

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

*Midweek Update  
March 18, 2020*

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## **I LACK NOTHING**

Our psalm for this coming Sunday is Psalm 23 with that beautiful and impossible first line:  
*The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.*

Today I'm in a bit of information overload myself. Government recommendations, school advisories, articles about how to be a decent human while avoiding all humans. It's all a bit much. So I go back to Psalm 23 and I remember: I lack nothing. In God I am resting in a green meadow beside still waters. If I am willing to listen, God leads me exactly where I should go. Not even death is scary to me because goodness and mercy are with me always. People of God, take a deep breath. Remember, rest, trust, follow.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

The Church Directory I sent out yesterday had a whole bunch of people missing. Very sorry about that. We are not firing on all cylinders. The Directory attached to this email is a vast improvement (no promises for perfection!), so please delete the first one and keep this one.

## **ZOOM MEETINGS THIS EVENING—7-8PM!**

To foster connection and see each other "face to face," Julie and I are going to host an online Zoom meeting this Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm. The purpose of this gathering is simply to check-in with each other for mutual support and care. If we find this works pretty well, we may try it for a Sunday morning experience as well.

If you are new to Zoom, this is an online format where you can talk to and see each other live. To join us, what you need is a computer with a camera and speakers (almost every laptop or tablet works great for this). You can also use a smart phone, although then you can only see one person at a time, but it still works. Here is a short video tutorial on how to join a Zoom meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

If this will be your first experience on Zoom, please try to join the meeting around 6:45pm to download Zoom and try it out. Meredith says: *I figured it out, so you can too!*

To Join EPC Zoom Meeting with your computer on March 18 by 7pm, go to this website and follow the prompts:

<https://zoom.us/j/361763024>

If you need it, the Meeting ID is: 336 176 3024

For Phone users:

One tap mobile  
+13126266799,,3361763024# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location  
+1 253 215 8782 US or +1 301 715 8592 US  
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abHOTkFemK>

### **CHURCH FINANCES**

Here's the good news: EPC is in very solid financial position right now because of years of good financial management and several members who pay their entire yearly pledge in January. Here's more good news: We would be even better off if folks keep up their giving during this time when we can't gather in person. We do not have online giving options right now, but you can send in donations by mail (EPC, 2149 Edgcumbe Rd, St Paul MN 55116) or drop off an envelope into the brass slot by the church office door. If you want to arrange a stock or bank transfer, please contact office manager Krysta or Treasurer Ron Eggert.

### **MISSION NEEDS—CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

- It is still **MN FoodShare** month and folks in need still need to eat. If you would like to give to this mission, please designate your check or donation with "food shelf."
- Our congregation has support **Project Home** for homeless families in many ways. Right now the family shelters are experiencing rapid change because of a lack of volunteers and the closing of churches where they usually stay. Project Home is taking all families right now into their day center site and hiring staff to make this work. With special services and school and kids programming shutting down across the city, you can imagine the need for this service right now. If you want to support this work in this difficult time for families on the edge, then donations can be designated with "Project Home."

### **OTHER ZOOM NEWS**

- After we see how tonight's Zoom gathering goes, we may use this format for other church events.
- Contemplative Prayer hopes to move to Zoom format for next week.
  - Bible Study on March 22 will also try a Zoom meeting at 6:30pm.
  - We are also considering a Zoom worship experience on Sunday at 10am.

### **PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.  
He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive.  
He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.  
Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff—they protect me.  
You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.  
You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!  
Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

*Other texts for this Sunday:* Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41 (Jesus and Blind Man)