

LEARNING TO SEE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Do you know your neighbors? Do you know *our* neighbors?
Our neighbors as in our church's neighbors?

Have you ever walked around Edgewood? ...visited the cat
café? ...eaten at Thai Terrace? ...worked out at Planet
Fitness? ...or bought groceries at Giant Eagle in Edgewood Towne Center?



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

I want to invite you into the spiritual practice of *Embeddedness*. What does it mean to be embedded? It means you become part of the fabric of the neighborhood. It's a way of life. We become embedded by walking down Race Street or across East Swissvale, checking out books at CC Mellor, attending Borough Council Meetings. Many, if not most, of us do not actually live in Edgewood yet we consider this our church and faith community. So how are we called to minister in this neighborhood?

In Luke 10:1-12, Jesus sends his disciples out ahead of him to every city and place he was about to go. He encourages them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers." There's hope that there is a harvest for us! But there is also a reality check that we are small. In his book, *Eat What is Set Before You*, Scott Hagley writes:



Jesus sends the seventy out ahead of him as an advance team. They are to go emptyhanded to depend upon the hospitality of those to whom they are sent. If they are received into a home by a 'person of peace,' they should remain there and not move about from house to house. Their ministry in the town is one of faithful presence in response to the hospitality of the town, which means that they will eat what is set before them. It is after Jesus mentions the provision of shelter and food that he instructs the disciples to heal the sick and announce the reign of God (p. 76)

This is my challenge for you: Eat at Applebee's. Take your grandkids to Koenig Field. Buy your groceries at Giant Eagle. Pay attention. Listen. What do you hear? What do you see? What do you feel?

What questions emerge for you about our neighborhood?

What questions emerge for you about the role of FPCE in the neighborhood?

Friends, we don't have a mission. We have God's mission. And God's mission is already being carried out in the world by people around us. Are we paying enough attention to see God at work? The church doesn't have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit is wildly uncontrollable bringing about peace, justice, love, and community to the world.

"In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity" (F-1.01). Mission is something God does, and we must listen and learn to participate in the good things God is already doing in our neighborhood.

So again, I invite you to go out into the neighborhood and be present. Embed yourself into the fabric of Edgewood. Be expectant of seeing God working around you. And then come back and tell us what you saw and heard. Where did you see God at work in the world?

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Jason

NOVEMBER 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary for worship. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and then posted to YouTube within a day and shared via email to the congregation. If you are not receiving the weekly emails and would like to, visit fpcedgewood.org/contact and fill out the sign-up form.

Sunday, November 5: All Saints' Sunday – We will be remembering those we have lost in this last year. We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together! Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour as **Daylight Saving Time ends!** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor Jason will be on study leave Nov. 6-13 for a personal retreat to plan Advent, Lent, etc. While away, Pastor Jason Freyer from Beulah will offer "pastoral coverage." If anyone has an emergency and needs to talk to a pastor, please call or email the Church Office.

Sunday, November 12: Mx. Kate Davoli, MDiv, will be preaching while Pastor Jason is on Study Leave. Kate was a classmate of Jason in seminary, and they are an Elder at Sixth Presbyterian Church in Squirrel Hill. They currently work as a Laboratory Manager at the University of Pittsburgh and they do ministry with fellow queer Christians through several organizations: They are the chair of LAMP: LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh, they serve as a member of the National Board of Directors of More Light Presbyterians, and they teach discernment and collective decision making to fellow ministers, and to civic and faith-based organizations. If Kate looks or sounds familiar, you may remember them speaking at Jason's ordination service last year. Please help us give Kate a warm FPCE welcome! Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, November 18: We will gather for another Spiritual Hike at 9AM at the Frick Park Environmental Center. We will depart at 9:15 AM and do the 1-mile loop, which is relatively flat. We will walk alongside words from German mystic St. Mechthild of Magdeburg.

Sunday, November 19: Stewardship Sunday and Emerging Worship this week! We will also observe the Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov. 20), a day where we honor the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 26: Christ the King Sunday—or Cosmic Christ Sunday. We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together! This day centers the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ who rules over the whole cosmos. Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the center of all things, and the ruler of all history. Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46. **Hanging of the Greens follows the service.**



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to love each other,
and to love our neighbors.*

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**LOVE GOD
EACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

Hangings of the Greens

November 26, following morning worship. Our annual tradition of the Hanging of the Greens is a fun time to decorate the sanctuary, hallways, lounge for the upcoming Advent season. Come and stay after worship to help – the more, the merrier!



