

# Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

## Midweek Update - August 4, 2021

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### Pastor Vacation

Pastors Luna & Phil are taking vacation time off from August 2-September 12.

Here are some areas of church life and how they are being covered while we are away.

- **WORSHIP:** We have a team of folk planning worship led by Connie
- **BLDG & GROUNDS:** Contact people for any issues will be Jay and Rich
- **COMMUNITY CARE:** If any special health or spiritual needs emerge over these weeks, please reach out to any of your Elders: Jay, Connie, Meredith, Rich or Ingrid
- **MIDWEEK UPDATE:** Send anything you want in the Update to Krysta at [epchurch2149@gmail.com](mailto:epchurch2149@gmail.com)
- **EVERYTHING ELSE:** For new mask mandates or moving the pews or organizing a campout in the backwoods, you are on your own!

### Summer Worship Schedule

Here is the worship schedule for the next weeks, with coordinator in parentheses.

- Aug 8 - Sanctuary with Rev. Jodi Houge from Humble Walk (CAROL)
- Aug 15 - Outdoor Service with snacks provided! (CONNIE)
- Aug 22 - Bring a friend or family Sunday (TODD)
- Aug 29 - Special theatrical guests: The Word as Worship (CONNIE)
- Sept 5 - Outdoor worship with Communion (RUTH)
- Sept 12 - Shelley & Lisa musical extravaganza with member speakers (TODD)

### EPC Art Gathering Aug 7

Art Gathering  
This Saturday, Aug. 7th  
From 1 to 3 p.m.

**PLEASE** RSVP to Carol so she knows how many are coming.

[cschweickhardt@gmail.com](mailto:cschweickhardt@gmail.com) or text 651 468-9888

We will make art postcards to keep or mail.

Save the date for future first Saturday art gatherings.

### Tickets for Play

Tickets for Aquelarres, the play that will be performed in our backwoods later in August, are now available. See <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/55057> for ticket reservations/purchases. For frequently asked questions also see:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XFbYVZIOvcAnKoPu9zts7i\\_xFYqkRBoTi2FAARL2pco/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XFbYVZIOvcAnKoPu9zts7i_xFYqkRBoTi2FAARL2pco/edit) And the show's Facebook event link is <https://fb.me/e/1vLyR45Lx>

Tickets are pay-what-you-can with suggested prices between \$10 and \$50. EPC members can also attend the show for free, if desired. Just email [birthplayproject@gmail.com](mailto:birthplayproject@gmail.com) with the date you'd like to come, the name to reserve tickets under, the number of tickets requested, and whether you'd prefer to sit in chairs or on the grass.

## **Dying Grass**

You may have noticed the dead and dying grass on the berm behind the EPC parking lot. The current mix of grass and weeds is being killed to make room for alternative landscaping, including eco-grass that only needs to be mown once or twice per year. Hopefully by next spring this area will be transformed into a beautiful and easier to maintain part of our back yard.

## **Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage**

In 2020-2021, 150 people from over 30 PTCA congregations participated in the first pilgrimage including 5 members of EPC. From September 1, 2021, through June 6, 2022, the Presbytery is again offering the Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will require 30 minutes a week of study (with breaks for Christmas and Easter), 5 small group Zoom gatherings every other month (with a choice of 3 different times) and extra opportunities for special events throughout the year. Each week participants will be sent resources through their email to learn more about the specific weekly topics. These resources include historical documents, videos, indigenous wisdom, and personal narrative.

Members of EPC are encouraged to join this year's pilgrimage "to take a closer look at the history of racism and resistance to racial oppression in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin so we are better equipped to take action in solidarity with ongoing efforts to repair centuries of oppression and move toward the life-giving justice for all that God intends."

To register click here <https://anti-racism-ptca.weebly.com/>

Thank you for considering joining the pilgrimage, *Connie Howe-Vielmettiand Meredith Holt*

## **August Missions**

Our mission contributions for the month of August will go to Highland Park High School for their library to purchase additional reading resources. Highland Park High School is right next door to the church and has about 1300 students in grades 9 -12. A school has been in this location for at least 150 years and an original building, built in 1871 and now called the Mattocks Schoolhouse, is still located on the school property. You can see it from Snelling Avenue. This pioneer schoolhouse has 20 inch thick limestone walls and in 1887 was named after a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, the Reverend John Mattocks. The Reverend Mattocks was the Secretary of the Board of Education. You can contribute to this mission by indicating "August Missions" on the memo line of your contribution check to EPC or by noting this in the Notes Box of any online contribution.

## **Masking Update**

Due to the recent update in the CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19, a new masking guideline has been approved by Session: "Per CDC guidelines, it is the EPC policy that all who gather in the church building for indoor worship or church business wear a mask. If they are feeling ill, we ask that they stay at home. This policy is in order to protect those of us who are immune compromised or have underlying health issues". This will affect all indoor worship services for the foreseeable future. *Session*

## **Prayers**

- Prayers for Dr. Fekadu, one of the leaders of the Rehoboth Ethiopian congregation, who had to make an emergency trip back to Ethiopia to be with his mother in a health crisis.
- For Pastor Luna and Pastor Phil while they are on vacation.