



Edgcombe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update - September 8, 2021

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Pastors Return

Pastor Phil will be returning on September 13. Pastor Luna will join him on September 17, after completing her silent retreat. We look forward to having them with us again. Thank you to all in the congregation who have made the last 5 weeks a success in their absence. *Session and Personnel*

Worship This Sunday

- Sept 12 - Shelley & Lisa outdoor musical extravaganza with member speakers (TODD)

Art Gathering - This Saturday

Art Gathering - Paper making
1 p.m. at EPC in the upstairs room off the back lobby.
No skill required. - Children welcome

There is no need to bring anything but we really need an **RSVP** so we have enough paper making materials. Contact Carol at cschweickhardt@gmail.com

September Mission of the Month

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 9/08:

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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*