

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update July 25, 2018

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

I had a fantastic time in Cincinnati for the global Enneagram conference. So much learning and growth and fun. The theme of the conference was “Building Community.” Our keynote speaker, Peter Block, reminded us that community—people talking and working together—is the only way that positive change happens in the world.

That is certainly the biblical perspective. Jesus, who you would think could handle just about anything all on his own, instead starts his ministry by choosing twelve friends to walk with him. The pinnacle of Paul’s theology in both Romans and 1 Corinthians is the reminder that we are the body of Christ—unified in purpose, multi-faceted in gifts.

Over the next several weeks, we will be talking about community and what it takes to belong to a dynamic and healthy faith community. Take some time to think about the communities you have belonged to in your life—What made the good communities good? Why did some communities feel yucky or die out? What are your deepest desires for community in your life right now?

LOVE OFFERINGS

Thank you to everyone who gave to the offerings in memory of Deb Carlson. This week we sent a check to the Carlsons for over \$1700, and we have another \$700 available for memorial trees. With that money we hope to eventually plant a tree by the east entrance to EPC and small birch grove in the backwoods.

EGGERT UPDATE

Amazingly, Ron and Ingrid are getting close to the time when they will leave Tanzania for the U.S. They sent a newsy update with lots of good photos, which we will attach to this mailing. We look forward to seeing them again sometime in September!

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS

Yesterday there were 15 people here for our centering meditation group. Anyone is welcome to join this powerful practice any Tuesday at 3pm in the EPC sanctuary.

PASTOR JULIE TO UTAH

Pastor Julie will be driving to Utah for A Course in Miracles conference from July 31-August 10.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Zarrick Humphrey – August 7
John Omps – August 9
Todd Horne – August 9
Josh LeClair – August 23
Dorice Van Vorst – August 27

AND AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ingrid and Ron Eggert--8/11/64

SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

It's time once again to start thinking about bringing our donations for Highland Park High School. We will start collecting donations August 5 and dedicate them on August 26. A list of needed items is below. You may also make a financial contribution that will be used to purchase needed items. Just mark "School Tools" on your check and put it in the offering on any of those Sundays in August.

August 5-26, 2018

Your Shopping List for Highland Park H.S.

Here is this year's list of School Tools that are needed by students and staff at Highland Park High School. We asked for a list of items that would be helpful for the Highland Park High School community, and this was the reply:

Boxes of tissues are always a huge hit!

In addition to tissues:

- ◆ #2 Pencils
- ◆ White board markers
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Notebooks
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Hand sanitizer

Thank you so much for your support of HPSH staff and students!

PRAYERS

1. For Linda and John Omps on the death of Linda's son, Leevon Greenlee. We will have a short commendation service for Leevon during worship this coming Sunday.
2. For Ron and Ingrid as they finish their time in Tanzania over the next month or so.
3. For the Carlson family and all of us as we continue to mourn the loss of Deb.
4. For Taylor Burkhardt, our guest pianist this summer, as she prepares to move to Kentucky to work with an opera company there.

Peace to you all, today and every day, Pastor Phil