

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

The session has called a congregational meeting for today, 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. Nursery hours for children Pre-K and younger will be extended for the meeting.

Our regular Sunday Morning Schedule is in effect. Adult Discussion Groups and Youth(6th-12th grade) Sunday School meet at 9:00am and there is 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 103. Sunday School Age Level Classes for Children meet from 9:30am to 10:20am.

Our new Church Nursery in Lower Knox is ready for children. It is 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.

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 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. On Sunday mornings, Amy is available in the Gathering Place, 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. 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 (scroll down to see all the options) 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 grass 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 **PW Covenant Book Group** will meet this Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30am. They will meet in the Villa Room at Butterfield Trail Village. Jessie Koepee is the contact person for the group.

The **Men's Fellowship Lunch Group** will meet this Tuesday, September 22 at noon at Whole Hog in Fiesta Square. For more information, contact Rev. Stewart Smith or Tom Verdery.

First School is having its annual picnic and fundraiser Friday September 25 at 5:00pm in the Courtyard. This year the proceeds will be donated to Elise Ripplemeyer, a single mother who is battling an aggressive form of cancer and granddaughter of Elizabeth Houle. Wrist bands are \$10 for adults (\$8 if purchased by Wednesday), \$5 for kids over 2 and free for kids 2 and under. Raffle Tickets are \$10 and will be for sale until the drawing (7:00pm at the event). The prize is a two-night stay at The Axis on Dickson plus gift cards to Ella's Table, The Leroy Lounge and Baked by Kori. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Hairston at chairston@fupcfay.org or call the school at 479-571-4516.

Central United Methodist Church has invited the congregation to a program being presented by their Salt and Light Team called "**Protect the Vote.**" It is Sunday, September 27 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in their Building C. The keynote speaker will be Rep-elect Max Deitchler, attorney and member of Washington Co. Election Commission from 2014-2025. There will be time for Q&A and table discussion.

Come check out our "New Look." You have heard a lot of talk over the summer about our Freshen-Up Project and our Nursery Relocation Project. After worship on October 4, there will be an open house so everyone can tour the buildings and see all the changes. Light refreshments will be served.

On October 18, right after worship we will be **packaging personal hygiene kits** to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This all-church hands-on mission project is an annual event. It is amazing what we can accomplish in a short period of time. This year we hope to pack 400 kits in 35 minutes! After the kits are packed, lunch will be served – **a baked potato bar**. No reservations are required and there are jobs for all ages.

Community Church Swap & Share — Saturday, October 17 —9:00am to 3:00pm Time to clean out those closets! Bring books, household items, kitchenware, tools, or small appliances you no longer need, and see what treasures other folks have brought, too. It's free, it's fun, and it's a great way to keep good things out of the landfill and give them to someone who needs them. Can't stay? You can drop your gently used items off at the FUPC church table starting at 8:30. Rebecca Haden is the contact person for this event.

Discover the Joy of Handbells—No Experience Needed! A brand-new handbell ensemble is forming this fall! Whether you are an experienced musician or have never read a note of music, there are no auditions or musical requirements. The ensemble is open to everyone from 6th grade through adulthood. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 4:00–5:00 pm, October 25 through November 29, with the ensemble playing during worship one Sunday morning. Because handbell music requires a full team, we need a committed group of at least 10 participants. Advance sign-up is required. Scan the QR code to sign up, or contact Pam Gilbreath with questions. We look forward to making music together!



Leaf a Book, Take a Book! Look for the section with the green *leaf* border in our church library — that's our permanent book swap, brought to you by the Earth Care Committee! Take a book home, leaf one behind for the next reader. (Please keep the swapping within that leafy little corner. Any books with numbers on the spine belong to the library. Please check them out!)

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), peas (cans). and can openers.

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 21 to Sept 25

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10:30am	PW Covenant Book Group (BTV Villa Room)
	Noon	Men's Fellowship Lunch (Whole Hog Café)
	4:00pm	Bells on the Hill (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Church Library)
	7:00pm	Congregational Life (Calvin 201)
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)