CROP Walk Update

The October 8 CROP Walk was another great day for a walk – a little chilly but when walking 6.2 miles, you don't feel the cold! For those who donated so far – thanks to Shaun, Mandy, The Creans, Angel, David, Donald and Keith, Rudmans, Rhonda, Rick, and Flo. Donations can be accepted for 2 more weeks.

Checks made out to CWS/Crop Walk can be mailed into FPCE or dropped in the offering plate. Next month a total will be given to let everyone know what FPCE raised.



It's spaghetti season. Join us Nov. 1st at 6PM for Deacons-sponsored spaghetti dinner. We promise friendship, fellowship and lots of delicious carbs. We hope you can make it to this no cost event.

Your church Deacons will be checking in with you soon to see how you are doing. Please let us know if there is some way we can serve you.

We will also be collecting your and your family's birthdays so we help celebrate you.

As the seasons change, please know that we are not just the church Deacons, we are your Deacons. Please reach out to us if there is anything you need as the holiday season approach. We want you to know that we are thinking about you and praying for you.

Angel Lehrian, Moderator



Edgewood Foundation to Host "Art in Edgewood" at FPCE November 4

We have so many talented local artists in our area. Please join us as we put some of their artwork on display for purchase or just perusal. There will be art in many styles and formats, something for everyone to enjoy. Maybe you've never stepped into our beautiful neighborhood church. This is your opportunity to check out the beautiful window from the inside or talk with their docent to get the history of their sanctuary carvings, paintings, and window design. Snack and beverages will be served from 1:00-4:00PM on Saturday, November 4. This is a no cost event. Just stop by and enjoy.

Session Notes

At their October 10, 2023 meeting, Session approved the following:

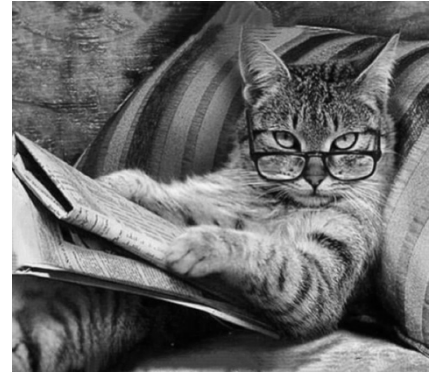
- Pursuit of the digitalization and storage of FPCE books/records by the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- Use of the side lawn by the Edgewood Foundation for their annual Christmas tree for Light Up Night/Season.
- Obtaining a Holy Cow Consulting Assessment.
- An 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service with Communion, in addition to our regular morning worship service.
- Acceptance of Barbara Bisdee as a new member by transfer.
- Minutes of the Stated Congregational and Corporate meetings on September 17, 2023.
- Entry into our records that the 2022 Session Minutes and Register were reviewed and approved with commendation.

Planning Our Future Together – FPCE is Getting a CAT Scan!

Do you consider FPCE your home?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Our church has entered into a time of discernment during which we are gathering information to guide our decisions for our future. Recently, you may have heard or read about one aspect of this process: *The Church Assessment Tool* (CAT). This instrument will help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church as we make decisions moving forward. **Your response is very important to us.**



In a few days, **you will receive an email with a link to the CAT Scan** (or you can complete it now using this QR code). **By November 30th**, we are asking you to tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. The assessment will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please set aside enough time to complete the survey all at one time. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you need a paper copy, please come by the office.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jason (pastorjason@fpcedgewood.org).



Time



Talent



Treasure

Stewardship Reflection

November 19 is Stewardship Sunday. Please look for a letter from the Stewardship Committee with a pledge card. We then ask that cards be returned to the offering plate by November 19. Thank you for your continued support of FPCE Missions! We look forward to our continued work in 2024.

Shady Side Academy Food Pantry Donation

We are fortunate to have a partnership with the second-grade class at Shady Side Academy Junior School. Each year, they collect donations to help stock our Deacons' food pantry, just in time to help those in need around the holidays. This year, the students will visit FPCE on Friday, November 17 at 9:00AM.



