

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – November 14, 2018

GENEROSITY REVISITED

This past Sunday in worship, Julie shared her reflections about Mark 12:38-44. Here are some further thoughts from her about that text.

“like the poor widow who gave of her poverty, the "size" of her gifts were not what Jesus noticed—but rather her trust of God, that God would care for her, take care of her fully, and her trust allowed the grace of her generosity.

“in our culture, there is often an unconscious undercurrent of codependency which complicates our natural generosity. when there are unspoken demands or expectations, we can use our generosity to try to control or "fix" situations. if your giving doesn't come from a place of freedom and joy, and creates un-peace....notice that. the kingdom generosity that Jesus spoke about leads to peace. giving (or telling yourself you are not giving enough) might actually be more symptomatic of codependent habits and thinking....”

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is what we call this season, when we ask Edgcumbe Church folk to consider their giving for the coming year to express our intention for generosity and help the Session plan the 2019 budget. Letters and pledge cards are being mailed today. You can also contact the church office with your pledge information at any time (secretary@epchurch.org or 651-698-8220).

ADVENT DECORATING & SING-A-LONG

After worship on Sunday, December 2, we will finish hanging the Christmas greens, eat yummy food and sing Christmas songs around the piano to welcome the season. All are welcome!

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Again this year we are hosting a meal at the Montreal Highrise on Thanksgiving Day. What we still need are both financial donations to cover the cost and volunteers to serve the meal on November 22. If you can help out, please contact Meredith or sign the sheet in the church narthex. Thank you!

WORSHIP & ARTS CONVERSATION

Pastor Phil would like to gather with anyone interested in talking about worship and art in Advent of this year and looking ahead to 2019. If you want to be a part of this conversation, please talk to Phil or email him at pastorphilgg@gmail.com.

STORYTELLING ON MONDAY

All are welcome at Shamrocks on W 7th next Monday at 7pm for storytelling around the theme: Surprised by Joy. Led by Pastor Phil and Pastor Jodi Houge.

TOO FUN NOT TO SHARE

Congrats to Belinda and Fred who did very well at their Florida World meet. Fred won his Masters division! Now we'll see if they can lift the Christmas decorations out of the church basement.