

## **Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church**

**Midweek Update – April 26, 2017**

### **Waking Up in the Here and Now**

Pastor Julie and I had a very nice week away from EPC last week, culminating in an intensive two-day conference with renowned Enneagram teacher Russ Hudson (where we were joined by Angelie Ryah!).

Thank you to everyone who helped cover for us last week, including Lois in the office and Eleta and Deb in worship. Special thanks also to John Omps for sharing one of his songs with the congregation!

One theme of our conference last weekend was the invitation to wake up to the reality and holiness of your own life. Waking from sleep is a consistent Biblical message: “Stay awake at all times.” (Luke 21) “Awake, awake, and put on strength.” (Isaiah 51) Let us not sleep as others do, but keep awake.” (1 Thess. 5) Pay attention the next time you are in a store. Most people walk around as if they are in a daze. We stand close to each other but don’t interact. We look at our list or phones and miss the miracles of life unfolding in each moment. This coming Sunday, we will read the story of two disciples who meet the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35. Over the course of this story, these two disciples wake up, they recognize Jesus, and their hearts come back on line. When you are awake, you can feel your body and feel your heart. When you are awake, you remember who you are and you can face the stresses of life with confidence and wisdom. When you are awake, you tend to be both braver and calmer. Sleepers, awake!

### **New Arrivals at ArtPlayce at the Edge**

On Tuesday, Dawn Carlson Conn, Joan Kloiber, and Doris Petrie hung over 25 pieces of original artwork on the walls of our sanctuary and hallway. The dynamic, colorful, and three-dimensional pieces are evocative and beautiful. The show includes two nine-foot long hangings that grace the front and back wall of the sanctuary. Prepare to be amazed.

Although each piece has a name, we are not hanging name plates so that each work of art can evoke its own story from each person who encounters this show. Thank you to Elaine and Carol for coordinating this effort and to artists Dawn, Doris and Joan for sharing so much of themselves with us.

### **Storytelling in May with Humble Walk**

Storytelling Event: *Wed, May 10 at Art House North*

Theme: *But I Was Not Consumed*

Do you have a story about coming through a hard time? About arriving on the other side of an event that you were sure was going to destroy you? Perhaps a tongue of fire landed on your head and changed everything. Found yourself standing next to some burning thing—a love that makes a fiery ring—but somehow does not consume you? We want to hear it. We are looking for true, first person stories told in 10 minutes or less in front of a live audience of beating hearts. If you would consider telling a story, please contact Pastor Phil. Everyone else is welcome to come listen on May 10.

### **No Storytelling at MHR tomorrow**

We had a second storytelling event scheduled for this Thursday at the Montreal Hi-Rise, but that event has been moved to a Saturday morning in May, date to be announced soon.

## **EPC June Mission Project: Feed My Starving Children**

Let's join 30,000 people in making 6,000,000 meals for Feed My Starving Children's "Love Somalia" MobilePack event in downtown St. Paul!

When: Sunday, June 4, from 3:15-5:30 pm

Where: St. Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55102

We have teamed up with First Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul and reserved a number of spots to help fill MannaPacks that will be sent to feed the children of Somalia in this large-scale packing event. Everyone ages 5 and up are welcome to pack (those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). Sign up either on the sheet in the Narthex, or contact the church office. If you are interested in carpooling, please let us know when you sign up so that we can coordinate rides. For more information on volunteering, visit: <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer-info>

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

## **Next Bible Study—May 15**

Our next Bible Study will be Monday, May 15, at the home of the Eggerts. All are welcome.

## **Prayers**

- Prayers of celebration to Todd Horne who married Teri Senger in Sante Fe last week. Congratulations and blessings to you both!
- Prayers for Dorice Van Vorst and Bob Ekstrand, members of EPC who don't get out very much anymore but are still beloved members of this community and God's family. May God bless you both.

People of God, it is a miracle to be alive and be awake. If you approach the rest of your day expecting miracles to happen, it is a good bet that they will. Peace to you, Pastor Phil