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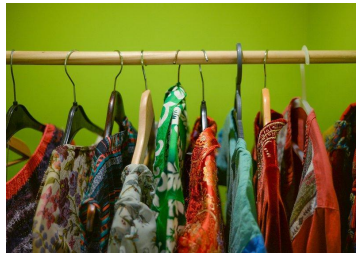
Midweek Update

May 1, 2024

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Clothing Exchange and Pie Social–THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY



Volunteers, Pies and Clothing Display Items Needed for Our Community Clothing Exchange Event

Our event is coming up this weekend and clothing is starting to accumulate! The clothing exchange will be Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday 9am-12noon. The pie social will be 3-5pm on Friday and 10am-12noon on Saturday.

Volunteers Needed: Our sign-ups for this event look great–thank you everyone. Please feel free to stop by the church anytime to help out or just see what is happening.

Pies Needed: It might be impossible to have too many pies, especially if we get a rush of high schoolers on Friday afternoon. If you can't bring the pies shortly before 3pm on Friday, then feel free to put your pies in the fridge in the church kitchen.



Prayers would be great: Let's pray that many people who need clothes can find items they need at our exchange and that hearts and bellies can be filled with the sweetness of connection and peace and good pie.

Service for Todd Barnes on May 11

The memorial service for Todd is still scheduled for 2pm on Saturday, May 11, in the EPC Backwoods, weather permitting. Thank you to everyone who donated to help cover costs for the service. We are renting chairs, and we are asking the congregation to make (or purchase) sweets or bars or baked goods to serve after the service. On May 11, we will need help with setting up chairs



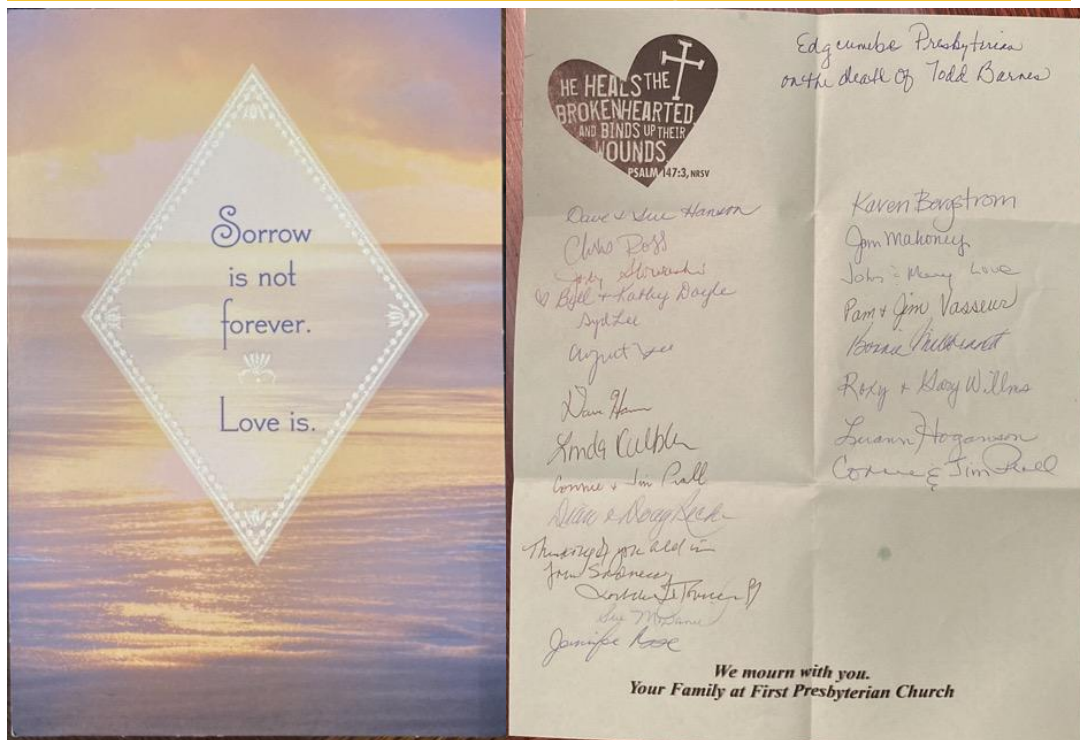
and food tables, hosting those tables, parking directions, and cleaning up after the service. Anyone who can show up an hour or two early to help would be appreciated!

May Mission is the EPC Backwoods!

The beautiful trees are turning green and some are starting to bloom! The lilies, tulips, crocus plants and azaleas are poking up and budding with flowers starting to show.

Our labyrinth and prayer stations are waiting for pilgrims to experience the peace of nature. Stay tuned to this weekly update and Sunday announcements in May about hands-on helping experience in the backwoods, and ways to support this wonderful place. Any mission donations this month will go to needs in the backwoods.

Condolences for EPC from 1st Presbyterian/South St Paul



The Edgumbe Community has received two lovely cards from the community of 1st Presbyterian/South St Paul (the community we shared worship with in the backwoods last summer and where Eleta works) with condolences upon Todd's death. One card from the Deacons of 1st Presbyterian mentions that they are holding our EPC community in their heart and prayers. The second card was sending blessings to us which was signed by their entire community.

We don't do life alone. This lovely gesture of care from our sisters and brothers of 1st Presbyterian/South St. Paul reminds us that we cannot even do church alone. We are truly belong to each other!

Buy Nothing Project – Edgcumbe



from pastor luna:

liz schiferl opened up an entire world of joy for me when she introduced me to the buy nothing project (buynothingproject.org), which is a neighborhood based “share what you don’t need anymore/ask for what you need” group. on the platform of facebook, most neighborhoods have a designated site so that you can get to know the folk who are your literal neighbors, and interact with requests. since participating in the hamline/frogtown group for the past year, i have received awesome things (retro fabric for making curtains, spatulas matching my kitchen colors, the best lychee tea ever, etc), and i have shared things our family no longer needs (such as frames, gel clings, and just today–garfield comic books). if you don’t know about this group, i invite you to search out your neighborhood group, and participate as you have guidance. i think the schiferls have even used the group to share things edgcumbe no longer needs!! Yay!!

in this spirit, phil and i are looking for a book, cynthia bourgeault’s book, the wisdom way of knowing, and no one from our neighborhood group had a copy to give to us. now, spirit is nudging me to throw it out to the epc community! so, i am wondering if there might be a copy somewhere within the community that might be ready to be given to the next person? we have a copy coming to us from the library system, but i love to jot notes in the margin as i am reading, and typically the library is not so keen on that behavior!! no worries if there is not a copy–just felt led to ask!!

Phil to UK for training in Mid-May, and upcoming Continuing Education time off

The Enneagram Prison Project is sponsoring a trip for me, Phil, to complete the training that i started in Denmark this past January. The workshop focus is on the Somatic Enneagram. “Soma” is the Greek word for body, as in “The body of Christ.” So this workshop will explore

ways that we can learn and teach Enneagram insights using not just our minds, but our bodies. My time in Denmark with this work was powerful and transformative, and I'm looking forward to this course as well. I'll be gone from May 14-22 at a retreat center outside of Birmingham, England. Pastor Luna will be working May 14th and 15th, and we will be taking a Continuing Education week away from EPC during May 16-22.