



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – Dec. 8, 2021

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Advent Season: *Following*

Our theme this Advent (from Psalm 25) is:

I offer my life to you, Lord.
My God, I trust you.

Every time I say or read those words, I find that my body and heart realign within myself, bringing a sense of calm and grounding. Try it yourself right now. Notice how you were or were not living in trust right before saying these words. Decide right now one way that you could add these simple words to your daily routine—writing them down where you will see them, putting them in your phone, engraving them on the insides of your glasses, etc.

On Sunday, I invited each one of us to find a picture of yourself when you were very small and to offer your young self love and empathy, paying attention to what happens within you when you do so. Since Jesus did not find it too difficult or too vulnerable to come to earth as a little child, why should we avoid this reality within ourselves? Now my question to you is this: Have you done it yet? If you have, how is it going? Are you journaling about the experience? Talking to someone about it? Writing to one of your pastors? If you have not done it, then there is another right question to ponder: Why not?

Big love to you and your inner Christ child today!

Pastor Luna Update

dearest ones in the epc community~

thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers for me, my mom, and my family in these days. it means the world to me to be accompanied by you all in these days ahead!!



my mom was admitted to hospital last friday, and was enrolled in hospice yesterday. she physically stabilized, so the hope is that she will go home to her assisted living in altoona, wi under hospice care in the next day or two. as many of you know, no one can know for sure the timing of the return to our home in god, so now my family is moving ahead—taking one day at a time. my mom loved worshiping at edgcumbe, and asks me about the community each time i am with her...so, we are in her heart, as well!!!

December Mission: Project Home

Christmas List

for Project Home Families

- Winter Gloves, Hats & Scarves
 - Warm Socks
 - New Undies
 - Lotion!
- Bath Towels & Wash Clothes*
 - Pillow Cases*
- Sheet Sets (Twin & Full)*

Shop for all sizes and genders: adult, youth, child, infant, male, female and gender-neutral. Items should be new. Those marked with * can be gently used. Place your donations under the tree in the Sanctuary, now through December 19.

For more than 23 years, Project Home has provided overnight shelter for area families facing homelessness in partnership with dozens of area churches, synagogues, and schools. Additionally, in 2019, Project Home added day shelter services and rapid exit case management services. This 24/7 support helps families achieve both stability and economic mobility through assistance in finding permanent, affordable housing and employment.

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, area faith communities could understandably no longer host guests. Project Home families moved to two sites downtown Saint Paul un!! March 2021, when Interfaith Action joined with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Ramsey County to open a shelter in the Provincial House, the former home of the Sisters, located at 1880 Randolph Avenue in the Highland Park neighborhood of Saint Paul. This site is now providing shelter, employment and rapid exit housing support for approximately 20 families with minor children.

Reflection from the community

The Edgcombe Community are people seeped with the wisdom of the spirit. This week, Elder Ingrid Eggert shares the prayer she led Session with last month:

Dear Lord, help me follow truth
Wherever I find it,
Even if it takes me outside my preconceived ideas of you, or of life.

Help me be courageous, and to concentrate on my search.
Help me remember that all roads lead to our home in you.
Amen

(From This is the Day, Readings and Meditations from the Iona Community)

(**If you have reflections you'd be willing to share in future midweek emails, please contact Pastor Luna.**)

Zooming & Worship

We had our best Zooming experience yet during worship this past Sunday—thank you to everyone who has worked to get to this point. In the coming weeks (or months!), we hope to add a monitor in the sanctuary, so those from home can both see and be seen, hear and be heard! Session meets this Thursday and we will work to set a couple of “Zoom only” dates for January and February. Also, remember to check your email for any weather-related moves to Zoom worship.



Christmas Eve Worship



We will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world and into our hearts on Friday, December 24 at 4pm in the sanctuary or on Zoom for a service of good news and music and candles. We will not have worship services on the next Sunday, December 26, but will regather on January 2, 2022!