

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**In-person and Facebook Live at 10:30AM**

Summer Worship begins at 10:30AM and takes place in the Gathering Place. Please be aware that our safety practice of locking the side transept entrance at the beginning of the service continues, but you can still enter the Gathering Place through the back door facing the elementary school once worship begins. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and then posted to YouTube.

**July 2:** Jesus teaches on hospitality and welcome (Matthew 10:40-42). We will celebrate communion this week.

**July 9:** The disciples tell Jesus that others are calling him a glutton and a drunkard! (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

**July 16:** Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23). Rudeene Jackson will be offering pulpit supply this Sunday while Pastor Jason is attending the Wild Goose Festival in North Carolina.

**July 23:** Jesus tells the Parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

**July 30:** Jesus continues with more parables: the mustard seed, the yeast, the treasure hidden in the field, and pearl, the net thrown in the sea (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

**August 6:** Jesus heals the sick and feeds 5,000 men plus many more women and children (Matthew 14:13-21). We will celebrate communion this week!

**August 13:** The disciples cry out, "It is a ghost!" after seeing Jesus on water toward their boat (Matthew 14:22-33)

**August 20:** We learn more about Jesus's human nature. Jesus says to a Canaanite woman that he did not come to save her or her people, and she pushes back on his prejudices and biases (Matthew 15:21-28)

**August 27:** "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13-20)

*Please also note that we are no longer posting audio of our services to SoundCloud, and we have stopped sending out the weekly bulletin ahead of worship. Please let Judy know ([office@fpcedgewood.org](mailto:office@fpcedgewood.org)) if you would like to receive the bulletin via email.*



## Community Dinners Continue

We are thrilled to report that we served over 90 friends and neighbors at our June dinner. Thanks to all who helped make the day such a success. Thank you also to Presbyterian Women, who have graciously decided to use some of their funds to purchase 10 new tables that will stay in the shed as well as a brand-new grill for us to use! Come and be part of our next meals by setting up, serving, bringing side dishes or desserts, cleaning up, or just coming to be in community with our neighbors! Join us from 6:00-8:00PM on the following Wednesdays:

**July 5:** Sausage & Pierogi Fest

**August 2:** BBQ (Ribs, Brisket, Chicken, Pulled Pork)

**September 6:** Burgers and Dogs or Something Yummy



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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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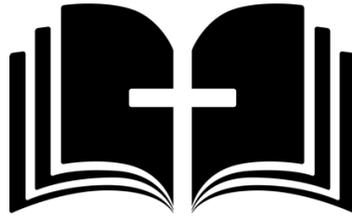
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**OUR NEIGHBORS**



*Pastor Jason's*  
*Journal*  
Monthly Reflections from  
FPCE Pastor Jason Dauer



As we continue our monthly conversation on what it means to be a “Vital Congregation,” let’s take a look at another “mark” of a vital congregation: “Empowering Servant Leadership.” The Matthew 25 Initiative defines this as...

All people of God, in the image of Christ, are given fruit of the Spirit and spiritual gifts meant for building up the Church. In this way, we are all called to serve the Lord, to do our part in membership of the body of Christ. Every part is necessary. Every part is valuable, and every voice is important. Every person should be equipped, nurtured, and supported to use their gifts to glorify God, through servant leadership; not just cliques of powerful people or continual burnout of the same leaders. In keeping with true Discipleship Formation, churches are called to help all members to be empowered to use their gifts in servant leadership. And, God calls and equips some for the particular task of pastoral ministry, which must be cultivated, nurtured and trained. Ministry can never be about a single pastor, but it is about identifying, equipping and empowering those servant leaders God puts in our midst.

The line that stands out to me is “Ministry can never be about a single pastor.” I had a friend recently leave their congregation, and in their departing message, they wrote similar words. Now I don’t have to tell this to you. FPCE knows well that the pastor is only a cog—like everyone else. All of us work together to do ministry. It’s not about any one of us; it’s about all of us working together to bring glory to God.

I know nothing about arranging choral pieces, playing piano, reconciling bank statements, teaching kindergarten, sewing banners for the sanctuary, waxing the social hall’s floor, or making cream puffs. Those are gifts others have—not me. We need all of them to do the work of Christ in our neighborhood.

