

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

September 21, 2022

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Schedule for the Remainder of Phil & Luna' Sabbatical

- Sept 25th** - Our own Beloved Todd Barnes will lead service in the *sanctuary*
- Oct 2nd** - World Communion Sunday led by our own Beloved Ruth Anderson with possible potluck
- Oct 9th** - A visit by MN Drum Circle and Reflections by our Beloved Jay
- Oct 16th** - Visiting Pastor Phil Romine of Interfaith Action will be leading worship on *zoom*
- Oct 23rd** - Pastor Jody Houg of Humble Walk Lutheran Church will preach
- Oct 30th** - We will be worshipping and sharing our stories together as a Community.

World Communion Sunday

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. We plan to celebrate Communion in the sanctuary and we're invited to dress in international dress! Worship will be followed with a salad and dessert potluck in the parlor. We'll have a checkin too for sharing our late summer sabbatical experiences. If you forget to bring food, no worries. There will be plenty for all. Contact Ruth Anderson with questions at 218-209-7373.

September Mission -

During the month of September, our mission focus will be on First Nations Kitchen, located in south Minneapolis. First Nations Kitchen is a justice-focused, Gospel-based ministry. Its primary intent is to provide food to indigenous people who would not otherwise have access to high-quality, fresh organic food in an environment of radical hospitality and cultural empowerment. First Nation Kitchens sees that food is medicine and wants to bring back the ancestral foods of the peoples indigenous to this land to eradicate heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity from the native community. Each Sunday, from 4pm-5-pm First Nations Kitchen welcomes its neighbors to a delicious hot meal and a bag of organic produce.

This work provides a unique opportunity to come together around common interests (mission, Gospel faithfulness, addressing real human need) across cultural differences that in other circumstances would divide rather than unite, and it is fun work! To donate, you can write "For FNK" on the memo line of your check or in the notes box when using EPC's website "Donate Now" option to donate.

To volunteer to help prepare and serve the weekly to-go meal and produce giveaway bags or for more information, you can reach out to Mission Team member, Lisa Holden. You can also email director@firstnationskitchen.org to become a volunteer and look at available dates.

Backwoods Help

Please consider taking time to work in the backwoods removing invasive buckthorn, burdock and garlic mustard. When pulling burdock, remove the burrs and put them in the neighbor's fire pit. There are also some plants that have stickers on them that get on everything! Luna calls them Virginia stick seed plant. If you pull it, please put it in the fire pit as well. Please be mindful of keeping green matter separate from sticks/branches when done with your work. They go to separate places at the compost site.

There is a huge pile of buckthorn that needs to be transported to the yard waste site. Please consider doing this as part of the ongoing work of the backwoods maintenance. THANK YOU!

Women's Drum Circle - Oct 9th

The Drum Circle will be bringing 20 drums with them on October 9th, so we can all have a drum to play with the group. We are meeting at 9:00 am for a brief tutorial on how to do this. Then we will play a couple of times during the worship service. Plan to be there. It will be great fun. Bring a friend too.

Community Conversation and Hymn Sing - October 30th

If you have questions or topics that you would like discussed on October 30th at the Community Conversation and Hymn Sing please contact Carol at 651-468-9888 or email: cschweickhardt@gmail.com

Pastors on Sabbatical

If you have questions while Pastor Luna and Pastor Phil are on Sabbatical, please use the information below to help determine who to direct your questions to.

Who should you 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@brynmaurchurch.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!