

# Announcements 8-31-26

## FPC BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be in the middle school room Thursday, September 3 from 1:30-6pm. Sign ups are preferred, and you can sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Help us support this need in our area.

## PARADE OF CANS COLLECTION

Today is the **last day** that we will collect nonperishable food items to support the Backpack program and The Corner Table. Bins with lists of the items needed are in our welcome area. Let's join other area churches in seeing who can collect the most for our community. Monetary donations can also be given online, by check, or Venmo. Please indicate "parade of cans collection."

## FALL 2026 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our two Women's Bible Study groups will begin their year the week of September 14, Mondays at 10am by Zoom and Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the church (and Zoom). Our first study is *The Gospel of John* by Melissa Spoelstra for seven weeks followed by *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups for four weeks. Please call the church office for more information. For more information, click [HERE](#).

## RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE SOON

On Sunday, September 13, we will return to our regular schedule with Kairos worship at 9:15am in the fellowship hall, our education hour at 10:15am, and Sanctuary worship at 11:15am. We'll kick off Wednesday Night Suppers on Wednesday, September 16. Look for a flyer the first week of September with more details.

## UPSTAIRS ROOM NAMES

To make things less confusing for all of us, we have tightened up the names of our upstairs rooms. The rooms are named by hall and function. New signs will be up in our new program year!

## FPC BOOK CLUB UPCOMING READS

Our book club will discuss *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan on September 14, and *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett on November 9. All discussions are at 7pm in the parlor. Please join us!

## FPC EMAIL LIST

A few of you have mentioned that you are no longer receiving our emails. Please let us know if you are not receiving our communications and would like to receive them. It is easy to unsubscribe by accident, and we would love to help.

## MINISTRY MATCH NEWS

Thank you to all who have participated in our Ministry Match survey. We are excited to begin using these results as we prepare to kick off a new year! We hope you will consider any opportunities suggested by our engagement committee. If you have not taken the survey, we hope you will take a few minutes to discover matches at FPC for your interests and skills.



## ELDERS NEEDED TO SERVE COMMUNION

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

## 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](mailto:sarah@hickoryfpc.org)) with questions about keys or Sarah or Beth ([beth@hickoryfpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:beth@hickoryfpc.org)) if you need help signing up or have questions.