

## February 2024 Worship Schedule

Join us Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and posted to YouTube. If you are not receiving the weekly emails and would like to, visit [fpcedgewood.org/contact](http://fpcedgewood.org/contact) and fill out the sign-up form.

**Feb. 4:** Worship led by Commissioned Lay Elder Frank Hancock – We will celebrate the **Lord’s Supper** together! Frank has most recently served as the pastor of Plum Creek Presbyterian, and his wife plays in the ESO! We’re excited to have Frank join us this week.

**Feb. 11:** Transfiguration Sunday (or as Shaun calls it, “Shiny Jesus Sunday”). Why do we celebrate this? It marks a pivotal moment in Jesus’s ministry, where we affirm and celebrate his divine nature and the revelation of his glory to his disciples. It caps the end of the Epiphany season, where we have spent time talking about who Jesus is. We will celebrate the **Lord’s Supper** together!

**Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday, 7 PM. Wandering Heart: *“Tune my heart”* – Psalm 51:1-17

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As we begin the season, let us turn inward and tune our hearts. Before an orchestra plays together, they must all tune their instruments—the cacophony of this process may be very loud and create lots of dissonance, but it’s a necessary step in the process of creating harmonies and melodies. And so, this Lent, how can you tune the instrument of your heart so that it aligns with God?

**Feb. 18:** Wandering Heart: *“Jesus sought me”* – Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 25:1-10; Emerging worship!

We will also ordain and install more church officers!

Jesus doesn’t seek out trained rabbis to be his disciples; instead, he calls a few Galilean fishermen to follow him and join his ministry. In this story, Jesus tells Simon Peter to drop his nets one more time, even though they’ve been fishing all night long and have caught nothing. To their surprise, they haul in nets bursting with fish. In response to this abundant miracle, Peter says, “Go away from me, Lord!” And yet, Peter and his partners drop their nets and follow Jesus. What is the beginning of your faith story? When has God sought you out? Have you ever felt like your calling was pursuing—or chasing—you? Did you resist? Did you follow?

**Feb. 25:** Wandering Heart: *“Rescue me from danger”* – Matthew 14:22-33, Psalm 22:23-31

As a new disciple, perhaps Peter wants to prove himself. Boldly, in the middle of a storm, Peter steps out of the boat to join Jesus who is walking on top of the waves. He, too, walks on water until the wind shakes his trust and he begins to sink. Many of us know what it feels like to be thrown off balance, to feel as if we’re sinking. Maybe this looks like doubt, unexpected change, too-busy seasons of life, devastating grief, or distance from God. In this story, we empathize with the desperation Peter feels as he cries out, and we pray for God to save us when we sink.

### 2024 Lenten Theme: Wandering Heart

#### from A Sanctified Art

Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter’s story, you find Jesus at each step along the way—offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him agape love. This Lent, we’re joining Peter in figuring out faith. We’re not idolizing or vilifying him; instead, we’re hoping to wander alongside him, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.

## **You Can't Pick Your Family** (abridged)

by Brian Wallace,

Associate Minister for Emerging Ministries & Acting Head of Staff of the Pittsburgh Presbytery

"You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family."

This phrase was immortalized for me in a Peanuts cartoon given to me in sixth grade by my math teacher, Mrs. Smith. Plot twist: Mrs. Smith also happened to double in my life as Aunt Marian. The same Aunt Marian who happened to be the organist at church. Oh, and did I mention that there was a second-grade teacher in the same school who happened to be my mother? That's right, my mother and my aunt taught in the same school building.

And yes, it's true. You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family.

Families are a nuanced thing. Some people have amazing families, some people have complicated families, and for some people, family is a source of great pain, loss, and even tragedy. And sometimes, these people are not the people you would ever choose to be family. But that doesn't matter, you didn't choose them. Families are complicated.

This past spring, following the Landscape Study, a small group of people from the Executive Committee and I sat down to review and review the mission and vision statements of the Presbytery, primarily so they could be entered into the Ministry Discernment Profile (the new version of the MIF) for the General Minister. I've always had a love/hate relationship with mission statements, as I think the process of developing them can be incredibly valuable, but, often, the energy and momentum around them is completely lost the moment after they become official. Going into the process, I knew my goal: keep it as short, simple, and to the point as possible. No fluff, no filler, no unnecessary theological language. The group quickly got around the phrase "assist and support the witness of our congregations and members," and I took that and ran. My first suggestion was as follows:

*Pittsburgh Presbytery exists to assist and support the witness of our congregations and members.*

Boom. Simple, concise, and to the point. What wasn't to love?

