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# ENGAGEMENT CATALOG



2024-2025





## LIVES ARE CHANGING

Thank you for picking up this important issue of our church's magazine! The following pages are your guide to take full advantage of the opportunities that First Presbyterian Church provides. Our church offers so many Bible studies, programs, and volunteer opportunities that the thought of getting more involved and finding the right programs to fit your life can be daunting. Use this issue to find your place, put your faith into action, and make a difference.

Having your name on the membership role of a church and living as a disciple of Jesus Christ are not necessarily the same thing.

Historically, the Presbyterian Church has empowered people, not to sit on the sidelines or to watch church happen, but to put their faith into action. By taking the active step to get more involved, our lives are changed with faith, hope, and love.

I've seen it happen again and again. From the members of the choir to the volunteers in the sound booth, those who find a way to put their faith into action are richly blessed. Keep reading and find the right opportunity for you.



Rev. Joe Evans  
Senior Pastor



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# GET INVOLVED AT FPC

## USING THIS CATALOG

Everyone has a place at FPC! Whether you are active in a small group on church campus, volunteering for a one-time mission event, or joining us via livestream from your home, you have a place.

We hope this catalog will be useful in helping you get connected and engaged in the life and ministry of FPC! This resource will be updated online as needed throughout the year. For the most up-to-date version, please go to [fpcmarietta.org/get-involved](http://fpcmarietta.org/get-involved)

Can't find what you're looking for? Reach out to one of the staff members or officers listed with each opportunity.

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# ADMINISTRATION

Communication, Property, Technology

## ADMINISTRATIVE/RECEPTION

Monday-Friday | Times Vary | On Campus

Reception volunteers greet members and visitors at the Front Desk and answer phone calls, directing them to the appropriate staff member or location in the building.

Susan Palacios, Executive Assistant:  
SusanPalacios@fpcmarietta.org



## AV TEAM

Sunday - Friday | Times Vary | On Campus

Help enhance our weekly worship experiences through Audio and Visual Arts. Serve as an audio technician, video camera operator, or visual presentation specialist.

Will Myers, Director of Technology:  
WillMyers@fpcmarietta.org



## GREEN TEAM

Days/Times Vary | On/Off Campus

The Green Team identifies and implements programs and procedures to reduce the environmental footprint of the FPC campus. The Green Team also works to provide environmental education to the congregation.

Jim Sommerville: jsomme2695@aol.com



## HISTORY COMMITTEE

Days/Times Vary | History Room

If you are interested in the stories that history tells, this is a great group to plug into! Catalog and archive documents from FPC's past as well as plan interesting events for our membership and the public. Visit our History Room!

Ann Stoskopf: amayesing@msn.com



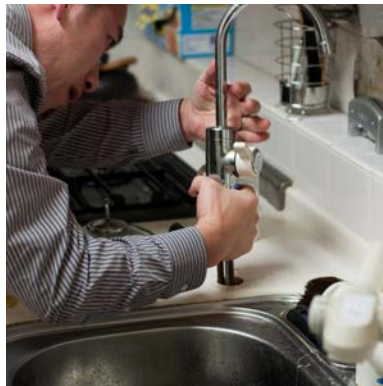


## LANDSCAPING

Days/Times Vary | On Campus

Got a green thumb? A few areas of our property are dedicated to those members who enjoy gardening and want to add a special touch to our landscaping.

Melissa Ricketts, Director of Administration:  
MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org



## MAINTENANCE

Days/Times Vary | On Campus

There is always a need for a helping hand here at FPC! If you are able to provide basic handyman skills to support our facilities, let us know!

Ramie Palacios, Facilities Manager:  
RamiePalacios@fpcmarietta.org

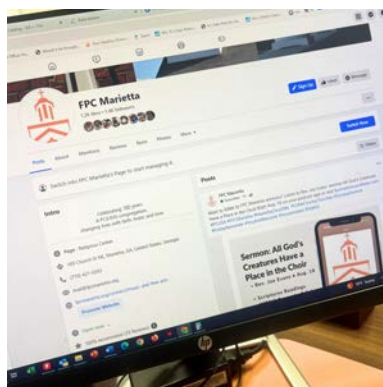


## PHOTOGRAPHY

Sunday - Saturday | Times Vary | On/Off Campus

Do you have a camera or a phone? Photographers assist with capturing and recording moments in the life and ministry at FPC and beyond.

Kelly Dewar, Director of Communications:  
KellyDewar@fpcmarietta.org



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Sunday-Saturday | Times Vary | On/Off Campus

The Social Media team engages FPC members and the community online by creating and scheduling posts to Facebook and Instagram.

Kelly Dewar, Director of Communications:  
KellyDewar@fpcmarietta.org



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## Caring Ministries, Welcome & Hospitality

### AMBASSADORS

Sundays | 8:15- 11:15 (various shifts available) | On Campus

Do you have a welcoming spirit? Volunteers greet people and guide them through their Sunday morning experience.

Matt Burnham: matt.burnham@yahoo.com



### CARING MINISTRY

Days/Times Vary

Caregivers in this ministry provide their care receivers with support by calling, visiting, and writing cards during life challenges such as medical crises and loss, or to those living alone or in assisted living.

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood: PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org



### IN-HOME COMMUNION

1st Sundays | Afternoons | Off Campus

Ordained elders provide in-home communion to those who are unable to attend in-person worship.

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood: PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org



### FPC ON DEMAND

Days/Times Vary

FPC On Demand is an outreach program, providing services in the following areas: Live-Streaming, musical programs, support for the Cobb County Adult Detention Center, memoir writing, and birthday visits.

Lynne Sloop: lynnloop@gmail.com



## JUBILEE

First Wednesdays | On/Off Campus

Social group for adult seniors, with lunches and outings at least once a month! Planned events are suggested by the group and take place on and off campus. Dutch treat. Transportation is often provided.

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood: [PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org)



## MY HANDY FRIEND

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

A team of qualified volunteers provide free, safe, reliable repairs or assistance to members with limited ability due to physical or economic issues. Volunteers are reimbursed for the cost of any necessary supplies.

Ken Miner: [kennym36@bellsouth.net](mailto:kennym36@bellsouth.net)



## NEIGHBORHOOS WELCOMING

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

Be the face of hospitality! Neighborhood leaders welcome those visitors and new members to the church who live in their vicinity. They offer encouragement and support.

Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood: [PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:PaulSherwood@fpcmarietta.org)



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | Stephen Minister Meetings  
*Stephen Ministers and their care receivers determine their time/place for meeting.*

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential support for people in transition or going through a difficult time. Extensive training is required for this two-year commitment. *If you are in need of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Claire Francis.*

Claire Francis: [francisr@bellsouth.net](mailto:francisr@bellsouth.net)





# DISCIPLESHIP

## Adult Faith Formation and Mission

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### Adult Faith Formation



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL - ADULTS

Sundays | 9:45-10:45am | Aug - May  
Through weekly classes, our adults grow deeper in their faith and broaden their theological understanding.

30s-50s Gathering | Lower Level Rm 053

Explorers | Lower Level Rm 049 and Virtual

New Seasons | Lower Level Rm 051

Faith Builders | Lower Level Rm 055

Verbo | Lower Level Rm 052

Rev. Cassie Waits: [CassieWaits@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:CassieWaits@fpcmarietta.org)



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#### MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP

Alternate Mondays | 7-9pm | Off-campus

Intergenerational group that meets for light supper and conversation topics or The Chosen television series. Members take turns hosting or leading discussions.

Shawn Martin: [martin501@att.net](mailto:martin501@att.net)



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#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2nd Mondays | 10am-12pm | Glover Room

This is an inclusive and caring community of women who support each other in living out our faith. Activities include fellowship, Bible study, and mission projects.

Ann Keane: [akkeane@gmail.com](mailto:akkeane@gmail.com)





## MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

4th Mondays | 6-7pm | Glover Room

This group helps men form deeper and richer relationships with God and each other through study, discussion, prayer, fellowship and occasional special events.

John Knox: [jdknox162@gmail.com](mailto:jdknox162@gmail.com)



## TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:30am-12pm | Room 055

This group of women meets weekly for a Bible-based book study, accompanied by workbook discussion time, a 20-25 min video, and refreshments.

Linda Bush: [newbush@comcast.net](mailto:newbush@comcast.net)



## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 12-1pm | Holland Hall | \$7/plate

Studying God's Word is a good way to deepen our faith and get to know God better. Our pastors lead a Bible study every Thursday over lunch (\$7/plate). All are welcome.

Rev. Cassie Waits: [cassiewaits@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:cassiewaits@fpcmarietta.org)



## Mission



## ADOPTION/FOSTER FAMILY SUPPORT

Days/Times Vary

This group identifies and meets needs of our foster and adoptive families within the congregation.

Paulette Basham: [paulette.basham@gmail.com](mailto:paulette.basham@gmail.com)



## FOURTH MONDAYS AT THE EXTENSION

4th Mondays | 6:30-8:00pm | The Women's Extension

Volunteer to help cook, deliver, and serve part of a meal at the Women's Extension facility just off the Square. Conversations around the dinner table are life-changing!

Helen Hines: [h444369@comcast.net](mailto:h444369@comcast.net)



## PANTRY ON CHURCH

Tuesdays | 9:00-11:30 Off Campus | 4:00- 7:00 On Campus

Be a part of something big! Volunteers pack food at Sweetwater Mission on Tuesday mornings and greet families and distribute food from the FPC parking lot on Tuesday evenings.

Martie Moore, Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator:  
[MartieMoore@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:MartieMoore@fpcmarietta.org)



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Annual Event | Summer | On/Off Campus

FPC and other Cobb County faith groups partner each year to fund and build a Habitat house. Volunteers are needed to help with construction and to provide food and beverages for the builders. You can also help recruit builders and collect funds prior to the build.

Grant Trotter: [granttrotter@gmail.com](mailto:granttrotter@gmail.com)



## MUST SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Once per Week | June-July | On/Off Campus

FPC has a long history of working with MUST Ministries to ensure that vulnerable children do not go hungry during the summer. Volunteers donate food, pack and deliver meal kits once a week to children who would normally receive breakfast and lunch at school.

Nancy Jo Kirk: [njkirk@mindspring.com](mailto:njkirk@mindspring.com)







## OVERFLOW SHELTER TRANSPORTATION

Winter Months | Days/Times Vary

People experiencing homelessness face especially difficult challenges during extremely cold weather. When temperatures fall below freezing, FPC volunteers help these neighbors in need by providing transportation to emergency overflow shelters. Please consider joining us!

Jeff Byrd: jeffbyrdis@gmail.com



## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Once or Twice per Year | Date Varies | Off Campus

Volunteers share a day of worship, fellowship, and hands-on service to the refugee community in Clarkston, GA. Volunteers may also collect/donate household items and clothing to assist refugee families in getting settled.

Joshua Price: jprice@tagliburn.com



## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Annual Event | Date Varies | On Campus

This fun and meaningful opportunity is great for the entire family! Rise Against Hunger provides food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Volunteers are needed for for event set-up and to package meals that provide emergency food assistance around the world.

Mary Anne Lanier: 17lanier@gmail.com



## ANNUAL DRIVES

Back-to-School Supplies Annual | July | On Campus

Support the students of Hickory Hills Elementary School. by donating supplies or helping organize them for delivery.

Carrie Kennedy: carriekennedy@mac.com

Christmas Angel Tree Annual | Nov/Dec | On Campus

"Angel Tree" ornaments represent gifts for children in foster care. Volunteers coordinate gift collection and donate gifts on the wish list.

Paulette Basham: paulette.basham@gmail.com



# FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Fellowship, Food, Outreach, Children/Youth

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## Fellowship & Food



### BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesday | 6:00- 7:00 pm | Hybrid: Library and Zoom

Monthly book study led by various participants. Mostly ladies, members and non-members.

