

# **Edgumbe Presbyterian Church**

## *Midweek Update – October 24, 2018*

### **GREETINGS!**

Pastor Phil is at the Abbey of Gethsemani for a week of reflection and retreat and will return to the office next week. We are welcoming Kelly Stone as our guest pastor for Sunday, October 28, 2018. Kelly is a chaplain and associate dean at the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life at Macalester. Elder Fred Clary will be assisting in worship as well.

### **COMMUNION AND POTLUCK BRUNCH – NOVEMBER 4**

The community of EPC will be having a pot luck brunch as part of our communion service on Sunday, November 4th. Please bring a dish to share or just bring your beautiful self if you can't get something together! All are welcome at the table.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

*From Elder Fred Clary*

Session met Thursday night October 18th. We discussed changes in worship, music director, and unique worship/liturgical opportunities. We had a positive discussion about the use of centering prayer in our worship services. There was great input from the Deacons, Elders. This conversation is ongoing so please communicate your input to the pastors, or elders or deacons. We want to receive all input in a safe nonjudgmental approach. Finances are better than the planned budget. And the backyard project grant, what a blessing, begins to be implemented this weekend.

### **HOST HOME NEEDED**

*Bryan Kingsriter and Elaine Allen shared the following invitation:*

Looking for a host family for a Rwandan refugee who is a junior in High School. He loves to play soccer and have intellectual conversations about global issues. He is a conscientious student taking 5 IB classes and has a part time job at a coffee shop in Highland. A host family in or near Highland would be ideal or at least on or near a bus route. For more information please contact Martha Johnson at 651-646-2826 or at Martha.johnson10@gmail.com. Pick up a gold-colored handout with more information about John, who has lived in America since he was 11 and speaks excellent English on the big table in the Narthex.