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Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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This Sunday—Outdoor Worship, No

Zoom

We will gather in the backwoods for worship this Sunday (weather permitting)—bring a chair and a friend or two!! Unfortunately, with the lack of internet bandwidth, we will not be able to broadcast the gathering on zoom. Later on Sunday afternoon, come back for:

Heartfelt Concert—August 11

On Sunday, August 11th, from 4:00 to 5:30pm, Lisa Holden's Heartfelt quintet will be doing a concert in the EPC backwoods. Funds from a freewill offering will go toward two programs at Shakopee Women's Prison: Enneagram Prison Project and Voices Of Hope. In the case of rain, we will move into the church sanctuary.

worthiness and oneness

as we continue to immerse ourselves in the letter to the ephesians, we are given very clear teachings on our identity and our purpose. god, who is **only** love, creates by extending godself. so, when god creates, it is **only love** which is the creation. this means, we are only love. we have been befuddled by the lies and misteachings which come from the perspective of separation. but our identity is this: **we are only love**. this is what is true. so, the writer of ephesians asks us to re-member ourselves correctly: ***i encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from god***. we are love, and now is the time to ground ourselves in this fact. we are worthy and we are love. this means we are no longer in a battle against ourselves, and we can fully and wholly accept our true identity. unfortunately, we cannot adopt this worthfull-ness on top of our self-attack and judgment, so we follow jesus to death and die to our old beliefs and perspectives. and we ask holy spirit to repurpose our very selves, and ask for god's will (which again, is only love) to be done!!

now that we have re-oriented to what we are, ephesians shows us how to live: ***conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. accept each other***



with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the spirit with the peace that ties you together. you are one body and one spirit...his purpose was to equip god's people for the work of serving and building up the body of christ. these verses are our common call and vocation. however, we cannot live this way by an act of our will. we can live this way only by **surrendering our will and our life** into the care of the god of our understanding. we come to see that our separated selves can never find the lasting peace and purpose we long for. however, when we **consent** to this purpose which ephesians teaches, and we ask holy spirit to guide us to live this out, then miracles happen. this is what we are up to at edgcombe presbyterian. being a place where miracles happen. i join you in this path, in joy!! ~pastor luna.

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

Backwoods Stewardship Focus For August

Luna and I (Phi) and our son Micah have been busy this summer in the Backwoods pulling invasive species, clearing fallen tree branches, and other general tasks. With all the rain this year, the one area where we are woefully behind is keeping the stations and mediation pathway clear of weeds. We need your help.



As the weather gets cooler, we will certainly set another Backwoods workday or two. Until then, if you have some spare time to do some weeding, that would be great. Especially bad are stations 7-12—all west of the stage area. The rock pathways to these stations are almost completely covered in overgrowth. Even a couple of minutes of weed-pulling could make a big difference. If you plan to stop by, please let me and/or Luna know. Thank you!

On an unrelated note, we need some fill-dirt to level and raise a low spot by the church office door at church (and a few other spots). If you do a project at your home or have access to dirt if some other way, please let me know to see if we can use it at church.

August Mission is Highland Park Sr High

August missions collections will go to Highland Park Senior High School. Highland Park Senior High is next door to the church and has about 1300 students in grades 9 -12. Both facial tissue boxes and money are requested for the August mission. You can choose to contribute to either or both.



**HIGHLAND PARK
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Facial tissue boxes we collect will be distributed to the teachers at the school in early September. Please drop off the tissue boxes in the sanctuary or church office.



The money collected will be used to purchase gift cards that school counselors will give to parents/guardians when they become aware of specific needs. This was suggested by Principal Dr. Tucker who once told us that EPC is the "Little church that is MIGHTY!" You can contribute to this mission for August by indicating "August Missions" on the memo line of your contribution check to EPC or by noting this in the Notes Box of any online contribution.

Thank you for your continued support of our Missions!