

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 1, 2017

FAITH PRACTICE: ALL SAINTS

November 1 is All Saints Day. Three notes to remember:

1. It's not Some Saints Day or Selected Saints Day. This day is totally inclusive. On this day we remember everyone in our life who has died, and we remember our own participation in the cloud of God's saints.
2. On Sunday we read, "In life and in death we belong to God." This means that death absolutely cannot separate us from God or from love.
3. Therefore we mourn those who have died because we miss them, but we do not mourn them as lost. No one is lost to God, ever. You will never be lost to God—no matter what you do or don't do, no matter what happens or happened to you, no matter whether you are well or ill, sane or crazy, rich or poor, ALIVE OR DEAD.

Happy All Saints Day! Take a moment today to remember that your connection to God is 100% unbreakable and non-refundable.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE COMING UP

- Nov. 5 – *All Saints Day, Communion, and Godspeed send-off for Angelie*
- Nov. 12 – *Baptism and New Member Sunday*
- Nov. 19 – *Stewardship & Thanksgiving Sunday*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...

Turn your clocks one hour BACK this Sunday morning at 2am. If you get to church one hour early, feel free to clean out any cobwebs you see while you wait for the rest of us.

TURKEYS AT TARGET

Meredith wants us to know that turkeys are selling for 69 cents per pound at Target this week. We still need three 12-15 lb. turkeys for the Montreal Hi-Rise Thanksgiving meal. Let Meredith know if you buy one and bring it to the freezer at church. If you don't want to shop for a turkey, but do want to help, you can always donate a check or cash to the Thanksgiving

Fund.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship letters are going out this week. We are hoping that everyone can get their 2018 giving card into the offering plate or to the church office by Nov. 19 so that the Session can begin their work on next year's budget. You can also email or phone your information into the church office

(secretary@epchurch.org, [651.698.8220](tel:651.698.8220)) Thank you! If you have any questions

about giving or the church budget, please feel free to talk to treasurer Ron Eggert when he returns from Tanzania or to any church elder (Eleta, Fred, Carol, Meredith).

CHRISTMAS EVE QUESTION

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. We're wondering if we should celebrate Christmas that morning at 10am as usual, or worship and meet at 3pm or 4pm for our traditional Christmas Eve service. Do you have a preference or ideas? So far, I've only gotten one vote for Sunday morning. If you have a preference, please contact me at pastorphil@epchurch.org.

ADVENT DECORATING

Speaking of Christmas, several folk will be decorating the church for the Christmas season after church on November 19—if you can stay and help out that day, it would be greatly appreciated!

PRAYERS

These prayers come from Deacon Todd Barnes:

- A prayer of Thanksgiving for God's steady, graceful, loving hands in all aspects of life.
- A prayer of peace and comfort for anyone who might be experiencing any kind of fear or anxiety in their life. That we all might find solace in the words of the song written by Joseph M. Scriven, "*What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and grief to bear. And what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.*"
- That Angelie Ryah truly enjoy the last days in the Twin Cities as she says farewell to those of us who love her and looks forward to continuing a new, exciting faith walk in our Lord's wonderful stead.

Peace & care to you, Pastor Phil