

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Behold, I Make All Things New

Over the past two weeks, we have taken a look at the messages that we received as children, as well as some options that we have to form new beliefs or see new possibilities. Several of you have talked to me about how an increased awareness from these exercises has given you renewed willingness to surrender old limits and consider new ways of being and acting in your life today.

The next step in transformation and healing is to put our emerging truths into action. After showing the disciples many miracles and teaching them from his heart, Jesus then sends the disciples out, saying, “Now you go do this: preach good news, heal the sick, set people free!” It’s not enough to have an interesting new awareness about our thinking; we actually need to integrate the new idea into our daily lives. Let’s look at an example.

Last week in this space, I said:

- I used to believe that I needed to be, or pretend to be, the smartest person in whatever group I was in. A truth emerging for now is that I believe that everyone can be connected to the full wisdom of the universe whenever we open ourselves to it.

How could I put that insight into practice? I could admit out loud when I don't have an answer. I could defer to others to see what they are thinking or knowing. I could take a breath and pause before saying anything. Those are concrete things I can do today to be the person I always wanted to be. Either I am doing them or I'm not doing them, which helps reflect back to me whether I'm caught in my old, ego-driven thoughts or in my emerging truth. If I'm feeling really brave, I could ask the people close to me to let me know whether they are seeing my new behaviors and what impact it is having on them.

Do you have an emerging truth that is especially poignant or powerful for you right now. Take that truth and see if you can write down two or three concrete ways that you could practice that truth in your life today, tomorrow, and in the coming week. Jesus says to his disciples, “All

these wonders that you have witnessed? You will do greater things than these!" Friends, let's take the first steps towards living into miracles.

ArtPlayce Talk with Photographer Dave H-V

The photography that is hanging in the sanctuary is the work of our very own Dave Howe-Vielmetti. On Sunday November 19th we will have the chance to talk with Dave about his art and ask him questions about his process and inspiration. We will meet after service for those who can stay. Please join us!

Giving Statements

All members who have pledged will be receiving your 2023 Pledge/year-to date contribution statements. Please contact the office at epchurch2149@gmail.com if you have any questions about your statement. We thank everyone for ongoing support of our Edgumbe community.



November Mission: Small Sums

Our mission recipient this month is an organization that is new to Edgumbe Church. Small Sums is a St Paul-based non-profit that helps unhoused people obtain the work gear, tools, training, and transportation they need to start employment. Since 2005 the group has helped thousands of newly employed workers obtain the proper uniform or shoes, equipment, licenses, etc. so they could start a new job. The website (www.smallsums.org) offers more information about this organization and a few stories about some of the workers they have helped. We have also invited the executive director, Andréa Kish-Bailey to speak briefly at our **Nov 12 service (THIS SUNDAY!)**. You may donate to this group by indicating so in the memo line of your check or online by indicating "November Mission" in the notes of your online contribution to EPC.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 20

Please consider attending the upcoming Interfaith Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving on Monday, November 20 at 7 pm, hosted at Temple of Aaron Synagogue in collaboration with Interfaith Action and the Minnesota Multifaith Network!

Members and friends from your houses of worship are welcome to attend. While registration is not required, it will be helpful to plan for post-service hospitality—here's the link:

<https://forms.gle/H5SWecTnSi5jkntL6>

Christmas Decorating

Saturday, November 25 at 9:00 am, we will gather in the sanctuary to prepare the tree branches, garlands, and wreaths for hanging (known as *fluffing* at EPC). All are welcome to join us in this tradition. Please bring gloves to protect your hands. Thank you, Meredith

