



## Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday: May 14<sup>th</sup>

Join us on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for "Mothering Sunday"—as we celebrate both our mothers and our Mother Church.

In the Middle Ages, churches around the world celebrated a pilgrimage day, where you returned to the church you were baptized at. **If you were baptized or grew up at FPCE, we invite you to return for this special service to remember your baptism and the church community you grew up in.**

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Mother's Day can be a difficult day for those who have lost their mothers or never had the chance to become a mother. Our hope for Mothering Sunday is that we can embrace and commemorate a broader definition of motherhood.

In Britain, Constance Adelaide Smith advocated for a revival of this tradition, where all friends and family are invited to return to the church in which they were baptized. She encouraged churches to focus on the Mother Church, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mother Nature as some of the other mothers in our lives.

As a Matthew 25 church, we are celebrating Mothering Sunday this year to embrace "Caring Relationships," another mark of being a Vital Congregation. Everyone wants a place to belong—people who care about us. Mothering Sunday is our invitation for anyone who grew up at FPCE or was baptized here to return for this Sunday, as a family reunion.

Caring Relationships in Christ require true agape love; a sacrificial, self-emptying, perfect love—the love of a mother. On this Mothering Sunday, we invite you to worship with us—to let us walk with you in tragedy, rejoice with you in your triumphs, and sit with you as we hear your stories. The love of Christ and the Mother Church is unconditional, so come without hiding or holding back who you are. You are part of God's family and ours as well.

*Peace,  
Rev. Jason Dauer*

## May 2023 Worship Schedule

**May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter.** Jesus is preparing a place for us, and he reminds us that seeing Christ is seeing the Father. We will celebrate Communion at this service.

**May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter.** God does not leave us orphaned—we are welcomed into God's holy family. We celebrate the mothers in our lives as well as the Church being our mother in a spiritual way.

**May 21 – Ascension Sunday.** Christ ascends to heaven, and today, he sits in glory interceding for us.

**May 28 – Pentecost Sunday.** We remember the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, as She first entered the hearts of the apostles 2,000 years ago. We will celebrate Communion at this service. A community Memorial Day service follows outside across the street at Memorial Park.

# Session Notes

During April Session took the following action:

- Acceptance of an estimate of \$900 from Boden Electric Inc to add a conduit and wiring with 3 lights for the stained glass window on E. Swissvale Ave.
- Acceptance of an estimate of \$900-1,600 from Boden Electric Inc to fix lights on the arch at the front of the Sanctuary.
- Movement of \$2,000 from the Lazarus Fund to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund with Pastor Dauer as the Discretionary person.
- Drafting an overture to the Pittsburgh Presbytery on gun violence including an endorsement of CeasefirePA's common agenda and endorsement of the Office of Public Witness' gun violence legislative suggestions.
- Session also created a schedule of "Core" meetings. This schedule will begin in May.
  - 1st Sunday: Witness (Mission, Communication)
  - 2nd Sunday: Resources (Finance, Property, Nom./Personnel)
  - 3rd Sunday: Formation (Worship, Education)
  - 4th Sunday: Deacons



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## ***Tuesday Book Club***

Our weekly Book Club continues discussing the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. This group meets at 10:00AM on Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, just a few blocks away from the church. All are welcome!

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

Our weekly Bible Study is held on Zoom each week led by Elder Tim Hoffman. The 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? Email to Tim at 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 will lead them in a Bible activity while you are in worship!

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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.*

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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**LOVE GOD**  
**EACH OTHER**  
**OUR NEIGHBORS**



## Deacons' Doings...

Your Deacons want to help you celebrate Spring. Here's some things we have planned:

*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. (Prov. 31:25)* We will be honoring all the women of the congregation on Mother's Day, May 14th. Please join us after church

in the lounge for some special treats and to celebrate all the women we love.

What's more representative of Spring than our very own **Strawberry Festival**? Though, it's not fully documented when the Strawberry Festival started, I moved here 20 years ago; it's been a highlight of our family's Spring ever since. Save the date, June 14th, and please invite your friends. We'd love to have some volunteers to help cut strawberries or help serve the day of the event. If you'd like to help, we'd love to have you. Please drop me an email at [angel@lehrian.com](mailto:angel@lehrian.com) or just reach out to one of the church Deacon's.

**Greeters:** We're back! You may have noticed those smiling faces handing you a bulletin as you enter the sanctuary. It's a tradition worth bringing back. If you feel moved to help greet some Sunday morning, please let us know. There is plenty of room on the schedule and we can always use help.

