

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – February 22, 2017

Membership to Gideon to Lent

Congratulations to Cora Hogen Fett and McKenna Reedquist, and to Jennie Reedquist and Connie Spear, who all joined our congregation this past Sunday. It was another inspiring and powerful service. Special thanks to Cora for preaching the sermon and to McKenna for her bulletin artwork. Ron Eggert's photos of the people and events from Sunday can be found on our website at:

http://www.epchurch.org/events/2017-02-12_confirmation/confirm.html

This coming Sunday we will conclude our series on the story of Gideon. To reacquaint yourself with this amazing tale, read Judges 6-8. Our focus on Sunday will be the surprising battle and the aftermath in chapter 8.

Josh LeClair's Court of Honor is Next Sunday

The whole congregation is invited to join Josh LeClair and his family celebrating his Eagle Scout with a Court of Honor service here at EPC on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, at 1pm.

Caring Hearts Drive

Our collection for homeless youth and adults goes until next Sunday, February 26. Items needed are hygiene supplies (deodorant, toothpaste), medications (cough drops, foot care, pedialyte, etc), and necessities (diapers, socks, winter wear). There is a drop-off box in the narthex. Lynn Wolf sends the helpful tidbit that affordable toiletries can be purchased at Goodwill!

Looking ahead: next month we will be joining the March FoodShare drive, collecting both money and food to fight hunger in the metro area.

Outreach & Growth Team – March 6

The next meeting of the O&G team will be on Monday, March 6, at 7pm at the apartment of Todd Barnes (2285 Stewart Ave 55116 #1220). This Thursday at 5:30pm, Lorenz Fett and Pastor Phil will be meeting with the resident council of the Montreal Hi-Rise to discuss possible outreach in their building.

Bible Study

We are still looking for a time to meet that works for the most people. Anyone interested in our Bible Study with Pastor Phil will please meet briefly after worship on Sunday, March 5, to see if we can come up with a time and place that works for most of us.

Lenten Opportunities

This year Lent does not start until Ash Wednesday on March 1. Here are a few things to look forward to this Lenten season:

1. *Each Sunday in Lent, we will base our worship services around Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayers. The gorgeous music and powerful words will call us into communion with God and each other.*
2. *On the first Sunday of Lent, March 6, we celebrate communion and the imposition of ashes, reminding us that in life and in death, God's love and life surround us and nurture us.*

- Lent is about preparing for Jesus' death and resurrection; it is about the death of winter meeting the new life of spring. LIFE-DEATH-LIFE, REPEAT is the pattern. One way we are going to celebrate that pattern is in storytelling. Pastor Phil will be leading a storytelling workshop for anyone interested on the afternoon of March 12. More details to follow.*

Session Notes-February 9 Meeting

Submitted by Carol Schweickhardt

Session met in the parlor with prospective members and heard their faith statements. Chloe Clary, Jenni Reedquist and Connie Spear were approved for membership. Lillian LeClair was approved for membership and baptism.

Session then retired to the upper room for the rest of their meeting.



Agenda and previous minutes were approved. Meredith Holt was thanked and celebrated for agreeing to be the Session Secretary!

Annual meeting: Session went over the notes from the previous Sunday's Annual Meeting check-in gathering. We are considering two meetings a year to take the load off of the one meeting.

Personnel: Elder Fred Clary is leading a review of the Pastors' Position Description, with an offer to help from Ron Eggert.

Report from the Outreach & Growth team: Carol reported that the O&G committee had their first meeting. We are looking at several levels of communication with prospective members. Right off we are working on making some small, printed-here-at-church signs to put up where the preschool parents will see them and in other areas of the church where the AA members will see them. Send ideas to Pastor Phil for wording on the signs. We are looking for edgy but appropriate, eye catching wording. We talked about having additional signage out front and holding activities that can be done outside this summer too. Pastor Phil and Lorenz will be meeting with the steering committee of the Montreal Hi-rise to see if connections are possible there. If you have input please see: Carol, Lorenz, Phil, Angelie, Meredith, Jennie or McKenna.

Next session meeting is March 9th.

Session closed in prayer.

People of God, remember today that God is absolutely crazy about you. God cares about your life and wants only good for you. God looks at you as a beloved child and wants nothing more than to be with you right now and forever. Breathe that in and savor it. Pastor Phil