Pet Remembrance Service: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Unity Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh PA 15220

Worship Service: 11am-Noon; Reception: Noon-1:30pm

The Creatures of the Creator (COTC) Pet Ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church invites you to attend and participate in this service of spiritual healing regarding the loss of your beloved pet. A reception with fellowship/refreshment will follow this service. Please register! **Email the name and photograph of your beloved pet to jfranceschina@unitypresbyterianchurch.org by October 27 to guarantee inclusion in the video tribute.** Registered guests will also receive a commemorative token.



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Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday Book Group continues to meet weekly at 10:00AM in the Apessos home at 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood. We are currently reading "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks and will soon start a book for Advent. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Sunday School

Youth Sunday School continues to meet during worship. We have three enthusiastic girls! We have been reading Bible stories following the lectionary and are learning The Lord's Prayer.

Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study for the month of November will be 4 lessons on Women in the Bible:

Week #1 Deborah the judge;

Week #2 Mary the mother;

Week #3 Hannah the mother;

Week #4 Mary Magdalene the faithful follower. 7:30PM via Zoom. See website for further information.



by Shaun Cloonan, minister of music

October was a full month in our music ministry! We celebrated World Communion with music from around the world. The Worship Ensemble returned to accompany our first Emerging service since May. We celebrated 20+ years of Sunny as a member of our staff. And we finished the month by hosting the Belle Voci Treble Choral Festival with over 200 singers from 6 ensembles in Allegheny County.

During our emerging service, we experienced a series of technical issues with the wireless microphones. It dawned on me that we've had those handhelds for close to 20 years and it might be time to replace them. So, I did! If all goes as it should, the next time they are used in worship, the sound will be clear and free of any glitches.

November is relatively quiet musically speaking, but that's the calm before the storm! December brings about the annual Edgewood Symphony concert, Vocal Confluence holiday shows, Steranka flute studio recital, choir presentation in worship, and Christmas Eve. Mark your calendars for:

ESO presents "Songs of Nights and Lights"

Saturday, December 2 at 7:30PM

Our ever-popular holiday concert includes works by Leroy Anderson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Peter Tchaikovsky, Darin Kelly, Gian Carlo Menotti, Sergei Prokofiev, Dan Goeller, and Adolphe Adam, and features guest soloist soprano Kelly Lynch. You'll be filled with the spirit of the season!

Tickets at edgewoodsymphony.org

Vocal Confluence presents "A VC Holiday"

Saturday, December 9 at 7:30PM

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00PM

Join Vocal Confluence for their annual holiday show! You'll hear our all-voice barbershop chorus, as well as several small group performances of some new and old holiday favorites!

No Ticketing - Donations Accepted

A Season Of Giving

FPCE has partnered with Mars Home for Youth when collecting donations for the annual Manger Tree drive.

MHY Family Services is a non-profit organization serving

youth with intensive behavioral needs and social challenges, and providing them a safe environment on their journey to wellness. Our own Jim and Lisa Segedy are active with MHY as volunteers and members of the board of directors. A list of needed items and ways to donate can be found on side door bulletin board and on the church website at fpcedgewood.org. Donations must be received by December 5 so the volunteers and staff can organize and distribute accordingly.



WCM Holiday Food Distribution

Is this your idea of a Thanksgiving (or Christmas) dinner? Turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, lots of gravy, and a pie? We distribute the fixings for holiday dinners for 500-600 families in November and again in December.

For families dependent on food benefits provided by SNAP, this meal is unaffordable. SNAP benefits provide approximately \$3.90 a day per family. BC (before Covid), the average Thanksgiving meal cost at least \$7-10 per person. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, the basic components of a full Thanksgiving meal for a small family (2-3 people) is around \$45-50 (or about \$15/person), and at least half of that is the cost of a turkey.

Wilksburg Community Ministry again will be offering special Thanksgiving/Holiday items to its neighbors again this year. In addition to the 550 KDKA /Giant Eagle Turkey Cards provided by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, we will have the usual assortment of canned goods and fresh vegetables that we have offered our neighbors in the past. Typically, we cannot get several "high value" items from the Food Bank, and we'd appreciate a targeted food drive to help us with these. The Turkey cards must be distributed in November; we have a grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania to help with Giant Eagle cards at Christmas.

