



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – Sept 29, 2021

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Outdoor Worship & Communion, Oct 2

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. It is also supposed to be a fine fall day. So our number one plan is to worship outdoors again, and celebrate communion together. Plan on a walk in the woods, so please dress accordingly.

Detour This Weekend




For people north of Summit Ave, please be advised that the TC Marathon is Sunday, and Summit Ave will be closed beginning at 6:30a that day. Please find an alternative route (such as Ayd Mill) to come for worship!

Jesus is Alive!!

while on silent retreat, sitting on a bench watching the sun set behind mt. sopris, i watched as the night sky gradually became illuminated by planets and stars. i began contemplating the similarity of the vastness of the cosmos to the infinite nature of god and god's love. and, in sitting with these thoughts, i was struck by the quiet, sudden and deep knowing that, as a part of god's immediate love, was a **very alive** jesus. jesus died on the cross and experienced resurrection, but then eventually ascended into heaven. jesus might not have a form of a

body in our world today (or, maybe he does--i wouldn't be at all surprised honestly), but he very much is **alive**.

i invite you to pause right at this moment, and hold the events and happenings of your life in your mind and heart. now, allow a very real and alive jesus to come into your mind and heart, as well.....

what happens to you personally as you bring jesus into this moment? is there a physical impact? what happens to your heart and mind? has anything shifted??
i need to constantly remind myself of my prayers, by writing on my palm or on sticky notes. find whatever you need to remind yourself (to re-mind yourself--give yourself a new and renewed mind) to the power of god's love and god's healing presence right here, right now...jesus is alive within and around us! blessed be!!   

Memorial Service for John Omps on Saturday

This Saturday, October 2, at 2pm we will have a memorial service for John Omps in the EPC backwoods. The family is asking that all attendees wear masks. Everyone from EPC is invited. Service will move indoors in the case of rain.

Backwoods Tree-Cutting Planned

With the help of two generous donations from the congregation, we are now planning to hire the company Urban Foresters to cut down all of our dying Ash trees as well as other dangerous or aging trees in the backwoods, plus the huge Basswood off the kitchen in the front yard. Most of this work will occur in late November, with the Basswood held off until the ground freezes this winter (to accommodate the 55-ton crane that will be needed).

Pastor Phil will plan to lead a forest walk, pointing out the changes to come, to anyone interested this Sunday. While the initial cost of cutting and hauling away the trees is covered by the donations, we will need new funds to pay for new plantings next spring. So any further donations to the Backwoods fund are welcome and appreciated.

October Mission

Our October mission focus is on Peacemaking and Global Witness. The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the Presbyterian Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. One major effort is working with immigrants and other mission organizations on the Mexican border, which Angelie Ryan will share with us on October 10.

Our local portion of the offering will benefit "A Mother's Love" - <https://www.amothersloveinitiative.org/> A Mother's Love, located in the Twin Cities, is focused on de-escalation of violence Their current activities include: A grassroots organization of African American Mothers and Fathers in Minneapolis including members who were in prison, who have buried children and siblings from Violence With Guns, who have children

incarcerated for involvement with Violence With guns, who are single parents and parents of children of the LGBTQIA+ community. It is the goal to use life transformations to help meet people where they are in life and work to build strong families with strong futures.

Wed Update Update

The way that the Wednesday Update has been put together for the past several years is that Phil has been the primary editor and compiler. This was especially practical during the Covid shutdown era when the church office was essentially closed. Now it is time to return this responsibility to our Office Manager, Krysta.

If you have content for the EPC Wed Update, please try to get it to Krysta by Monday morning (or Tuesday morning at the latest), using the email: epchurch2149@gmail.com

New Bins & Waste System - Coming Soon

With help from a grant, EPC is implementing a new system of waste disposal that will include trash and recycling and compost (which includes paper products like our disposable bathroom hand towels). Our custodian and preschool staff are being trained in this new system today, so look for our new bins and more information soon!

Masking Policy

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. *-EPC Session*

October Birthday & Anniversary

Happy birthday to Samantha LeClair 10/11

Happy anniversary to Connie & Dave Howe-Vielmetti - 10/07