

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 29, 2017

ADVENT AT EPC

As we were talking about the Advent season this year at EPC, Deb Carlson said to me, "Advent is when we wake up to slow down." That's exactly right. The shopping flyers call out to us to fall asleep and get shopping. Full calendars seem to call for more doing, more busy-ness, more celebrating. Preparing for Christmas can indeed be fun and exhilarating. But it is important to remember that the spiritual life is almost always about subtraction and addition. If you allow yourself to wake up to slow down, what can you trim away to make space for your self, for your heart, for rest, for God?

This coming Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We will sing and pray and celebrate communion together. We will also time at each service this December for quiet and interactive prayer stations. One of those stations will be place where you can create a card or package to give to God, listing or symbolizing something that you need to let go of or release into God's care. We can start today by paying attention to the things or situations or thoughts that the Holy Spirit points out to us for the gentle chopping block of release to God's care.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Gather with Jenya around the piano after worship on Sunday, Dec. 10 for what is becoming an annual tradition of singing together. Singers and those of you don't think of yourselves as singers are all welcome!

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.

WINTER GEAR CLOTHING DRIVE EXTENDED ANOTHER WEEK

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. Please deliver your donations by this coming Sunday, December 3.

PRAYERS

- for John Omps recovering from his hospital stay last week
- for the Session as they discern God's will for our 2018 budget at their meeting this Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving, Pastor Phil

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Gabby Dietz – December 12

Micah GebbenGreen – December 12

Warner Gunsell – December 16

Audrey Carlson – December 25

Chet Carlson – December 27

Tierra Hunt – December 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Linda and John Omps – December 15