

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

July 26, 2023

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Worship & Vacation Schedules

WORSHIP

What a wonderful and blessed joint worship service we had with our friends from First Presbyterian Church-S St Paul this past Sunday in the Backwoods. Here is a link to video of the service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HLOzEEEn14o>

- This Sunday, we will meet in the sanctuary as usual
- Sunday, August 6, will be coordinated by Elders Todd, Connie, and Michelle

STAFF VACATIONS

All of the staff will be taking time off in August.

- **Pastors Luna & Phil** will be traveling to Michigan for the wedding of Phil's niece. They will be gone July 31-August 6.
- **Music Director Jenya** is taking off the whole month of August to visit her parents in Belarus after more than three years apart. All of our blessings go with you, Jenya!
- **Office Manager Krysta** will be gone August 5-12. Please get any items for next week's midweek Update to Krysta (epchurch2149@gmail.com) by next Tuesday, August 1.
- **Custodian Sol** also hopes to take some time off this month with dates not yet determined.

Teach Us to Pray

If you were here last Sunday, or if you watch the video above, you heard Pastor Tom and me talk through the Lord's Prayer as if every line were an invitation into good news. Here's a quick synopsis.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,



thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

If I believe that God's will is the most important, the most real thing in my life, then what will happen will be miracles and joy and peace.

Give us this day our daily bread;

God has already given us everything we need. Am I willing to share what I have to make sure that everyone has enough of God's generous abundance?

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

All the healing and forgiveness I hunger for are mine the moment that I open my heart to lay down my own judgments.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

God has delivered us from evil! We are set free to bring healing and love to ourselves and to everybody.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Everyday I have a choice: Do I want to see problems, or do I want to see the plan and the power and the glory that God is raining down on my life and on the world?

Jesus, you teach us to pray, over and over again, and we will follow, because we trust that your way leads to peace.

Next Workday: Monday, August 7th

Thank you to the team of Backwoods Angels who attended the work morning yesterday!! The meditation path was cleared through station 7 with many hands joining the party!! Whoo hoo!

Please mark your calendars for the next backwoods community service morning—**Monday, August 7th, 8:30-11:30a**. Focus of this time will be to finish the trail and station maintenance (pulling growth spilling into walkways) and pulling the small burring plants. All help will be joyously received!!

July Mission

The July mission is Guild, a Minnesota not-for-profit organization that empowers those living with mental illness and/or experiencing long-term homelessness by helping them find the tools they need to lead stable, fulfilling lives in communities of their choosing. This is the organization where new elder Michelle Trebtoske works. On any given day, Guild serves nearly 900 individuals in the Twin Cities metro area. From mental health crisis services to street outreach, our team is ready to help in some of the toughest situations. Check out their website at guildservices.org.

Michelle adds: The money collected from Mission for Guild would go specifically to the Client Assistance Fund which helps clients with urgent monetary needs specific to life circumstances

