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Midweek Update

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stories of conversion: christ is everywhere!!

we are continuing to live into our easter refrain, "christ is risen: we see him everywhere!" this past sunday, we also heard from acts 9, and the conversion of saul. saul was a pharisee, who was "still spewing murderous threats against the lord's disciples," and he was met on the road by a light from heaven and the presence of jesus. he had a profound encounter with the risen christ which changed his life fully, and he ended up being an "agent chosen to carry christ's name before the gentiles, kings and israelites."

transformation is an inherent aspect of being a disciple of jesus. which means, conversion will be a part of our life of faith, as well. often, we think of stories of conversion as large, dramatic events, like saul on the road to damascus. but really, we live into conversion with every moment of our lives. within our mind, we have two separate systems of thought in which we can align our thinking. the holy spirit resides in our mind, and as well as an egoic thought system. when we are not intentional about this choice, our habitual, unconscious patterns of thought are of the ego. however, there is also a choice to align our thinking with the holy spirit and with love, and we allow the holy spirit to be in charge and follow her. this is what the apostle paul (our same friend mentioned earlier, saul) meant by when he wrote, "...have the same mindset of christ jesus..." (phil 2:5). to be able see christ everywhere, we consent to the holy spirit to change our mind—a metanoia (literally, a change of mind)—and then **what we see** is *transformed*, as

well. we will not always remember this choice perfectly, but we state our intention to place our



will and our lives into the care of god, and trust that we are moving in that direction!!

Worship Coming Up

- This week we welcome Jenya back for both in-person and Zoom worship in the EPC sanctuary. Our focus will be Psalm 23, so feel free to open your Bible to this old favorite and let it resound in your soul anew.
- May 15 - Everyone on Zoom! No worship in the sanctuary.
- If the weather continues to improve, we will hope to schedule our first outdoor service by the end of this month! Stay posted.

May Mission:

Mission/workdays planned - The mission group has identified our backwoods as the mission focus for May. We are planning two work days, May 14th and 28th (both are Saturdays). We will meet at 1:00 p.m. and do projects until around 4:00. Feel free to come anytime during that time period to help out. Not all projects have been identified yet, but for sure we'll be spreading wood chips on the meditation paths. We wanted to get this notice out so that you are aware of those Saturdays.

There are other needs in the backwoods that require funding. We hope to purchase and plant more trees to replace the many we lost last fall. If you're in a position to help financially, it would be appreciated greatly!

-Lisa and the mission team

Todd Barnes and Lewiee Blaze book now available on Amazon!

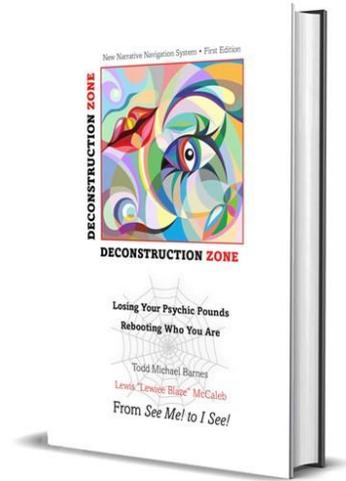
From Todd & Lewiee: We are pleased to announce our book is available and ready for purchase. You can now order a hard copy of Deconstruction Zone: Losing Your Psychic Pounds

- Rebooting Who You Are.



"I really appreciate the core message of the book and the format that allows the reader to reflect on how the message of each chapter can be applied to their lives. My take-a-ways were that of hope, accountability, and discernment."

**-Tru Pettigrew,
Chief Diversity and
Inclusion Officer,
Minnesota
Timberwolves and
Lynx**



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WEDNESDAY UPDATE: Do you have a new email address? Would you like to be removed from this list? Or maybe add someone to this email list? Please contact Office Manager Krysta with any changes at epchurch2149@gmail.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Any changes or updates to any of your contact information (name, address, phone, or email)? Again, please contact Krysta so that we can keep our directory up-to-date and print out new copies for everyone soon. Thank you!

scotland conversation this friday—photos, reflections and songs



it was such an amazing gift to share with folks the learnings and photos from my scotland



pilgrimage!! thank you to all who joined last wednesday evening!! i had a few people talk to me about having a second gathering for folks who were unable to attend. i am happy to announce that a second zoom conversation will be **this friday, may 6th, at 6:30p**, and all are welcome to attend...and feel free to share the link if there might be others who are interested. our gathering will be around 90 minutes, so please stay for however long as you are



able!! the link is below, and will be posted on the epc website, as well. ~pastor luna

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