

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 16, 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.

A Word from Angelie

What a beautiful time of worship we had on Sunday! The word "liturgy" means "the work of the people" and we certainly embodied that. Many people gave an offering of their talent: whether to welcome, lead, sing, pray, teach, invite, usher, donate, read aloud, suggest hugs, give hugs, announce, play piano or organ, make coffee, or "fluff the greens," the active participation was notable and nourishing. Some knew they would be filling a role before Sunday, and others stepped up right before and even during the service itself. Such a lovely organic flow of grace and strength we gave one another. A particular thanks to Todd Barnes for opening the Scriptures for us. With typical candor and humor he directed our focus to Jesus' challenging words that very difficult and even heart-breaking times shouldn't come as a surprise--particularly political unrest. Todd underscored Jesus' encouragement to trust and endure rather than hunker down in fear. A second Scripture advocated that we stay focused on the much-needed work at hand. In these often anxious post-election days, may we take to heart 2 Thes. 3:13: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

Sunday, November 20

After worship this coming Sunday 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.

Poinsettias for Christmas

The order for this year's purchase and donation of red or white poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas is attached. The form will also be in the bulletin for the next few weeks. Final orders need to be in by December 11. There are two options – you can purchase plants and take them home following the Christmas Eve service or you can simply donate funds outright to purchase additional plants that will then be taken to those who are no longer able to get out to worship with us in person.

Thanksgiving Meal at Montreal High-Rise

We will be cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Montreal Highrise again this year on Thursday, November 24. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, just one more is needed at this time. Please consider volunteering to help that day if you can from 11:00-1:00. Friends and relatives are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you do wish to donate the last turkey or if you have other questions, please contact Meredith Holt, [651-699-2280](tel:651-699-2280). Thank you all.

Pledges for 2017

We will receive pledge cards during worship this coming Sunday, November 20, so please remember to bring yours with you if you have not already turned it in. Cards can also be dropped off in the office or mailed to the church.

### 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.

### Bible Study with Pastor Phil—November 21 & 28

The Monday Bible Study will meet on November 21 and 28, at 6:30 p. m. The group is open to all. 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 Update

A lovely unused address book ended up in my inbox last week. I received a note saying that it was a gift either for me or whoever might need it. I do actually need a new address book and appreciate the thoughtfulness!

### Have a Blessed Week!

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