

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – October 3, 2018

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 – Wear clothes from another country!
- **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.

TWIN CITIES MARATHON IS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Remember that this coming Sunday is the Marathon and, as usual, several streets will be blocked off coming through St. Paul from north of Summit. Please plan according.

MEALS FOR CARLSON'S:

As you know Edgcumbe was delivering meals to Deb Carlson family this spring and summer and continued to do so after Deb passed away. We are hoping to continue to do so for a while in order to help Bob to manage the household. If you are willing to cook dinner for Bob and Chet and need more information about it please contact Jenya Trubnikava: jenya.trubnikava@gmail.com or 320-223-9003. She will be happy to provide you with details regarding the address, drop off instructions, or cooking schedule.

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. Alike 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.

EPC All Church Mission Project

*"Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you." -
Matthew 5:42*

What & Why: We are collecting items and will be assembling care packages for panhandlers & homeless on the street. Often as we are driving around town, we come across panhandlers on the side of the road, holding a sign and asking for help. As an alternative to giving out cash, handing the person a care package with items and a meal ticket can go much further and can be just as useful to the receiver. The giver will gain a new connection to these people, likely have a good conversation, and will feel like they made a little difference in that person's life.

When: Drive now through October 19, with assembly happening on October 21.

What is involved:

The drive consists of specific toiletries and edibles (see separate "shopping" list) that are of use to a person on the street. **We are asking you to donate the items needed** and we will collect these items on the chancel area in the Sanctuary as a visual of this mission. Monetary donations can also be given to purchase any additional items that we need, please make checks out to EPC with "mission project" in the memo line. The goal is to collect enough items to fill at least 50 bags. *To be also included in the care packages:* A "Ticket of Hope" good for one free meal at the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities' dining hall – supplied to us by UGM.

The assembly will take place on October 8, as part of our worship service. At the time of the offering, we will move to tables in the Sanctuary to assemble the bags. Once the bags are all filled, we will pray over them to bless the people who will receive them, and then conclude the worship service with a song.

The distribution of the bags will happen by you – members and friends of EPC. People present will be encouraged to take some of the bags and keep them in their vehicles. When

you come across a person with sign on the street corner, or any person who seems to be in need, you will give a bag to the person.

THE SHOPPING LIST

- ♥ Chapstick or Lip Balm
- ♥ Small hand lotion
- ♥ Small package of Kleenex
- ♥ Tampons
- ♥ Cough drops or hard candy (individual bags)
- ♥ Trail mix/mixed nuts (individual packages)
- ♥ Granola bar/trail mix bar/energy bar
- ♥ Bottled water
- ♥ 1 gallon Ziplock bags

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Today, October 3 – Dan Froelich

October 11 – Samantha LeClair

Anniversaries

Connie & Dave Howe-Vielmetti – October 7, 2017 – Happy First Anniversary!