But sometimes, we’re wary about sharing the gifts we have. We don’t tell others about the things we can do because we don’t trust in ourselves, or we’ve been burned by others exploiting our gifts. We face burnout. Not using our gifts or using gifts to the extreme doesn’t glorify God. Because to glorify God means that we show God’s presence through our work and love.

“Every part is necessary. Every part is valuable, and every voice is important.” What gifts do you have that you can bring to the table, to this community?

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AND how do we accept the gifts of others? How do we honor what someone else brings into the room with listening ears and open hearts? Do we jump to quick assumptions about their gifts, or do we let them express them? Do we eat their casserole? Do we let them teach and lead us in music? Do we trust them to do what they say they will do?

These are some of the things I'm thinking about right now as we consider how to empower servant leadership. What can I do, what can the Session do, what can our congregation do... to foster the gifts in our community and not become a "clique of power people" or cause "continual burnout of the same leaders"?

Is there something you've always wanted to try but never felt the freedom to? Is there a skill you'd like to share? Or have you been doing something for a long time and would like a sabbath to restore the gifts God has given you?

Peace be with you,



## Session Notes

At their June meeting, Session approved the following:

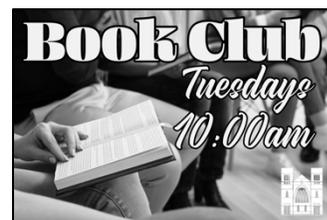
- To continue the approval of John Foster and Tom Ochs to be signers and to act on behalf of FPCE for the investment accounts at LPL Financial.
- To lower ESO's monthly rent for use of 2 upstairs rooms from \$400 to \$300 per month through June 2024.
- To hire Jill Bortz as bookkeeper to reconcile books and work monthly to aid in generating monthly reports.



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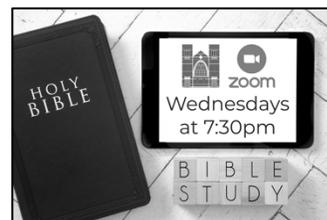
### Tuesday Morning Book Club

The Tuesday morning Book Group continues to meet each week at 10:00AM at the Apossos home (361 Maple Ave), generally outdoors, weather dependent. We are currently reading *The First Phone Call From Heaven* by Mitch Albom. All are welcome. Snacks and coffee provided.



### Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Zoom Bible Study led by Elder Tim Hoffman continues throughout the summer at 7:30PM, except on the nights of the Community Dinners. The link can be found on the website under Christian Education, on the website calendar, and in our weekly email newsletter sent out. No password needed – just click the link!



### Youth Sunday School

We continue to offer weekly Youth Sunday School during worship as needed and will continue throughout the summer. Our classes generally follow the lectionary as well as provide basic Bible Study. If interested, please stop by the nursery.





## Deacons' Doings...

### Deacon News

Happy Summer from the Deacons. We will not be having meetings in July or August, but not to worry, we will keep you all in our prayers.



Thank you to all who came to support the Strawberry Festival last month. The treats were yummy and the fellowship was even better!

If you'd like to serve as greeter for a Sunday service, please contact me at [angel@lehrian.com](mailto:angel@lehrian.com), and we will happily add you to our summer schedule. You don't have to be a Deacon to participate.



Who doesn't love a hearty plate of spaghetti? Save the date for our fall fundraiser, November 1st. Details coming soon.

Blessings,  
Angel Lehrian, Deacons Moderator



## The Bulletin Board

### *Sharing the Joys & Concerns of the FPCE Family*

- Sincere thank you's from Judy Mysels to everyone who helped while I was recovering from my Shingles complications.
- Sympathies to Mary Ann Hartman on the passing of her Aunt Jean.
- Thank you to PW who donated funds to purchase tables and a new and improved grill for the Community Dinners.



The Edgewood Symphony Orchestra brass section will be performing on the stage at Koenig Field leading up to the fireworks for Edgewood Community Day, Saturday August 26. Also, look for details about the upcoming 36<sup>th</sup> concert season on their website [edgewoodsymphony.org](http://edgewoodsymphony.org).

