

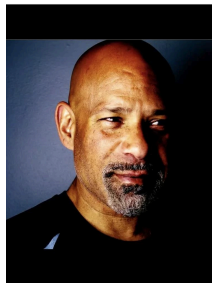
Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Service for Todd Barnes on this Saturday, May 11

The memorial service for Todd will be at 2pm on this Saturday, May 11, in the EPC Backwoods. It looks like it will be a gorgeous day. Thank you to everyone who donated to help cover costs for the service. If you are available to help that day, here is what we need.

- We hope to provide finger/napkin treats (small cookies, bars, etc) for about 175 people. You could bring the treats on Saturday, or leave them in the kitchen on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.
- Help setting up chairs and food tables and some small party tents starting at 12 noon.
- Setting up and serving food and drinks before and after the service.
- We will also need to re-stack the chairs on their carts after the service.

We did such a wonderful job hosting the Clothing Exchange and Pie Social. Now we get to stretch our hospitality muscles once again for Todd's extended community. May God bless us with energy and goodwill as we seek to create safe and healing space for everyone's gratitude and grief, trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us into peace in every moment.

Clothing Exchange and Pie Social

Wow, EPC, the Outreach events last weekend surpassed our expectations in every way. The amount of clothes both taken in and sent with people in bags....The amount of pie both donated and consumed....All of it felt blessed and miraculous. A big Thank You to everyone who gave of their time and resources. Generosity abounds.

May Mission is the EPC Backwoods!

The beautiful trees are turning green and are starting to bloom! Last week at the clothing exchange some of the students and attendees took advantage of the sunny Friday weather to

walk the paths of the backwoods. Weather permitting, this weekend we'll host many visitors as well for Todd's memorial.

As we move into summer, the Edgcumbe backwoods will have opportunities for hands-on mission and community gatherings. We are in need of supplies and especially some replacements for the colorful chairs at the prayer stations. Any mission donations this month will go to our lovely backwoods.



Phil to UK for training in Mid-May, and upcoming Continuing Education time off

The Enneagram Prison Project is sponsoring a trip for me, Phil, to complete the training that I started in Denmark this past January. The workshop focus is on the Somatic Enneagram. "Soma" is the Greek word for body, as in "The body of Christ." So this workshop will explore ways that we can learn and teach Enneagram insights using not just our minds, but our bodies. My time in Denmark with this work was powerful and transformative, and I'm looking forward to this course as well. I'll be gone from May 14-22 at a retreat center outside of Birmingham, England. Pastor Luna will be working May 14th and 15th, and we will be taking a Continuing Education week away from EPC during May 16-22.