Reading list: [fpcmarietta.org/adults](http://fpcmarietta.org/adults)

Nancy Jo Kirk: [njkirk@mindspring.com](mailto:njkirk@mindspring.com)



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### CARD GROUPS

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

Like to play cards? Want to sub in when needed?  
We've got groups for you!

Pam Googe: [pkgooge@gmail.com](mailto:pkgooge@gmail.com)



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### DINNER GROUPS

Monthly | Days/ Times Vary | Off Campus

Small groups of 8-12 meet monthly at a group member's home. Hosting rotates among group members. Open to singles or couples. Participants bring a dish to share.

Bob Sloop: [rsloop47@gmail.com](mailto:rsloop47@gmail.com)





## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sundays Quarterly | 9:30-10:45am | Holland Hall | \$7/person

Sunday worshipers enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship together in community. Sign up to prepare and serve breakfast in a fun, relaxed kitchen environment.

Meri Kate Marcum, Director of Fellowship & Outreach:  
MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org or Mary Beth Heise:  
MaryBethHeise@fpcmarietta.org



## FPC PEDALERS

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

This is a social activity, not a race! The trail is mostly in the shade. The group usually rides an hour out and an hour back, but can modify the ride to fit the needs of the group.

Nancy Jo Kirk: njkirk@mindspring.com



## CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT

March | Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina

Spend a weekend with your church in the mountains! FPC spends a weekend each year together for fellowship and faith formation! This event is open to all ages and registration typically opens in September. Join us!

Meri Kate Marcum, Director of Fellowship & Outreach  
MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org



## WINE TASTING GROUPS

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

Small groups of 8-12 meet monthly or quarterly at a group member's home. Hosting rotates among group members. Open to singles and couples. Participants bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share.

Bob Sloop: rsloop47@gmail.com



## WRITERS SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00pm | FPC Library

If you enjoy writing, this group may be for you! Whether you write fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, enjoy a time of sharing and gathering input from fellow writers. This group is for experienced, as well as new, writers, and for people who need support or enjoy giving the same.

Chick Freund: cfz3@hotmail.com



## YOUNG ADULTS

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

If you are age 18-35 and love making connections, enjoy new experiences, and are looking for a place for fellowship with great people, we want to help!

Joe Jordan, Young Adult Fellowship Coordinator:  
JoeJordan@fpcmarietta.org



## Outreach

### CLUB 3:30

Monday-Friday | 4:00-5:30 | Aug-May | On campus

Help a child from Hickory Hills Elementary! Be a part of our after school program as a tutor and mentor. Volunteer for one or more afternoons a week. Daily snacks and Wednesday dinners also needed!

Mary Groves, Club 3:30 Director:  
MaryGroves@fpcmarietta.org



## GREATER CHURCH

Days/Times Vary | Off Campus

Help spread the good word about FPC out in the community! FPC is part of a community event each month and there are lots of opportunities for participation.

Rose Wing: wingr@bellsouth.net







## NAMI

Mondays | 7:00–8:30pm

Family Support in Rm 053 | Individual Support in Rm 049

National Alliance on Mental Illness holds two weekly evening support group meetings every Monday. See [www.nami.org/Home](http://www.nami.org/Home) for organizational information.

Neill Blake: [nhblake@gmail.com](mailto:nhblake@gmail.com)

or NAMI Cobb: [programs.namicobb@gmail.com](mailto:programs.namicobb@gmail.com)



## SCOUTS

Days/Times/Location

Boy Scout Troop 252 has been a part of FPC for decades. We also offer Cub Pack for boys and girls.

Find out more here: [www.scouting.org/](http://www.scouting.org/)

Pam Googe: [pkgooge@gmail.com](mailto:pkgooge@gmail.com)



## Children/Youth



## NURSERY

Sundays | 8:15am–12:15pm and 4–6pm | Rooms 100–103

Ages 6 weeks – 4 years

While parents attend Sunday services and programming, our nursery offers their children a safe environment for joy, play, music, and hugs. Little ones are greeted by name, cared for by carefully trained volunteers and staff.