High Value items WCM usually cannot get at Food Bank

Pie Crust Mix	Potato Flakes	Canned Pumpkin
Cornbread Mix	Jello of any kind (sugar free and regular)	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Cake Mix	Cranberry Sauce	Creamed Corn
Stuffing Mix		Crispy Fried Onions

Instead of packing boxes of items for each family, we will encourage our neighbors to choose the food they want to serve to their families on the holidays. Choice offers dignity! Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Advent/Christmas Worship

It might seem too soon to think about it, but the first Sunday of Advent is fast approaching, and that means just a few weeks until Christmas! This is one of those crazy years where Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and everything gets condensed just a little bit. December 3 we share in communion for Hope Sunday; December 10 is Peace Sunday. December 17 the choir shares a special presentation for Joy Sunday. And technically, December 24 is both the 4th Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve. Our plan at FPCE is to celebrate Love Sunday in the morning at 11:00AM with a Children & Family Service that includes a puppet show. Our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service will take place at 8:00PM. And then, since New Year's Eve is also a Sunday (and Pastor Jason will be with family on vacation), we will celebrate Epiphany in a service of lessons & carols during our regular 11AM worship.





Nevertheless

A Letter to Pittsburgh Presbytery from Rev. Brian Wallace
Associate Minister for Emerging Ministries & Acting Head of Staff
Thursday, October 5, 2023

Dear Friends-

At last Thursday's Presbytery meeting, I shared a sermon that had been burning in my soul since the middle of summer. Based on Acts 4, I believe that God is calling us to acknowledge the reality of the situation we find ourselves in, and, nevertheless, renew our steadfast commitment to the ministry to which God has called us. I've also recorded the sermon as a video, and you can find [that on our YouTube channel](#).

Some of you will know the name Ken Bailey. Ken was a Presbyterian minister, New Testament scholar, missionary, and, not to brag, the commencement speaker the year I graduated from seminary. His book "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" probably sits on many of your shelves. But, some of you may not know that there was another Bailey, his son David. In 1996, David was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer, and was given six months to live. So, David left his corporate job and became a singer-songwriter. David's sound was a unique one, and it reflected many aspects of David: survivor, poet, philosopher, theologian, comedian, activist, husband, father, friend, and lover of all things coffee. His sound, a Presbyterian hippie-folksinger's vibe, resonated deep in the souls of his fans. Six months turned into 14 years until cancer finally claimed him in 2010.

Like many artists, David had a signature song, and it was the song he closed every show that I ever went to with, One More Day. The song was impactful enough for me that it was the song that I used as my alarm throughout all of seminary. My take is that it's a catch-all of David's wisdom about faith, life, and family. And for us today, I want us to hear just one section from that song:

*"Don't let the cynics tell you they know better, better yet don't let them to talk you at all.
You've got one more day to prove they know nothing, one more day to find your private call."*

Cynicism. I've come to believe that cynicism is the morphine of the mainline church. We indulge voices of cynicism around and from with us to help explain why things are the way they are in the church. The compelling, and sinister part of cynicism, is it justifies our underlying belief that things simply cannot be different than they are. Cynicism tells us that change just isn't possible, and even if we changed, it wouldn't really make a difference. Oh, let's be clear: it's easy to be cynical. We will talk about numbers today, but I don't need to convince you of the reality we find ourselves in: our pews are emptier, our buildings in worse shape, our average age older, the number of full-time pastors fewer. The ever-elusive "young families" seem more elusive than before COVID, and that sound we hear is the sound of the door slamming on the age of Christendom, in which the church was granted privilege and deference in our society. Article upon article upon article reminds us that the church is dying, that the world of pastoral ministry in 2023 verges on impossible, and taken all together, the most logical for many of us to do would be to throw up our hands and either find something better to do with our time – or just ride it out until the inevitable and insurmountable end. It's easy – perhaps compelling even – to be cynical – to believe that things can't be different than they are. Cynicism, as I said, functions like morphine – it numbs us to the pain and discomfort of the reality we see around us – and offers us an explanation for it.

Acknowledging all of that, what I have to say may be received as insensitive. But, I'll say it anyway: We don't have the corner on trying to do ministry, to be faithful, in challenging times. We simply don't. In fact, some church historians would say that the period we are emerging from, dating roughly from the Post-WWII era, is, in fact, a historical anomaly for the church, rather than the norm and expectation. If we look back at the Book of Acts, we discover that doing ministry in challenging times and places is the environment in which the church began. To be clear, I'm not drawing a connection between the social-political environments of the 1st century and ours today – that's not my point. But rather, I think the example – the attitude the disciples embodied – that's what I want you to pay attention to. Because I truly believe we need to respond with the same fervor and intensity to the voices of cynicism that surround with which the disciples responded to the authorities in the 1st century. Simply put: vs 21 "For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." John and Peter felt compelled, despite all the challenges around them, to tell of what they had seen and heard about Jesus.

