

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Highlights



## One Service Sunday

SEPT 7 / 10AM / on the LAWN

Pastor Doug will be sharing a message from Matthew 14. We look forward to communing, singing, and praying under our beautiful trees.

For those able, please park in our regular parking lot. We kindly ask that spaces along Springhouse Lane be reserved for those with mobility challenges to ensure everyone can join us comfortably.

*Rain location will be the sanctuary.*



## Help Needed - Harvest Fair Clean Up - Sept. 7th

After the Harvest Fair sale, volunteers are needed to help tear down and clean up. If you have time on September 7th, please consider stopping by to help take down the fair and get the church ready for the busy fall season.

- 12 pm - 2 pm** Agency pickup
- 2 pm - 5 pm** Pack bins for Goodwill
- 4 pm - 7 pm** Clean Up the Church  
(Steelers game will be over!!!!)

Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this year's Harvest Fair possible.

Hope to see you at this last, much needed, volunteer opportunity!

## All Church Picnic

**Sept. 28 | 4:30 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 4:30pm 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, chicken tenders, coffee, lemonade and water. In support of the potluck meal, please plan on bringing a food or dessert item based on last names.

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**

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# Upcoming Events at FCPC

## FCPC Annual Men's Retreat

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



Attention all FCPC men - mark your calendars!!

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.

For those attending the full event, the agenda includes a Friday evening social with appetizers (some hot from the Center, some brought by us all), and BYOB as desired. In addition to all the Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast, we have the popular Saturday evening bonfire and dinner event on the agenda again this year, and our Sunday Services and Communion will be led by Rafael and conducted in the Antiochian Chapel.

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 ([privett@hotmail.com](mailto:privett@hotmail.com)) or Steve Huntington ([steve\\_huntington@msn.com](mailto:steve_huntington@msn.com)) with any questions.

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## FCPC Annual Women's Retreat

Unfortunately the 2025 Women's Retreat has been cancelled. Thank you to those who registered and supported this event.

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## Congregational Prayer Group

**Mondays at 12PM in the Lounge**

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!

We meet every Monday at 12 noon 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](mailto: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.**

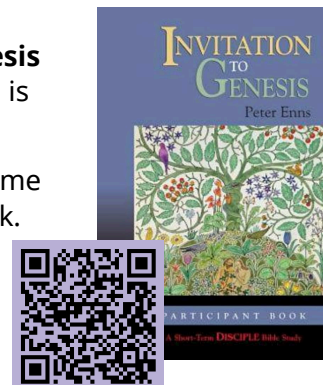


## Fall Small Group Bible Study

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.**



## 🎵 Music at FCPC 🎵

### A Message from S.C. Toe, Minister of Music

I am amazed that with every passing year, the summer continues to pass faster and faster. In recent conversations, I was told that when I was 10 years old, a year was 1/10 of my whole life. And when I turn 80, that very same year will be 1/80 of my life. This lesson in perspective reminds me that things can change and hold different places of importance and significance in different situations.

I think back to pandemic time, not being able to gather and make music with others. Before that, music was indeed a great joy in my life, helping me connect to God and others. But the weight that corporate music-making carries with me now after it had been taken away is entirely different.

Music has always played a vital role in the life of this faith community. It has always been a shining beacon on which the faithful people called Fox Chapel Presbyterian have proudly showcased and shared with the world. My prayer is during this season of great transition as a congregation, we hold each other up, praying together, grow together in the word, and that we find healing in the awesome power of music. I pray that we sing together with a fervor we have not before, that we push ourselves in ways we may have been hesitant, by sharing our musical gifts through bell ringing or playing in the worship band.