Adrean Grant, Nursery & PDO Coordinator:

[AdreanGrant@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:AdreanGrant@fpcmarietta.org)



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sundays | 11 am worship | Prek 4s – 1st grade

Following the children's message during our 11am Sunday service, younger children can move to a small group setting for the remainder of the hour. Volunteers serve one Sunday per month and curriculum is provided.

Betsy Sherwood, Preschool Director/Children's Fellowship Coordinator: [BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org)





## SUNDAY SCHOOL - CHILDREN

Sundays | 9:45-10:45am | Aug-May  
2-3yr in Nursery Room | 4yr PreK - Grade 1 in Room 113  
Grades 2-5 in Room 216

Through play and storytelling, our children grow spiritually and learn what it means to be a part of the family of God. Classes feature a Bible story, songs, crafts, and a simple snack. Volunteers lead these classes using a provided curriculum.

Meri Kate Marcum, Director of Fellowship & Outreach:  
MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org



## SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH

Sundays | 9:45-10:45am | Aug-May  
Grades 6-12 | Lower Level

The StoryMaker curriculum provides our Youth fresh tools for exploring faith issues. Volunteers are needed to help lead these classes.

Jana Chesney, Youth Fellowship Coordinator:  
JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org



## YOUTH GROUP

Sunday nights | 4:00- 6:00 | Lower Level | Grades 6-12

Our Youth Program is divided into Middle and High School groups. All students are welcome, whether they are members or not. Volunteer as an advisor on Sunday evenings or help during special events.

Jana Chesney, Youth Fellowship Coordinator:  
JanaChesney@fpcmarietta.org



## PRESCHOOL

Monday-Friday | 9am-1pm | On Campus  
Children ages 1 (by May 1) - Kindergarten

Premier preschool offered to members and non-members.

\*Members receive a 15% discount off of tuition.

Call for registration procedures and other information.

Find out more here: [fpcmarietta.org/preschool/](http://fpcmarietta.org/preschool/)

Betsy Sherwood, Preschool Director/Nursery Coordinator:  
BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org





## PARENTS DAY OUT

Monday-Friday | 9am-1pm | On Campus  
Children 8 weeks - 5 years

FPC offers half-day care for children 8 weeks- 5 years. Reservations are necessary. Employment opportunities may be available. Summer day camps offered for older children from 9am-2pm.  
\*Member registration fee waived.

Adrean Grant, Parents Day Out Coordinator:  
AdreanGrant@fpcmarietta.org



## CHILDREN/YOUTH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Annual Events:  
Trunk or Treat/Youth Haunted Hallway - October

Monthly Children's Fellowship:  
Children through grade 5 have the opportunity for fellowship each month through a variety of planned gatherings.

Betsy Sherwood, Preschool Director/Children's Fellowship Coordinator: BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer | Monday-Thursday | Prek4 - Grade 5

VBS is an opportunity for our entire congregation to participate in welcoming members of the Marietta community to our church! Volunteers of ALL AGES are needed to act out Bible stories, make snacks for volunteers, decorate spaces and demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Meri Kate Marcum, Director of Fellowship & Outreach:  
MeriKateMarcum@fpcmarietta.org



# WORSHIP

## Music & Fine Arts, Guilds, and Worship

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### CHANCEL GUILD

#### Worship Flowers

Each week donors provide worship flowers to enhance our services, often in honor, or in memory, of a loved one.

#### Sanctuary Preparation

These volunteers prepare and adorn the Sanctuary and Great Hall in preparation for Sunday worship and special services. (For pew preparing contact Louise Pardue: 770-296-0563)

Helen Hines: hhhh369@comcast.net



### FUNERAL GUILD

Days/Times Vary | On Campus

Offer compassion and support to those grieving the loss of a loved one as you help them make arrangements. You'll prepare the worship, reception, and family gathering areas, and also assist the ministers and funeral home as needed in preparation for the service.

