

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – May 2, 2018

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO LIVE

Psalm 23, the preaching text on Sunday, ends with the beautiful line:

*Surely goodness and mercy
will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will live in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.*

The next day, one of you brought me this lovely quote from the poet Hafiz:

*Fear is the cheapest room in the house.
I would like to see you in better accommodations.*

It is worth taking a moment to ask yourself: Am I spending my time in God's Psalm-23 house of rest and restoration and overflowing cups? Or, do I tend spend most of my time in the cheap room, in fear and worry and regret? Am I happy with my accommodations or is it time for a change of scenery? What is keeping me in my current room?

REPORT FROM LAST SUNDAY—ELECTIONS & RECEPTION

Last Sunday, we had a wonderful worship service followed by two special events:

- At the congregational meeting, we elected both Fred Clary and Jay McGregor as Elders (class of 2021) and Todd Barnes, Belinda Clary (2020), and Connie Howe-Vielmetti (2019) as Deacons. Congratulations and Thank You.
- After that, we had a lovely time of sharing about the life of Bonnie Belle Fett. Thank you to Lorenz and family for all the great food, the stories and wisdom about Bonnie, and the reminder of the power of storytelling to shape our faith and life together as a community.

ALL-CHURCH PROPERTY CLEAN UP THIS SUNDAY

After postponing our Earth Day clean-up due to a record-setting blizzard (!), we will try again this Sunday, May 6. All ages are welcome and encouraged to bring sturdy shoes, gloves, and a bag to pick up winter garbage and debris around our property after worship.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Our Presbytery's Committee on Ethics is encouraging all churches/members to consider donating \$10 Cub Foods cards to the Northside Women's Space (NWS), a ministry helping women get out of the sex trade. These women are often single moms struggling to put food on the table and pay the rent. What often drives women to the streets are unmet human necessities like food, basic toiletries and electricity. The \$10 Cub cards are NWS's greatest need right now as their supply is almost depleted.

EPC is joining other churches in our Presbytery to help fill this request, and we need your help to accomplish it! On this Sunday, May 6, will hold a special offering for this purpose and then donate the money to NWS. Thank you in advance for considering this mission!

Today may you be led into green pastures by our God and Shepherd! Pastor Phil