Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update January 10, 2024



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PLEASE NOTE: Zoom worship the next 2 Sundays, Jan 14 & 21

Due to the cold forecasted for this Sunday, Session has moved worship onto Zoom this Sunday. We were already planning to be on Zoom the following Sunday, so now you have 2 Sundays to stay nice and cozy in your home and worship together! Just a reminder: the gift of being on Zoom allows us to worship while seeing each other face to face, so the request is to keep your cameras on and your microphone muted until invited to unmute. Listen to see who the Holy Spirit is nudging you to invite to join us—they do not even have to be local!! Find links to zoom room and bulletin on the front page of Edgcumbe Presbyterian's website (www.epchurch.org).

following the star...

epiphany is the 12th day of christmas—the day we remember when the wise ones arrived at the side of the christ child. the wise ones have been on a journey over months and miles, and have been following a star. we, too, know what it is like to be on a journey following light, and we too, arrive at the cradle of our brother, jesus. \checkmark

most of the time, our journeys have unexpected developments. for instance, phil woke up monday morning learning that his flight to chicago had been canceled so that the plane could be inspected (following the alaska airline's airplane malfunction on friday). he quickly learned that there was only 1 seat available the entire day which would allow him to catch his connecting flight to copenhagen, but he needed to leave within a short time and would end up spending 12 hours at chicago's o'hare airport. unexpected (and sometimes undesired) things come into our lives, however we always have a choice at each moment. turning to holy spirit, consenting to god's presence, turning our will and our life into god's care, and asking the holy spirit repurpose

everything for god's will of love, connection, and forgiveness. these are the lights we follow... these are the lights that our brother jesus, our way show-er, walks toward beside us.

come, sisters and brothers, let us take this moment right now and come into our hearts, and *breath*, and let us pray together:

holy spirit, in this holy moment, you be in charge, and we will follow you, trusting that your direction will lead us to peace!!

blessed be!! in joy!! ~pastor luna @

<u> Announcement of Congregational Annual Meeting–January 28</u>

The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for after worship on Sunday, January 28th to receive the 2023 annual reports and vote on the Terms of Call for Pastors Phil and Luna GebbenGreen. Look forward to seeing you there!

<u> All Church Zoom Worship –Sunday, January 21 @ 10a with EPP</u> Ambassadors

On Sunday, January 21, we will have an all church Zoom Worship to enable conversations with the Ambassadors (persons formerly incarcerated) of the Enneagram Prison Project.



<u> January Mission: Enneagram Prison Project</u>

January Mission will be the Enneagram Prison Project. As we know, this is a project near and dear to Pastor Phil's heart. It is a project that enables prisoners to do the powerful and transformative work of the Enneagram with trained leaders (like Phil who goes to Shakopee Women's Prison) and learn self awareness, self regulation, and self compassion. It is POWERFUL, vulnerable, and healing work. I encourage all of us to give to this mission and also to learn more about the

Enneagram for our own personal healing.

2023 Annual Reports

If anyone has a write-up for the 2023 Annual Report, now is the time to get it in. It would be great to have reports from: Outreach, Music, Finance, Building & Grounds, and any other area where you have been involved this past year. Please send

submissions to Office Manager Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com and Pastor Phil at pastorphilgg@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sanctuary Evolution

Thank you to Meredith for her investment of time and work in taking down all of the Christmas decorations! (Whew!!) Watch for our sanctuary space for new themes and images emerging.

Phil has arrived in Copenhagen!pk

Phil has arrived in Copenhagen, along with the EPP faculty, to take a workshop on the Somatic Enneagram with Marion Gilbert. He will be away until January 17th. To learn more about what Phil will be studying, visit THIS WEBSITE. Pastor Luna is in town and is available for pastoral conversations and leading worship during Phil's time away.