



## Edgcombe Presbyterian Church

### *Midweek Update - June 2, 2021*

In this issue: Trust, Outdoor Worship, Zoom, June Mission, RJAM, Clothing Exchange, Helen address, Backwoods

#### **Believe vs. Trust**

Last Sunday, I talked about the word in the New Testament that is almost always translated as “believe” or “faith.”

- The Greek word is *pisteuo*, which means “I trust.”
- When the New Testament was translated into Latin, *pisteuo* became the Latin word *credo*, which means “I believe.” This idea that BELIEF is the core of our faith has dominated Christianity for the past 1700 years.
- Belief, I suggested, is like a rock: firm, immovable, inflexible. Trust, in contrast, is like a river: dynamic, fluid, changing.

Considering this, I have two questions for you to ponder today. One, What if God doesn't care what you believe? Let that rumble around inside you for a bit today. Two, if you imagine trusting God completely right now (actually imagine this for a moment), what happens in your body? If you are willing, set a timer on your phone and do this little exercise every hour.

Take a deep breath and then pray:

***God I trust you completely.***

Repeat this three times--breath & prayer

Allow trust to seep into the marrow of your being

## **Outdoor Worship & Communion**

Finally! The forecast for this Sunday is sunny and warm, so plan to worship in the backyard of EPC this Sunday at 10am. Details:

- The mask and distancing rules have just been removed in Saint Paul. While you are welcome to wear a mask, there are now no official rules against mask-free gatherings, including singing.
- We have some chairs to share, but we encourage folks to bring their own seating.
- Will celebrate communion together, using Eggert-made bread and a common cup for dipping. In other words, individuals can come up to the communion table to take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup of grape juice, and then eat. Again, if you are not comfortable sharing bread and cup, you are also welcome to bring your own elements.
- It will be wonderful to be in the same space with you all. If the weather does become tricky, look for an email later on Saturday.
- Our plan right now, open to amendment of course, is to worship outdoors every-other week through June and July and perhaps beyond.

## **Zoom Gatherings Schedule**

We have four Zoom meetings scheduled for our congregation for each week. The links can be found on our church website homepage. Here is our current schedule:

- Sunday morning Worship at 10am (maybe on Zoom as well as outdoors!)
- Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm
- Tuesday Centering Prayer at 3pm
- Wednesday Evening Gathering at 7pm

## **June Mission Focus: Plaster House**

Plaster House provides preoperative and postoperative care for children in need of orthopedic, plastic and neurosurgery in conjunction with Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Over 1000 children will be cared for in 2021 with 95% of the cost funded by donors. Ingrid and Ron Eggert volunteered at PH and SLH for 8 & 1/2 years. They will make a short presentation about their work during the Sunday service on June 6. The first 2 links below are to 4 minute and 11 minute videos about PH. The 3rd link is to the PH Facebook page.



# The Plaster House

An introduction to Plaster House by Director Sarah Rejman:  
<https://www.theplasterhouse.org.au/media-and-current-events>


A Plaster House Journey through the eyes of one of the children. This is on the Plaster House website, scroll down to the **A Healing Journey** video:  
<https://www.theplasterhouse.org/>

Plaster House on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/theplasterhouse/>

### **Racial Justice & Me**

Please join us this Wednesday, June 2 on Zoom at 7pm, when we will be discussing the next chapter "But what if I hate Al Sharpton?" in our book, *So You Want to Talk about Race?* All are welcome; even if you haven't read the chapter feel free to just listen.

### **Clothing Exchange**

Gather your items now for Eleta's Clothing Exchange Birthday Party!   
Drop off June 19-24.  
Shop for FREE June 25 & 26!  
(will be set up in my garage: 788 Ottawa Ave, St. Paul 55107)  
If you are interested in participating, contact Eleta for more details ([eleta.pierce@gmail.com](mailto:eleta.pierce@gmail.com))

### **Helen Meyers address**

Helen Meyers transitioned from the rehab facility to her home in Byron, near Rochester. She plans to have family members take care of her, with some home healthcare services. If you would like to send a card, her address is: 12 2nd St NW, Byron MN 55920. Helen's son Gordy thanks the congregation for our prayers and cards while she was at Episcopal Homes.

### **Backwoods Gratitude & Needs**

A HUGE thank you to those of you who have been tending to the backwoods and grounds over these past weeks!!! Your care and intention are making a visible impact!!

If any people have time in this next week to help again, the garlic mustard has sent out their seed pods, but they have not dried out where they drop the next generation's seeds--so it is an **awesome time** to haul it out and into the dumpster!! If you have any questions, please connect with Pastor Luna.