

# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian Church

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### What If Every Text Is Good News

This past Sunday, we put the following outline in the bulletin with my suggestions for reading the Bible. I have adapted for printing here.

**Overview:** God is love and only love. What if every text is crazily good news?

*"God is light, and in God there is no darkness." -1 John 1:5*

### Three-Level Dance

#### **One: The Story**

- Getting basic clarity on what is happening to whom helps me enter the story.

#### **Two: The Big Picture. Who Wrote This & Why?**

- **Old Testament** - written in response to exile in Babylon (587 BCE) & return to Jerusalem, with the primary questions being: Do I know who I am as a stranger in a strange land? And: Am I willing to follow God's call to help those in need?
- **New Testament** - written in response to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (70 CE), with the primary question being: Who or what do I trust when everything falls apart?

#### **Three: Me/Us**

- Who is hearing this text, my ego-self or my spirit-self? In this approach, we remember that sometimes the scripture is talking to our ego and sometimes talking to our heart of hearts.
- This kind of listening starts with admitting to the Holy Spirit that I don't know what this is for and allowing the Spirit to show me the truth about myself and reality (see Overview at top).

This basic approach to reading scripture has transformed my own faith life. If you haven't picked your Bible in a while, consider this an invitation to give it a new try. We have ordered several Common English Bibles (the translation we use in worship and Bible study) that will be available this coming Sunday, if you need a Bible at home.

Peace to you and everybody, Pastor Phil ☺

### March Mission: Twin Cities Food Justice

Since March 2016 Twin Cities Food Justice have been working with co-ops, grocery stores, and farmers markets to re-distribute unsold and extra foods to local hunger relief organizations. They focus on vegetables, fruits, and nutrient rich breads because hunger relief organizations often find it challenging to consistently provide fresh food options for

their clients.

Following the escalation of ICE's presence in early December, many regular partners saw a sharp drop-off in attendance at food shelves and community meals. So, TC Food Justice began delivering to organizations, bringing groceries directly to schools and families afraid to leave their homes. Edgcumbe participated by scheduling two food and hygiene supply pickups in February.



For March, Edgcumbe is collecting money donations for the continued response to Metro Surge and recovery from it. We look forward to Executive Director Ann Hill planning to visit Edgcumbe for worship on March 15. Please consider a mission donation during March. You can indicate "TC Food Justice" or "March Mission" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from the EPC website. Thanks for your support!

### **New Group Forming—for those with Emerging Call into Ministry**

*For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.*

There is such a glorious movement of the Holy Spirit among us at Edgcumbe Church in these days! One of the ways this is demonstrating itself is that three people have had conversations with the Pastors about their own emerging sense of a call to ministry over the past few months!! In response, we will be forming a new small group for those folks who might have a stirring within—a wondering—about stepping toward some kind of ministry, whether it be as a Pastor, or Chaplain, or some other emerging Vocation for the God's Kindom!

Regardless of your age, have you ever wondered if you might have a call to use your gifts and skills to support, nurture and work for the Living Body of Christ?? We would love to support and nurture you as you are in discernment and step into that call! Please speak to either Pastor Phil or Pastor Luna, and we will include you in this group!!

### **Healing Corner during Worship**

During the Sundays in Lent you will have an opportunity to come to the back corner of the church for healing (with or without direct touch). Some examples could be a hurting heart, pain in your shoulder, calming anxiety, or a pain too deep to talk about. Maybe you are asking for healing on someone else's behalf. All is welcome in the healing corner! The healing team consists of Rachel Swan, Clyde Green, and Michelle Trebtoske.



## Prayer Updates

- Jan Fitzgerald's daughter texted to let us know that Jan's surgery went very well on Tuesday.
- The obituary for Liz Schiferl (former member of EPC) can be found [HERE](#).