

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

June 5, 2024



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Trusting the Trustworthiness of God

We talk a lot about TRUST at Edgcumbe Church. It is an important distinction to note that it is impossible to force ourselves to trust. We can only become willing to trust, and the only way to be willing to trust is to trust something that is trustworthy. Reread that sentence if necessary. Anything less than willing-trust-of-something-that-is-trustworthy becomes projection or wishful thinking or delusion.

To put that another way, we trust God because God is trustworthy. We have faith because God is faithful. We love because God first loved us. These are simple statements but profound beliefs. When we can rest in these profound truths, then our hearts can truly relax, maybe for the first time ever. We do not need to earn or justify our own existence. We do not need to create trust or love or worth within us. Trust and love and worth are gifts. All we need to do is say Yes.

In this spirit, I invite you to read our verses from last week from 2 Corinthians 4 again.

We have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us.

We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed.

We are confused, but we aren't depressed.

We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned.

We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

If you are willing(!), you could ask yourself this question, What would happen inside of me if I trusted God completely with every aspect of my life?

All Community Backwoods Workday, Saturday June 15th, 9:30a-12n

Would you be willing to help tend to the various projects for Edgcumbe's Backwoods and Outside property? Focus for this project will be to take down dead pine tree, pulling garlic mustard and burdock, and clearing pathways/stations/labyrinth of overgrown ground cover.

Bring your family, friends, neighbors! Any and all snacks brought will be eaten with gratitude!! 😊 Advised to have long sleeves and pants, hat, water and gloves. (BYO bug spray if desired.) We look forward to being with you Saturday morning, June 15th, 9:30a-12n.

New art installment!

We have a new art installment being hung on June 4th! Three local artists, each with a different style, have graciously agreed to show their work in our sanctuary! Christine Tierney, Joann Frekot, and Katharine Gotham are artist friends of Jay's brother, Tom McGregor. I reached out to Tom and he recommended them. I'm excited to see how it comes together. Please enjoy the show! -Lisa Holden

June Mission is Guild

Our mission giving in June will go to Guild Services, where Michelle Trebtoske works. This is from their website:

Guild empowers change through engaging individuals and communities, embracing their needs and elevating their voices. We do this work with a spectrum of services because mental illness is different for everyone, and everyone is worthy of shelter, connection, and stability. We recognize that systems built on racial inequity and social injustice significantly impact the lives of the people we serve and have resulted in high disparities in health care and the social determinants of health. We are fully committed to addressing these critical components to the fulfillment of our purpose.

Outdoor Worship Schedule

We are changing our outdoor worship plan just a bit for the coming months and adding a Pancake Breakfast. We are also hosting two other congregations—what fun! Here is the current schedule:

- June 30 Outdoor worship with Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church with a PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 9am before worship
- July 14 Outdoor worship with First Presbyterian Church - South St Paul
- August 11 Outdoor worship
- [Maybe] Sept 1 Outdoor worship



Cali Clary Graduation Party - June 15

Cali Clary is graduating from high school! Fred and Belinda and Heather are throwing a party for Cali at Edgcumbe Church on Saturday, June 15, from 2-5pm, and the congregation is welcome to attend. Congratulations Cali!!

New Local Food Market

From Eleta: The new food market opened this week on Montreal (across the street from the high rise). They are also going to offer the fresh produce distributions starting next month, which is set up like a farmer's market and you go through and take what you can use. The distributions are open to everyone, no matter your income and no matter where you live. See the attached flier for more information and feel free to share this information with anyone who could use it.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

LaGretta Lunde	6/11
Lisa Holden	6/16
Zack Humphrey	6/16
Fred Clary	6/24
Ingrid Eggert	6/24
Eleta Pierce	6/24

Happy Anniversary to:

David & Sherla Mayer	6/18
Fred & Belinda Clary	6/27