

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

August 26, 2020

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Pastors' Vacation

The pastors are on vacation from August 24-September 7. Very similar to earlier this summer, the worship plan for this Sunday, Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 will be to watch services from First Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul, followed by an EPC discussion group on Zoom. See more information below.

The proposed outdoor worship and communion service from Sept. 6 has been pushed back one week to Sept. 13.

Pastoral concerns during the vacation should be sent to our Elders and items for the midweek Update should be sent to Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com. **Kathy**

Worship this Sunday, August 30th

This Sunday we will have a joint worship service with First Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul. Although, instead of an in-person or Zoom worship, we will be part of a worship video like the one we watched a couple of weeks ago. The link to the video will be sent out on Sunday at about 8 am from Eleta's work email address. Watch the video for familiar faces, three different music offerings from our congregation, and of course a good message! We will still gather on Zoom at 11 am using the same link we use for our Sunday worship, for a time of connection and reflection on the worship video.

Pedersen Memorial

The memorial service for Kathy Pedersen, who died on Wednesday, August 5, is now planned for Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10am in the EPC backwoods. The congregation is invited. Usual outdoor worship service guidelines of masks and distancing will be followed. In case of rain, the service will move inside with immediate family only while being broadcast on Zoom (Zoom link forthcoming).

Racial Justice and Me

The Racial Justice and Me (RJAM) Team invites and encourages all EPC members to check out these opportunities. The EPC initiative is all about discovery, learning and sharing within our community and then moving forward with action. Please fill out the Pledge soon! The link to the pledge can be found at <https://forms.gle/CaueSZoWxZr639Fu9>

The deadline for submitting your pledge is August 26 (Today!). The Presbytery initiative is an exciting way to learn with others across the Twin Cities and do the hard work of dismantling racism within the church. If you are interested in the Presbytery Pilgrimage, please sign up as soon as possible. The closing date for that sign up is August 28th (this Friday!). The link to the Pilgrimage information and registration is: <https://anti-racism-ptca.weebly.com/2020-2021-spiritual-pilgrimage.html>

Please prayerfully consider participating in either or both of these opportunities.
The RJAM Team: Luna, Leslie, Connie, Eleta, Liz and Rich

Presbyterian Week of Action

Mission, Social Justice and Adult Ministry Committees are pleased to Recommend Presbyterian Week of Action – THIS WEEK, August 24–30, 2020

It is abundantly clear through the gospel narrative and the greater witness of the Bible, that God has called us, as people of faith, to seek justice for those most marginalized in our world. This week is structured to provide a public witness that facilitates education, visibility, and action that reinforces our PC(USA) statements and policy around the support of eradicating racism and acknowledging that God loves all Black lives. By joining together with the national staff and the greater church, we hope to provide faithful leadership in the area of justice, love, and equality within our denomination and communities.

Below is, the background and purpose, schedule of events for this week, and why we say: Presbyterians affirm Black Lives Matter.

We hope that you will take the time to review this information and take part in this Presbyterian Week of Action!

For more complete information and additional events click on the links below.

[Background & Purpose](#)

[Why we say: Presbyterians affirm Black Lives Matter](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)

Zoom Schedule!

We have four Zoom meetings scheduled for our congregation for each week. All of these meetings are open to you and to everyone. They are:

- Sunday morning Worship at 10am
- Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm – No Bible Study while Pastors' on vacation
- Tuesday Centering Prayer at 3pm
- Wednesday evening Gathering at 7pm

Updated links for each of these meetings are on the church website at

<http://www.epchurch.org/>

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Tom Holt	9/04
Shelly Holden	9/09
Lorenz Fett	9/10
Jennie Reedquist	9/19