birthdays

SEPT 28 Julie Battle, Kathy Demetri, Brad Harrison, William Kofmehl, Will Marcussen, Peter McIlroy, Maddie Myerburg, Tim Savatt, Nancy Vincett
SEPT 29 Brice Delaney, Danny Downey, Anne Minor
SEPT 30 Laura Ferris, Daniel Krebs, Kurt Krebs, Lauren Kudrick, Marleigh Marcussen, John Moussa, Peter Moyer, David Patterson, Isabella Sackett, Kurt Winter
OCT 1 Linda Ahlstedt
OCT 2 Lorraine Haas, Libby Kauper, Charlie Skinner
OCT 3 Megan Anderson, Pat Denny
OCT 4 Chrissy Bartlett, Andrea Motschman



Preschool Substitute Teachers Needed

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of young children? Join our substitute team of early childhood educators at FCPC Preschool! Substitutes will support classroom teachers as they deliver lessons and activities that encourage a love of learning and healthy physical, social, and emotional development for students.

Interested or have questions? Contact Karin Miller at karin@fcpc.us



This Week at FCPC

SUN SEPT 28

- 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)
- 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** All Church Picnic (Fellowship Hall)

MON SEPT 29

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 6 PM** Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

TUE SEPT 30

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)
- 10 AM** Congregational Prayer Group (Library)
- 5:45 PM** Meditation Prayer Group (Lounge)

WED OCT 1

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Staff Devotion and Meeting (Lounge)
- 3 PM** Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

WED OCT 1 (cont.)

- 6 PM** Safety Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 PM** Interim Pastor Nominating Cmte (Library)

THU OCT 2

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)
- 1 PM** Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6 PM** Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRI OCT 3

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** Friday Morning Book Group (Zoom)

SAT OCT 4

- 9 AM** Rise Against Hunger (Fellowship Hall)

SUN OCT 5

- 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** Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lowest Level), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 2 PM** Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

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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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