Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update June 7, 2023

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often we are so used to hearing the name "jesus christ" that it would be easy to assume



christ is similar to a last name. the word christ simply means "the anointed/chosen one". the separated thought system (ego) builds the idea that this title christ is limited to one specific individual—jesus. however, our holy spirit mind knows that this idea of christ is applied to **all those who know** they are wholly connected to god and live from the unitive thought system. being a disciple of jesus allows to us to truly claim our oneship with god and each other, living from a place of **surrender** and **consent**. this is our one path, which we walk together and practice transformation. each day. in each moment.... and in this is how we live from our christ-ed selves....receiving god's healing love fully, and resting in god's love. and as we receive, completing the action by then extending back into all of creation. being our true and essential self. being christ.

what can you surrender to god's care in this moment? are you willing to consent to god's loving presence and action in your heart and mind??

holy spirit, you be in charge, and we will follow you, trusting that your direction leads to peace!! blessed be!

Summer Worship Schedule

The EPC session set our worship schedule for this summer. We will plan to meet outside on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. The mosquito numbers are dropping, so our plan is meet in the chairs under the big maple tree by the swinging seat this Sunday, June 11.

Here are the specific dates:

Outdoor Worship: June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27

Optimal Time to Harvest the Invasive Garlic Mustard



We have entered the <u>optimal time</u> to harvest the garlic mustard in the backwoods: seed pods developed but not open, neighboring plants not yet burred, low mosquitos, cooler morning weather!! We have a short window to collect as many of the invasive plants out of our backwoods before they send out their seeds. **Each mature garlic mustard plant has an average of over 600 seeds leading to many more years of invasiveness**. Neutralizing this part of the plant's life at this time is critical in our goal towards re-establishing the native plants and ecosystem. Would you have time any morning in the next week to meet up with Pastor Luna for 60-90 minutes of harvesting?? She is willing to accommodate any schedule, beginning as early as 6a. Please let her know-or come on your own later in the day. Check in with her about the next areas to focus on..... Thank you!!

Three Upcoming Celebrations

GRADUATION PARTY FOR LYDIA GEBBENGREEN



Lydia GebbenGreen is graduating this year from Open World Learning High School, so Lydia, Luna and Phil are inviting the congregation to her Graduation Celebration this Saturday, June 10, 1:30-3:30pm at the GebbenGreen home (1462 Van Buren Ave 55104). The whole congregation is welcome to attend! Lydia plans to attend Augsburg University in Minneapolis in the fall. The best way to the GebbenGreen home is go north on Snelling Ave, take a right (east) on Minnehaha, then three blocks later go right on Pascal. GG home is a big white house on the corner of Pascal and Van Buren.

GRADUATION PARTY FOR LILLY LECLAIR

Lilly LeClair is graduating this year from Central High School, so Lilly and Fred and Belinda are inviting the congregation to her Graduation Celebration on Saturday, June 17, 2-5pm at Edgcumbe Church. The whole congregation is welcome to attend! Lilly's plans for the fall include pursuing history, fine arts, and language studies at Concordia University St Paul. Congratulations Lilly!!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR CAROL SCHWEICKHARDT

Carol's family has set the date for a gathering and celebration of her life. It will be on Friday, July 7, from 2-6pm, at Holman's Table, which is next to the Saint Paul airport. RSVPs are required, so if you would like to attend, please Carol's daughter Melissa at melissa.nilsen@gmail.com to receive an invitation.

Five New Trees

The final tree—a Bur Oak (one of the most bio-diverse trees on the planet)--was planted on Tuesday. We hope these trees on not only an immediate improvement to our backwoods environment but a gift for generations to come.

Also, we have now had several coyote sightings on the church property. Lucky you if you get to see one of the beautiful creatures.

June Mission

The June mission is Plaster House where the Eggerts volunteered for 7 years, Ingrid as a teacher and Ron as a doctor. Plaster House provides outreach, preoperative care, surgery and postoperative care and rehabilitation for children with cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus, spina bifida, skeletal fluorosis, club foot, burn scar contracture and osteomyelitis. Over 1000 children were cared for in 2022 for free. Ingrid and Ron will talk about Plaster House on Sunday June 11 during worship.

