

Announcements 7-6-26

NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT FPC

We'll host a Red Cross blood drive in the Middle School room this Thursday, July 9 from 1:30pm-6pm. Catawba County has a critical, ongoing need for blood. To sign up to donate, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code "fpchickory."

SUBMIT NAMES FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying church members to serve as elders on Session. Each year the Nominating Committee creates a slate of such candidates, which is then presented to the congregation for approval. It is important for the Nominating Committee to represent the diversity of the congregation, and so we invite you to submit recommendations for those who might serve on the committee by Monday, July 13. If you would like to recommend a member of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee, please use the link [HERE](#).

MINISTRY MATCH RESULTS!

We are excited about the many matches being revealed! You might be contacted about opportunities soon. If you haven't taken the survey yet, use this QR code.

NEXT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

If you are in town on Wednesday, July 22, meet your church family at the Dairy Queen (1124 First Ave SW) at 5:30pm! We'll all go Dutch and enjoy some food and fellowship. Come for ice cream, dinner, or both! There's no need to sign up, but we hope you'll show up!

PUNCH ON THE PATIO

We encourage you to sign up to host a Punch on the Patio after worship this summer. We have several open Sundays in the near future and would love for you to check the sign-up online. We hope to be able to have this time of fellowship every Sunday this summer!

FPC BOOK CLUB

Our book club is now reading *Whispering Winds of Appalachia* by John Ellington. We welcome everyone to join us on Monday, July 13 at 7pm in the parlor for our discussion.

CHOIR RETREAT

All singers who are interested in checking out our choir are invited to a choir retreat on Saturday, August 29 from 9am-2pm. Contact kiki@hickoryfpc.org with questions or sign up online.

ELDERS NEEDED TO SERVE COMMUNION

All ordained elders are welcome to sign up online to serve communion throughout the year.

SUMMER SAINTS

Join us for a faith formation opportunity for adults at 9am on Sunday mornings this summer! The study is on *Amazing Grace - A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris, but you do not have to read the book to participate.

SUMMER SIGN-UPS

We have numerous ways to serve and get involved over the summer. You'll find sign-ups for Welcome Center Greeters, Kairos Ushers, and Sanctuary Ushers on our sign-ups page.

MONTREAT SAVE THE DATE

We have been able to secure the weekend of February 5-7, 2027 for our next congregational retreat in Montreat. We hope you will all mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

MAIN FPC BUILDING

We have a keyless entry system on most of the doors into our main church/administrative building, and your old church keys will no longer work. Contact Sarah (sarah@hickoryfpc.org) with questions about keys or Sarah or Beth (beth@hickoryfpc.org) to add anything to the church schedule to ensure access.

FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization that builds beds for children without one. A new Hickory chapter is looking for volunteers and donations, and Bobbi Trick (bobbitrick@gmail.com) can provide details on how your family can serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have an additional option for submitting prayer requests. You'll find this form online with our sign ups. The submissions will go directly to our ministerial staff.

FPC PHOTOS

We love pictures of everything going on around the church! Please share any pictures you have or take with beth@hickoryfpc.org.

REALM

We invite you to sign up for Realm, our church database that will allow you to have access to our online directory. We would love for everyone to sign up soon to make sure the information we have is correct. Please contact Beth Taylor (beth@hickoryfpc.org) if you need help signing up or have questions.