

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Reimagining What is Possible

Today I want us to consider two lines from our text last Sunday, John 14:1-14. The first is:

Do not be troubled.

I spend most of my waking hours troubled. And if my sore jaw is any indication, then apparently I spend a good amount of my sleeping hours troubled as well. Jesus clearly thinks it is possible to live untroubled every moment. Here's the next line:

**Whoever trusts in me will do the works that I do;
they will do even greater works than these.**

Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, made the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Then he forgave every sin that ever had been or ever would be committed. This same Jesus turns to us and says, you will do even greater works than these.

I'm left asking, "Am I setting too low of a bar for myself?" Jesus is offering us a life untroubled by worry or fear, with miracles and healing and new life flowing in every direction. God, I pray right now for a reboot of my system, of everyone's system, so that we might live this miraculous life of untroubled joy that you promise us every single day. Amen.

Thank you!!!

A deep thank you for those who attended the first backwoods work day!! We attended to dead trees, upturned lawn, leaves in need of raking, cleaned out the labyrinth, pulled a first buckthorn, and so much more!! Our second work day will be Saturday, May 20th beginning at 1pm. All help will be celebrated! 🙌

Backwoods - May Mission

In May our mission will be our own Backwoods. Our next scheduled workday will be:

- **Saturday, May 20, 1-4pm**

What will we be doing, you ask? Having fun doing Spring clean-up, beginning the removal of invasive species, and hopefully planting a few trees. After last year's badly needed tree removal and trimming Phil has identified three spots for trees and the kinds of trees we will plant. Which brings us to the second part of the mission. Financial donations will go toward tree purchases. We hope to get trees on the bigger side, which tend to be costly - \$300+ per tree. After that, we will need helpers to water the trees on a regular basis. So lots of opportunities to hang out in the Backwoods coming your way!

Donations for tree purchase or other Backwoods supplies can be provided as a check to Edgumbe Presbyterian Church with "Backwoods" in the memo line or online by indicating "Backwoods" in the notes that can accompany your contribution.

Prayers for....

- The friends and family of Marlys Kingsriter, who died last week. We celebrate the joy and music and laughter and faith that Marlys brought to her every interaction!