Well, without unpacking the whole story for you, here's what was finally adopted by the Executive Committee:

*Pittsburgh Presbytery is a covenant community of Jesus Christ that exists to assist and support the witness of our congregations and members as we actively participate in the mission of the Triune God in the world.*

As you can tell, I ultimately lost the debate. While I still love the short version and think it has value, begrudgingly, I can admit that the two phrases added before and after are not just important or helpful but essential.

This week, I will reflect on the first phrase: "Pittsburgh Presbytery is a covenant community..."

As I've discussed in this space before, there are two different ways to define a Presbytery: Who it is and what it does. The opening statement defines the nature of our community – one that is called together to share in a covenant relationship with one another. Put another way, Presbyteries, comprised of their congregations and minister members, are a family in a theological sense.

That sounds all well and good, but it's my observation that everything I mentioned about families earlier also holds for a Presbytery family. The truth is that Presbyteries, according to our Book of Order, aren't defined by affinity (points of common interest/agreement) but rather by proximity (geographical location). And when you define things by proximity, you will combine into one group of people with a good diversity of understandings and values.

After seventeen years of being a member of this Presbytery, I want to be clear about one thing: I believe, without hesitation, that Pittsburgh Presbytery is who we are not because of our choosing but because of a common calling we've received. While this may sound hopelessly idealistic and naïve, let me be clear: I was active in Presbytery life during some of the most tumultuous seasons over the last seventeen years: debates about amendments and the subsequent church dismissals, the threats of and actuality of legal action, and the broken relationships that stemmed from all of it. I once got booed by fellow Presbyters after I spoke on the floor. I found myself on opposite sides of these debates with people I regarded (and still regard) as close friends, and in part because of these disagreements, we now find ourselves in different denominations. And yet still, without hesitation, I affirm that we are called together as a community, not of our choosing but because of the common calling we've received.

But the truth is still true and must be acknowledged and named: Pittsburgh Presbytery is a place of vast theological diversity. If you were at the September Presbytery meeting, you heard me talk about the tremendous range that exists just within the bounds of our Presbytery when it comes to theological perspective. Using information from Holy Cow

Consulting's assessments, we know that our congregations range from the 4<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile when it comes to theological perspective. Within just our Presbytery, we embody the full range of the historically mainstream Christian churches within the United States when it comes to theological perspective. When I run all the numbers and balance the results for church size, the current data set reveals that the average person attending a church in Pittsburgh Presbytery falls into the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile when it comes to theological perspective. Even more fascinating is that within our congregations, there are many that have a high or even very high level of theological diversity just within themselves. Even congregations are not monolithic when it comes to theological perspective, let alone the entire Presbytery.

Here's the tension I feel deeply: Believing that we are called together as a covenant community, all while acknowledging the tremendous theological diversity within our midst, creates an unmistakable tension. And, if nothing else, it can make it more difficult to embody the idea of community as, in many ways, it's just easier to withdraw from one another and mind our own business.

But how often do we find the easy road is the faithful one? Not often, at least not in my experience. When I read scripture, I usually find God directing and calling people into uncomfortable and challenging spaces, where they'll be tested not only in their faith in God but in their trust in one another. And the truth is that the nature of a theologically diverse covenant community is one that I sometimes find to be a self-contradicting mystery.

But then, there are the moments. The moments in which this mystery, in the power of the Holy Spirit, makes sense. In the past year, I've had two occasions where I've visited with congregations who sat at the very opposite ends of the theological spectrum in short order. Once just one week apart and the other within a matter of hours. In all of these places, despite the seemingly vast difference in theological perspective, I experienced the unmistakable and palpable presence of the Holy Spirit in each place.

As I said earlier, families are complicated. Presbyteries, defined as a family through the covenant relationship we share, are complicated. We have our disagreements, our weird dynamics, and our history. We aren't always on our best behavior. We don't always love one another the way we're called to. And yes, on occasion, there are moments when we ask ourselves, "Why bother? It would just be easier if they would go away/shut up/leave".

Being in my role, I sometimes find myself in the awkward spot of having someone from outside our circle decide to take a cheap shot at someone in our circle. "Oh, <insert name here> is one of yours?" When this happens, I've learned to pause and collect my thoughts before responding because if I'm honest, my first impulse response is neither charitable nor helpful. I've learned to this: "Yes, in fact they are, they're one of ours, and I'm glad to have them." Full stop. Whether they be conservative, liberal, or middle of the road, younger or older, someone who I am in lockstep with or couldn't disagree with more and find a bit on the irritating side, it doesn't matter. We're in a covenant relationship, and while I can complain about my covenant partners, no one else gets to talk badly about my people.

After all, we're family. With all the challenges and complexity that come with being family, we're family. Despite our vast theological range, we share a common sense of call from the Triune God and have been called to share in life together. Is that easy? Absolutely not, but the way of faithfulness is seldom marked by what is easy.

As we enter 2024, my hope and prayer for us as a Presbytery are simple: Acknowledging the differences within our fellowship, we decide that we love one another and desire to be in a relationship with one another that we're willing to do the hard work that entails. I am not suggesting that we pretend we all agree and take a "can't we all just get along" approach. No, I'm talking about a "you're my person, and I'm your person even if we don't always get along, and we're going to walk this journey together not because we even necessarily want to, but because God has called us to do so."

I said it was simple, not easy.

In Christ,



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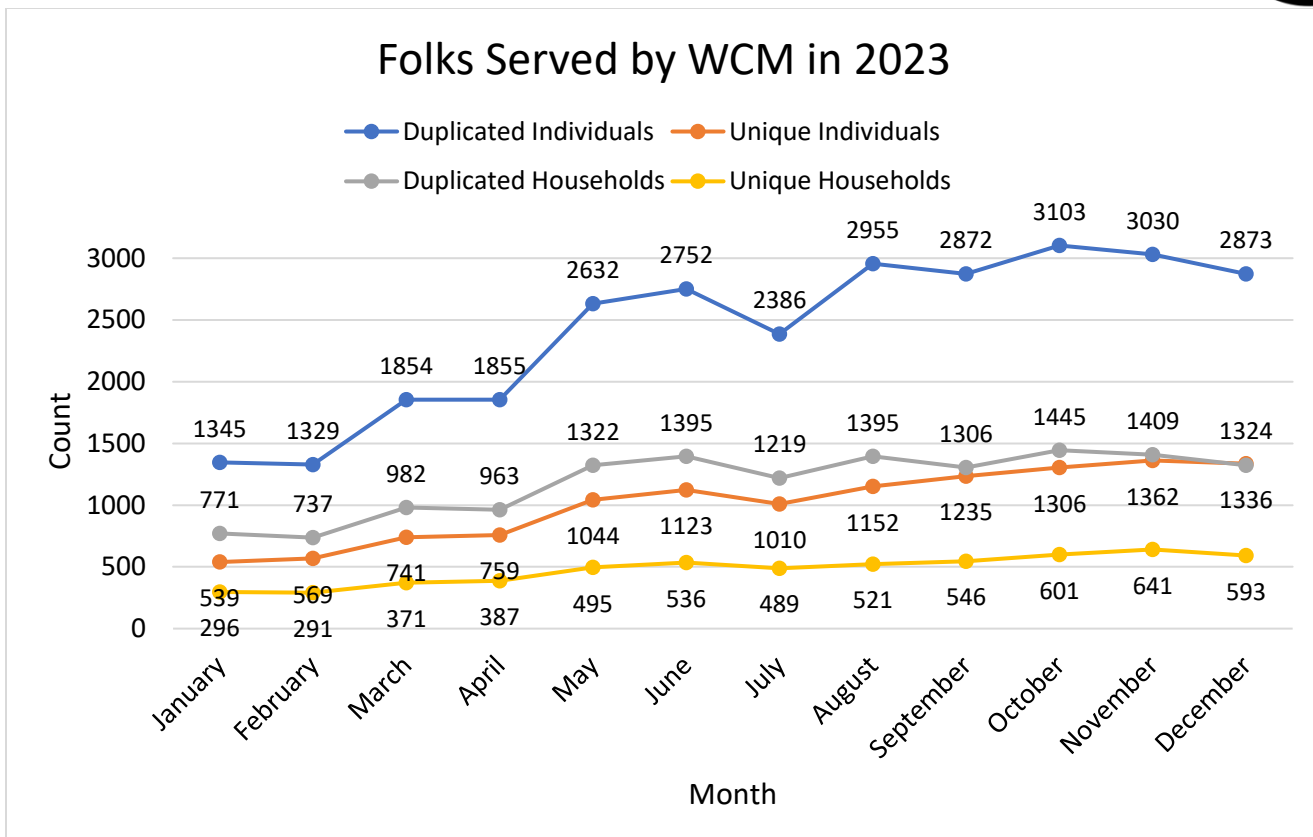


“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in souls as well as a quantitative changes in our lives.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What better way to think of January! We celebrated the King Holiday with the retelling of his remarkable journey to the mountaintop. Dr. King never reached it during his earthly life, but this prophet shall remain with us forever. We have rung in another New Year. What awaits us at this church? What awaits we deacons? We are determined! As always our goal is to approach everything we do with excitement, drive, and a sense of purpose. There is so much good in this church and we hope to be an active part in it. We value you. All of you are part of the Good News and together at FPCE we spread it. We share it in church and we are persuaded to share it in the community.

There is a togetherness at FPCE. What a great place to be! So January was a relatively quiet month for Deacon activity. But be assured behind the scenes we are active in the life of the church and visible in the community. Plans in February include hopefully revitalizing SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY and as usual partnering with the Boy and Cub Scout Troops on Scout Sunday. February being the month we express our love with Valentines Day, as our habit, we reach out to church members with cards, phone calls, and visits. Keep in mind that love goes a long way, but a little chocolate doesn't hurt.

You know who we love,  
read the first word again.

**Wilkinsburg Community Ministry** has several opportunities to volunteer for various projects in the area, including their weekly mobile pantry distribution. Visit <https://app.involvemint.io/projects> to find out more information.





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called together  
by God's love  
through Jesus Christ,  
our mission as the  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Edgewood  
is to love God,  
to love each other,  
and to love our neighbors.*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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## Church Leaders Elected, Ordained, and Installed

On Sunday, January 7, church officers were ordained and installed during our worship service. We welcomed Mandy Rineer as a new ruling elder on Session along with returning elder Marcia Haley who is continuing for another term. New Deacon, David Falk was installed/ordained and returning Deacons, Rick Masten, Wayne Dean and John Foster were installed. On Feb. 18, we will install/ordain Flo Raisig as an Elder and Rhonda Apessos as a Deacon. We also officially welcomed Barbara Bisdee as a new member and said goodbye to Cathy Fisher who passed away on Dec. 28.

FPCE COMMITTEES are shifting as Session changes size and refocuses on our mission to be a community church. If you're interested in getting involved with one of these committees, please reach out to the committee chair to learn more!

- Communication/Outreach – Elder Judy Mysels
- Mission – Elder Marcia Haley
- Personnel – Elder Flo Raisig
- Property & Finance – Elder Lisa Segedy
- Worship & Formation – Elder Mandy Rineer

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas of church leadership, please contact the Committee Chair as soon as possible.

**Elder-Deacon Officer Retreat** will be on February 10th, 9 AM - 4 PM in the Gathering Place. The Class of 2023 elders and deacons are invited for the first part of the day. Coffee and snacks will be provided; please bring a packed lunch.

## Session Notes

At their January meeting, Session voted to:

- Entering the death of Cathy Fisher in our church records.
- Rev. Dauer's request for Housing Allowance of \$48,000 for 2024.
- Communion on the following dates in 2024: 1/7, 2/4, 2/11, 2/14, 3/3, 3/24, 3/28, 3/31, 4/7, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 11/24, 12/1, 12/24, and 1/5/25, 1/12/25
- Minutes of the December 3, 2023 Corporate and Congregational Meetings.
- If the way be clear, the Budget for 2024.
- Session committees and chairs for 2024 were chosen: Property and Finance (Capital/Assets)- Chair Mrs. Segedy, Treasurer Mrs. Moore, Financial Secretary Mrs. Thompson ; Personnel-Mrs. Raisig; Worship and Christian Ed (Formation)- Chair Ms. Rineer; Mission: Chair Mrs. Haley; Communication/Outreach-Chair Mrs. Mysels;

## Hello from Mandy!

Greetings FPCE Family,

I'm Mandy Rineer, a proud Pittsburgh resident who, despite my Lancaster roots, considers the Steel City my home. While I am nestled in the South Hills, I've been part of the FPCE community since 2010, initially introduced to me by the wonderful Shaun Cloonan. Over the years, this church has become my sanctuary, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome from everyone I've encountered.



