



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

May 18, 2022

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Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing

The past two times that Pastor Luna has preached, she chose the conversion of Paul and then last week the conversion of Peter, both from the book of Acts. Paul, then Saul, had been persecuting Christian communities before he turned his life over completely to Jesus, preaching and starting churches all over the Mediterranean world (“The scales fell from his eyes.”) Peter’s conversion in Acts 10 & 11 was quite different but no less dramatic. Since the resurrection, Peter had already been preaching about Jesus when the Holy Spirit visited him with a dream that convinced Peter that God’s message of love and peace was not just for those who followed Judean customs but for everyone (“Never consider unclean what God has made pure.”)

Paul and Peter were not teenagers deciding on their future careers (Lawyer or evangelist? Fishing guide or pastor?) They were full-grown adults who were willing to let the Holy Spirit change the direction and focus of their lives. They were willing to change core beliefs about who was in God’s grace, about whom they should hang out with, and how and where they would spend their time and energy and resources. Jesus is not just a nice fellow who lived 2000 years ago. Jesus is a life-changer.

In the Enneagram Prison Project, we call our personalities “the prisons of our own making.” Am I willing—like someone in prison taking an Enneagram class, like Paul, like Peter—to let God change everything about me? Says Peter: “If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

Worship Coming Up

- This week Sunday, May 22, we will be in the sanctuary and streaming on Zoom.

- For May 29, the weather forecast is for a gorgeous day, so plan on outdoor worship in the backwoods on that day!

May Mission - Backwoods

Mission/workdays planned - The mission group has identified our backwoods as the mission focus for May. We had one work day last Saturday and we got all the pathway woodchips spread—great job team! On Saturday the 28th we will meet again at 1:00 p.m. and do projects until around 4:00—both clean up work and planting. Feel free to come anytime during that time period to help out.

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

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