

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## *Midweek Update* *January 25, 2023*

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### Annual Meeting and Potluck - January 29

On this Sunday, January 29, we will have a "shorter" worship service and then gather around tables in the sanctuary for a potluck brunch and our Annual Congregational meeting. During this time, we will celebrate all that God is doing in our community, reaffirm the call of Pastors Luna and Phil, eat and fellowship and laugh and pray together.

A printed Annual Report will be available on Sunday. A digital version is included in this email.

### Covid Vaccination Clinic

If you or someone you know is in need of a Covid-19 vaccine or booster, come to the Covid Vaccination Clinic this **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, at Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church from **11:00 am - 2:00 pm**. A licensed Nursing Specialist team will administer the vaccines and each person who receives a COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot receives a **\$45 Visa gift card**.

Contact Todd Barnes at [barnesewing@equitynewsnetwork.com](mailto:barnesewing@equitynewsnetwork.com) with questions.

### come, follow me....

our passage this past week was from matthew 4, with jesus coming upon the sets of brothers, simon peter/andrew and james/john, and he enters their world with the simple invitation: **come, follow me**.

i used to think following jesus was only a physical reality—that i would follow his guidance and step into his paths. now, i am realizing that the invitation is for his larger life's call....being **aligned with god**, and **seeking god's will**. i hear his invitation for us to be in *the christ mind*, and re-member that there is only ever 1 will—which is god's will, which is absolute love.

one practical way to live into this is to employ christ's vision which sees everything as either an extension of love, or a call for love. for instance, you experience a hard moment between you and another person. ask yourself: did this person extend love to me? if not, it was actually a call for love. but the real work is to observe yourself, and watch your own actions and behaviours. and then, ask yourself: was i extending love in this

experience?? and, if not, know that you are calling for love. just that awareness alone allows miracles to unfold. Because then the next move is to bring this to the holy spirit, and **ask for the situation to be re-purposed for god's will**. And, there is an invitation to come back into presence with your breath, and come into alignment with god as *you are being breathed by spirit*. love **is** right here. endless, limitless love is being received with each inhalation. you are met in this now moment. the holy spirit is with you. You are at\*one.



when we rest in this presence of god, we follow jesus into the kindom.  
holding you in love!! ~pastor luna

## **January Missions**

### **8218 Truce Center and Kleenix for the High School teachers**

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 (<https://8218trucecenter.org>) has two locations in St. Paul; at Lexington and Selby and at Payne and Case Avenues. Miki 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 in the church office. We did a similar collection last August and the teachers were very appreciative of our donations. The 50 boxes we donated to them were claimed by the teachers in less than 2 hours!

### **Continuous Mission Support for Joseph's Coat**

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church has a long history of supporting Joseph's Coat through collections and delivery of much needed items for our neighbors in need. This is a reminder of this ongoing Mission activity which all of us can contribute to at any time throughout the year. A big Thank You goes out to LaGretta Lunde for coordinating collection and delivery of EPC donated items to Joseph's Coat.

Joseph's Coat is a free store providing goods and services to those in need in an environment of dignity and respect. The organization offers essential support to low-income families, the homeless, those living on fixed incomes, the working poor, new immigrants, the unemployed, those recently released from prison, and individuals battling chemical addictions and mental health issues. Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church maintains a large barrel in its narthex for donations of clean, stain-free clothing for men, women and children; T-shirts, socks and underwear (new and used); outerwear; backpacks, sleeping bags and duffel bags; shoes and boots; books; children's games, toys and books; candles; hygiene items; household items; and brown paper bags with handles (for shoppers). Our donation barrel is emptied regularly and annually provides more than 200 large bags of donations.

To volunteer or shop at Joseph's Coat, 1107 7th Street West, St. Paul, MN 55102, please call 651-291-2472.

## **Year End Giving Statements**

Please look for your year end Giving Statements in the mail. If you have any questions regarding your statement please contact Krysta Niznick at [epchurch2149@gmail.com](mailto:epchurch2149@gmail.com). Thank you for your generous support of Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church.

## **EPC Annual Report for 2022**

Printed copies will be available at the annual meeting and on this website.