In 2023, I became an official member of FPCE and currently serve as an elder, as well as the chair of the Worship and Formation committee. With a background spanning over 15 years in social work, including managing federal community development grants, I bring a wealth of experience to our FPCE community. Beyond my church life, I'm actively involved in the Munhall Community Band, volunteer with local community groups, and serve on various nonprofit boards, emphasizing my commitment to making a positive impact.


Having grown up in a church, I deeply understand the significance of congregational life and its vitality. My heart is invested in supporting the incredible work led by Shaun, Sunny, and the choir, who never fail to create a joyful noise every Sunday. Additionally, I am dedicated to supporting Christian education efforts led by our pastor, elders, and deacons. If you share a passion for worship, formation, and education, consider this an open invitation to reach out and join our committee.


Here's to the exciting plans God has in store for FPCE and the community we wholeheartedly serve.

Blessings,  
*Mandy Rineer*

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## Worship & Formation Committee

Join our Welcoming Team!   
Calling all warm-hearted individuals! We're on the lookout for enthusiastic greeters and dedicated liturgists to enhance our worship services leading up to Easter Sunday and beyond. Your friendly smiles will make a significant impact as we gather together to worship on Sunday mornings.

  
Greeters Wanted:  
Be a beacon of hospitality for our congregation members and guests. Anyone can sign up to be a greeter, and your welcoming spirit will set the tone for a wonderful worship experience.



### Liturgists Needed:

We invite passionate individuals to take part as liturgists in our services. Help lead the congregation through the worship experience with reverence and joy.



### Sign Up:

Find the liturgist sign-up sheet at the side entrance of the church. If you're interested in being a greeter or have any questions, please reach out to Mandy Rineer or Pastor Jason for more information. Let's make our worship experience even more vibrant and welcoming together! Thank you for being a vital part of our church family. Please let me know if I can assist with anything else.

## **COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH – ELDER JUDY MYSELS**

**Committee Members: Rick Masten, Shaun Cloonan, David Falk, Abbey and Angel Lehrian**

### **Committee Description:**

- Inviting folks into the good work God is doing here at FPCE, both FPCE-sponsored events and events hosted by external organizations using our space
- Welcoming guests before they step into the building through our online presence by managing our public website, social media presence, e-newsletter, and congregational database to ensure that each of these elements is up to date and functioning properly
- Using the various communication tools of our congregation and communicating all necessary information from other committees of the congregation
- Coordinating with all groups (including music groups) that use space at FPCE, in cooperation with the Property and Finance committees
- Encouraging continued involvement of the congregation, in the work and worship of our church

**If anyone is interested in becoming a member of this committee, please let me know by email:  
office@fpcedgewood.org or 412/241-4613 or attend an upcoming meeting  
(usually held the first Sunday of the month).**

**Copies of our Annual Report from our Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting  
held on January 21 (for those of you who could not attend) can be mailed to you.  
Contact office@fpcedgewood.org to request a copy.**

For those of you who missed **Shaun's 20 year's celebration** held on Jan. 21 – Martha Crean wrote:

*"There once was a young man named Shaun /  
Some say but for him, this church would be gone!  
Dedication, devotion. A model for all. /  
E'en under many pastors, kept his eye on the ball.  
In North Hills as teacher, often brings down the house. /  
Teaches singing and dancing, and visits the mouse.  
The Christmas Eve service with a star shining bright /  
Would not be complete without "O Holy Night"  
And now, twenty years he's managed the group. /  
He's lifted the spirits when they tended to droop.  
He brings us the music as no one else could. /  
Shaun's passion and faith means SO much to Edgewood!  
THANK YOU!!"*

## Stewardship Update from the Presbytery

### *Why Per Capita?*

Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does per capita do?"

