

LIFE AT FUPC

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | OCTOBER 4, 2026

THIS SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday Today we celebrate communion. The PC(USA) World Communion Offering will be received during the offering time.

Come see our “New Look”! Stay after worship today for an open house to see the results of our Freshen-Up Project and Nursery Relocation Project. Tour the buildings and enjoy light refreshments.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

October 5 | FUPC Crafters Meet at Carol VanScyoc’s house at 6:00 p.m. to make Christmas ornaments.

October 11 | Dine and Discover FUPC Visitors and new members are invited to a lunch and learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon. Meet staff and church leaders, learn about our congregation, tour additional spaces, and enjoy dessert. Childcare is available. Please contact the church office for information and to RSVP so we can plan for lunch and childcare.

October 18 | All-Church Mission Project Stay after worship to pack personal hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our goal is 400 kits in 35 minutes! A baked potato bar will follow. No reservations are needed, and there are jobs for all ages.

October 25 | Trunk or Treat Save the date for 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot! Enjoy costumes, candy, decorated trunks, and fun for all ages. More details are coming soon. Contact Amanda McDonald if you would like to help.

October 25-November 29 | Discover the Joy of Handbells A new ensemble welcomes everyone from sixth grade through adulthood, with no experience, auditions, or music-reading skills required. Rehearsals are Sundays, 4:00-5:00 p.m., with the ensemble playing during worship one Sunday. At least 10 committed participants are needed. Advance sign-up is required; contact Pam Gilbreath or find the sign-up link in the Weekly Update.

Swap & Share update The Community Church Swap & Share previously scheduled for October 17 is being rescheduled. A new date will be announced soon.

THIS WEEK | OCTOBER 5-11

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Mon 5	6:00 p.m.	FUPC Crafters - Carol VanScyoc’s house
	7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Wed 7	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Village Inn
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Band Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group - Lower Witherspoon
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice - Choir Room
Fri 9	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles - Library
	Noon	Women’s Bible Study - Library
Sun 11	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Young Adults
	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Dine and Discover - Upper Witherspoon

CONNECT, SERVE & GROW

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | OCTOBER 4, 2026

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults and youth | 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Adult discussion groups and youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) meet during this hour.

Children | Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Children who were age 3 before August 31, 2026, through fifth grade attend age-level Sunday School from 9:30-10:20 a.m. Children who arrive at 9:00 a.m. can participate in outreach projects in Knox 103 from 9:00-9:25 a.m. before their classes begin.

10:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Gathering Place.

Nursery in Lower Knox | Sundays, 8:45-11:45 a.m.

During Christian Education: childcare is available for infants through children who turn 3 after August 31, 2026.

During worship: childcare is available for infants through Pre-K.

WAYS TO HELP

Support youth and young adult ministries Help with a Sunday young adult lunch, Wednesday youth meals or recreation, or a special youth event. Helping even once makes a difference! See the Sign-up Genius link in the Weekly Update, or contact Amanda McDonald.

Outdoor toys for the nursery Have gently used outdoor toys your children have outgrown? Email or text a photo to Kristi Button so she can check whether they will work in the new grass play yard.

Support Cooperative Emergency Outreach (CEO) Food supplies from the NWA Food Bank are falling short, so donations of canned vegetables and fruit are especially helpful right now.

In August, Cooperative Emergency Outreach provided **\$34,564 in financial assistance** and **\$15,246 worth of food**, helping **749 people in 251 families**. Thank you for your prayers and donations!

CEO current donation needs: canned fruit, canned peas, and canned carrots. Place food donations in the **blue tub at the North Calvin entrance**. To give financially, mail a check to the church or use the donation link in the Weekly Update email.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Need a little distance? Pick up an orange bracelet in the Gathering Place if you are keeping social distance for any reason. No explanation needed!

Update your directory photo Membership Coordinator Amy McCann can take your photo in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. For help with the Instant Church Directory app or connecting with a church member, call the church office.

Need a nametag? Help our new pastor learn names! Email Beth Benham at officemanager@fupcfay.org to request a nametag.

Leaf a Book, Take a Book! Visit the permanent book swap in the church library's green leaf-bordered section, provided by the Earth Care Committee. Take a book and leave one for another reader. Books with numbers on their spines belong to the library and should be checked out.

Accessible parking Please leave designated handicapped spaces available for those who need them. On Sunday mornings, all spaces in the parking lot next to the sanctuary are designated handicapped spaces.

COMMUNITY INVITATION | OCTOBER 18-19

Clabaugh Speaker Series: The Border and Immigration - A Faith Perspective

The Rev. Dr. John M. Nelsen will speak at **First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville** (not at FUPC). All are welcome; no charge. Monday lunch requires an RSVP to the host church office. See the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for more information.

FIND LINKS & STAY CONNECTED

Visit fupcfay.org/links for the worship guide, announcements, Weekly Update with sign-up links, giving, Sunday School information, opportunities to serve, and the Time and Talent form. New to FUPC? Select "New to FUPC?" so we can get to know you and help you connect.