

## **Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church**

**Midweek Update – October 5, 2016**

### **Pastors Back & World Communion Sunday**

Pastor Julie is home from her retreat in Colorado, and I am mostly recovered from being sick during our week away from EPC. Hopefully Julie will get a chance to share more about her experience at Snowmass. Thank you to everyone who helped pull together a last-minute worship service on Sunday when our guest preacher got ill. Special gratitude to Elder Fred for preaching and leading.

Because of those changes, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday this week, Oct. 9. Our text is the story of ten lepers from Luke 17:11-19. It is also the weekend of the Twin Cities Marathon, so please consider your driving routes as you come and go from church on Sunday, if you need to cross Summit Avenue.

### **Pastor Review Process Forum after Worship**

We are finally having our Pastor Review forum this Sunday after worship in the parlor. If you remember, congregants were invited to fill our surveys about the pastors back in January. Since then the Personnel Team has worked to synthesize the results, share the material with the pastors, and develop some responses and action items for and with the pastors. This Sunday, we will talk about the process and take any questions or feedback that the congregation has.

### **Crescent Cove Task Force**

The CC task force is meeting tonight at 6:45pm at church. In the past two weeks, significant progress has been made on securing legal counsel and setting up an appraisal on back land parcel. In the next 1-2 months, our congregation will need to do some further discernment our own needs and desires and we prepare to enter the lease negotiation stage with Crescent Cove. The task force is also working together with Crescent Cove to develop and implement a neighborhood communication plan about this project.

### **Bruce McCall Service**

Bruce McCall's memorial service will be on Saturday, October 15, at church in the early afternoon, followed by an off-site reception. We will know the exact time before Sunday worship and next week's Midweek Update.

### **Confirmation Students**

It is now time to finish up your faith statements. Please show the next draft of your statement to your mentor and to Pastor Phil. Mentors, please contact your youth to see how they are doing.

### **Lectionary Bible Study with Pastor Phil**

I was planning for the initial meeting of this group for Monday evening, October 10, at 6:30pm in the church parlor. But I am still exhausted from a too-busy September and being sick last week. So let's postpone the first meeting until Monday, Oct. 24. Thank you!

## Pastor Julie Invitation to a Clothing Exchange

Plan now to have fun at a clothing swap hosted by Pastor Julie.

Saturday, October 22, 2016

1pm- 3pm

1462 Van Buren Ave., St Paul, 55104

(at the SW corner of Van Buren and Pascal in the midway neighborhood of St Paul)

- Tea and coffee served
- All sizes welcome! shirts, pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, jackets, shoes, purses, belts, scarves, jewelry, fabric, anything fun!!
- Practice letting go (if it doesn't bring you joy, get rid of it), abundance (you take home free stuff), and generosity (anything you don't take goes to Joseph's Coat). if you don't have anything to contribute, no problem---just come and receive!!!
- Please be aware--most items will be displayed in the attic on the 3rd floor, and it is not accessible other than by stairs.

Hosted by julie gebbengreen, in celebration of her upcoming 50th (!!!!!) birthday. your presence and playful spirit will be a present in itself!!

Please come and play!

Also, if you have a daughter or a mother you'd like to share this experience with --you can bring her!

In Luke 17, ten men are healed of their skin disease. Nine move on with the practical matters of their new lives. One returns to Jesus, giving thanks and praising God. This begs the question: Are there miracles in our lives that we miss because we are swamped with practical details? Do we remember to give God thanks every day? As preacher Fred reminded us last week: one teeny, tiny moment of faith can change everything, can move mountains in fact! Let's take a teeny, tiny moment of gratitude today and see what happens.

Pastor Phil