Marti Miner: martimgf02@aol.com



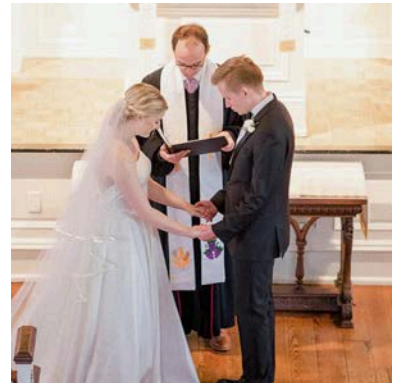
### WEDDING GUILD

Days/Times Vary | On Campus

Guild members work with pastors, brides, grooms and families in preparation for wedding services held at FPC Marietta.

Eleanor Knox: eleknox62@gmail.com

Nancy Law: bntel@att.net







## WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of who we are!

Sundays

8:30am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am in the Great Hall

Live Stream Worship: [fpcmarietta.org/virtual-worship](http://fpcmarietta.org/virtual-worship)

Dial in to listen: 678-722-8395



## ADULT CHOIRS

### Chancel Choir

Wednesdays | 7pm | High School - Adults

The Chancel Choir welcomes anyone who demonstrates a spiritual gift for choral singing.

### Kirk Ringers

Mondays | 7pm | High School - Adults

If you're a more experienced musician with advanced ringing techniques and the ability to sight read music, the Kirk Ringers is the group for you.

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts:  
[JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org)



## CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Times TBD

Children grades K-5 learn the fundamentals of music using fun, age-appropriate methods, and share their gifts during worship.

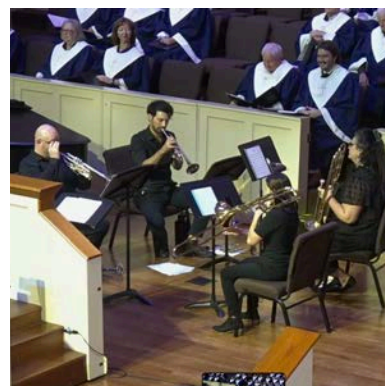
Katie Waters: [waters\\_kathleen@yahoo.com](mailto:waters_kathleen@yahoo.com)

Larisa Dukes: [larisalorene@gmail.com](mailto:larisalorene@gmail.com)

## CHURCH STREET BRASS

Play 1st Sundays of each month, Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions.

Dr. Jeffrey Meeks, Director of Music & Fine Arts:  
[JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:JeffreyMeeks@fpcmarietta.org)





## FINE ARTS

Days/Times Vary

Members of this team share their talents and creativity, enhancing worship at FPC through the performing arts, visual arts, and more.

Ginny Payne: [ginlea@icloud.com](mailto:ginlea@icloud.com)



## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays | 8:30 and 11:00am | Grade 3 - Adult

Acolytes lead the processional and recessional during worship, carrying Christ's light in and out of the worship space.

Betsy Sherwood, Children's Fellowship Coordinator,  
[BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:BetsySherwood@fpcmarietta.org)



