

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2026

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 20, 2026, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on extending a call and approving the terms of call for their candidate to be the next pastor of First United Presbyterian Church. An additional item of business will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

It's Kick-off Sunday! If you missed Sunday School this morning, come give it a try next Sunday.

- **September 20 our regular Sunday Morning Schedule will start.** Adult Discussion Groups and Youth (6th-12th grade) Sunday School will meet at 9:00am and there will be Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place beginning at 10:00am. From 9:00 am to 9:25am, there will be the option for Children (Age 3 prior to August 31, 2026 through 5th Grade) to work on outreach projects in Knox 102. Sunday School Age Level Classes for Children will meet from 9:30am to 10:20am.
- **Sunday School Age Level Classes for Children** (The contact person for these classes is Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education)
 - **Joy-Us Class** - for children who turned 3 before August 31, 2026. The class meets in Lower Knox.
 - **Upper Elementary Class**- for children in 2nd through 5th grade. The class meets in Lower Knox.
- **Youth Sunday School – for youth in 6th -12th Grade**-The group meets in Lower Witherspoon. The class is led by our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Amanda McDonald.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Discussion Groups** (see blue flyer in Gathering Place for more information)
 - **Present Word Bible Study** – meets in Calvin 201, The Fall Quarter will cover the conquest of Palestine by the Hebrew people and the founding of the Nation of Israel as recorded in Joshua, Judges, and I Samuel. Dennis Brewer is the contact person for the class.
 - **Religion and Politics** – meets in Calvin 202, On Sundays leading up to election day on November 3, Stewart Smith will lead a 7-week class on Religion and Politics, based on curriculum from The Thoughtful Christian.
 - **Thoughtful Christians Book Study** – meets in Calvin 203, This group is reading and discussing *For the Glory of God: How Monotheism led to Reformations, Science, Witch-Hunts and the End of Slavery* by Rodney Stark. The contact person for the group is Derrik Olsen.
- **Our new Church Nursery in Lower Knox is ready for children. It will be open every Sunday morning from 8:45am to 11:45am.** During Christian Education the childcare is for children that will turn 3 after August 31, 2026. During worship the childcare is for children Pre-K and younger.

The Young Adult Lunch Group (formerly known as Young Adult Dinner) will be meeting today right after worship. Please look for Amanda in the Gathering Place.

Need a little distance? If you think you might have been exposed to a virus or need to make sure you aren't, or for any other reason you're keeping social distance, grab an orange bracelet in the gathering place. No explanation needed!

Our Freshen-Up Taskforce is planning another work session, Thursday morning, September 17th at 10:00 am. They are looking for volunteers willing to spend a couple of hours hanging whiteboards, office and hallway signage and doing general tidy up. Please bring your drill, level, screwdriver and work gloves. We will have all the supplies ready to go. There will be bagels and coffee. Any questions please text Gayl Clay.

Our Church Directory needs a freshen-up! If your picture is not in the church directory or your picture needs to be updated, Membership Coordinator, Amy McCann is happy to help you. Amy will be available in the Gathering Place, Sunday, September 13 and Sunday, September 20, to take church directory photographs.

Our youth and young adult ministries are growing, and we would love your help this fall!

There are lots of easy ways to jump in - help serve a young adult lunch on Sunday, bring or serve food for youth group on Wednesday night, lead recreation and games at youth group, or lend a hand with one of our special youth events throughout the semester. Helping once makes a difference and helps us create a welcoming, fun, and supportive community for our students and young adults. To sign-up use the QR code to the right to access the Sign-up Genius page or contact Amanda McDonald.



Do you have any gently used outdoor toys that your children have outgrown? Kristi Button is looking for items for the new play yard for the Church Nursery. If you have any items you would like to donate, please email or text a photo to her so she can check to make sure they will work in the space. Thank you!

The FUPC Crafters will meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:00pm at the home of Carol Van Scyoc to do UV resin crafts.

The **PW morning Bible study group** that typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month will be meeting on the third Tuesday, September 15 to begin the **2026-27 Horizon's Bible Study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*** by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. They will meet at 9:45am in Calvin 201. Members of the group often go to lunch together after the meeting. Due to increased publishing costs, the study guides are **\$15 this year**. If you are interested in participating in this group and purchasing a study guide, please contact Barbara Verdery.

The Women's Friday Noon Bible Study meets weekly at noon in the FUPC Library. They are using ***The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*** by Adam Hamilton as one of their resources. Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today as we learn to live the life Christ calls us to live. Lorraine Brewer is the contact person for this group.

CONTACT INFORMATION can be found in the Instant Church Directory App. If you need assistance connecting with a church member or information about the app, please call the Church Office (442-4411) and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

CEO CURRENT NEEDS: carrots (cans), mixed vegetables (cans), and peas (cans).

CEO is an all-volunteer organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Clay.

For additional **GIVING AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** please use this link to the church website: fupcfay.org/current-needs or use the QR code below and select "Outreach Opportunities".

NEED A LINK? Use the QR code to the right or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons to access:

- Worship Guide
- Announcements
- Giving Form
- Contact Information Form for Visitors
- Current Issue of Weekly Update (contains sign-up links and details)
- Current Opportunities to Give and Serve
- Sunday School Information
- Time and Talent Form



ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC? We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **above** or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons. Please select the button that says, "New to FUPC?" Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

Friendly Reminder: Please help us care for one another by leaving designated handicapped parking spaces available for those who need them. On Sunday mornings, all the spaces in the parking lot next to the sanctuary are dedicated handicap spots. Thank you for your kindness and consideration!

THIS WEEK AT FUPC - Calendar for Sept 14 to Sept 18

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	9:45am	PW Morning Bible Study (Calvin 201)
	1:00pm	First School Commission (Church Library)
	5:30pm	Board of Deacons (Zoom1)
	7:00pm	Personnel Committee (Zoom1)
	7:00pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Library)
	Noon	Friday Women's Bible Study (Library)