If you can't make it to Sunday service or if you just need a little visit and a nice chat, your Deacons would love to spend some time with you. Please reach out to Judy and we'll be in touch to schedule a visit. We are here to help Pastor Jason take care of our church friends.

Please know that your Deacons are praying for you. Enjoy Spring, and we hope to see all of you soon.

*Angel Lehrian (Deacon Moderator)*

From Rick Masten: As some at the church know, I have recently added another volunteer position to my resume. I have been involved with **Casa San Jose**, a non-profit focusing on the Latino Community. Among the many services and programs offered are Mental Health, Healthy Nutrition, and Youth Development that are making positive changes in people's lives. We all live under the same sky, but don't live under the same horizon. In June, Casa San Jose will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Positive change happens when good people dare to get involved. As Mister Rogers says, "look for the helpers!" One thing I am not comfortable with is asking for donations, but that is indeed what I am about to do. In all my years at FPCE, I have discerned one great common denominator. FPCE's light shines on others. We are the helpers. So without any expectations, I am submitting a plea for any donations assisting their outreach. Nothing is too SMALL! I have already taken clients to ALDIS and Good Will with gift cards from this resource center. I will list the mailing address below. But an even simpler way would be to write a check to Casa San Jose, then give it to me and I will personally present them. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board at the side entrance. Thanks! Rick Masten

Address: if you do mail in a donation, please list my name as principle person behind it.

Casa San Jose

2116 Broadway Avenue

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216



## Community MEALS

### Community Dinners Return

The Community Dinners are back. We'll again be hosting the ever-popular FPCE Community Dinners starting in June!

**Save the Dates:** The First Wednesdays of June, July, August, and September, from 6-8PM 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!!!



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

- Sympathies to Carol Hartman Tessauro and family in the passing of her husband.
- I am so happy to share that my granddaughter, Ericka (Professor in the Dept. of Analytical, Physical and Social Sciences), has been selected to receive the Max and Esther Sestili Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2023 at Carlow University. Her students nominated her for going above and beyond to make them understand the subject and for always being available to answer any questions they may have. Ericka will also receive a generous monetary award. I am sooo proud of her!!! – Ruth Miller

### Presbyterian Women

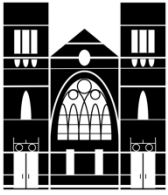
Who are Presbyterian Women? What have they done for FPCE? What can they do for FPCE? What can you do? If you are interested and part of the congregation of FPCE, join us after church **on Sunday, May 21**. Get coffee and a cookie and meet us in the Lounge where we'll seek the answers to these questions.

*Thanks,  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	2 10:00 Book Club	3  7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)	4  3:45-6 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) SAA (L)	5 4:15-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	6  8:30 AA (SR)
7 9:00 Staff Mtg. 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 Outreach/Mission Comm. Mtgs.	8  6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	9 10:00 Book Club  7:00 Session (L)	10  7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)	11  3:45-6 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) SAA (L)	12 4:15-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	13  8:30 AA (SR)
14 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Muffins for Moms (GP) 12:15 Finance/Property/	15  6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	16 10:00 Book Club	17  7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)	18  3:45-6 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) SAA (L)	19 4:15-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	20  8:30 AA (SR)
21 9:30 Ensemble 11:00 Worship (S) 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 P.W. Mtg. Worship/C.E. Comm. Mtgs.	22  6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	23 10:00 Book Club	24/31  7:30 Bible Study (Zoom)	25  3:45-6 Flute (CE) 7:00 Milepost6 (B) SAA (L)	26 4:15-6:30 Flute (CE) 8:30 AA (SR)	27  8:30 AA (SR)
28 9:30 Choir (S) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Memorial Day Observance (Memorial Park)	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED  6:30 Scouts (SR) 7:00 VC (S)	30 10:00 Book Club	Meeting Locations:  Book Club – Apossos Home AA – Social Room Vocal Confluence & ESO – Sanctuary Milepost6 – Basement Band Room  Flute Lessons – C.E. Office Session – Lounge Choir, Ensemble, Worship – Sanctuary Scouts – Scout or Social Room			

*The Edgewood Symphony, led by Walter Morales, will be playing their final concert of the season, Sat., May 6, 7:30PM at the Katz Auditorium, JCC in Squirrel Hill. The program will include the exciting Short Ride on a Fast Machine by John Adams and will also feature ESO's own Sharlotte DeVere and Catherine Getchell in Aaron Copland's Quiet City, Romantic Symphony #2 by Howard Hanson.  
Learn more and purchase tickets at [www.edgewoodssymphony.org](http://www.edgewoodssymphony.org).*



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# The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED