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## Worship this Sunday

We are worshiping in person this Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 am with Pastors Luna and Phil back from their vacation.

## Elders in Presence as Pastors finish their vacation time

Pastors Phil and Luna will be away from the office December 25-January 4th to finish their vacation time. If you are needing pastoral support during that time, please reach out to your Elders (Meredith H, Todd B, Connie H-V, Rich S, Ingrid E, Jay McG).

## January Mission: 8218 Truce Center and Kleenex Drive

The January Mission will serve two groups in our local community.

Monetary collections will go to providing snacks for the 8218 Truce Centers in Saint Paul. The money we collect will be used to purchase specifically requested snacks by the Truce Center based on their needs over the coming weeks and months. Donations can be provided as a check to Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church with "Truce Center" in the memo line or online by indicating "Truce Center" in the notes that can accompany your contribution.

This is the third year we have supported the 8218 Truce Center with mission contributions. The 8218 Truce Center (<a href="https://8218trucecenter.org">https://8218trucecenter.org</a>) has two locations in St. Paul; at Lexington and

8218 Truce Center (<a href="https://8218trucecenter.org">https://8218trucecenter.org</a> ) has two locations in St. Paul; at Lexington and Selby and at Payne and Case Avenues. In addition, they have an African American Truce Museum in Maplewood Mall (see <a href="https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/african-american-truce-museum-opens-in-maplewood-mall/89-7c5a9b63-9ac0-4b1d-9025-d5a533b60493">https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/african-american-truce-museum-opens-in-maplewood-mall/89-7c5a9b63-9ac0-4b1d-9025-d5a533b60493</a> ). Mlki Frost, the Truce Center Founder and Program Director, has spoken at two of our Sunday Worship services in the past. The 8218 Truce Centers are places for after-school scholars to come for tutoring, mentoring or for a place to hang out. The mission of the 8218 Youth Mentorship is to empower all youth in our community to make positive life choices that will foster their development into productive and contributing members of society. The Truce Center's

mission is to enable one's ability to peacefully resolve conflict by promoting the use of effective communication.

In addition to monetary donations for the Truce Center we are also collecting facial tissue boxes for the teachers at Highland Park Senior High School (our neighbors). Please bring boxes to Sunday service and place them either in the Narthex or the office. We did a similar collection last August and the teachers were very appreciative of our donations.