

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## *Midweek Update - Sept 19, 2018*



This coming Sunday, our service is going to focus on the story of Ingrid and Ron Eggert's work in Tanzania. We plan to gather in the Parlor for a slideshow and worship and conversation.

As the Eggerts think about their calling and work, one image that comes to their mind is a tapestry, which has many, many threads but is woven together to make a beautiful whole. So too our lives have been shaped by many different experiences and people, successes and disappointments, hurts and joys and coincidences. Only when we step back, with the distance of

time and reflection, do we start to see the beauty and pattern of what God has been weaving all along.

### **BACKWOODS WORKDAY: OCT. 20**

The next backwoods workday will be Saturday morning, October 20, when we plan to start (& finish??) covering the meditative pathway. The clear consensus so far, by the way, is to use woodchips instead of gravel.

### **PASTORS' OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

The GebbenGreens did not take a big vacation this summer, so instead Julie and I are attending a few different events this fall. Julie is just finishing her silent retreat time at Snowmass. In October, I have two adventures. From October 5-9, I will be in the Bay Area for further Enneagram Prison Project training and a return to San Quentin. Then from October 22-27, I will be at Gethsemane monastery in Kentucky. EPP is covering the expenses of the first trip, and the KY time is a gift of my colleague Kara Root, who wrote this trip into her sabbatical time from Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church. The plan at the moment is for Julie and I to be gone from worship on both October 7 and 28.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are planning to print a new church directory in the next few weeks. A copy of the latest version is on the big table in the Narthex. Please check your listing to make sure your information is correct. Please write changes right on that copy. Thank you!

## **SEASONS CHANGING**

Last Sunday, I went home from worship and needed to change all my clothes because it was so hot. I just now walked into the sanctuary, and it is cool enough to make me shiver. Here's what I'm saying: it will be awhile before the heat turns on, so please choose clothes that will keep you comfortable at church in this season of varying temperatures.

## **PRAYERS**

- Julie's period of almost 10 days of silence ends this afternoon. She begins her drive home on Thursday. Prayers of both safety and gentle re-entry for her.
- The state prison system in Minnesota continues to suffer a historically high number of assaults and unrest and employee turnover. Prayers for the administrators and staff and the incarcerated folk.

Abby Farr Peterson shared a great quote with us during worship on Sunday. She said, "God loves you, and there is nothing you can do about it." I have a suggestion. Can you guess what it is? How about we all try to believe that today—that God loves us, completely, totally, every moment, right now, forever. Breathe it in, accept it, accept yourself, love, relax.

--Pastor Phil