



## Edgcombe Presbyterian Church

### *Midweek Update - September 1, 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 two weeks, with coordinator in parentheses.

- Sept 5 - Indoor worship with Communion (RUTH)
- Sept 12 - Shelley & Lisa outdoor musical extravaganza with member speakers (TODD)

## **Worship This Sunday**

This Sunday we will have communion service in the sanctuary, followed by a pie and ice cream social! Friends and family are also invited to attend. Weather permitting, we will have fellowship and ice cream/pie outside the building. Please let Ruth Andersen know if you are planning to bring a pie. Ruth's phone for texts is 218-209-7373 and email is [edipart@aol.com](mailto:edipart@aol.com).

## **September Mission of the Month: Snack Collection for 8218 Truce Center**

Earlier this year we learned about 8218 Truce Center as part of our Pentecost Offering collection, and we heard from Miki Frost, the man who started this important mission that is connecting with the youth in the community. The mission of the 8218 Youth Mentorship is to empower all youth in our community to make positive life choices that will foster personal development into productive and contributing members of society. The Truce Center's mission is to enable one's ability to peacefully resolve conflict by promoting the use of effective communication skills. One of the ongoing needs that Miki mentioned during the introduction that he gave our congregation back in May was for snacks and drinks for the many youth that come through their always open doors. As I checked in with him recently about this need, Miki said "These kids can eat!" and said that they would be grateful for the donation, especially with school starting back up and kids coming in after school to hang out and for homework help. In addition to their original location on Lexington & Selby and since our initial introduction to Miki, he has opened up a second Truce Center location on Payne Ave, and has opened the "African American Museum" inside of the Maplewood Mall (by invitation from the mall owners). Below is a list of suggested snack and drink items to purchase, and donations can be brought to the church and placed in and around the marked bin in the Narthex. A delivery will be made to Truce Center on the 15th of this month, and then again at the end of the month when we end the drive. To learn more about Truce Center, visit their website at <https://8218trucecenter.org/>

Suggested Snack & Drink Donations:

Bottled Water

Drink Pouches

Grab bags of chips, pretzels, crackers or popcorn

Granola Bars

Individual Packages of Trail Mix

Or any individually wrapped snack

## **Bible Study**

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

The Verses for 9/01:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125 (1)

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

## **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*

## **Labor Day Invitation**

As most of you know, my father, Ken Albrecht, passed away in June. Since one of my dad's many hobbies was restoring streetcars, a memorial gathering (no service) will be held at the streetcar barn in Excelsior, MN on Labor Day, Sep 6 from 10am to noon (come anytime). All of you are invited to attend this FUN event – nothing would make my dad happier than to share his love of trains with others! Please join us to ride a trolley, sit in one of the beautiful seats Ken helped restore for the Winona #10 car, talk to one of the car barn folks about streetcar restoration, and enjoy some apple pie, popcorn, sausage sandwiches and coffee.

For directions/GPS use the Excelsior Library. The depot is right next to the library. Ride the trolley from the depot to the car barn or walk on the bike path. Note that there are both indoor and outdoor spaces to gather.