

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update - Sept 26, 2018

HAPPY FALL

Fall is my favorite season. I like the cooler temperature, the smells, the colors, having my kids back in school—it's all positive. Autumn is a season of transition: the growing season ends, animals gather and burrow, birds migrate, leaves change color and drop.

This time of change in the natural world is a nice opportunity for us to think about transitions in our own lives. How are we changing or being changed? Does my current life work, or am I being called in a new direction? Is the Spirit trying to say something to me and am I listening? Here are two phrases that I invite you to finish:

I used to be certain that...

I am coming to believe...

Feel free to write down 2 or 3 or 6 things in those two categories. Then take a look at your statements. Anything surprising there? Have you admitted to yourself or your loved ones how much you have changed? Does God have an invitation for you in the “coming to believe” statements?

OCTOBER DATES TO NOTE

- **Oct. 1-7:** Pastors off on continuing education while Phil is in California for the Enneagram Prison Project. Elder Fred Clary will lead worship on Oct. 7.
- **Oct. 14:** We celebrate World Communion Sunday
- **Oct. 20:** Backwoods workday 9am-noon
- **Oct. 21:** EPC mission project—care package bag assembly (see full announcement below)
- **Oct. 22-28:** Pastors off again for Phil's trip to Gethsemane monastery in KY.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please check the church directory copy in the narthex or email any changes to the church office: secretary@epchurch.org.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

EPC is being noticed within the local community for our development of contemplative practices including centering prayer and the meditative walking paths in the backwoods. We have been invited to gather for a special evening of worship and celebration.

**Thin Places 20th Anniversary Ecumenical Worship Service
at Westminster Presbyterian, Minneapolis - October 3 @ 6:00 -
8:00 pm**

This is a special gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the richness of the Christian contemplative community that has grown in the Twin Cities area. Worship Leaders will include Abbot John Klassen, St. John's Abbey; Dean Paul Lebens-Englund, St. Mark's Cathedral; the Rev. Judy Zabel, Hennepin Avenue Methodist, the Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung, Minnesota Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. Arika Galloway, Liberty Church, and more. Service with a reception afterward. All are invited.

Questions?? Connect with Pastor Julie.

SEASONS CHANGING

We are still in this transitional time when the heat may not be on, but it can be cool in the church, so please choose clothes that will keep you comfortable.

PRAYERS

- For Dayton Ave Presbyterian Church here in Saint Paul, as they plan to sell their historical church building and decide what is next for their congregation.

--Pastor Phil