

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church,

Midweek Update – May 31, 2017

Prayer and Breaking Bread

In John 17, on the night before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion, Jesus stops to pray for his disciples. He doesn't plan his escape or organize a rally to demand his release. He stops and he prays, knowing that the most important thing—the most TRUE thing—in his life is his relationship to God. Here is Jesus' invitation to us today: When you get stressed or overwhelmed or scared, or you start spinning or plotting or arguing or analyzing, remember what the most important and true thing is. When you get wound up or upset or anxious today, Stop. And Pray. Are you out of practice talking to God? Consider today your chance to start up the conversation again. God is waiting with all of the love and patience and care of the whole universe. God wants to hear from you. Give it a try.

This coming Sunday is **PENTECOST**, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives. We will again gather around tables for communion and conversation. If you want to bring any food to share, it would be most welcome. Otherwise, just show up to enjoy worshipping a wonderful God and connecting with God's people here at Edgcumbe Church.

Notes from the Music Department

- Thank you EPC choir for a fabulous Sunday of music. EPC is so lucky to have amazing (and fun) singers.
- We say "farewell" to Jenya our pianist. She's taking her family to Belarus for the summer, planning to return to EPC in late summer or fall.
- On June 25th musician Matt Patrick and friends will be joining us for an outdoor worship service. Save the date and invite friends and neighbors.

Your gifts...if you have any hidden music-artist gifts that you'd like to share with EPC, we would love to receive those gifts. Please contact Deb Carlson @ debcarlson@q.com or [651-247-7688](tel:651-247-7688)

Quiet Garden Day with Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie will be attending a Quiet Garden Day at Christos Center for Spiritual Formation on Friday, June 9th. She is curious to experience this kind of quiet reflective day to see if this might be something we'd like to explore for church's back yard. Any person would be welcome to join her and car pool up to Lino Lakes. Christos center is asking for a free will offering for the day. Please contact Pastor Julie (pastorjulie@epchurch.org) with any interest or questions.

Buckthorn Puller and Help

After a generous donation, we have now received our heavy-duty Buckthorn up-rooter. If you have any interest in yanking out some invasive trees, talk to Pastor Julie! She would love to have you join her and tend to our back forest. **two big opportunities this weekend!!**

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

Reply to this email to volunteer, or contact Eleta Pierce (eleta.pierce@gmail.com)

Art Journaling Workshop on June 3

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

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 1pm-4pm, in the EPC sanctuary. If you want to come, please contact Carol S. right away!

Cschweickhardt@gmail.com [651 468-9888](tel:6514689888)

Next Bible Study—June 12

Our next Bible Study will be Monday, June 12, at 6:30pm at the home of the Eggerts (1868 Simpson, Falcon Hgts 55113). Our texts will be Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Romans 5:1-8; and Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23). All are welcome, and soup will be served!

Prayers

· Linda and John Omps have a daughter, Olivia, who lives in Alaska. Olivia and her husband Ben were traveling down a river when they went missing for a short time. Ben's father went up in a private plane to look for them, but the plane crashed killing Ben's dad and the pilot. On top of this Ben's mom is recovering from a stroke. Olivia and Ben are OK, but are clearly shaken by these tragic events. Linda is leaving on Thursday to support the whole family. John will remain here with home care. We pray for John and Linda and their whole family in this time of loss and adjustment. May God give them grace and comfort and strength in this difficult time. It would also be great if anyone wants to visit John while Linda is away. If you are interested in this, please talk to Pastor Phil.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To:

Mark Mayer – June 8

LaCretta Lunde – June 11

Zack Humphrey – June 16

Fred Clary – June 24

Ingrid Eggert – June 24

Eleta Pierce – June 24

Happy Anniversary to:

David and Sherla Mayer – June 8, 1974

Fred and Belinda Clary – June 27, 2015