

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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No Zoom this Sunday

Jay will be on retreat this weekend, so no Zoom during worship this Sunday, Oct 20.

Adding a Little Bit of Love

On Sunday, we made a list of places in our life where we have strong thoughts or feelings about rules or laws. Here are some of the places we came up with:

TRAFFIC FOOD TIMELINESS CLEANLINESS CHORES (who does what?) GENDER ENVIRONMENT FINANCE/MONEY RELATIONSHIPS/LOVE FAMILY/PARENTING AGING FAMILY SECRETS SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

In worship, it felt like we could have kept going for another half hour with this list. In our scripture text, many of us noticed that Jesus—after hearing that the person he was speaking to has obeyed all the laws of God—looked carefully at the young man and loved him. Together we wondered if we could follow Jesus’ example and slow down enough to look carefully at the people we pass everyday with love and grace and care.

Do we need to follow the rules? Maybe. Or maybe not. It rarely matters as much as we think it does. What does matter is whether we remember that we loveable and lovely, and so is everyone else. -Pastor Phil

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

New Backwoods Chairs

We have a new set of sturdy chairs made from recycled plastic for our Backwoods chair circle and the twelve stations along the meditation pathway, replacing the older wood chairs that are falling apart—see photo at top. Check out the new seating while enjoying the gorgeous fall weather, and feel free to invite a friend!

October Mission: Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. The peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. 25% of the offering is retained by Edgcumbe to engage in local peacemaking activities. Another 25% goes to our regional Presbytery, Twin Cities Presbytery; and 50% of this offering supports work being done by Presbyterians around the world through the General Assembly of the church.



An example of how grants are used from this offering at the national level is an outreach program started by the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, PA. This area of Appalachia faces deep challenges from poverty and high healthcare costs. The church used the Peace offering funding to start “Fresh Start: Loads of Love” laundry outreach program. “Every two months the church provides quarters, snacks and connection,” according to the church’s pastor, the Rev. Caroline Vickery, who worked as a community organizer before graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. “We bring children’s bulletins, paper and markers, information about our church and other spiritual materials. We go on the last Monday of the month since people on public assistance are running low on money at the end of the month.” The

church has experienced new energy, participation, and life through this community outreach grant from Presbyterian Mission (PCUSA Louisville).

To give to this offering, please write “October Mission” on the memo line of your check or indicate it in the memo box online at Give Now. Blessings on our peacemaking efforts!