

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – March 28, 2018

HOLY WEEK

As we head toward the stories of the final days leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, we remember what is most holy during Holy Week, and that is LOVE. When he sits down to eat with his disciples the evening before his arrest and trial, Jesus says, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, so you ought to love each other.” This sounds so simple, but it is actually our life’s work: learning to love each other and practicing that love every day.

1 Corinthians 13 says that “Love is patient and kind. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong but delights in what is right. Love bears all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

If you would like to practice love in a safe and grace-filled community, then you are invited to worship both Thursday evening at 6pm for dinner and worship and again on Easter Sunday morning at 10am. Guests, visitors, family are all welcome. If you know you are coming on Thursday, let us know in the office so we can set enough places.

PRAYERS

Deb Carlson is meeting with her Oncologist this Friday, after her biopsy was sent to Mayo for a second opinion. Prayers for clarity and wisdom at this appointment and ongoing prayers for comfort and peace.

SESSION REPORT – MARCH 15 MEETING

Our congregational meeting date is April 29th. The meeting to elect new officers (Elders & Deacons) will last about 10 minutes after the church service. If you are a member please attend.

The nominating committee is looking for candidates for several openings on the session. Talk to Eleta Pierce or one of the Pastors if you have questions. You can also talk to any current session members.

We spent some time discussing the strengths we see at EPC right now. The list included:

- Art hosting
- Healing & Safety

- Lovely music
- Lots of mission
- Deacon innovation
- Openness & Flexibility
- Connections with Preschool and Highland AA
- Accepting and loving community—care for each other
- Unique worship (interaction, stations, silence, art, participation)
- Trying new things thoughtfully
- Backwoods development
- Biggest pledge year ever

Pastors' Reports: Julie continues to take Improv classes. She has been called on to bless people going on the Camino de Santiago Walk. Phil reported on his time in California training for the Enneagram Prison Project (EPP). He expressed his excitement and gratitude for this opportunity and the support from the congregation

Back yard project: Isaac GebbenGreen is looking for a senior project and would like to do some work in the EPC back woods this summer. The session expressed their whole-hearted support.

Mission: March activity: Food Share. Eleta Pierce is the leader and organizer of ALL of our mission activities. See her if you have ideas or want to help her.

Outreach and Growth: not currently meeting. Needs a new leader. Angelie was previously leading this small committee.

Art activities: The art committee is looking for new members or just a few new ideas. Contact Carol Schweickhardt if you have either. We are looking at scheduling an art activity once a month on Saturday afternoon.

Worship: Holy week activities this year include our traditional Maundy Thursday potluck and communion service. This is a lovely time. It is a brief service. Join us in the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

An abuse prevention policy is being developed.

--Elder Carol
Schweickhardt