

# Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

## *Midweek Update*

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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, 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](mailto:epchurch2149@gmail.com).

### **Thank You from FPC-SSP & More**

Thank you again for everyone who participated in the making of this past Sunday's worship video, and for everyone who watched and/or joined in discussion later that morning. Here are a couple of messages that Eleta received that you might like to read:

"Thank you so much for providing such lovely music and photography. It was beautiful and calming. Also, the piece at the end with pics of Edgumbe life was fun. I appreciated your contribution to today's service. - Karen Bergstrom, FPC-SSP"

"Just finished watching the wonderful church service and thank you so much for including me in your e-mail. So nice to see and hear you on the video and I loved, loved the closing and hearing Todd play again. I watched his YouTube presentation a while back also. Take care and greet the Edgumbe folk (who knew me). Marjorie Litman

"What a fabulous service today! Thank you for reading the scripture with Jim and Heather; thank you for putting the photos together; thank you for including your church in the production of the service. The river song was BEAUTIFUL - the words, voices, and photos! Sue and Dave Hanson"

## **Worship this Sunday, September 6**

For this Sunday's worship we will be watching a video from Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the Sated Clerk of our denomination, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1097792757281488&extid=YPDIsx5tObkixZxn>.

**We will gather at 10 AM on Zoom** for a discussion on this video and check-in. (Note that this is an earlier time than our usual discussion).

About this video: This past week, people from all over our country participated in the "Presbyterian Week of Action" (<https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/>) that was 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 as 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. One of the offerings was the "Liberation Bible Study" series with pastors from all around our country. In this particular study, Rev. Nelson discusses Moses and his calling, and how that ties in to current times. This message is about 8 minutes long. All should be able to watch, even if you do not have a Facebook account.

## **Bible Study this Sunday, September 6**

There will be bible study this Sunday, September 6 at 6:30. Please find the link at <http://www.epchurch.org/>

## **Kathy 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 next step in the Racial Justice and Me project will be a series of 6 weekly meetings starting Sep 9. These meetings will be held on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm, during the regular check-in time. The proposed structure is to have three different meeting formats which we will rotate thru:

Format1: 'Reflect'. Each person will have a chance to briefly (~5-10 min) reflect on what they have learned and share their thoughts on how their thinking has changed (or not changed) as they have viewed the various resources.

Format 2: 'Report'. In these meetings 2-3 people would volunteer to give a more in-depth report on one thing they have read or on one topic area. These presentations could last 20-30 minutes.

Format 3: 'Brainstorm'. For these sessions we can share ideas for actions, ask for problem solving help on a difficult racism related issue, or ask for input on how to better understand something you have viewed.

We will rotate through these formats twice, so that Week 1 is Reflect, Week 2 is Report, Week 3 is Brainstorm and then Week 4 is Reflect again, etc.

Each meeting will have a facilitator, and there will be some 'rules of engagement' to guide our conversations. We expect all those who made a pledge will participate, but any member is welcome to just listen in or participate as well.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance, feel free to reach out to any on our RJAM committee: Liz, Rich, Leslie, Connie, Luna or Eleta.

### **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
- 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/>