# Per Capita

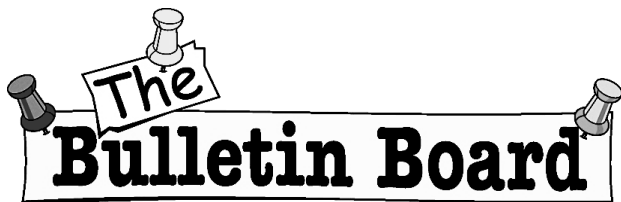
Per capita is the amount of support, per member, that our congregation remits to our Presbytery that is then sent onto our Synod and the General Assembly. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- In many places in our world, it is difficult to "do mission" except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- Your per capita pays for producing the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.
- Your per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like you about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

Each church is assessed by the number of members and each year, the FPCE pays the entire Per Capita to PCUSA upfront. In other words, our church pays forward the amount for each member. **For 2024, the Per Capita is \$36.35 for each member.** Please consider submitting your Per Capita to FPCE.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community.



*Sharing the Joys & Concerns  
of the FPCE Family*

- A HUGE thank you to Rick Masten and his friend, Tom, who took down the Christmas decorations.





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### **Tuesday Book Club**

Our weekly Book Club is currently discussing *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. This group meets at 10:00AM on Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apessos, 361 Maple Avenue. All are welcome!

### **Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study**

The Wednesday evening online Zoom Bible Study group led by Tim Hoffman. Zoom link is available on the website and in the weekly member email updates. No password is needed, just the link. Tim will let you in from the waiting room as you join. Come and join the discussion on Wednesday nights at 7:30PM online! Questions? Shoot an email to Tim Hoffman at [HoffmanTL@gmail.com](mailto:HoffmanTL@gmail.com).

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School for our littlest ones takes place during worship in the Gathering Place. Just drop your child off and Rhonda or Lorraine will lead them in a Bible activity while you are in worship!

**Denomination wide book study...** Join with other PC(USA) members across the country to discuss Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America" over 4 sessions (2-3 chapters will be discussed each session). The sessions will be on Zoom from 7:30-8:45 p.m. eastern time on Mondays in February, 2024: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. All are welcome! You can register for the study at <http://tinyurl.com/denbookstudy>

### **Coffee with the Pastor now on Thursdays**

9AM-12Noon **starting on February 8** at 61B on S. Braddock Avenue in Regent Square. We can talk about whatever you'd like! This is just a chance to catch up, share ideas about the church, to ask questions about the Bible, or to talk about the latest movie you saw! Call, text, email, or use his Calendly to set up a time: [www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer](http://www.calendly.com/pastorjasondauer)

**Rev. Dr. Henry Highland Garnet Weekend** -- You are invited to join in celebrating the very first Henry Highland Garnet Weekend in Pittsburgh Presbytery. There will be dinner and dialogue from 6- 8:30PM on Friday, February 16, and lunch and discussion from 11:00AM-2:30PM on Saturday, February 17. Speakers include Rev. Gavin Walton, Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, and B. Marshall. Both events will be at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please register here: <http://tinyurl.com/highlandgarnet>

Henry escaped from slavery via the Underground Railroad. He came to Pittsburgh in 1868 after being appointed as the new president of Avery College, an institution of higher learning for African-Americans. He was both the first Black member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the first Black person to speak before the House of Representatives. While he was in Pittsburgh, he started Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church for blacks who were worshiping at the integrated Sixth Presbyterian Church in Squirrel Hill. Grace Memorial is now in its 156th year.

### **Vietnam Mission Vision Trip -April 18-27**

Our purpose is to learn from and be inspired by Christians in Vietnam through involvement with numerous brothers and sisters in Christ. We will engage with various ministries, including the Presbyterian Church, Bible Society, UUC seminary, campus ministry, media ministry, and an Unreached People Group, to listen, pray with, and encourage them. There is an option for a 7-day Mekong River cruise prior to the vision trip. For more information contact Don Dawson at [dawsondonj@gmail.com](mailto:dawsondonj@gmail.com).

# february

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meeting Locations: Book Club – Apossos Home    Flute Lessons – CE Office AA – Social Room                Session Mtg. - Lounge Vocal Confluence & ESO – Sanctuary Milepost6 – Basement Band Room    Choir – Choir Room Bible Study – Zoom                    SAA – Lounge Flute Lessons – CE Office            Scouts – Scout or Social Rm.						
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## Looking ahead to March...

