

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – June 13, 2018

LIKE A SEED

In Mark 4, Jesus says that God's kingdom is like a seed that grows into crops, even though we do not know how it happens. Or, it is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a shrub that gives home to the birds.

People of God, we do not need to make grace happen. All we need to do is get out of the way, and God's Spirit will drench us with grace and love. Amazingly, it is that easy.



NEIGHBORHOOD PIE SOCIAL AND BACKWOODS OPEN HOUSE!

Mark the date! On Tues, June 26th, Edgumbe Church will be hosting a Pie Social (6:30p-8p) to meet and greet our neighbors and introduce them to our backwoods plan. We plan to share information about the meditation walking paths and reflections stations, as well as bring people out onto the paths (weather permitting).

Please plan to come and create hospitality for our neighbors! Also, would you be willing to bring a pie (or 2) for the evening?? Please contact Pastor Julie if you can attend and/or donate a pie.

THREE MISSION UPDATES:

1. PROJECT HOME ON JULY 14

Every July, First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul ([535 20th Ave. North, South St. Paul, 55075](#)) becomes a homeless shelter for families for the entire month through Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul's Project Home. Our church will be the volunteer host once again this year for one evening and one overnight shift on Saturday, July 14. This is a wonderful opportunity to help God's children in a very personal and hands on way, and the volunteers often say that they receive more than they gave.

The evening shift is from 5:30 – 8:30 pm, and is when we'd like the most volunteers. I would like to plan a fun evening for the guests – an art project followed by a special ice-cream treat. If you have any ideas, please let me know. The overnight shift is from 8 pm – approximately 8:30 am the next morning. This shift, although long, is pretty easy because you are sleeping most of the time. For a more detailed volunteer description, go to <https://interfaithaction.org/volunteertraining> to view the slides.

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. Contact me, Eleta Pierce, (eleta.pierce@gmail.com or 612-719-0758), with any questions.

2. CAN A CUB GIFT-CARD CHANGE A LIFE? A PRESBYTERY STORY

In January, PTCA teaching elder Dean Seal (on behalf of the Committee on Ethics) addressed the Presbytery with a simple challenge: collect a \$10 Cub gift card. Or 20. For women in need.

Seal said, "Too often, single-moms, especially, are faced with terrible choices. To purchase food for hungry children often means there is nothing left for hygiene or other essential personal needs. It's these kind of unmet human necessities like food, basic toiletries and electricity for themselves and their families that will drive women into the street trade. Something as simple as a Cub card is one way we can help to begin to change that narrative."

For Lois Glewwe, chair of finance and the financial secretary for First Presbyterian Church in South Saint Paul, that challenge resonated: it was simple, straight-forward, and do-able, the kind of challenge to which, she said, "people will respond." And it would make a direct impact on the lives of people.

The complete story can be found at:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/17207f49001/1efcc030-8d00-4b6b-8a0c-29dd7e681foa.pdf>

3. JOSEPH'S COAT

EPC has supported Joseph's Coat on W 7th for many years. Last week someone drove their car into the Joseph's Coat showroom, shutting them down until repairs can be made. This past Sunday, we took an offering for them and raised \$430!! If you would still like to give to this important neighborhood ministry, visit their website at:

<http://www.josephscoatmn.org/>

PASTORS' SCHEDULE

Phil's Mom is turning 80 years old on June 20, and the Gebben clan is gathering outside of Des Moines from June 17 to 21. So Pastors Phil & Julie will be out of town next Monday-Wednesday but will be in church on both the 17th and 24th.

PRAYERS

For Deb Carlson, who is waiting for her 4th round of chemo while she works to manage her pain and nausea and prepare for her daughter Audrey's graduation party on Saturday night. As a congregation, we are still signing to help with meals weekly. If you would like to sign up, please contact Jenya at jenya.trubnikava@gmail.com. Yes, even though she is across the world, Jenya is still getting email and is coordinating our list. Thank you!

For Marlys Kingsriter who is doing a bit better today at Regions Hospital. We pray that Marlys will be able to get her strength back and eat solid food soon. Support also to caretakers Elaine and Bryan.