

FPCE Begins New Chapter with Call of Next Pastor

At a congregational meeting held on September 11, 2022, the Pastor Nominating Committee presented its recommended candidate to be the next called Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. After the vote, the call was extended to and accepted by Jason Dauer. He officially began in the office the next day and led worship officially on September 18. Pittsburgh Presbytery affirmed the call at their September meeting held at Camp Crestfield on September 22.



Jason's ordination and installation service took place on September 25, where friends, family, and colleagues in ministry shared in lifting him up and affirming his call to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament and a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Lorraine Douthett hand crafted a beautiful blue Advent stole and presented it to the newly ordained Reverend Dauer on behalf of the congregation, along with one of our Christmas ornaments in the shape of the FPCE building. Jason's mother organized a beautiful spread of treats along with some donations from a few of our members at a celebratory reception in the Gathering Place. We look forward to sharing in the next chapter of ministry to our community in Edgewood with our new pastor, the Reverend Jason Dauer!



October 2022 Worship Schedule

Join us Sunday mornings at 11:00AM in the Sanctuary for worship. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and then posted to YouTube and SoundCloud within a day later 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.

October 2: World Communion Sunday. The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We welcome back to our pulpit the Rev. Chris Taylor to lead the service along with Rev. Dauer. Music selections will represent various cultures and styles from around the world. And this Sunday marks the return to "regular" communion in worship as the congregation will be invited forward to partake of the elements for the first time since before Covid shut us down in March 2020.



October 9: CROP Walk Sunday. Pastor Jason preaches from Luke 17:11-19 where Jesus heals ten people with leprosy; only one returns to give thanks.

October 16: Emerging Worship. Our worship ensemble will return to provide music at our first emerging service since Pentecost at the beginning of June. Pastor Jason preaches from Luke 18:1-8 - The widow and the unjust judge: pray always and do not lose heart.

October 23: Pastor Jason preaches from Luke 18:9-14 where Jesus tells a parable: the prayers of a Pharisee and a tax collector.

October 30: Reformation Sunday. Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus, a tax collector, wants to see Jesus; Jesus visits his home. Pastor Jason preaching.



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*Believing we are
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.*

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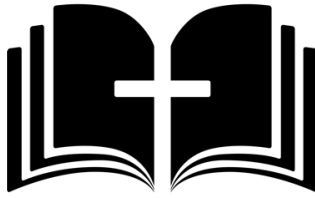
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**LOVE GOD
EACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**



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



Glimpse into who we are:

I love church history. I wouldn't call myself a "history buff," but I love learning about who we are because of where we have been. In grade school, I never found history exciting—learning dates and the names of battles didn't really affect how I lived my life. It wasn't until I started diving into my family's history that I cared. My grandma told me of the farm she grew up on—of the berry patch, cherry orchards, half dozen Guernsey milk cows, and two horses named Betty and Bob.

The stories placed me in a tradition. They explained why we had the pine trees around the house planted in neat rows—my great-grandfather was a Christmas tree farmer. The stories and history helped me understand who I was and gave value to our traditions and practices.

When I started learning church history, I found a wealth of knowledge about spirituality, resistance, ecology, and hope. I didn't know that monks brewed beer and drank 5 liters per day. I had no clue that many women chose to become nuns so that they could have autonomy outside of a marriage.

Learning church history helped me locate who I am as a follower of Christ. It gave meaning to our symbols and practices. I fell deeply in love with the stories of Christians throughout time—our saints. We celebrate All Saints Day every year for this reason! It helps us remember who we are because of who came before us.

Now, All Saints isn't until November 1, but I want us to start thinking about who the saints are in our lives. The PCUSA website says:

While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. [All Saints Day for Presbyterians] ... is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year.

Who are some of those ordinary saints who have fed us wisdom, stories, or maybe even food? I am excited to share stories of spirituality, resistance, ecology, and hope with you through our monthly newsletters. You may know some of them, and others will be new!

