

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – April 25, 2018

TRANSFORMATION IS REAL

What a difference a week makes! Last week the ground was covered with snow; this week I can see budding trees, green grass, and flowers all around the church. This same miraculous change is possible for us every day. When life seems dark and cold, it is good to remember that sunlight and hope and love are right around the corner. Psalm 23 says, “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no danger because you are with me.” Psalm 22 adds, “Let all who are suffering eat and be full!”

Maybe it sounds hokey, but let me assure you that trusting God with the entirety of your life is like turning the spring sun on the frozen ground: it changes everything. If you allow God to love every inch of you, your worries and panic and judgment and uncertainties and pain will transform into joy and peace and energy and hopefulness.

THIS SUNDAY—ELECTIONS & RECEPTION

On Sunday, April 29, we will have two special events:

- At the end of worship, we will have a short **congregational meeting** to elect Elders and Deacons.
- After that, Lorenz Fett and family will provide lunch to all who can come after church on April 29th in memory of his mother, **Bonnie Belle Fett**, who died on January 28th of this year. His sister Luana will come up from Iowa with her world-famous cinnamon rolls! At lunch Lorenz would like to say a few words about his mother's life from times before we knew her. He promises to keep it short and not slaughter any sheep.

PASTOR JULIE ON RETREAT

From Julie: i will be going on retreat this weekend in the exotics of british columbia for time of quiet and deepened study of the ideas around “a course in miracles.” i believe i will be in a remote area with no wi-fi, so i will be off email from thur-mon, and returning back online monday evening! please contact phil if you have any pastoral needs during that time!

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday To:

Vincent Hogen – May 5
21, 1999

Phil GebbenGreen – May 7

Belinda Clary – May 9

Brian Dietz – May 11

Deb Carlson – May 28

Lucie Dietz – May 29

Happy Anniversary To:

Naomi and Mel Houle – May

May love and sunshine and flowers and joy surround you today, Pastor Phil