## MUSIC Ministry



*Music Ministry & Outreach News from Minister of Music Shaun Cloonan*

### Testing, 1, 2, 3...

Our first Sunday in the Gathering Place for worship in June was a joyful morning in a much more intimate setting. Unfortunately, the audio setup didn't work as expected for the livestream on Facebook (even though I tested it twice earlier in the week!) and we ended up with a perfectly nice video that had no sound at all. John Foster and I did some troubleshooting after the service for a good 15 minutes or so and were only able to get a partial signal; we determined that the old mixing board we were using was the culprit. It's close to 20 years old and had been replaced with a new board in the sanctuary a number of years ago. I was trying to avoid tearing the whole setup in the sanctuary down only to set it back up again in September. As a result, we have some new equipment that will now live in the Gathering Place and things should be nice and clear both in the room and online. Apologies to anyone who was attempting to watch online during those first 2 Sundays while we figured out the issues.

## Musical Chairs Continues

We're so glad that Sunny and family got to travel to Japan last month, and we're grateful that she is back safely and at the piano again for worship. (OK, so maybe I'm *personally* really grateful she's back so I don't have to play ☺) Our rounds of musical chairs will continue in July as vacations take place and I'll also be out for a few weeks recovering from oral surgery. Some combination of Sunny, me, Mandy, Tyler, or David will be in front of you over the next 2 months and I'm thankful we have a team that is able to hop in and lead our music.

## Barbershop Harmonies Fill the Sanctuary in July

Our beautiful sanctuary will be the site of concerts for 3 days this summer. July 1 and 2 bring the annual Vocal Confluence summer show, "Marvelous Night for a Moondance."

Vocal Confluence is Pittsburgh's fastest growing all-voice barbershop a cappella chorus. From classic barbershop arrangements to modern a cappella charts, there is something to be enjoyed by everyone! Vocal Confluence also has talented members who will be performing songs in small groups throughout the performance, including their currently active chapter quartet, Revenge of the Fifth.

We are thrilled to announce that VC is bringing in Gimme Four, the 7th place 2022 Barbershop Harmony Society International Contest Finalist quartet. This will be their last performance before they take the stage in the BHS 2023 International Contest, so you are sure to hear some great music from them!

We follow a donations-only model, so there are no tickets available for purchase ahead of time; seats are first come, first served. Performances will take place on Saturday, July 1 at 7:30PM and Sunday, July 2 at 3:00PM.



## August brings back Summer Singers

Voces Solis presents the 13th annual Summer Singers, featuring an ensemble of nearly 120 performing a varied selection of choral repertoire under the skilled direction of artistic director Dr. Ryan Keeling. The concert takes place at 7:00PM in the FPCE Sanctuary on Saturday, August 12.

Founded in 2011, Summer Singers is committed to bringing together musicians, teachers, and lovers of choral music to share in the art and fellowship of choral singing. Our goal is to elevate our own standards of musicianship while rekindling our love for music making, enabling us to pass this fire on to our students and fellow musicians.

Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations will gladly be accepted to continue the work of Voces Solis in providing the highest quality choral music to the Pittsburgh and surrounding regions.

## Summer Cleaning Means a Return to the Choir Room!

Our Sanctuary Choir has not rehearsed in the Choir Room since before Covid in early 2020. When we decided to return to singing in-person together, we were masked, socially distanced and sitting 6 feet away from each other in a row of chairs across the front of the sanctuary for the safety of our members. The intent was to get back to the Choir Room again, but what was keeping us from doing that was the stacks of unfiled music I started sorting through back in 2020 that I never got around to finishing.

Well, after almost 5 years of threatening to organize things, I finally got around to doing it this summer. It took almost a week of coming in 2 hours per day, and at least 2 full trash bags, but the choir room is the most organized it has been since the days when our dearly departed "choir mom" Patti Mielke was taking care of us every week as our librarian. The piles of music we had hidden in the side transept pews are also gone and properly filed. When we return to the sanctuary for worship again in September and the choir resumes its regular role in music leadership, we'll begin our rehearsals in the Choir Room again.

That was a lot! I look forward to seeing you in church as we use our voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord together.

Peace, 

## Bronwen Boswell named Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA)

*The Shenandoah Presbytery leader to take office in July*

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### LOUISVILLE

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has announced that the Rev. Bronwen Boswell has been named Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Boswell, who is currently general presbyter/stated clerk at [Shenandoah Presbytery](#), will serve until the election of a new stated clerk at the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, next summer. She will fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, who recently announced his decision to step down at the end of June.

