

EPC Midweek Update – July 13, 2016

THIS Sunday, July 17: Angelie Preaching & Ordination & CC Forum

This Sunday, Angelie Ryah will be preaching on Luke 10:38-42 and telling us about her hopes for doing mission work in southern California. Also in worship we will ordain Todd Barnes and Belinda Clary to the office of Deacon and install Bryan Kingsriter to a one-year term on Session. Then, after worship, the Session will be leading a congregational forum on the Crescent Cove project. This will be a time to hear updates on the process and also to give feedback to the Session and Crescent Cove task force—and we hope you can be there!

To help you prepare for the Crescent Cove forum, there is a document attached to this Update that contains two working lists of topics and questions. One is a Communication list, naming the people and organizations that we want to be talking to as this process unfolds. The other is a Lease Details list that begins to articulate the many questions and topics that need to be addressed to move toward a workable lease agreement with Crescent Cove. Please look over both of these lists and bring any questions or ideas or additions that you have. *One note:* at this point these lists are meant to be internal documents for EPC folk only. When we have enough clarity and preparation, we will begin to share our plans with the surrounding community; but first we want to have some conversations within our own congregation to discover our questions and desires and needs. [FYI, we have already started dialogue with both the owner of the Montessori Preschool and the steering committee of Highland AA.] Thank you for your discretion.

Eagle Scout Project

This is the week for Josh LeClair's Eagle Scout project in our back yard here at church. Thank you to everyone who donated money for the chipper and other costs on Sunday—we received a generous response!

Here is the schedule for Saturday, July 16:

10am-Noon: First batch of Scout workers

12-12:30pm: Lunch for everyone

12:30-2:30pm: Second batch of Scout workers

What we could do to support this project:

- **Anyone who can help work in the backyard is encouraged and welcome—bring pointed shovels for digging under stubborn and evil-minded buckthorn trees.**
- **Josh is providing pizza and drinks for everyone (and plates, cups, and plastic-ware). Any salads or fruit or desserts or help serving lunch would be great. If you bring food, making it easy to grab and go is a good idea.**
- **If anyone has a pick-up truck for hauling buckthorn to the Ramsey County brush drop-off sites, we would use it.**
- **We will probably get the chipper early next week or next Saturday, July 23. People using the chipper need to be 18 or older. We have 8 hours of use on that chipper for the rental price, so it would be good to get as much chipped as possible. We'll announce the exact day when we know.**

We hope that many of you can stop by or help on Saturday. Remember that it is also a busy Highland AA meeting day on Saturday mornings, so you need to park in the HPHS lot or on the street.

Personnel Report: Pastor Evaluation Process

***From Faith Dietz:* Thank you to everyone that provided feedback for our pastor evaluations. Members from Personnel and Session met with the pastors alone and together. Feedback was provided to the pastors and the pastors provided goals and reflections. The goals and reflections will be provided to you. A forum will be scheduled for those who want to have more in person discussion. If you cannot attend this or other forums, please reach out to those leaders of the forums.**

Note that there are a lot of forums that are scheduled or will be scheduled in the coming weeks and months. Please know that the health of the congregation is being discussed in many parts of EPC including

Personnel and Session. We hope that in supporting our pastors, we can also remember to support each other. Let us keep that in mind. Peace to all of us, Faith

Project Home

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Project Home mission project last weekend, with special thanks to Eleta Pierce for organizing the events.

School Tools for Highland Park HS

As we prepare to support our next door neighbors through a School Tools Drive this summer, the community liaison at HPHS, Kim Sabo, was consulted for a current listing of the most needed items for the classrooms. This is the list the teachers gave:

Ø Tissues (#1 request)

Ø Post-it notes

Ø Bus Tokens

Ø Pencils/Pens

Ø Back Packs

Ø Painters Tape

Ø Scotch Tape

Ø Manilla Folders

Ø White Board Markers

We will start to gather these items in August and bring them to the teachers before classes begin in September. Any questions, contact Pastor Julie.

Mid-Year Giving Reports

Midyear giving statements will be available again this Sunday in the narthex. After this week, the office will mail out any remaining statements. Please check your record carefully and let the office know of any changes.

Prayers

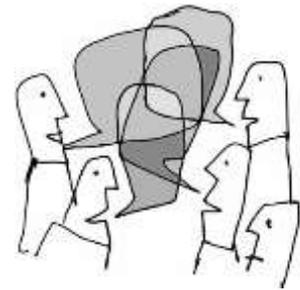
- For Fred Clary, who is recovering at home (and who is back at work, because he can't help it). Prayers for rest and healing and patience.
- For Marge & Jim Litman as they finish packing up for their move to California, leave later this week. With gratitude, we offer our prayers for God's blessings on the Litmans! In your directory, you can now use Marge's winter address as the permanent one, and her e-mail stays the same.

Peace and love to you all, Pastor Phil

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WORKING COMMUNICATION LIST

Each category in this list may well take its own strategies and timelines.



<u>INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS TO MEET</u>	<u>TIMING</u>
Crescent Cove/RSP Architects	Ongoing
Other USA children's hospices	
EPC congregation	July 17 forum, ongoing
EPC users	
-Montessori Preschool	Started
-Highland AA	Meet with steering committee in July
Neighbors	Wait until lease?
-residential neighbors	
-schools: HPHS, HPMS, Urban Academy	
Neighborhood	Start bldg. relationships
-Highland District Council	
-local City Councilperson	
City of Saint Paul	
-City Council	
-Planning Board	

- Mayor
- Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
 - Board of Trustees Already started
 - Saint Paul churches
 - Whole Presbytery Article to build excitement?
- Local religious organizations
 - local congregations
 - Interfaith Network of Greater St Paul
 - MN Council of Churches
- Others?

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LEASE DETAILS WORKING LIST

These are topics that we will need to address to be ready to negotiate a lease agreement with CC. Some questions we will need to answer ourselves; some questions we can bring to the table with CC and work them out together.



FINANCES

- What is the worth of our land--sale or lease?
- What ongoing expenses would need to be covered?
- Hidden costs--our legal counsel, maybe our own architect, construction disruption
- Financial health and projections for CC
- How do other children's hospices work out finances?

LAND

- Where do we want CC to locate the bldg and parking?
- Which trees or areas do we want to save?
- Forest paths, playgrounds, landscaping, etc

CC BUILDING

- Do we care about the style or size of the building?
- Match EPC architecture or unique?
- Do we want the bldg hidden or visible?

CONSTRUCTION EFFECTS

What effect will construction have on EPC, Highland AA, and Montessori Preschool?

How long will it last? Who pays for disruption?

Will it be necessary or wise to update EPC's utilities at the same time?

Who will oversee this project from EPC—staff, members?

LEGAL ISSUES / FUTURE LIABILITY

What if CC defaults? What if CC wants to expand? Should we plan for this possibility?

What if EPC folds?

Legal details: Lease term (99 years?), insurance requirements, indemnity clauses

ON-GOING RELATIONSHIP WITH CC

Conflict resolution

Who maintains property--forests, lawns, snow removal?

Shared mission, use of EPC building for CC families (hospitality, worship, prayer)

On-going impact on EPC, AA, Montessori Preschool

Effect on Church staff—maintenance and pastoral issues