

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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World Communion Sunday and Salad/Dessert Potluck

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. We plan to celebrate Communion in the sanctuary and we're invited to dress in international dress! World Communion Sunday this year is focused on peace and peacemaking. Our reflection and music will share the Prayer of St Francis that begins "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace", and we are all invited to share ideas about how we individually can be peacemakers.

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

If you can come early and help with setup please text Ruth at 218-209-7373, or email at edipart@aol.com

Oct 9th - Drums at Church

The women's drum circle will be at church next Sunday, Oct 9th. There will be 20 drums so we can all play. We are meeting at 9 for a warm up. 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. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Highland Harmonies

Please join the Highland Harmonies on October 8, 2022, from 12:00-5:30 pm, at the Highland Park Picnic Shelter and playground. Entertainment will include performances by *The Rod Family Singers*, *The Ladies Music Club*, *Jeff Ray and the Stakes*, and *The Bad Companions*. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and paper products.

The Orchard Theater Collective - October 6 - 15th

Hello EPC, I wanted to send along information for the play Anna and I are producing this October 6-15th that we mentioned earlier this month!

We'd be so grateful for help spreading the word to your community! We're praying to fill those seats each night and hopefully bless people with this story.

Purchase tickets with this link <https://orchard-theater-collective.ticketleap.com/missing/details>
They're \$20, but include a free concession and beverage after the show. The show is about an hour long, but we will have a post show discussion each night with the artists about the show!

A Little blurb on the show:

"Missing" was the first play ever produced by The Orchard Theater Collective, back in 2017. An original piece devised by all four co-founders, it follows multiple interwoven plot lines: two sisters separated by time and old hurts, a young couple navigating the real-life trials and triumphs of marriage, as well as an allegorical world of existential love and loss inspired by ancient poetry of the Song of Solomon. How does love find us again when we have strayed so far from the promises we've made?

Directed by Jeremiah Gamble. Featuring Benjamin and Mackenzie Shaw and Damian and Anna Leverett.

Please let me know if you have any questions! Thank you for your support of our ministry and work!

Grace and Peace,
Damian Leverett

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

St Paul Conservatory of Music

We recently arranged for the Saint Paul Conservatory of Music to lease space for some of their music lessons. They moved 4 pianos into our various spaces (including a grand piano in the sanctuary) and will be conducting lessons during the late afternoon and evenings on most weekdays. They started lessons yesterday. Most lessons do not overlap at all with the Montessori school hours. Please welcome them to the space and enjoy the music!

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.

Please feel free to walk the meditation paths and pull any weeds that seem to be creeping into the walking areas.

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!

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.

Schedule & Contact Info for Sabbatical

Oct 2nd - World Communion Sunday led by our own Beloved Ruth Anderson with 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.

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@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!

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Samantha Leclair on 10/22

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Happy Anniversary to Connie & Dave Howe-Vilmetti on 10/7