

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church



Midweek Update *Oct. 2, 2019*

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WHAT IF?

Pastor Julie suggested this past Sunday that our only goal is God. I know I'm a spiritual leader and all, but this seems ridiculous and impossible, even to me. Julie went on to say that the only way we can be a community of Christ is to make God our only goal. When we do that, then the way is made clear before by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I know it's projection, but I'm imagining that you all are having trouble imagining this too. So pause with me for just a moment and let yourself think, "What if it is true, that my only goal in life is God." When I do that, I sink a little deeper the possibility. So now let's turn it into a prayer: "God, I want to make you my only goal. Holy Spirit, you show me the way." As I sit with this right now, I can feel the power of this simple insight. God, I want to make you my only goal. Holy Spirit, you show me the way. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY

While Phil is in California for the Enneagram Prison Project, our worship leaders for World Communion Sunday will be Chaplain Kelly Stone and student Autumn DeLong from Macalester College. For anyone coming from north of Summit Avenue, please remember it is the weekend of the Twin Cities Marathon and find alternative routes!

ANGELIE RYAH VISIT!

Angelie is an EPC member who is currently working out of San Diego. This coming week, she will be in Minnesota and at worship on Sunday. Here is a note and invitation from her: *Update from the Borderlands! After worship you are invited to reconnect with Angelie and hear about her next steps as a bridge-builder in the beautiful mess of the San Diego-Tijuana region. Meet in the Parlor over coffee and treats.*

BIBLE SIGNING

2nd grade Bible presentation to Aria McGregor, Jay and Lisa's granddaughter, will be Reformation Sunday, October 27. One of Edgcumbe's traditions is for the community to write prayers and blessings in the Bible for the receiver. Please take some time over the next Sundays to sign Aria's Bible in the narthex before we present it to her in worship!

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

Our Bible Study is finally settling into a routine, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month through December. This means our October gatherings will be on Oct. 13 & 27 at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary. All are welcome.

JOSEPH'S COAT NEEDS HELP

Bonnie, our clothes delivery maven, is letting us know that Joseph's Coat is in need of volunteers to help unload deliveries, especially on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Anyone interested can call and ask for Sarah at 651-291-2472. Winter warmth season is here, and volunteers and donations are needed.

POP-UP CENTERING PRAYER

Our outdoor centering prayer event on Monday was a big success with 16 people sitting under our huge maple tree by the swinging bench. The picture on top of this Update is from that event. We managed to finish right before the lightning storm!