

Announcements 8-3-26

TWO WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY

This Sunday, Richard will be the final guest minister in the 2026 Montreat Summer Worship Series. He will preach in Anderson Auditorium at 10:30am. FPC worship that morning will be a service of scripture and song in the sanctuary at 10am. We hope you'll join us!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Mark your calendars for August 23. We'll worship as one in the sanctuary with our Blessing of the Backpacks. Following worship, we'll have our 2nd annual "Stuff on a Stick." You'll find the sign-up with more details [HERE](#).

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Our final summer Wednesday fellowship event will be at 5:30 on August 12. Meet your church family at City Walk Brewery for fun and fellowship for all ages. We'll all pay for our own refreshments. No sign up is needed. Let's celebrate the end of summer!

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.

PUNCH ON THE PATIO

There's still time to sign up to host a Punch on the Patio after worship this summer. We still have several open Sundays and would love for you to check the sign-up online. We hope to have this time of fellowship every Sunday for the rest of this summer!

FPC BOOK CLUB FUTURE SELECTIONS

Our book club has selected our next three books and discussion dates. August 10 will be *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali, September 14 will be *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan, and November 9 will be *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. All discussions are at 7pm in the parlor. The August and September selections are by October Visiting Writers Series authors. Please join us!

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.



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.