"Despite the quick turnaround from the Stated Clerk's announcement to when we needed to fill the Acting position, COGA was able to thoughtfully and intentionally review [Personal Information Forms] and resumes, as well as engage in generative conversations with potential candidates," said Teaching Elder Eliana Maxim, COGA moderator. "It became quite apparent that Bronwen understood the unique complexities of this transitional position as well as had the experience to step into ongoing processes in preparation for the General Assembly next summer in Salt Lake City."

Boswell is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and received her Master of Divinity from [Princeton Theological Seminary](#). She has served in a number of presbytery and mid council leadership roles, as well as interim pastorates in the PC(USA). She is married to the Rev. Dr. Howard W. Boswell, Jr., pastor of [Buena Vista Presbyterian Church](#) in Buena Vista, Virginia. They have four children — three who are ordained deacons and the fourth is on the associate pastor nominating committee at his church.

Boswell says she is ready to begin her new role with the Office of the General Assembly.

"I am humbled and excited by this opportunity to serve the denomination in this way. It truly is a call, by COGA and the Holy Spirit," she said. "I had looked at the possibility when it was first posted and thought that there were probably others best suited for the position, but I received a phone call that asked me to consider applying and I thought — what could that hurt? And lo and behold, here we are."

Boswell joins the staff at a pivotal time in the denomination as the Office of the General Assembly and Presbyterian Mission Agency begin the move toward unification.

"Bronwen understands the framework of the OGA's work as well as its values, responsibilities, and people," said Maxim. "She will be a faithful leader and colleague in preparation for the upcoming Assembly and conversations with the Unification Commission."

Boswell will officially begin her new duties on July 10.

"My task, as I see it, as Acting Stated Clerk, is to be a bridge in this in between time of elected Stated Clerks, preparing General Assembly and working with the committees that will need to report to GA next year, specifically the Commission on Unification," said Boswell. "My background as a presbytery stated clerk, mid-council leader and interim pastor along with my years as a parliamentarian for GA committees and plenary sessions should stand me in good stead as I seek to lead in this interim time with energy, intelligence, imagination and love."

# July 2023

| Sun   | Mon                                  | Tue   | Wed                                    | Thu   | Fri                | Sat   |
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| <i>Meeting Locations:</i><br>AH=Apospos Home (Book Club), B=Basement Band Room (Milepost6), BE=Biddle's Escape, C=Choir Room,<br>CE=Christian Ed Office (Flute Lessons), GP=Gathering Place (Worship & Session), L=Lounge (SAA), MS=ESO Music Suite,<br>O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study, S=Sanctuary (VC & ESO), Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn (Dinners), SR=Social Room (AA) |                                      |   |  |   |                    | 1<br><b>7:30 VC Concert</b><br>8:00 AA (SR) |
| 2<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Mission & Outreach Mtgs<br><b>3:00 VC Concert</b>   | 3<br>2:00 Flute (CE)                 | 4<br><b>Independence Day</b><br>Office Closed                             | 5<br><b>6:00 Community Dinner (SL)</b> | 6<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 Milepost6 (B)<br>7:00 SAA (L)  | 7<br>8:30 AA (SR)  | 8<br>8:00 AA (SR)                           |
| 9<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Finance & Property Mtgs   | 10<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 VC (S) | 11<br>10:00 Book Club (AH)<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br><b>7:00 Session (GP)</b> | 12<br>7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)          | 13<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 Milepost6 (B)<br>7:00 SAA (L) | 14<br>8:30 AA (SR) | 15<br>8:00 AA (SR)                          |
| 16<br>10:30 Worship<br>11:30 Worship Committee Mtg  | 17<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 VC (S) | 18<br>10:00 Book Club (AH)<br>2:00 Flute (CE)                             | 19<br>7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)          | 20<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 Milepost6 (B)<br>7:00 SAA (L) | 21<br>8:30 AA (SR) | 22<br>8:00 AA (SR)                          |
| 23<br>10:30 Worship   | 24<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 VC (S) | 25<br>10:00 Book Club (AH)<br>2:00 Flute (CE)                             | 26<br>7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)          | 27<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 Milepost6 (B)<br>7:00 SAA (L) | 28<br>8:30 AA (SR) | 29<br>8:00 AA (SR)                          |
| Mysels Family Vacation  |                                      |   |  |   |                    |   |
| 30<br>10:30 Worship   | 31<br>2:00 Flute (CE)<br>7:00 VC (S) |   |  |   |                    |   |

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