

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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ROOTEDNESS & GROWTH

Last Sunday, Pastor Julie pointed out two essential things about community: We are rooted in Christ, and our purpose is to grow in faith and love. If we try to make community work with only our own resources, then we eventually become exhausted and even depressed. But in faith, we remember that we are not alone and that the source of our power and connection is Christ. We are like a tree planted beside cool waters, rooted and plugged-in to God's love. It is not our job to create love or unity or hope. It is our job to open up the passageways of our bodies, hearts, and minds so that God's love and hope and unity can flow through us.

When the Spirit flows through us, then what happens is that we grow every day in love and trust and peace. What happens is that we feel connected to ourselves and to each other—we BELONG. What happens is common mission, where miracles break forth and people are healed and fear melts away and the will of God becomes not a crazy idea but a lived reality. It's pretty awesome.

COMING UP

With the holiday season approaching, we have several special events coming up:

- **Nov. 17:** Elder Eleta Pierce will lead worship this Sunday on the theme, It Takes a Village. Pastors Phil & Julie will be at an Enneagram conference at the Carondelet Center here in St. Paul and on continuing education break until next Thursday, Nov. 21.
- **Nov. 24:** This is the date to get your Stewardship pledge cards into the offering or church office.

- **Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meeting at 10am in the church sanctuary, sponsored by Highland AA. Ruth Anderson is organizing food hospitality of simple desserts, coffee & apple cider. If you can help host our AA friends on that day, please talk to Ruth.
- **Dec. 1:** Advent Brunch and Decorating. During worship on this Sunday, we will sit around tables for a potluck brunch, followed by decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS

If you are interested in attending a class to explore membership at Edgcumbe Church, please talk to either Pastor or any Elder (Eleta, Jay, Fred, Meredith, or Connie). The date for the class has not yet been set, but will probably be after worship on a Sunday morning.

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Gently-used (or new) Twin Size Fitted Sheets and Warm Blankets Needed

Project Home, the mission of Interfaith Action who houses homeless families in the buildings of two faith communities each month, is in desperate need of bedding for the children and parents staying with them, specifically twin-sized fitted sheets and warm blankets (twin or full size). Bedding can be new or gently-used with no rips or stains. We will collect these items for the next few weeks. Put the items into a paper bag and bring to the church.

GREETINGS FROM WATSON & JOAN

Watson is a longtime member of EPC, who now lives in Arden Hills and rarely makes it to worship. Pastor Julie recently visited and passes on the greetings of both Watson and his wife, Joan, who can be seen in the accompanying photo.

BABY GRAND

We are now looking to upgrade our sanctuary piano from the current studio piano to a 5-7 foot, high quality baby grand piano. If you would be willing to help with this endeavor, or if you know of someone who is getting rid of or selling such a piano, please talk to our Music Director, Jenya Trubnikava (jenya.trubnikava@gmail.com)

TWO CONCERTS

Some folks from EPC have concerts coming up. Here are details:

Songs of the Season, sponsored by the Schubert Club

December 19 at 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
Featuring PETER MAYER (and Leslie Snow will be in the choir of back-up singers for Peter!)

Rebel Girls-highlighting amazing women throughout the ages, with the Twin Cities Women's Choir

November 23 at 7:00 pm at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave.

Tickets are on line at *HervoiceProductions.org*. Both Lisa and Shelley Holden sing with the TC Women's Choir

PRAYERS

- For Leslie Snow who had her final chemo treatment on Monday and plans to start radiation soon, with the hope of finishing before the end of 2019.
- For LaGretta Lunde who had surgery on her foot today—for the success of the surgery and the lengthy recovery process.
- For the women of Shakopee Prison, where Phil teaches, who struggle being away from their families over the holidays