## COMMUNION PREP

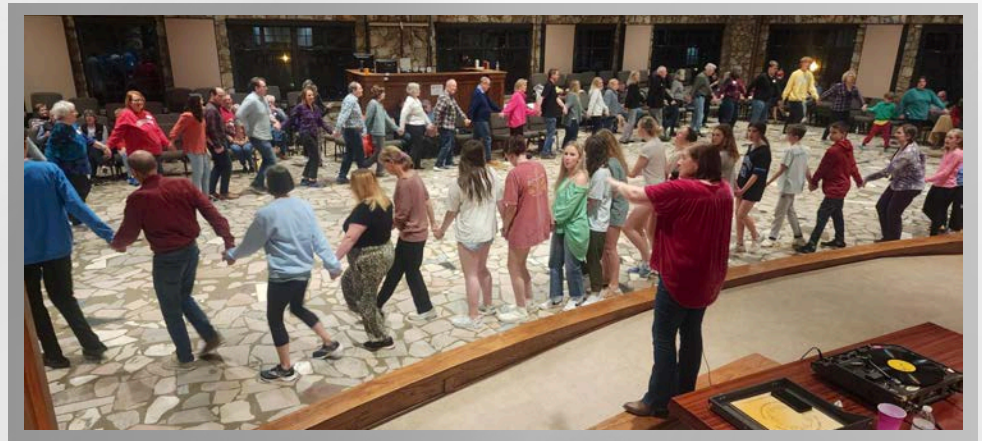
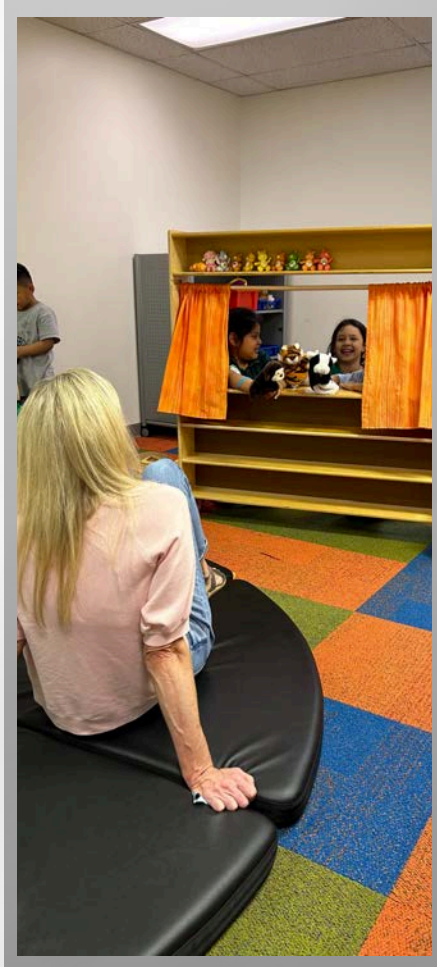
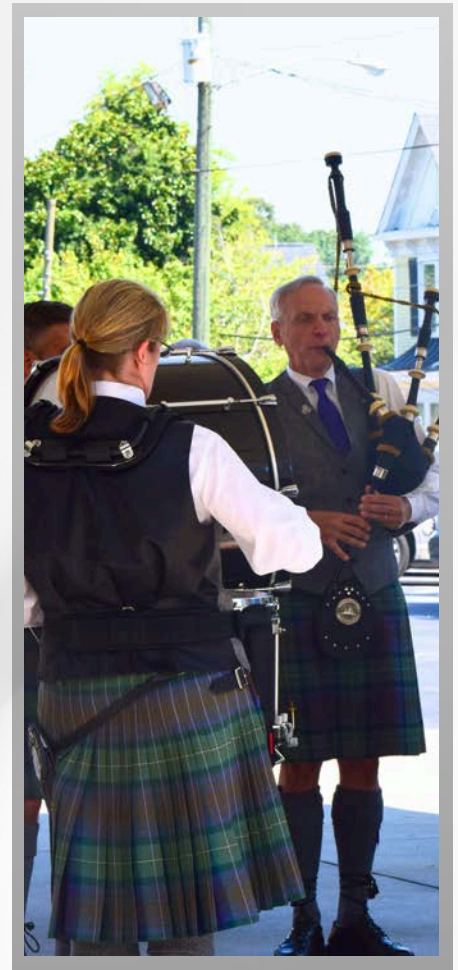
Sundays | On Campus

Volunteers meet before 8:30 and 11am worship services to prepare bread and fill communion cups with juice. The team also assists with clean-up.

Bebe Adams: [adamsstinson@gmail.com](mailto:adamsstinson@gmail.com)







## WHAT IS THE PRESBYTERIAN (USA) CHURCH?

We're a group of Protestants governed by a Representative Democracy.