Confession time: I resonate with John and Peter here. I don't feel like I have a choice, even if I so wish I did. If I'm really honest, and I probably speak for many pastors in this room, I think about the many other things I could be

doing about once a week. But then I remind myself that we're not unique. We're not special. Challenging times and circumstances aren't new for the disciples of Jesus, and the Gospel message compels us. To quote St. Paul:
"So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news."

Even in the most challenging times, God's call to be faithful never pauses.

Even amidst the chorus of cynicism, we are called to be faithful.

The word I want to close with today is the word "nevertheless." Nevertheless is often a transitional word – in which once challenging and difficult realities are named, identified, and followed by a statement of steadfast commitment. It doesn't do us any good not to acknowledge the reality of our situation – that's just reality – but cynicism twists reality into fatalism. For us, despite the myriad of challenges facing our church, we will continue to be faithful. And why? Because let me remind you, we believe in the God of Easter. We believe in a God who raised a man from the dead. That's what animated Peter and John – a man they had seen die – came back to life, talked with them, ate with them, and commissioned them – no matter what they were told to do, they could do nothing else but tell that story.

I believe, that if we believe in God of Easter, we must acknowledge the reality of our world, and, nevertheless, faithfully respond to God's call with passion and urgency.

For me, I steadfastly believe that the gospel – which for me means Jesus' call to be a disciple – is life-transforming. And for me, my nevertheless has always centered around the next generation. To put my own cards on the table:

- I cannot imagine not wanting an emerging generation of teenagers to know the identity-shaping, purpose-giving message of the Gospel.
- I cannot imagine a generation where loneliness is rampant, not having the opportunities to connect with peers and caring adults through the fellowship of the church.
- I cannot imagine a generation not experiencing the transformative and life-giving power of worship.

That's what gets me up in the morning. That's why, nevertheless, I will keep going – keep preaching, taking meetings, and trying new things.

There's irony in the cynicism in which we swim. If you look beyond it, the research overwhelmingly shows that what we have to offer is, in fact, good for people. Teenagers who are involved in church, despite reporting being busier than their peers, report lower levels of anxiety and a greater sense of purpose in their lives. Adults who attend church live longer and report having more friends. Time and time again, the research has shown that the decline in church involvement is a net loss for our society.

So, in the words of David Bailey:

*"Don't let the cynics tell you they know better, better yet don't let talk to you at all.
You've got one more day to prove they know nothing, one more day to find your private call".*

What's your "nevertheless"? What the thing, today, that you are committed to, against all else and against all odds – what is your nevertheless? What's the thing that compels you – that God has set fire deep down in your soul for? That you cannot help but share?

I pray that we will both acknowledge the reality of our context and, nevertheless, with passion and urgency, seek to be faithful to who God is calling us to be.

In Christ,

Brian Wallace

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CHRISTMAS
WISH LIST 2023

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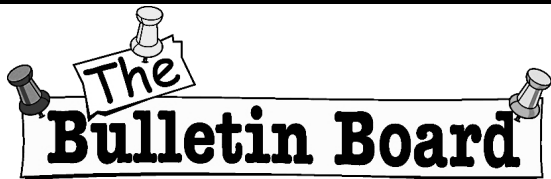


Personal Care Needs

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Body Sprays/Perfume & Cologne gift sets
Body Lotions (male & female)
Weighted Blankets (10 or 15 lbs.)
Athletic Shoes - Children sizes 6-12,
Men sizes 6-13, Women sizes 6-11
Hoodies - youth & adult sizes
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(from TJ Maxx & Marshalls)

For questions about our Holiday Program,
please contact Karen Harvey at
kharvey@mhyfamilyservices.org or
724.625.3141 x 283.