There is power in learning our history and remembering that people like us have been struggling with the same questions about God for hundreds of years! Let us be comforted and encouraged as we remember the stories of joy, justice, hope that have created us and allow us to be together today. It is our stories that make us!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Jason



Blessing of the Animals: October 4

Walking in the way of St. Francis, a visionary lover of all creation, Pastor Jason will hold a service of the Blessing the Animals who come his way. He will be on the side lawn (weather permitting) from **6:00-7:00PM on Tuesday, October 4**, which is the traditional feast day observed for St. Francis of Assisi. All creatures great and small – and their guardians – are welcome.

The service will open with a brief liturgy and prayer, then each pet will be blessed individually. Coffee and snacks will be served. Please invite your friends, families, and neighbors to this blessing ceremony.

Pittsburgh East CROP Walk: October 9

On Sunday, October 9, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 45th year of walking to end hunger one step at a time. The oldest walk in the country, is sponsored by Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org).

25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End

Common Ministries and Wilkinsburg Community Ministry. FPCE will participate in this event with walkers Judy and Mariah Mysels and Rhonda Apossos, who aim to raise \$800. If anyone else would like to join our small group of walkers, let Rhonda or Judy know. We gather at the South Avenue United Methodist Church at 1:00 to prepare for the 10K loop through Squirrel Hill and back. The walk distance is 6.2 miles. You can participate by either walking or sponsoring FPCE walkers. You can also go to the FPCE team website to donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-edgerwood>



Why support the Crop Walk?

Because you want to help families locally and abroad who are struggling with hunger.

- According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations **worldwide between 702 and 828 million people were affected by hunger in 2021**. 46 million more than in the previous year. The World Food Program states that 345 million people in 82 countries are in danger of dying due to insufficient food. Extreme weather, wars, the pandemic, and high inflation are all creating havoc with people's access to adequate food. This is intolerable.
- **A quarter of the money we raise will go to the local hunger work of Wilkinsburg Community Ministry (<https://wcm15221.org>)** which serves over 5,000 residents each year. These residents include senior citizens, citizens with disabilities, at-risk youth and families who are economically challenged, underemployed or facing emergency situations.
- **Seventy-five percent goes to the global humanitarian development work of Church World Services** with over seventy-five years of experience alleviating hunger.



Edgewood Symphony Fall Concert An American Serenade: October 22

The ESO's first concert of the season, 'An American Serenade' on October 22, will highlight the talents of Pittsburgh's own composers—Mark Fromm, Roger Zahab, Paul Critser, and James Whipple, including a World Premiere. Featured soloist is bassoonist Linda Morton Fisher. Also on the program is Symphony No. 1 by Florence Price. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased on their website www.edgewoodsymphony.org.

Please note this concert venue has moved to the Levinson Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill — across the street from Katz Auditorium where they usually perform.

WH Foundation HUGS Trunk or Treat is Back!

After two long years of celebrating a socially distant Halloween, H.U.G.S.—the volunteer and community outreach arm of the Woodland Hills Foundation—is proud to announce the RETURN of Trunk or Treat! On Saturday, October 15th at Woodland Hills High School, Woodland Hills teachers, staff, parents, community groups, businesses and more will come together to create lasting fun and memories for our students!

Gone are the days of the Drive-Boo and Spooky Delivery from “Six Feet Trick or Treat!” Instead, these different groups will come together in our school’s parking lot, deck out their trunks with Halloween decorations in the theme of their choice, dress up in their most Spooktacular costumes and hand out treats to our students as they travel from car to car, collecting candy at each stop.

EVENT DETAILS

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, local community groups, families, teachers, staff, businesses, clubs and more will gather at NOON at Woodland Hills High School to begin decorating their trunks in the Halloween theme of their choice. These "Trunk Hosts" are kindly asked to bring AT LEAST 800 pieces of candy in order to provide enough for each child who attends. Then from 2-4 PM children and their families will arrive to "Trick or Treat" for candy at the various trunks!

BECOME A SPONSOR!

During our last Trunk or Treat in 2019, over 75 groups signed up to serve as “Trunk Hosts”, making ours one of the biggest, safest, most fun Trunk or Treats in our region. In fact, over 2,000 children and their guardians were in attendance and we’re anticipating even more in 2022. But we need your help! With over 1,000 children collecting candy, some community and parent groups who wish to participate simply do not have the means to both decorate their vehicles and purchase enough candy for every child. Your sponsorship will allow us to make up the difference to ensure that every group who wishes to participate can and do so without worry!

