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Midweek Update

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Luna and I have often referred to a tea bag of Luna's early in our relationship that read: *People change and they forget to tell each other.* Even though sabbatical time was only three months, it is guaranteed that both we, Phil & Luna, and you, the congregation of EPC, have changed over this time. Why is it guaranteed? Because God is not done molding us into God's people, because the mercies of God are new every morning, because Christ's Spirit gives us the power in every moment to choose life and trust over entropy and fear.

So let's spend some time over the coming weeks assuming that we have much to learn about and from each other. Our hearts are open to hearing what is happening for you—you as an individual and you as a congregation. We are starting on such a kind and open note by having a whole worship service this Sunday dedicated to the congregation sharing about your sabbatical experience. For the coming weeks, we will keep talking to each other, sharing how God is changing us, from grace into grace.

We are so glad to be back among you. See you on Sunday!

Join us for communion worship followed by a potluck lunch. We will gather for fellowship time and food in the parlor. Drinks and plates/silverware will be provided. We'd love a variety of fall foods to welcome back our two beloved pastors. Remember: November 6 is the first day of Central Standard Time and we need to **set our clocks back 1 hour** so we don't arrive too early. See you there!

Session would like to have feedback from the community on the sabbatical and worship in general. Would you, please, answer these questions and put your answers in the collection plate or email them to me (tloht42@gmail.com). You don't have to put your name on the survey. Thank you for participating, Meredith

- What did you enjoy most about our Sundays during sabbatical?
- What did you enjoy least?
- What would you like to see EPC doing, in general, during worship?
- What activities, outside of church, would you like to see EPC engage in (art activities, mission work, community building, recreational activities, etc)?

Our EPC November mission supports Union Gospel Mission's Thanksgiving and Christmas feeding programs. Please consider a gift through the website or by check. Enter 'Union Gospel' on the memo line.

Founded in 1902, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities is a Christian ministry dedicated to serving people facing homelessness, poverty, or addiction in our community. The Mission helps people rebuild their lives first by providing for physical needs through nutritious meals and safe shelter. Then our prayer is that guests stay and join one of our life-changing programs so their life can change for good. We encourage each person to find their worth in God and to see the gifts he or she has to offer the world. By coming alongside our students and guests, we help them find their purpose as fully contributing members of our community.

History

- 1902 the Mission opens its doors at 414 Jackson Street in Saint Paul
- [Medical Clinic](#) opened with the assistance of Dr. Harvey O. Skinner
- 1910 Rescue Home opens for unwed mothers
- 1930 Saint Paul Boys Club opens in downtown Saint Paul; land purchased for Gospel Hill Camp
- 1940 Ober Community Center dedicated (Frogtown area)
- 1942 Daycare nursery installed for mothers during "war emergency"
- 1958 First year for Thanksgiving basket give-away program
- 1959 Workman's Pool organized for job placement
- 1965 Free dental clinic opens with volunteer dentists
- 1972 Shoreview alcohol/drug recovery center opens

- 1980 New [Men's Campus](#) opens in Saint Paul, along with the Mission Thrift Store; [Christ Recovery Center](#) expands drug and alcohol programs
- 1991 [Discipleship Program](#) begins;
- 1992 [Naomi Family Residence](#) for homeless women and children opens
- 1994-1996 [LifeNet Learning Center](#) opens for men and women
- 1997 [Child Care Center](#) opens
- 2001 WorkNet career development program starts
- 2005 Hmong ministry, Family & Youth Advancement Services, Inc., joins Union Gospel Mission
- 2018 [Mental Health & Medical Clinic](#) opens to serve Mission students and residents

There are three campuses. The largest is at 435 University Ave, serving homeless men currently.