

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update - August 18, 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
- **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 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)

Church Check In

Some of the Beloved EPC Community have been missing the after church 'check in' that we used to do after Zoom Church. If anyone would like to, please meet at the outside circle of chairs after Sunday service to share how you are doing and what you are taking away from the service.

Bible Study

Some of us have indicated interest in having bible study while Phil is away. We'll try Zoom meeting Sunday at 6:30 PM. Click the link on the homepage of the website to join. The lectionary passages are:

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Ron

Play Thank You

This letter of gratitude and a donation was recently sent to the church office:

Thank you for sharing your beautiful space with the Aquelarres production! Our daughter is part of the show and we recently attended a performance and can't imagine a more perfect setting! We enjoyed the meditation walk prior to the show too. Thanks again, Karen Wickert Ames, Iowa

Year 2 of the PTCA Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage Starting Soon

Year 2 of the PTCA Anti Racism Pilgrimage will be starting soon!

We've also had a lot of people ask if they can do the pilgrimage again, and the answer is yes!

There will be enough new content and a new format that it will provide deepening and challenge for everyone. Registration is due by August 23rd . Click on the link to get info and sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK1EeTun0b87qXuLToma26ZuxYNNNoQaT3YXTP7a5qqaJTEbw/viewform>

Thank you for considering joining the pilgrimage, *Connie Howe-Vielmetti and 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. It is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World school. IB students are evaluated with their peers worldwide. Highland Senior is the only Saint Paul Public Schools high school in which all ninth and tenth grade students participate in the IB Middle Years Programme; IB Diploma classes in all subjects are open to grades 11-12. You can contribute to our mission donations for August 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

- For Pastor Luna and Pastor Phil while they are on vacation.