

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2024

### TODAY,

- **It is First School Sunday** – Welcome First School families, staff and teachers!
- **We will be kicking-off Fall Programming** – the Kick-off will begin at 10:00 am in the Gathering Place
- **We will celebrate the beginning of Stewart Smith's ministry with us** - more food and more fellowship!
- **There is a Communications Ministry Meeting at 2:30pm in the Church Library.**
- **Session meets at 6:30 this evening in the Church Library**

The calendar for the remainder of the week may be found at the end of the announcements.

<b>Every Sunday in September will be a NAMETAG SUNDAY!</b>
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If you need to email Stewart, his email while he is our Senior Transitional Pastor is [pastor@fupcfay.org](mailto:pastor@fupcfay.org).

Please use the Instant Church Directory App to find **CONTACT INFORMATION**. If you need assistance with connecting with a church member or information about the app, please call the Church Office and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

If you did not receive a printed **FALL NEWSLETTER** through the USPS mail, extra copies are available in the Gathering Place. An **ADVENT NEWSLETTER** will be mailed in late November. If you would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list, please call the church office (442-4411) or email [communications@fupcfay.org](mailto:communications@fupcfay.org).

**GET TO KNOW STEWART!** Several events are being planned by the Fellowship Ministry to give everyone the opportunity to get to know our new Senior Transitional Pastor, Stewart Smith and his wife, Laura. Stewart wants to give everyone the opportunity to ask any question they might have. Laura will be at the events that do not conflict with her work schedule. There will be events in members' homes, at the church, at BTV Lodge and on Zoom. A list of the events with links to sign-ups can be found at [fupcfay.org/meet-stewart](http://fupcfay.org/meet-stewart). If you have any questions or would like help signing up, please call the church office.

The study for the **Presbyterian Women Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** will be *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creations* by Patricia K. Tull. The focus of the study is on **earth care**. The first session is this Tuesday in the Church Library (zoom connection available). We gather for fellowship at 9:45 am and start the lesson with announcements and prayer at 10 am. After the lesson, a group of ladies usually go to lunch. Study guides are \$12 each and will be available through Barbara Verdery on Sunday, September 8 or at the circle meeting. **For additional information**, please contact Barbara Verdery.

If you are interested in the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creations* but unable to attend the group meetings at the church, **Presbyterians for Earth Care**, is hosting a virtual version the fourth Sunday of every month beginning September 22. For details, please go to [presbyearthcare.org/bible-study-pw-2024-2025](http://presbyearthcare.org/bible-study-pw-2024-2025).

**TUESDAY EVENING YOUNG ADULT DINNERS** begin again on September 10 at 7:00pm in Calvin 201 and continue every other week. Please contact Amanda McDonald ([youthandyoungadultministry@fupcfay.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultministry@fupcfay.org)) for more information.

**FIRST SCHOOL** is having a picnic on September 27th with an auction to raise money for the **Natural Playground** that is being built on the west side of the church campus! There will be burgers with all the fixin's, chips, beans, cookies, fruit, lemonade and water. It is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids over 2, no charge for 2 and under. If you want to come to the picnic, have something for the auction, or would like to make a financial donation, reach out to Cathy Hairston at [chairston@fupcfay.org](mailto:chairston@fupcfay.org) or call the school at 479-571-4516. Tax deductible donations for a good cause!

The Belonging Ministry Team is planning a "**Get to Know FUPC**" event for those who have **joined the church within the past few years**. They invite you to a progressive dinner that will be held at various locations on the FUPC Campus. The event will be from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on September 29 and will begin in the Church Library. The meal is being catered so reservations are required. You can find a link to the reservation form in the Weekly Update or call the church office. Childcare will be available.

**Garden Notes:** All of the gardening on our campus is for the Glory of God and is dedicated to our church staff, members, friends and neighbors. His blessings for the gardener include peace and quiet, birdsong, the fragrance of fresh air and the beauty of nature. The most welcome gift is the sweet breeze, always a reminder of the Holy Spirit. God Provides! **There are herbs, flowering perennials and small trees available.** All these plants would be ideal to transplant this month. If you would like to have some of this bounty, please contact Sabra Martin.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- **All-Church Hands-on Mission Project & Lunch** – after worship, September 22
- **Fall Festival and Picnic** – afternoon of October 26

**COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY OUTREACH (CEO) CURRENT NEEDS:** peanut butter (regular size) and dry cereal (12-18 oz boxes) **ALWAYS NEEDED:** personal care wipes (adults & unhoused) and toothpaste

**CEO needs volunteer receptionists and volunteers to interview clients.** If you are interested, please call or text David Clay.

Want to go **PAPERLESS**? Use the QR code to the right or type [fupcfay.org/links](http://fupcfay.org/links) in your browser on your phone. This will take you to a web page with links to all the documents and webpages you might need during worship. There is also a link to sign-up for our weekly email newsletter.



One QR code for everything all in an easy to find convenient place.



**NEW TO FUPC?** We would like to get to know you! Please use the QR code above and select the button that says, “New to FUPC?” Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

An air conditioning unit has gone out in the **WITHERSPOON** building. This has impacted the upper level (Activity Center) and made it quite warm. Groups that currently meet in Witherspoon are temporarily being moved to other locations. Please check with the church office for updated locations.

If you would like to be included on our **INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST** or if you would like to receive it weekly by email, contact the Church Office (442-4411).

There are several ways to make **FINANCIAL GIFTS** to the church. One is by texting GIVE to 479-323-2609. More information and options can be found at [fupcfay.org/give](http://fupcfay.org/give).

Please submit any **announcements for the bulletin or Weekly Update** to Amy Rossetti ([Communications@fupcfay.org](mailto:Communications@fupcfay.org)) by Thursday at noon.

**Calendar for September 9 - 13**

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:45am	PW Morning Bible Study, Church Library
	1:00pm	First School Commission, Church Library
	4:00pm	Bells on the Hill (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Properties Ministry Meeting (Zoom 1)
	6:15pm	PW Evening Book Study, Home of Terri Trotter
	7:00pm	Young Adult Dinner (Calvin 201)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	4:00pm	BTV Communion Service (BTV Chapel)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00pm	Fellowship Ministry Meeting (Zoom 1)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Upper Witherspoon)