

## **Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church, Midweek Update – May 3, 2017**

### **Breaking Bread Together**

Have you ever noticed how much the Bible talks about food and eating? The first problem in the Bible revolves around a piece of fruit. (Gen. 3) The Psalmist says that God “sets a table for me in the presence of my enemies.” (Ps. 23) In our text last week (Luke 24), the two disciples only recognized Jesus when they sat down to eat together. This coming Sunday we will read Acts 2:42-47, which describes the communal life of the very first congregation. Along with prayer and worship and generosity, the main impression of these early Christians is that **they loved to eat together**. “Shared meals” are mentioned *three times* in this short passage.

We at Edgcumbe Church also like to eat together. Since this Sunday is a Communion Sunday and in honor of the early Christians’ eating habits, we are going to change up our worship routine to meet around tables. We will still sing and pray and learn together, but we will also eat and fellowship. [Here’s the invitation for you:](#) If you want to bring any food to share, this Sunday is a great time to do it. Acts 2:46 says, “They shared food with gladness and simplicity.” Keep it simple, do it with gladness, and all will be well. If we get a lot, then we will share. There will be communion bread and grape juice enough for all. See you on Sunday—if anyone can come a little early to help set up the sanctuary, that would be great too.

### **Outreach & Growth Meets Tonight**

The O & G team will meet tonight (Wed.) at 7pm at the Caribou Coffee on W 7<sup>th</sup>, down the hill from EPC. All are welcome to join us.

### **Storytelling on May 10 with Humble Walk**

Storytelling Event: *Wed, May 10 at Art House North at 7pm*

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. If you would consider telling a story, please contact Pastor Phil right away. Everyone else is welcome to come listen on May 10.

### **Call for Buckthorn Puller and Help**

*From Pastor Julie:*

through the crescent cove process, we looked anew at our backyard. with gratitude, josh leclair's eagle scout project brought care to our northeast property last summer. however, our property/forest area on the west side (behind the playground) has been largely left alone, and mostly overgrowing now with buckthorn trees. for those unfamiliar with the issue, buckthorn is an invasive species and can cause damage to native wood areas. the church owns one buckthorn puller, but pastor julie has a dream of purchasing a second, slightly larger one, to allow teams of people to work together this summer. we know that some folk at epc like to gift the church with specific requests--and this could be one place to

consider. the model of puller we are looking at would cost around \$140. if you are interesting in helping purchase this for the church, please connect with pastor julie.

and, if you have any interest in connecting with the earth in a down and dirty way this summer, talk to pastor julie!! she'd love to have you join her and tend to our back forest!!

### **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

### **Art Journaling Workshop on June 3**

Art Journaling Talk and Workshop with Briana Goetzen of OrangeSpiralArts.com

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 1pm-4pm

#### Workshop Description:

*"We have to dare to be ourselves, however frightening or strange that self may prove to be." --May Sarton*

Inside us all is a yearning for self-understanding and personal expression. One way to help yourself learn, grow, and transform into your authentic self is through art journaling. The art journal is your trusted companion throughout your life's journey of living, loving, loss, and re-discovering joy.

In this 3-hour workshop, you will hear a talk by Expressive Artist and Creativity Coach, Briana Goetzen, MA. She will share the power and positive influences art journaling can have in your life. After the 10-minute talk, Briana will guide participants through the creative steps in making a multi-layered journal spread. At the end of the workshop, there's a good chance you will feel both inspired and more connected to your authentic self.

Cost: \$20 plus materials (list sent when you register)

Contact Carol Schweickhardt for further information or to sign up.

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### **Next Bible Study—May 15**

Our next Bible Study will be Monday, May 15, at 6:30pm at the home of the Eggerts. All are welcome.

### **EPC Charter Member Death**

We mourn the death of EPC charter member Robert von Behren. Bob and his wife and their children were active at EPC for many years. May God bless Bob as he passes from this life to the next and be with all his family and loved ones. Thank you to Kathy Young for pointing out Bob's obituary, which can be found at [bradshawfuneral.com](http://bradshawfuneral.com).

### **May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Happy Birthday to:*

Vince Hogen – May 5

Phil GebbenGreen – May 7

Maggie Turnure – May 7

Belinda Clary – May 9

Brian Dietz – May 11

Bob Ekstrand – May 26

Deb Carlson – May 28

Lucie Dietz – May 29

*Happy Anniversary to:*

Naomi and Mel Houle – May 21, 1999

When the early Jerusalem Christians shared meals and prayer together, Acts 2 says that “A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through them.” People of God, share a meal with someone this week. And then expect miracles. Peace to you today, Pastor Phil