I pray that we journey through this time together seeking God's will as to who we are called to be as the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. And I pray that music can serve as a comfort, an aide, and a connection to God as it has been for me. **Won't you consider how you might want to participate?**

#### Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sundays 10:15am-10:50am (Choir Room)  
Beginning September 21st

#### Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsals

Sundays 8:00am-9:30am (Fellowship Hall)  
Happening Now

#### Bell Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 6:00pm-6:45pm (Sanctuary)  
Beginning September 18th

#### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm (Choir Room)  
Beginning September 11th



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Rise Against Hunger

**October 4<sup>th</sup> | 8 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!!

**Looking forward to seeing you again this year!**

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



## Hunger Garden Volunteers

The Hunger Garden is growing strong and needs your help in harvesting the produce for food banks. We have already delivered over 100lbs of produce for local families in need. Interested in helping out? All skill levels are welcome, come grow your knowledge of how things grow.

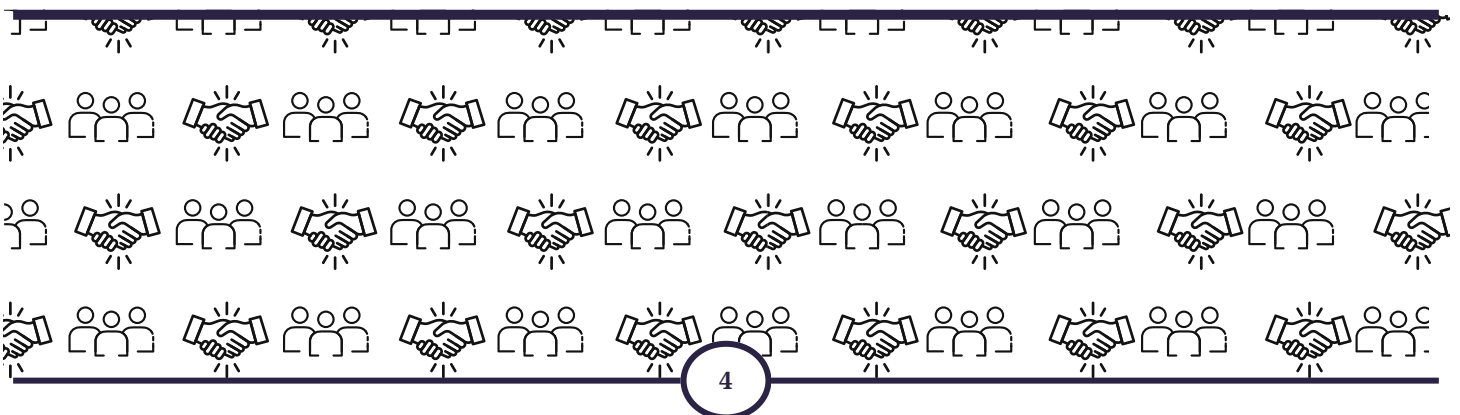
**Scan the QR code to sign up.**



## Tennis Shoe Recycling - FC Garden Club

The Fox Chapel Garden Club is collecting used sneakers and putting them to good use via the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program. Your old sneakers will be recycled and used to build tennis courts, playgrounds, and running tracks! Cleats cannot be accepted.

Collecting sneakers through Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be left in the designated box in the Red Tile Area.





# 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 **Preschool Room 236/238**. 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 **Preschool Room 236/238**. Parents/guardians can pick up their children there.

**Questions?** Contact Barbara Patterson at [onepurplemom@gmail.com](mailto:onepurplemom@gmail.com).

## Children's Ministry - Looking Ahead into the Fall Season

The Christian Nurture Committee and church leaders 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. Over the next few months, we plan to restart our Wednesday Night Live programming, host Trunk or Treat, prepare for Advent-uring, and hopefully introduce other exciting opportunities for our children and families. And of course, we'll continue our weekly Kids' Church lessons each Sunday!

Interested? Contact Barbara Patterson (Interim Children and Families Leader) at [onepurplemom@gmail.com](mailto:onepurplemom@gmail.com) or Toby Eberhart (Christian Nurture Committee Chair) at [pteberhart@hotmail.com](mailto:pteberhart@hotmail.com)

**Scan here to volunteer  
for Kids' Church**



## 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](mailto:karin@fcpc.us)



## Youth Leader (Part-Time) Job Opportunity

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Youth Leader to join our youth ministry team. This role is ideal for someone passionate about mentoring teens and supporting their faith journey through engaging programs and meaningful relationships. Key responsibilities include: leading and assisting with youth group programming, fostering spiritual growth, ensuring a safe, respectful, welcoming environment. Scan the QR code or visit [www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities](http://www.fcpc.us/job-opportunities) to view the full job description and apply!



# Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

## AUG/September Schedule

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Party at the Martin's House - 3:30pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Fair Fundraiser - 3:30pm-9:30pm  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Fair Clean Up Service Project - 2pm-5pm  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - 2pm-3:30pm  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Youth Group - 2pm-3:30pm  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group - 2pm-4:00pm  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - All Church Picnic - 4:30pm



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS!!!



Laurelville  
Mud  
Weekend



**\$200 November 14 - 16**

Football, Fun, Fellowship....  
and MUDDDDDDDD

**Sign Up Deadline: October 10**



**\$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

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# Prayer Requests of the Congregation

## We hold these friends in prayer:

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  
Emma Thomson & Owen Feige  
Charlie Haeussner  
Nancy Jane Edelman  
Sherry Adams, sister of Brenda Karas  
Gigi Mettenburg  
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  
Nancy Brownell  
Karl and Erick Jussen, brothers of Christian Jussen  
Jane May, sister of Sue Patrick  
Johnny Wallisch

## We pray for those who grieve:

- For Polly and Jerry Swanson on the death of Polly's mother, Margaret Cole, on August 15<sup>th</sup>
- For George Stewart and family on the death of his mother, Janet Stewart, on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- For the family of Jeffrey Au, who passed away August 15<sup>th</sup>
- For Molly Childs and family on the death of her mother, Helen Werner, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- For the family of Burt Doepler, who passed away July 20<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

*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

**SEPT 7** Ed Brunins, Tom Jolly, Jill Wolff  
**SEPT 8** Grayson Ehrlich, Walter Scheri, Scott Stewart  
**SEPT 9** Melissa Armstrong  
**SEPT 10** Maddie Francis, Meredith Francis, Quinn Garbisch, Dylan Yanchik  
**SEPT 11** John Cullen, John Denny  
**SEPT 12** James Minor, Beatrice Staum  
**SEPT 13** Dave Clements, Bryson Datt, Geoff Dutelle, Tyler Jacobs, Aniko Nalevanko, Joseph Rattner, Hannah Smith, Charles Sterrett, Emma Thomson



## MyChurch App Download

Church office staff would like to invite all congregants to download our MyChurch app, make an account, and explore the offered features. Upcoming event information and registration, weekly worship services, church groups, and more are available to explore. Our app is a great way to stay connected with the happenings of the church over these busy summer months.

Scan the QR code to download our new mobile app then search our keyword "fcpc" to get access. Any feedback, suggestions, and questions are appreciated; reach out to Katie at [katie@fcpc.us](mailto:katie@fcpc.us) to share your thoughts.





# This Week at FCPC

## SUN SEPT 7

- 10 AM** One Service Sunday (Back Lawn), Kids' Church (Preschool Room 236/238), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 12 PM** Harvest Fair Clean Up

## MON SEPT 8

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9 AM** Backpack for Hunger (Chapel)
- 12 PM** Congregational Prayer Group (Lounge)
- 7 PM** Building & Grounds Committee (Chapel)
- 7 PM** Fellowship Committee (Lounge)

## TUE SEPT 9

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 8 AM** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lounge)

## WED SEPT 10

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 7 PM** A&P Committee Meeting (Lounge)

## THU SEPT 11

- 8 AM** Preschool
- 9:30 AM** GriefShare (Chapel)
- 7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## FRI SEPT 12

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

## SAT SEPT 13

## SUN SEPT 14

- 8:15 AM** Cup & Loaf Service (Chapel)
- 9:30 AM** Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall), Kids' Church (Lounge), Nursery Care (Room 109), Comfort Space (Room 107)
- 11 AM** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary), Kids' Church (Lounge), 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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