



Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

July 27, 2022

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New EPC Directory

Attached to this Update is the newest version of the EPC directory. Feel free to print it out or ask Krysta for a hard copy.

Sabbatical Preparation - Part 2

This is the final week that Pastor Luna and I are around before our sabbatical begins next Monday, lasting from August 1 to October 31. During these three months, Pastors Luna and Phil are taking off from church work 100%. We are staying away from absolutely everything related to church, not because we don't love you, but to give our minds and bodies and hearts a full experience of rest and reset. We trust you all and the Holy Spirit to bless both you and us with all good things during this time.

Who do we contact for questions or spiritual support? When you need support or something comes up that feels too much for the community, please reach out.

- The first call or email can always be to one of our Elders: Meredith, Jay, Connie, Ingrid, Rich, or Todd (for contact info, see the new directory)
- For questions about giving or finance, contact Office Manager Krysta or Treasurer Ron
- All midweek Update articles and info should go to Krysta (epchurch2149@gmail.com)
- Anything about the building or property or renters can go to Rich & Jay
- Worship ideas or questions should go to our sabbatical worship team listed in an article below
- Music input can go to Jenya
- We do have two pastors who are on call for us over these three months. The first is **Jamie Schultz** of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She will also be moderating our Session meetings. Her email address is pastor@brynmawrchurch.org and her cell number is 952-221-4270. The second person is our own Heather Grantham, whose info can be found in the new directory!

Sunday Worship: Pancake Breakfast, July 31, 9:00am

- July 31: Pancake brunch starting at 9am, worship in the sanctuary and streamed on Zoom for Luna and Phil's last Sunday before sabbatical

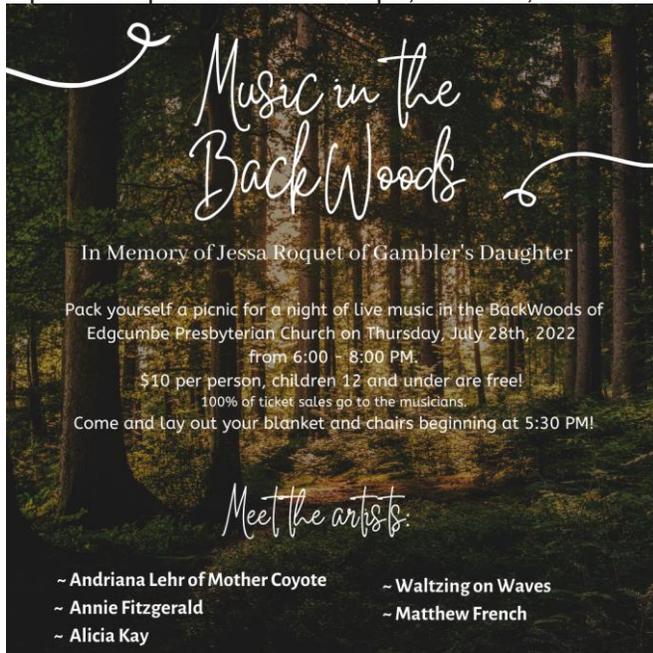
A pancake breakfast to celebrate summer and to kick-off Sabbatical time will be shared on Sunday, July 31st before the Worship Service. First batter will hit the griddle in The Parlor at 9 am. The batter is a Schiferl family recipe with a hint of whole wheat, robust egg and buttermilk base and a smooth finish with pure maple syrup. Bring your appetite and family and friends for a great fellowship time before the worship service.

We will supply the pancakes, breakfast sausage, water, maple syrup, yogurt and fruit topping. Ruth will be making coffee. Bring your favorite breakfast juice or drink to share if you wish.

rich and liz

Backwoods Concert Tomorrow: July 28!

We are hosting a concert in our backwoods on Thursday, July 28. All are welcome. There is a flier attached to this Update—feel free to forward it to others or post on social media or print out copies and post in coffee shops, libraries, or other visible spots!



Sabbatical Worship Plans

Pastors Luna and Phil will be taking a sabbatical from ministry here at EPC during August, September, and October of this year. Right now there is a team of folx joyfully planning worship experiences for the congregation while the pastors are away. Plans are almost complete for the entire three months, with more specifics available soon. Big gratitude to the whole team working on this project: Jay, Connie, Ruth, Todd, Leslie, Lisa, and Carol.

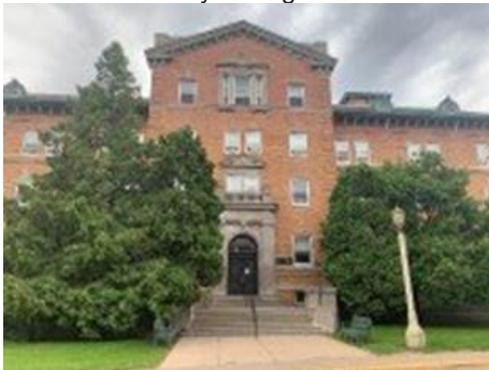
Food & Fellowship with Rehoboth Ethiopian congregation

The Rehoboth Ethiopian congregation that worships in the EPC building on Sunday afternoons has invited the EPC congregation to a time of food and fellowship on Sunday, August 14, in the church parking lot / backyard. All are welcome!

July Mission - Project Home

Our Edgcombe mission focus for July is Project Home. For several years we've supported their amazing effort to provide shelter services, food support, and links to permanent supportive housing.

Over 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.

Project Home at the Provincial House

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 until 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.

Please consider a special donation and mark on your electronic or check payment "July mission."

Prayers

We pray for God's grace in all things, and for these specific people this week.

- Prayers of gratitude for the 15 years of ministry at EPC for Pastors Luna and Phil on August 1 (since 2007!!), and for their sabbatical time
- Prayers for Eleta's daughter Tierra, and for Eleta, sending love to both of them



August Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:
Josh LeClair - August 23

Happy Anniversary to:
Elizabeth & Richard Schiferl - August 9
Ingrid & Ron Eggert - August 11