

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 9, 2016

Greetings from the EPC Office

Pastors Phil and Julie are off for a time of vacation and continuing education until returning to work on November 21 so you are receiving this week's update from me, Lois Glewwe, in the office.

Sunday, November 13

Todd Barnes will be bringing the message in worship this coming Sunday. There will be several special readers and wonderful music that you won't want to miss.

New Photos Posted

Be sure to check out the photo bulletin board in the narthex when our great resident photographer, Ron Eggert, has posted photos from the birthday reception held for Pastor Julie last week.

Moment for Missions: Sycamore Trees Needed

This past Sunday, Pastor Phil brought us back to the fascinating story of The Short Rich Tree Climber. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly that he did whatever he had to do: get away from the grumbling crowd, and climb up to where he could discover a different perspective. When he got eye to eye with Jesus, everything changed. His core identity as a son of Abraham was proclaimed. His generosity and commitment to justice were blessed. And he got to bring God home for dinner!

Being eye to eye with Jesus changes us. In our Moment for Missions, Elder Eleta announced that the Elders and EPC Missions have decided to financially support our own Angelie Ryah as a missionary with Church Resource Ministries. Angelie reminded us that her central work is to provide "sycamore trees" – resources for faith leaders to reconnect with God so their core identity and calling can be reclaimed. A particular focus is ministry leaders on both sides of the US-Mexico border, where peacemakers are crucially needed. But before Angelie sets out on this mission, her monthly ministry budget of \$5,000 must be met before she can relocate; currently 35% of this goal has been reached.

To help with Angelie's mission, the Elders invite the Edgcumbe family to join them in supporting this work: they will pledge \$10/month of their own money for each new monthly donor who pledges to Angelie by December 10.

Pledges can be set up online at: <https://crm.webconnex.com/6021>, or contact Angelie for a pledge card or with questions. Phone: [651.329.2250](tel:651.329.2250) Email: angelieryah@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Meal at Montreal High-Rise

We will be cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Montreal Highrise again this year. If you would like to donate a turkey, there will be coupons in the papers closer to the date. We need 5 turkeys that are 14-17 lbs. each. The turkeys can be stored in the kitchen freezer. Please let Meredith know if you are buying a turkey so we don't have too many. We will also need donations for other food and incidentals. Please consider volunteering to help that day if you can from 11:00-1:00. Friends and relatives are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Holt. Thank you all.

Pledges for 2017

A letter and pledge card for 2017 were mailed to the EPC family last week. We will receive pledge cards during worship on Sunday, November 20 but cards can also be placed in the offering plate this morning or left in my inbox in the office.

Per Capita for 2016

EPC sent in our per capita for every member of the church in January of 2016 but several folks still haven't paid their per capita of \$32.87 per person. If you intended that your payment be subtracted from your regularly giving, please let me know and I can make that transfer. Otherwise your check can be placed in the offering or mailed to the office.

Sunday, November 20

After worship on Sunday, the 20th, we will gather for a Wassail Party as we decorate the church for the Advent season. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. All are welcome to help, including children.

Next Bible Study with Pastor Phil—November 21 & 28

After our first meeting this past Monday, the Monday Bible Study will take a short break before meeting twice in late November—the 21st and 28th. The passages for discussion can be found on the EPC website under Lectionary. Hope to see you!

Looking Ahead (It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!)

Here are some dates to put on your calendars:

- December 11 – Christmas music sing-a-long
- December 24 – Christmas Eve worship at 4:00pm
- December 25 – Merry Christmas with no worship on Sunday morning!

Address Book Found

A lovely unused address book ended up in my inbox last week. If you lost it or know who it belongs to, please let me know.

Have a Blessed Week!

Lois Glewwe