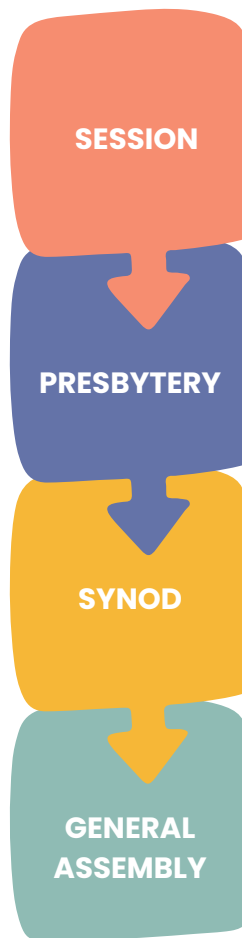
Did you know the US governing organization is based on the Presbyterian model? It's true!

We elect three types of officers in our church:

- Elders, who make up the Session/the governing body of the church;
- Deacons, whose role is that of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ, and
- Trustees, who manage financial, legal and property affairs of the church

### **You can serve, too!**

Church officers (elders & deacons) are elected from and by the congregation. To learn more about this process, contact Chris Harrison at [harrison@downeycleveland.com](mailto:harrison@downeycleveland.com).



## HOW ARE WE STRUCTURED?

Governing body of congregation  
Ordained Ministers of the Word and elders, all elected by the congregation

Elders and ministers from congregations who oversee the local churches

Representatives elected from each Presbytery to oversee several presbyteries

The national governing body made up of equal numbers of lay people and clergy chosen by the presbyteries

## WHY PRESBYTERIAN?

We are a part of a denomination that is older than America! Before the Revolutionary War, Presbyterians immigrated here, seeking a religious freedom that they didn't find in Europe. In fact, there were so many Presbyterians by the time independence was declared, some in England called the American Revolution the Presbyterian Revolution.

Half the Ivy League colleges were founded by Presbyterians. Dozens of US Presidents were Presbyterians. But what is the benefit of being a part of this denomination today?

Thinking of higher education, your membership in this Presbyterian church will entitle your children to a 50% tuition discount to Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, and a free ride to Austin College, just outside of Dallas, TX. Locally, we honor our denominations legacy of education by providing one of the best preschool educations in the city (thanks to our outstanding preschool staff!). Members of our church who enroll their children in our preschool receive a tuition discount and the benefit of early enrolment.

Thanks to our denomination, there is a network of high-quality retirement communities, called the Presbyterian Homes, with locations throughout the Southeast. We enjoy camps and conference centers, especially Montreat, in a beautiful valley in North Carolina. Our ministers are educated at outstanding Presbyterian seminaries. And we are a part of a network of churches, providing mutual support and encouragement.

There are multiple benefits to being a member church in the PCUSA. Among the most practical, as a member of FPC, you may use our parking lot to walk down to the Square when it's busy!



## JOIN US

We'd love to have you join us in the life and ministry of FPC!

To learn more about what it means to be a member of FPC or the process to join, go to [fpcmarietta.org/new-members](http://fpcmarietta.org/new-members) or contact Ken Farrar at [kenfarrar764@gmail.com](mailto:kenfarrar764@gmail.com).

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Rev. Joe Evans, *Senior Pastor*

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Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, *Parish Associate of Congregational Care*



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## 2024-2025 CALENDAR DATES

### September:

15 Church-Wide Picnic

### October:

1 World Communion Sunday

5 Blessing of the Animals

12-13 Chalktoberfest

13 Rise Against Hunger

20 Commitment Sunday

27 Trunk or Treat | Chili Cook-Off

### November:

3 All Saints Sunday | Choral Concert

10 Kirkin' of the Tartan

28 Thanksgiving | Gobble Jog

### December:

15 Lessons & Carols | Live Nativity

19 Longest Night Service

24 Christmas Eve Services

### March

5 Ash Wednesday

7-9 Church-Wide Retreat

### April

14-20 Holy Week Mid-Day Services & Lunches

17 Maundy Thursday

18 Good Friday

20 Easter Sunday







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