This event is planned and executed entirely by our volunteers (with the assistance of the Foundation’s staff of one!) Your support will ensure this event’s success—and will ensure that the Foundation and H.U.G.S. can continue to provide these free, fun, and safe events for our community! Please consider supporting this community asset by becoming a sponsor, a donor, or an in-kind donor.

We want every child to be able to extend his or herself beyond what they are capable of achieving today. Sometimes what seems like the smallest thing or the things we take for granted every day can stand in the way of a child’s happiness and well-being. With the support of friends and donors like you, we are making that possible and building a better tomorrow for our students.

For more information about how to sponsor or to donate directly online, visit <https://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/2022trunkortreat>



The poster features a dark background with a circular logo in the top right corner that reads "WH Foundation HUGS presents TRUNK OR TREAT" with a website URL below it. The main text at the top says "TRUNK HOSTS NEEDED!!!" and "SPACE IS LIMITED • SIGN UP TODAY!". A QR code is located on the left side. The central illustration shows a car decorated as a graveyard, a ghost, a witch, a monster, and a dinosaur. At the bottom, it says "FREE SAFE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!" and "SATURDAY OCT. 15th 2PM - 4PM WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL".

Session Notes

- Session approved the use of our Sanctuary on September 25 at 4:00PM for the ordination and installation of Jason Dauer as Pastor of FPCE.
- They elected Elder Flo Raisig to serve as Commissioner at Jason Dauer's ordination and installation.
- Session approved the use of our Sanctuary by Vocal Confluence for their Holiday Concert on December 17 at 7 PM, December 18, at 3:00 PM and their rehearsal December 16, at 7 PM.

Stewardship Reflection

WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE TO DO?

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7



Please prayerfully consider what you will give to the church. There are plenty reasons not to give. I'm sure each of us would have no problem adding to the list. However, we're asking you to do the opposite. Please add to the reasons we do give...

- It is more blessed to give than to receive. – Acts 20:35
- Store for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, There your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:20-21

Please look for a stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail soon. Please submit your pledge card to the Church Office on or before Stewardship Sunday on November 13, 2022.

In Christ, Rhonda Apossos, Interim Stewardship Helper



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Tuesday Book Club

The weekly discussion group is finishing "The Fifth Gospel" by Ian Caldwell and will be choosing a new book soon. If you would like to join, they meet at 10:00AM on Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumed on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Elder Tim Hoffman led a study entitled The Killing of the Children, reading Genesis 3 and 4 as well as selected Psalms. The Study will continue on Wednesdays at 7:30PM via Zoom. If interested, contact Tim, hoffmantl@hotmail.com
No passcode is necessary. <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>

Sunday School

Youth Sunday School, during Worship, started on Sunday, September 11. Please let us know if you have a child interested in Sunday School.

Help Needed for All Saints' Worship

All Saints' Day is officially November 1 on the liturgical calendar, but we have traditionally observed it as part of our worship on the first Sunday in November. During the service, we remember those who have passed on from this life in the past year and gone on to the Church Triumphant, joining the Communion of Saints by lifting up their names, praying for them, and lighting candles. If you have a person that you would like to have named during the service, please contact Pastor Jason or Judy in the Church Office so that it can be included in the bulletin for November 6 and read aloud during our time of remembrance.

News from WCM

We will be starting our "We Share Food" Mobile Pantry on Saturday, September 24 with a distribution at Covenant Church and Eternal City, at the Corner of Park Avenue and Swissvale Avenue, in Wilkinsburg. This is a dry run and we expect many glitches! Distribution starts at 11 and ends at 1:30 (or if the food runs out before). This is a joint project with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, supported by The Heinz Endowments and the PA Department of Agriculture. Eventually we will be operating the mobile pantry at 4-5 locations in Wilkinsburg and one in Swissvale.

