

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 22, 2017

BEING GRATEFUL IN ADVANCE

This past Sunday, while Julie and I were on vacation, Todd Barnes led a worship experience about being grateful for a situation in advance. Usually, we are thankful for things in our present or in the past. This is a lovely practice and reminds us of the many blessings in our lives. Looking forward with gratitude, in contrast, is an act of faith. When we can be grateful in advance, we let God know that we are open to letting God take a situation and use it for our healing and the blessing of the world—even if we are feeling anxious or uncertain.

So this Thanksgiving, I invite you to take a situation or a relational connection or an anxiety that is coming up in your life and to open up your heart to that situation or person. Say, “**Thank you, Holy Spirit, for _____**. **Thank you for bringing this person or situation into my life. Let’s you and me approach it together with hope and goodwill and kindness.**” If anxiety continues around this situation, then keep praying this prayer, opening up your heart a little more each time.

THANKSGIVING MEAL AT MONTREAL HI-RISE

Tomorrow is the day we serve Thanksgiving lunch at the Montreal Hi-Rise. If you are coming to help, please arrive at the kitchen at 11am. The address is [1085 Montreal Ave, 55116](#)—down the Montreal hill and across W 7th on the left. The kitchen is in the one-story addition off the side of the building.

STEWARDSHIP

We are hoping that everyone can get their 2018 giving card into the offering plate or to the church office by this Sunday, Nov. 26 so that the Session can begin their work on next year’s budget. You can 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 or to any church elder (Eleta, Fred, Carol, Meredith).

WINTER GEAR CLOTHING DRIVE

Several EPC students attend Linwood Monroe Arts Plus which is a neighborhood school that serves many families who have a need for outdoor winter clothing. If you have gently used elastic waist pants, leggings, coats, boots, snow pants and waterproof gloves and mittens, sizes Pre-K to Men’s/Women’s Medium, please bring them to church on Sunday. Eleta will be collecting and delivering to the school next week. They can’t use button pants, dressy items, shirts with controversial slogans or anything that could be considered immodest.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

A copy of the order form to donate poinsettias to the church for the season is attached and will be in the bulletin on Sunday. Poinsettias may be taken home with you following worship on Sunday morning, December 24.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

Advent—the season of preparation before Christmas—begins on Sunday, Dec. 3. Our special Christmas worship will be at 10am on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24.

VIDEO OF WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 12

Ron Eggert compiled video from the Nov. 12 worship service. It is posted on our website or a direct link is right here: <https://youtu.be/NrzpLycsJCA>

SUNDAY COFFEE, TREATS, AND CLEAN-UP

Years ago, Edgumbe Church had a weekly sign up for Sunday morning treats with a list of tasks from greeting visitors to providing snacks and making coffee and cleaning up afterward. We have not had such an organized list for quite some time, so let me mention a few details now. After-worship food is always welcome, and you could sign up on the narthex sheet or just bring something to share. We do not have a clean-up committee nor does the custodian clean up our food for us, so it is up to us to clean and put away any utensils, plates, perishables, etc. Thank you!

PRAYERS

- Prayers for **Angelie Ryah** as she heads out of town this weekend.
- Prayers for **John Omps** as he is in the hospital (North Memorial) with complications and pain from a gall stone.
- Prayers and blessings to **Crescent Cove Children's Hospice** as they open their new facility in Brooklyn Center this month. Here is a link to various stories about the story of Crescent Cove and families they hope to serve:

<http://www.crescentcove.org/news-events/press/>

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving, Pastor Phil