



Breaking the Pots

The transition to Spring is never simple in Pittsburgh. As I write this, we've just received another dusting of snow after days of teasing 70-degree warmth. Faith is often like that—fluctuating, growing warmer and colder as we navigate the seasons of our lives.

Throughout Lent, we have been doing the hard work of "deconstruction." We've identified the aspects of our faith that we need to set aside: purity culture, the need for problem-solving, the idol of certainty, the barrier of transaction, the clinical nature of diagnosis, the weight of despair, the violence of empire, and the logic of payment. These are the pots that have kept our faith rootbound, preventing us from truly stretching out into the wild earth.

Our recent new member class dove into the book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace* by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. I—and I think everyone who participated in that group—would highly recommend it.

The authors help clarify that what many of us consider "traditional" theology in America is, in many ways, a mere blip in the church's long history. The pop theology of televangelists and the rigid frameworks of modern "tame" Christianity have reconstructed church history in a way that limits us. It keeps us in those small pots. Followers of Christ have always wrestled with being embedded in cultures of destruction, like that of the American Empire. Yet, we have also always tried to stay true to the ideals and ways of the "Wild God." While the Church has certainly made its share of mistakes, we remain *reformed and always reforming*. As we prepare for Resurrection Sunday, and eventually for Ascension and Pentecost, we are shifting our focus. We are moving from giving up the "tame" to **living into the wild**. We will seek to reconstruct a healthier, more vibrant faith through the lenses of the Table, Tangibility, the Gate, Entanglement, Connection, the Flesh of God, and Diversity.

If Lent was a season of breaking down the artificial fences, Easter is the time for letting the "True" grow wild. Let's see what happens when we finally let the Gardener take the lead

Peace,

Rev. Jason A. Dauer



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. Text OGHS to 91999 to support these vital ministries or visit pcusa.org/oghs.

April 2026 Worship & Formation 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 and fill out the pop-up form.

April 2: Maundy Thursday

Giving Up 'Payment' for Wild Purification 🍷🕯

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35; John 18:1—19:30

Wednesday at 7PM, starting in the Gathering Place and moving to the Sanctuary.

April 3: Good Friday - It Can't Be Carried Alone

Friday at 11 AM, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a grief ritual.
Decorating the sanctuary for Resurrection Sunday will follow at 12 PM.

April 5: Resurrection of the Lord - Living Into the the Great Re-Wilding 🍷🕯

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18

We will welcome new members into this congregation and baptize friends into this covenant community of God.

April 12: Breakfast Church - Living Into the Wild Table 🍷🕯

1 Peter 1:17-23; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

Our regular worship service will be in the Gathering Place, as the Deacons lead us in an agape feast service. Come hungry!

April 18: Pet Remembrance Service

Revelation 7:16-17; Psalm 23; Colossians 1:15-17

Saturday at 11 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Gathering Place.

April 19: Season of Easter - Living Into Wild Tangibility

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 16; John 20:19-31

April 23: Evening Book Group

At 6PM at the Apeessos home (361 Maple Avenue), we will discuss *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* (2021) and *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy* (2022) by Becky Chambers. Both are available as audiobooks on Hoopla. We will enjoy a simple potluck dinner with discussion to follow.

April 26: Season of Easter - Living Into the Wild Gate

1 Peter 2:19-25; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

🍷🕯 = We will celebrate Communion / Lord's Supper



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

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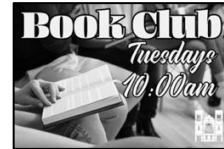
Session Notes

At their March 10 meeting, Session approved the following:

- Dates of Deacon events:
Breakfast Church-April 12
Strawberry Festival-Saturday, June 13
Pasta Dinner-Wednesday, November 4
- Vocal Confluence usage of the Sanctuary for chorus coaching on Sunday, August 9, 5-10 PM.
- The 2026 Scouting Charter Renewal and collect copies of clearances. Mrs. Elliott-Rentler was appointed to serve as the Charter Organization Representative for 2026.
- Use of the Lounge by Yoga Teacher Heather for 6 classes. She will be encouraged to advertise.



FOCUS 
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Tuesday Book Club

This group meets weekly at 10:00AM at the Apossos home, 361 Maple Avenue. They are currently reading *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott (2000).

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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!

Sharing the Joys & Concerns of the FPCE Family

- Many thanks to all who made the Chili Cook Off such a success. Congratulations to Tyler McGuigan for winning the apron for "best chili".
- Happy April birthday to Erin McShane & Elaine Cloonan
- Blessing Bags have been assembled and can be picked up from Gathering Place for those in need.



Join in WCM's Food Ministry

WCM MOBILE FOOD PANTRY offers a distribution site at FPCE, parked on School Street parking lot Fridays 2PM; Sign up to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/WCMatFPCE> **Sign up to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/WCMatFPCE>**

UPCOMING MAY/JUNE EVENTS

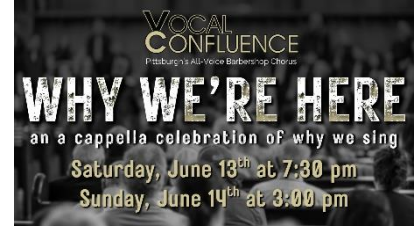
SEIS DE MAY DINNER, May 6, 6PM: Join us for a free, slightly late Cinco de Mayo celebration. We will have a variety of taco fillings, vegetarian and gluten free options. Enjoy some good food and fellowship as we kick off our summer community dinner series. Feel free to bring non-perishable food donations for the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry.



COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING, May 12, 6PM (Zoom). This is our 6th installment of meeting with community groups to plan calendar events, exchange information, etc. We will be looking at dates June through December. If you are involved with an Edgewood community group, come and share.

BAKE SALE WHILE VOTING HERE AT FPCE, May 19

VOCAL CONFLUENCE CONCERT: May 17, 7:30PM and May 18, 3PM



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, May 24

PET MINISTRY MEETING on Sunday May 31 at 12 noon. We have invited a speaker from Humane Animal Rescue to discuss the scope of their shelter, food pantry, and veterinary services throughout the East End.

COMMUNITY DINNERS RETURN

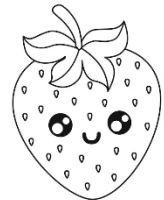
Save the Dates: The First Wednesdays of June, July, August, and September, 6PM we'll be firing up the grill on the side lawn with your favorites, plus some new, soon-to-be-favorites. And, as usual, they're FREE! So, bring your family, friends and neighbors for good food and fellowship!!! **Wednesdays: June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2**



Community
MEALS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, JUNE 13 (11AM - 2PM)

Get ready for a *berry* delightful time! Our annual FPCE Strawberry Festival Fundraiser returns with more strawberry goodness than ever. Of course, our traditional strawberry shortcake will be present, but that's just the start. Indulge in homemade strawberry jam, refreshing strawberry lemonade, chocolate-drizzled strawberries, and a delightful array of yard games and other strawberry-themed surprises. Join us for an afternoon of fun, flavor, and community. Pets are welcome, and costumes are encouraged for animals and humans alike. But be careful: You might turn into a strawberry by the end of the day!





Community Events & Announcements

APRIL/MAY

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Registration for Summer Tee-ball and Softball opens Monday, March 23 and closes Friday, May 1. These sports play at Koenig Field in June and July. You do not need to be an Edgewood Resident to play. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; however, bats, balls, gloves, and helmets will be available to use. The registration fee is \$50, and can be accessed with the link below. This link can also be found on our website, Edgewood.pgh.pa.us and on our Facebook page: Edgewood Borough Community Events. <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/468666>



We're always looking for volunteers! This can range from helping on the field, to providing drinks or organizing snacks. Please let us know how you can help through the registration form.

Tee-ball

Tee-ball is for girls and boys ages 4-7. Children should be 4 as of June 1st. This sport will meet twice weekly; days and times are TBD. Cleats may be worn, but are not necessary. Shirts and caps will be provided.

Softball

Softball is open to girls and boys ages 7-13. This sport meets twice each week. Kids are encouraged to arrive early for warm-ups and batting practice. Participants should wear sturdy athletic shoes or cleats. Shirts will be provided. "Spring Training" takes place during the first 2 weeks, with an additional practice.

For questions about any of our athletic leagues, unless otherwise noted, please contact Abigail Ault at 412-242-4824, or email office@edgewoodboro.com.

Scouting for Food: April 18, 25



Coffee with a Cop, April 11, 9-11AM, Edgewood Club



Every spring the Edgewood Foundation holds a brunch at the Edgewood Club to celebrate local seniors getting ready to graduate from area high schools. This year's event is held on May 3. The brunch is complimentary for the students (Guest tickets are available for purchase closer to the event). There will be a speaker, and the Mel Douglass Foundation will present scholarships.

Please reach out to us if you have or know a graduating senior and have not received an invitation in the mail by April 5. Details are available on our website at www.edgewoodfoundation.org.

Easter Word Search

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APRIL
CARROTS
DECORATE
EASTER BUNNY
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BONNET
CHICK
DYEING EGGS
EASTER EGG
HAPPY EASTER




CANDY
CHOCOLATE BUNNY
EASTER BASKET
EASTER LILY
JELLY BEANS



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Meeting Locations: AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, CR=Choir Room, CE=CE Office, GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SR=Social Room</i>			1 2-6:30 Flute 7:00 Milepost6 (B)	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 2-6:30 Flute 4-7 Worship & Arts Team 7:00 Service 7:00 SAA (L) 7:00 AA (SR)	3 GOOD FRIDAY 11:00 Service 7, 8:30 AA (SR)	4 10:00 Yoga (L) 8:00 AA (SR)
5 EASTER 9:30 Choir (CR) 11:00 Worship Communion 12:00 Fellowship 7:00 SAA (GP,L)	6 OFFICE CLOSED 2-6:30 Flute (CR) 6:30 Scouts 7:00 VC (S)	7 10:00 Book Club 4-7 Flute 7:00 Session (L) 7:00 ESO (S)	8 2-6:30 Flute 7:00 Milepost6 (B)	9 2-6:30 Flute 7:00 SAA (L) 7:00 AA (SR)	10 2:00 WCM Mobile Food Pantry (SL) 7, 8:30 AA (SR)	11 10:00 Yoga (L) 8:00 AA (SR)
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Maundy Thursday Service: April 2, 7 PM
Good Friday Service: April 3, 11 AM

April 12: Pancake Worship



***April 18: Pet Remembrance
Service/Luncheon***

