

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church, Midweek Update – September 13, 2017

FAITH PRACTICE: DIRECT CONVERSATION

In Matthew 18, Jesus says, “If someone misses the mark with you, go and talk to that person when you are alone.” This seems so simple but is actually so difficult. When you feel something is not right between you and another person, don’t ignore it, don’t gossip about them, don’t throw a fit, don’t avoid them, JUST TALK TO that person. If that first conversation doesn’t go well, then Jesus suggests taking a friend with you the next time. After that, go to your church community for help. This is simple, practical, scary, and life-giving advice. When you read this, does someone come to mind that you could reach out to today? Give it a try. As scary as it sounds, it has the potential to set you both free.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 – STORIES, FUN, FOOD!!!

This Sunday is our Deacon-sponsored day for getting to know each other through the magic of food and games. After a shortened worship service, we will gather (outside if the weather is nice) for shared food and games for all ages. Youth and children are of course encouraged to attend, but this is meant as a fun day for absolutely everyone, so please come with your heart open and your body ready to play. Our meal will be potluck, so everyone is invited to bring something to share.

THANKSGIVING DINNER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Thanksgiving Dinner: It's early to think about Thanksgiving, but if you are planning a dinner for over 60 people it's necessary. Every year at the Montreal Highrise we need approximately 12 people to help set up, serve, carry food to tables, and clean up. The time involved is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please consider whether you would be able to participate this year. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex at the end of September. Thank you, *Meredith Holt*

BACK WOODS MEDITATIVE PATHS

Plans to develop a prayer garden and meditative paths continue to move along. Besides the labyrinth and swing already up and running, we now have an Eagle Scout project emerging for mid-October. If you want to be involved in any way, please talk to Pastor Julie.

ALL-CHURCH MISSION PROJECT

Just two more Sundays to bring in your donations to the All-Church Mission Project. Between now and October 1, we are collecting specific toiletries and edibles that are of use to a person on the street. We are asking you to donate the items needed and we are collecting these items in the chancel area in the Sanctuary as a visual of this mission. Monetary donations can also be given to

purchase any additional items that we need, please make checks out to EPC with “mission project” in the memo line. The goal is to collect enough items to fill 50 bags. Please pick up a flyer and shopping list on the table in the narthex. To be also included in the care packages: A “Ticket of Hope” good for one free meal at the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities’ dining hall – supplied to us by UGM. We will be filling the bags on Sunday, October 8, during the worship service as we gather to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Thank you for the checks and donations that have arrived so far.

PASTORS’ ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

From Sept. 25 – Oct. 1, Pastors Phil & Julie will be off for continuing education while Julie attends a contemplative prayer conference in Colorado.

PRAYERS

- We have been praying for Dean Grussendorf’s mother Doris, staying at Dean and Anna’s home in hospice care. Doris died peacefully in her sleep on Friday, Sept. 8. The family held a private service for her last Sunday. May God give comfort to Dean and Anna as Doris is welcomed home to God’s heart.
- Prayers for Marlys Kingsriter who is transferring to Capitol View care center, within Regions Hospital. Marlys loves visitors, so feel free to stop by.

Peace to you all today! Pastor Phil