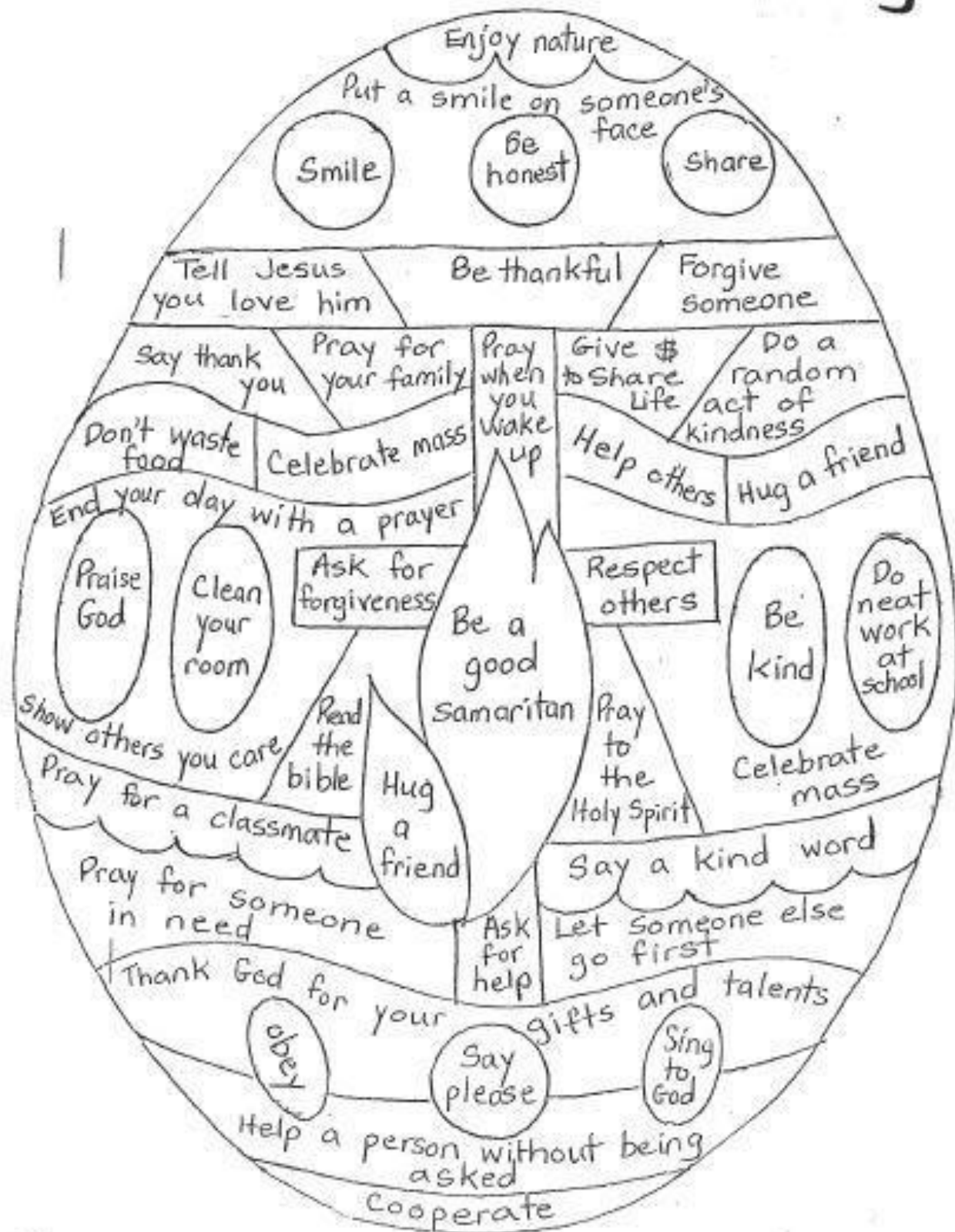
### ESO UPDATE: OUR MARCH CONCERT DATE HAS CHANGED

Our Edgewood Symphony will be performing an exciting concert of French music on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC in Squirrel Hill. \*\*Please note this is a date change from what is listed in the brochure!\*\*


Highlighting the program is Pittsburgh Symphony harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen performing Camille Saint-Saens' Morceau de Concert for Harp and Orchestra. Also featured are works by Augusta Holmes and Lili Boulanger. And, for the first time, the ESO performs Claude Debussy's La Mer. Tickets available on their website [www.edgewoodsymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org).



# Lent is For Loving



Spirit of God, fill me with Jesus' life

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, March 09, 2024 • Edgewood Country Club

*An evening celebrating some of the Stars of  
Woodland Hills School District*

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF THE YEAR  
DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 14, 7 PM**