 **Thank You** for your kindness and for making our children feel so special this holiday season!



The Bulletin Board

Sharing the Joys & Concerns of the FPCE Family

- Many thanks to Pastor Jason and others who helped make the Blessing of the Pets such a fun event.
- Thanks to all who contributed so far to the 2023 CROP Walk and walkers Judy, Mariah Mysels & Apessos crew.
- Check out the Mission bulletin board to see great picture of Pastor Jason, David Falk and Tyler McGuigan who represented FPCE at the WHHS Trunk or Treat on Oct. 14.
- Thank you to Mandy, Tyler, David, Jim, Lisa, and Bobbie for sticking around after worship on October 29 to do some manual labor by helping Shaun to set up the 8 sections of risers for the choral festival.
- Congratulations to Vocal Confluence! From their Facebook post on October 28: *Today we made history. We earned the highest score in Pittsburgh Metro Chapter history - an 82.1 - which also earned us the Most Improved chorus this convention. We qualified for internationals in Cleveland in 2024 for the first time - the first Pittsburgh chorus to do so, and the first all-voice chorus in the Johnny Appleseed District of the Barbershop Harmony Society to do so. We are so excited for what's in store for us in the next year. Thank you for supporting us in our journey to this moment and beyond!*

If you have news you would like to share in this section or a prayer request you would like to have read during our worship service, please contact Pastor Jason or Judy in the office. Additionally, let them know if you would like the request to be shared with our Prayer Warriors, who pray with intention for those requests weekly.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Book Club – Apessos Home AA – Social Room Vocal Confluence & ESO – Sanctuary Milepost6 – Basement Band Room Fellowship – Gathering Place Choir – Choir Room	Locations: Flute Lessons – C.E. Office SAA, Session – Lounge Ensemble, Worship – Sanctuary Scouts – Scout & Social Room Bible Study – Zoom Spiritual Hike – Frick Park Environmental Center	1	2	3	4	1-4PM Edgewood Foundation Art Show (S) 8:00 AA (SR)
5 All Saints Sunday 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship Mission & Outreach Mtgs.	6 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	7 10:00 Book Club 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:00 ESO (S)	8 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 6:00 Free Pasta Dinner (SR) 7:30 Bible Study (zoom)	9 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) 7:00 SAA (L)	10 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	11 8:00 AA (SR)
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19 9:30 Band (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship Staff Meeting (PS)	20 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	21 10:00 Book Club 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:00 ESO (S)	22 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:30 Bible Study (zoom)	23 THANKSGIVING Office Closed 7:00 SAA (L)	24 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	25 8:00 AA (SR)
26 9:30 Choir (CR) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship Deacon Mtg Hanging of the Greens	27 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	28 10:00 Book Club 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:00 ESO (S)	29 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:30 Bible Study (zoom)	30 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) 7:00 SAA (L)	December 1 2-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	2 Edgewood Light Up Night 7:30 ESO Concert 8:00 AA (SR)

CHRISTMAS



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia plants may be contributed by anyone to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Please fill out the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. **Deadline is December 4, 2023.**

I wish to contribute _____ Poinsettia(s) for the beautification of the Church Sanctuary for Christmas.

I would like choice of color: _____ red _____ white _____ marble

Please attach a check or money to this order form. Make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. **The cost is \$7.50 per plant.** (You may also email your order and pay using the donate button online.)




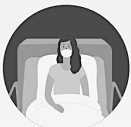


The wording: _____ In honor of: _____ In loving memory of:

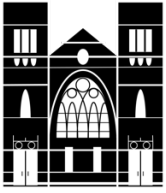
By: _____

_____ I wish to take my plant after the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Health & Safety Tips

The pandemic may be over, but COVID is still around and changing all of the time with new variants. Here are a few reminders about what you should do in the event you experience symptoms and test positive:

ISOLATION	ENDING ISOLATION	AFTER ISOLATION
 <p>Stay home and away from others Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others</p> <p>Start counting days Day 0 is the day your symptoms started</p> <p>If you never had symptoms, day 0 is the day you took a COVID-19 test</p>  <p>911 Watch for emergency warning signs, like trouble breathing Seek help if they develop</p>	 <p>Isolate to day 6 or later, if you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> never had symptoms or symptoms are improving, and are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication <p>Continue to isolate if your fever persists or other symptoms have not improved</p> <p>Isolate through day 10, if you experienced moderate illness, like shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</p> <p>Isolate through day 10 and talk with a healthcare provider before you end isolation, if you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> were hospitalized, or have a weakened immune system 	<p>Until at least day 11, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick</p> <p>Wear a high-quality mask when around others indoors</p>  



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