

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

*Midweek Update - January 2, 2019!*

## **A NEW YEAR**

One year ago, it would have been hard to imagine several developments in my life. Like how tall my children would be, or that I would be teaching the Enneagram weekly at Shakopee prison, or that last summer we would hold a funeral for Deb Carlson in the church backwoods, or that we would have a wood-chipped meditation path through those same woods. I probably could have imagined the height of my children, but the other three were not even part of my wildest dreams or imaginings.

That makes me wonder: What are we not imagining right now that God has in store for Edgcumbe Church? What pie social is going to come out of the blue and change our lives and direction? On a deeper level: Am I open to being changed into a new person? Are we open to hearing a new direction or possibility from the Holy Spirit? Are we even listening?

January, the coldest month of the year, seems like a good time to stop and rest for a moment, to spend time in a warm spot listening, to wonder as we wander, to let God's imagination fertilize our own, to ask ourselves and ask the Spirit: are we following the right star?

## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK: EPIPHANY**

At worship this Sunday, we will celebrate the holy day of Epiphany, when the star comes to rest over Jesus and Bethlehem, leading the Magi to him. It is a season of light, of new insights, of going home by another route. Pastor Julie will be leading and communion will be served.

## **CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS**

The Centering Prayer group continues to meet and flourish on Tuesdays at 3pm in the EPC sanctuary. After a holiday break, the group starts up again next week, January 8. All are welcome.

## **ANNUAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 3**

Each year we gather on one Sunday early in the year to review the previous year, take stock of our life together, approve pastors' call and salaries for the coming year, eat and celebrate together. Our Annual Meeting this year will be on February 3, both during and after worship on that Sunday morning. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

## **PRAYERS**

- For ourselves, that we might be open to God's hopes and plans and dreams for us in 2019.
- For the entire world, that "peace on earth and goodwill to all" might be the news and reality for everyone everywhere.
- For Jenya and Krysta as they settle in to their new positions on the staff of our church! May this work and community be a blessing to them as we receive and celebrate their gifts to us.

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### ***Happy Birthday to:***

Meredith Holt – January 14

Angelie Ryah – January 18

### ***AND – Happy Anniversary to:***

Phil & Julie GebbenGreen – January 31, 1998

## **2018 GIVING STATEMENTS**

2018 Giving Statements will be mailed out in mid-January. If you notice any discrepancies please let Krysta know as soon as possible. Thank you!

## **2019 CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

We plan to print the Church directory in the coming week, if you have any changes or additions to your contact information, please let Krysta know by emailing [secretary@epchurch.org](mailto:secretary@epchurch.org).