



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Special Annc: Zoom Worship THIS Sunday, January 9

With Jenya not feeling well and quarantined until at least Monday and Omicron surging, Session has decided to move this Sunday's worship service to Zoom only for everyone. The link is still on the church website (www.epchurch.org). Todd Barnes will lead our music from his new apartment. While many of us will miss getting together in person, it will also be a treat to all be together on one platform again. As we used to do, we will plan to gather for sharing and fellowship after the service. You are on your own for any treats!

Prayers of healing and rest for Jenya!

Follow the Star

This is the week of Epiphany, when we remember the star that led the Magi to the birthplace of Jesus. It seems worth asking ourselves...Do I believe that God still sends signs into the world to lead us to Jesus? If you are open to receiving a message from God today, here are some simple ideas to create space within yourself for a life-changing star journey.

- Nothing that I see means anything. Take a look around your space right now and apply this idea to whatever you see: *This computer does not mean anything. This table does not mean anything. This hand does not mean anything. That shadow does not*

mean anything. You could continue this exercise while you shovel or walk around your neighborhood or watch a TV show.

- The point here is to create some internal space that is not tightly controlled by our own ego judgments and stories. We THINK that we are giving meaning to the world around us, but in actuality, our thoughts are only thoughts. And we always remember the wise bumper sticker that said: “Don’t believe everything you think.”
- Once we have a little distance from our own thoughts (feel free to repeat the above exercise as often as necessary), now we can start looking at our own lives and the world around us and ask the Spirit, “Spirit, what do you want me to see?”
- And the Spirit, the one who gives meaning, has an endless supply of stars that lead to miracles.

**God, you are indeed my salvation;
I will trust and won’t be afraid.**

New Address or Phone Info?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers or any other contact information during 2021? We would love to be able to contact you in the best ways possible, so please send any new contact info to EPC Office Manager Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com. Thanks!

2021 Year-End Reports

In late January or early February of 2022, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. One of the things we do at the gathering is to present any reports from the previous year. If you are involved in any part of EPC’s life and ministry, please consider writing a brief synopsis of 2021 for the Annual Report booklet and email it to Pastor Phil or the church office. Areas that could use a report include: Worship, Music, Backwoods, Building & Grounds, Mission, Finance, Personnel, ArtPlayce. Thank you!

Zoom Worship in the New Year

Session voted this month to have Zoom-only worship (without an in-person gathering) on the 3rd Sundays for the first quarter of 2022. Please mark your calendars that **January 16th, February 20th, and March 20th** we will **gather on Zoom for worship**. If you need assistance in setting up Zoom on a home device, please let Pastor Luna know. She is happy to virtually meet with you during the week to make this a smooth transition!

Enneagram Group in 2022

Our Enneagram group now has a day and time to meet. We will gather on Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm beginning on next Monday, January 10. If you or anyone you know would still like to join this group, please contact Phil at pastorphilgg@gmail.com.

January Mission: Angelie Ryah

The January Mission Focus is the work that our own Angelie Ryah is involved with in Southern California. Belong Farms is an organization that works to provide gardens which produce fresh, organic produce for low income families at the Mexico/US border. Healing Hands Garden is Angelie's baby, and it's been created right in a food desert of a Southern California neighborhood. Besides providing healthy food, the garden has created community in the form of health education, cooking classes and Spanish/English practice groups.

Angelie will be joining our Zoom worship on January 16 to provide more details and to explain about their need for funds. This is such a great cause; the mission group hopes you will feel generous in your January mission giving. You can donate online at the EPC website, or leave a check at the church. Thanks!!

Pastor Luna's mom, an update

i whole heartedly thank each of you for holding my mom and my family in your prayers in these



days. after her transition into the memory care unit, she now seems settled in, and her physical health has stabilized, as well. so, we are simply taking each day as it comes....and her medical team suggests we are on a long, and slow dying process ahead, with lots of living still to be had!! i will continue to visit her every other week as i have been doing, and seeing what unfolds ahead. grateful to have you all accompany me on this path!!