

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

October 25, 2023

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the message of god's love and healing rings out from you...

in looking at 1 thessalonians, paul's reflections truly can challenge our self identities!

the good news that you have received about god's love and healing has grounded you, paul says, with **power** and the **holy spirit!** and now you are **imitators of the risen christ** and become an example of the Word (ah!! notice the capital "w" there....intentional! ☺). paul tells the early church that the "**message about the lord rang out from you....in every place!**", which helps us to re-cognize that we, too, have this Word ringing from us!!

it would be easy to think that phil and i are the ministers at edgcumbe, but what i have come to see more deeply this past week is that phil and i are ministers to **ministers!** **you** are bringing the living word with you in each and every place and circumstance as you go about your week!! does that challenge your self-perception and identity?? it helps me to see that i can always be of service to the holy spirit, even if what i am doing is running to the grocery store or having an interaction with a neighbor. even without words, god's love and healing is ringing out of each of us!!

so, dear ones—**you are a minister of the Word of God!!!** my prayer for you is that you see yourselves as a vessel, and trust that you already have everything you need to be this vessel. may we each give our days and weeks to the holy spirit, and ask that we may be an instrument of god's grace in all places and to all people!!

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

Worship Yes, Zoom No This Sunday

We will have worship this Sunday as usual in the sanctuary—All are welcome. While Jay is out of town, we will not be sharing the service on Zoom.



When Church Stops Working Program and Dinner tonight!

Presbytery Event - not too late to register!!

Workshop with Andy Root - "Church in a Time Crisis"

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30-8:30 pm. Dinner, Presentation by Andy Root and Conversation at Lake Nokomis Presbytery Church

This will be a hybrid event, including Zoom availability. Reading the book ahead is NOT required for participation in the workshop.

[FIND OUT MORE AND RSVP FOR THIS EVENT.](#)

October Mission - Peace and Global Witness

At Edgcumbe, the Mission Team for 2023 designated 100% of October's mission gifts to the international effort for peacemaking and reconciliation at PCUSA {Presbyterian Church USA}. We're sharing stories of the many efforts here in the newsletter and with moments for mission in worship.

Photo: Trell with North Carolina pastor Stephen Herring

In Tarboro N.C., Stephen known as Pastor Steve has a unique ministry in nearby Princeville and Scotland Neck as a Peacemaker working in flood ravaged areas near the Tar River. These are flood plain cities that have been ravaged by hurricanes and climate change. Princeville is the oldest US town founded and settled by free African Americans after the Civil War.

Families like that of Trell {above} are being served by Pastor Steve's ministry of removing flood and fire damaged structures and reconstructing them in safer ways to support families and individuals left without shelter. Pastor Steve and others in New Hope Presbytery determined that climate migration is not a far away problem but occurring right in North Carolina.



Please consider a mission donation to support Peacemaking and Global Witness during October. You can indicate "Peacemaking" or "October Mission" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from epchurch website. Thanks for your support!