

## **Edgumbe Presbyterian Church**

### **Holy Week Update – April 12, 2017**

#### **The God of Life in the Midst of Death**

If God has any power at all in our lives, then God must have power over death. Otherwise pain and suffering and fear and death are more powerful than God, and our faith is in vain. Jesus has so much trust in the power and goodness of God that he knows that not even death can separate him from God's love. THAT is the power of the cross—when we too can trust God with our deepest fears, with our worst pain, with our hardest struggles, then God transforms fear and pain and struggle into life and love.

Do not take my word for this. Try it. Remember Jesus going to the cross and then give God your own life with openness and trust. We are a people who believe in miracles. We believe that life, and not death, has the last word. We believe that love changes everything. See you at the empty tomb.

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

- Friday, April 14 – **Good Friday** worship with Humble Walk Community at 6pm at Art House (793 Armstrong Ave, St Paul), with a **potluck dinner** at EPC at 5pm. If you plan to come to the potluck but did not sign up on Sunday, please send a quick email to [PastorPhil@epchurch.org](mailto:PastorPhil@epchurch.org) to let me know you're coming, so we can set a place for you.
- Sunday, April 16, 10am – **EASTER** worship

#### **New Directories**

New church directories will be available for pick-up on Easter Sunday. We went ahead and made a copy for every household since there are so many new members and changes since the last printing. Please pick your family's copy up on Sunday. There are also a few extra if you would like one for your office or a second copy at home.

#### **A Singing Lent at EPC**

*From Director of Music Deb Carlson:* You, EPC, were amazing during lent. We sang "Holden Evening Prayer" together for 6 weeks. The process of learning new music with you from beginning with that first week when we were just meeting the music to the second week when you were already "getting it" to this last week where we were enjoying every note and word together with our voices and hearts. It was kind of like watching a spring flower bloom...exquisite. I was introduced to the Holden Evening Prayers about 15 years ago and it's been a dream of mine to do it again. Thank you, thank you for sharing the gift of singing together. Hopefully we will find another time to sing this lovely music in worship again soon.

Several folks in the congregation are planning to share their music gifts with us in the weeks to come. If you would like to participate musically in a worship service, please talk to me and we will find something that works for you! --Deb

#### **Pastors on Continuing Education Next Week**

Pastor Julie and I will be away from church all next week for Continuing Education time. We will be taking a course on the spirituality of the Enneagram with world-renowned teacher Russ Hudson. Our guest preacher on April 23 will be Humble Walk pastor Jodi Houge. If any needs come up while the pastors are away, please contact the church office or any of the Elders: Carol S, Fred C, or Eleta P.

### **Outreach & Growth Team Tonight**

All are welcome to join the merry crew and lively conversation around how to go out into our community to connect with and serve our neighbors and grow our church. We will meet this evening at 7 pm at the Caribou Coffee at 2340 W 7<sup>th</sup>, next to the McDonalds. Note: this is a location change. Contact Angelie with any questions or curiosities: [angelieryah@gmail.com](mailto:angelieryah@gmail.com)

### **Prayers**

- For Ron Eggert who went into HCMC today with no clear diagnosis yet.
- For Meredith and Tom Holt, whose brother Bob Holt is now on hospice facing the end of his life.
- For Montell Pierce, Eleta's dad, whose cancer has returned. Montell is doing chemo every day this week and for a while to come. Prayers for Montell's strength and health and for Eleta and her mom, Theresa.