Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update February 5, 2025

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<u>Reflection from Elder Connie</u>

Hello EPC Family,

I am reflecting on the Annual Meeting that was held last Sunday and am in awe of the depth and growth of this community. We are patient. We are kind. We are generous. We are growing in faith, trust and our capacity to imagine. It is an interesting time to be in community and I am so thankful for the people and the space of Edgcumbe Presbyterian! Special shout out to our Treasurer Ron who is so diligent in keeping track of our finances. Shout out to the people who show up and fix stuff (you know who you are!). Shout out to Jenya who holds the space in the beauty of her music. Shout out to All and Everyone who Shows Up- We Are Blessed!

Just a reminder... Phil and Luna are on retreat this week and we will have a guest Pastor on Sunday. Please come to church and show her what we are about- Love and Joy!

Your Sister in Love, Connie

<u>Upcoming Worship at EPC</u>

- Pastors Phil and Luna are away for Continuing Education this week
- Sunday, February 9th, guest preacher, Rev. Stephanie Friant, will be presiding with the Elders.

Getting to know the Rev. Stephanie Friant, Guest Preacher



Rev. Stephanie Friant is the Chaplain at Benedictine Living Community - Windermere Way, Shakopee. She and her husband spend their time managing the busy schedules of two teenagers. They, along with four cats, live in Chanhassen. Stephanie will be our guest preacher this Sunday, February 9.

Support for Michelle Trebtoske

Michelle Trebtoske is looking for final help with her move to Frederic, WI on 2/16, 2/17 or 2/18 for final packing... And also to load the moving truck the morning of 2/19 which is moving day. Please reach out to Michelle directly of you can help at 612-990 1448 or michelletrebtoske@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your support.

<u>February Missions: Enneagram Prison Project and Facial Tissues</u> for HPSHS



We have a two fold mission focus for February!! The first is the Enneagram Prison Project (EPP). Pastor Phil & his fellow local EPP Guide Susanne Gawreluk returned to Shakopee Women's Prison last fall for our first class since the beginning of the Covid pandemic in 2020. The class was a wonderful success, thanks in large part to the mission funding from EPC in 2024. Our next class will begin next Monday, Feb. 10. For a class of 15 participants, 172 women applied, which is one-third of the population of the prison. That high number demonstrates both the positive reviews from last fall's participants and the hunger for this kind of healing work.

EPP is on a mission to understand why we do what we do, using the Enneagram to inspire transformation —on both sides of the bars—through self-awareness, self-regulation, and self compassion; We do the work together. If you would like support this life-changing work, please donate to this month's mission either online at www.epchurch.org or with a check or cash

designed for "Feb Mission" or "EPP." On the last Sunday of February, Susanne Gawreluk will join us to hear more about the local work of EPP.



Our 2nd focus is to collect **facial tissues** for the educators and administration of Highland Park Senior High School. We hope to collect 180 boxes, to give every class and office support during the Winter months during the cold season. Please bring the facial tissue boxes to the EPC office, and they will be delivered to our amazing neighbors!!