



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

June 22, 2022

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Pastors Off for Two Weeks

As mentioned last week, the pastors' kitchen and dining room will be torn up beginning on July 5. To get ready for this life-altering event, Phil and Luna are taking two weeks off from June 20-July 5. See the plans for this Sunday worship below.

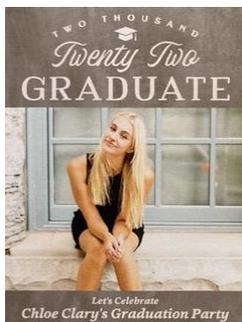
Sunday Worship for June 26

This Sunday there will be no worship service at EPC (live, virtual, nor hybrid). Instead you are encouraged to explore other worship activities at churches in the area. One great option Heather Grantham is the Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation). For June 26th Hamline Methodist is having their annual pride service. See: <http://www.hamlinechurch.org/pride-2022/> for more details.

Communication with EPC Office

Please make sure that you have the current EPC church office email epchurch2149@gmail.com so that we won't miss your email.

Graduation Announcement



The EPC community is invited to celebrate the graduation of **Chloe Clary!**

Friday, June 24th

5pm-8pm

Historic Streetcar Station

1224 Lexington Pkwy N

St Paul, MN 55117

RSVP to Heather Clary at 612.940.3998 or heatherclary723@gmail.com

Backwoods work crew report:

(mostly Luna's words with a few modifications, including capital letters 😊) by Lisa)
And yet again, we have made great progress in our joyful stewardship of the backwoods. The labyrinth crew got the labyrinth completely weeded--yay!! The compost crew got the compost sorted and brought a load or two to the compost!! And the garlic mustard crew got 3+ carts full of mature garlic mustard out and into the decomposing area!! Most of the mature garlic mustard has now been pulled out of the entire backwoods....at least the ones that are maturing now... we'll have to keep an eye out for new growth.

Such, such great work!! 🎉

The next pressing need for removal are 2nd year burdock plants which are maturing, and will within a few weeks be sprouting the burr seed pods. If we can get to them before they seed, we'll be ahead of the game. We are considering another work day in July (as yet to be determined) to focus on burdock and possibly hauling out more brush. Stay tuned!

Session Meeting Notes from June 17, 2022

Items discussed:

- Pastors Luna and Phil will be on vacation the next 2 weeks; for worship this Sunday, June 26, the congregation is invited to attend a service of their choice. Suggestions: Eleta's church: First Presbyterian in South St Paul, Heather Grantham's church: Hamline United Methodist. Leslie Snow will lead our service on July 3.
- Buildings and Grounds: A new 5-year lease has been signed with the Montessori preschool, including a 5% increase the first year, and 3% the following 4 years. Repair of the windows is being pursued as is the question of a sprinkler system. The backwoods team is developing a plan for use of the backwoods. Thank you to all who participated in the work day on Saturday! Oak trees will be planted there in October, the best month to do this.
- Sabbatical Planning: the team is considering options for worship during the sabbatical.

- Pastors' reports: Heather Grantham is continuing on her journey to ordination, next a meeting with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, with Pastor Luna and Connie.

June Mission - Plaster House



The Plaster House is a home in Arusha, Tanzania that treats children from all over the country with corrective, orthopedic, plastic and neuro surgery for disabilities such as cleft pallet and club foot, as well as providing the necessary rehabilitative post-op care. Sadly many children with disfigurements are hidden from society by their families. Plaster House runs outreach programs in communities near the facilities to raise awareness on health problems suffered by many children in secret, and work with the families to understand their disabilities, and ultimately get them to The Plaster House for treatment. Children from as far away as Katumbi near Mahale National Park leave their villages for the first time, to fly 500km to Arusha for life changing operations, where they stay for six weeks until they are well enough to return home.

Check out the video links to see more about this vital mission.

<https://vimeo.com/185079712>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZoNb89XCns&t=17s>

Since 2008 more than 5000 children with correctable disabilities have come through welcoming doors to be guided through their transformational, healing journey of assessment, followed by surgery or other treatment and then recovery. They leave with hope and a brighter future. Give online at www.epchurch.org or mark your check with "June Mission" or "Plaster House."