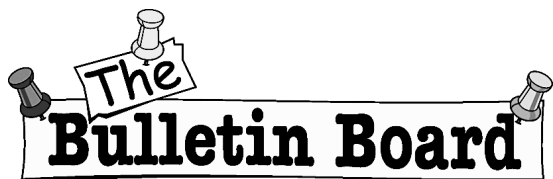


In other news, we will start collecting for the Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution. Distribution will include a Thanksgiving gift card for Giant Eagle, provided by the Food Bank, vegetables (corn, green beans), stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, and a dessert mix. We expect to be distributing for up to 200 families for each holiday. The Christmas distribution will not include a gift card. Please let us know if you'd like to order a specific collection or can help us with the purchase of these items!

From Pittsburgh Presbytery

Boundaries for Working with Children and Youth: An Ethical Training Elective. October 6th, 2022 from 9am to Noon at the Pittsburgh Presbytery Office (901 Allegheny Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15233).

One of the six great ends of the church is the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God. As leaders and congregations seek to fulfill this end, we must have policies and practices that protect everyone involved in that work. On October 6th from 9am - Noon, the Next Generation Ministry Team and the Commission on Ministry will be co-sponsoring Boundaries for Working with Children and Youth, led by Ed Sutter. This event is open to anyone who is interested – including church staff* and volunteers. To register, please visit <https://form.jotform.com/COMPgh/boundaries-children-and-youth>. There is no cost for those who wish to attend. For those with geographical or accessibility limitations, this event will be available in a hybrid format.



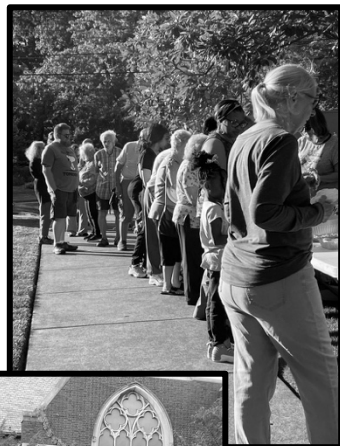
Sharing the Joys & Concerns of the FPCE Family

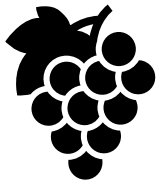
- If anyone would like to send Mary Ross a get-well card here is her address: Concordia of Monroeville, 4363 Northern Pike, Room 126, Monroeville, PA 15146.
- Kudos to Jim Segedy and crew for another successful Community Dinner on Sept. 7 that included our meet and greet for Jason Dauer.
- We're grateful for the hard work done by the PNC during our search process: Tyler McGuigan (chair), Shaun Cloonan, Lorraine Douthett, John Foster, Lisa Segedy.
- Thank you to Pastor Jason, Tyler McGuigan and Judy Mysels who represented FPCE at the Edgewood Foundation's Newcomer's Reception for new residents of the borough.
- Thanks in advance to Pastor Jason, Rhonda Apossos, Judy Mysels, and Jim Segedy for their efforts in getting our Pet Blessing set up for this month.
- Congratulations to George Dylan Apossos who is engaged to Lauren Elizabeth Phendt.
- We are thankful to all who participated in the planning and leading of Jason's ordination service: Flo, Sunny, Shaun, John, Rhonda, Lorraine, Ruth, Liz, Judy, as well as the whole commission of fellow pastors and elders from Jason's life and the Presbytery, and to Jason's parents for their work on the reception.
- A special shout out to our designer extraordinaire, Lorraine Douthett for the beautiful work on the stole presented to Jason at his ordination. We're so lucky to have such talent in our midst!

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.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 AA (SR)
2 <i>World Communion</i> 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 Worship Committee	3 6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	4 10:00 Book Club 6:00 Blessing of the Animals (SL) 7:00 ESO (S)	5 7:30 Bible Study (zoom)	6 3:45 Flute (O) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) 7:00 SAA (L)	7 4:15 Flute (O) 8:30 AA (SR)	8 8:30 AA (SR)
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30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship	31 7:00 VC (S)	Book Club – Apessos Home AA – Social Room Vocal Confluence & ESO – Sanctuary Milepost6 – Basement Band Room Fellowship – Gathering Place			Meeting Locations: Flute Lessons – C.E. Office Session – Gathering Place Choir, Ensemble, Worship – Sanctuary Scouts – Scout or Social Room Bible Study – Zoom	





World Communion Sunday
October 2

Pet Blessing
October 4



CROP Walk
October 9