

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

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Outdoor Worship this Sunday

We are planning to be in the Backwoods this Sunday for worship with communion. Please bring a chair or blanket with you. And a reminder that on those Sunday's when we are outdoors we do not broadcast on Zoom. *(As always, we will watch how the weather develops so always check your email before worship for any change of plans that might arise.)*



Pastors Return and Reflections

Hello Good People of Edgcumbe Presbyterian!! 😊 Phil and I have returned from our time away and excited to re-engage in our work amongst you. We want to express our deepest appreciation to the Elders of the Community who move into a deeper capacity to serve and tend the church while we are away. Edgcumbe is in an extraordinary chapter of our life where we now have a full membership of Ruling Elders (6 folx who sit on Session!), which has not ever been true in the nearly 19 years that we have served EPC! We give great thanks to the Holy Spirit for this new chapter, as well as the deepest appreciation to all of you who serve the wellbeing of the community!! 💙

As you know, I took a week of comp time before our vacation and I attended a 10 day Post-Intensive Centering Prayer Silent Retreat offered by the folx of the Colorado Contemplative Outreach. What I find so life-giving about these experiences is that it offers me a container to decompress in silence, gather with other Centering Prayer practitioners, and re-rhythm my life by attuning to the deep patterns of meditation prayer. One particularly helpful aspect of this retreat was that my feelings of grief/rage/fear which arose during the federal occupation and Operation Metro Surge had a space to arise, and I could tend to them. I ended up doing some writing, just dumping out all of my thoughts and experiences about those months. And, knowing that it is helpful for grief to be witnessed, I brought it to a 1-to-1 session I had with the retreat leader. In the silence after I read my piece to her, she eventually said, "That feels like a Psalm to me...."

This feedback was so helpful to me and reminded me of something I had forgotten through it all....that by being present in the messiness of life, and expressing my honest pain and hope experienced during that time, that this kind of expression is like a prayer—a psalm, even... A conversation, a song, to God, simply by just showing up with my honest self.

And so I ask you—what is honest for you on this day?? Are you willing to maybe take some time and allow yourself to **breathe** and really check in and take your internal temperature? Maybe you even have the willingness to take a pen and paper and write out whatever words and feelings arise for you? Being honest matters. It is what allows us to finally stop resisting and judging and pushing, pushing, pushing. It allows us to land, so that we can be found by God, ourselves, and others. That's the kind of

work we do here at Edgcumbe. We live honestly, we are re-minded to God's Loving Presence, and we receive the Healing gifts of grace and love.

So grateful to be on this journey with you!! In Joy!! Pastor Luna 

June Mission: Edgcumbe's Backwoods and Workday Saturday, June 13th

In June we will be restoring and rejuvenating our beloved Backwoods, the three acres of forest adjacent to the church. The Mission Team purchased some new Adirondack chairs to replace several that have reached the end of their lifespan.

We are also organizing a **community workday, Saturday June 13th at 10a** to help pull buckthorn and other invasive species, and to assemble our newly arrived outdoor furniture. Come and join the stewardship fun!! Bring water, long sleeves and pants, and friends and family!!



Two Notes from Phil

- **NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS** - After worship next week Sunday, June 14. Please let me know if you hope to attend.
- I wanted to let the community know that Ashley Wall, the EPP Ambassador who visited our worship last January, entered hospice care yesterday. Please pray for comfort and peace for Ashley and her 4-year old daughter June.

New Artwork

Check out the new artwork being hung on June 1st. The Old Town Artists Cooperative currently consists of 13 members who share studio workspace in Saint Paul. We will share more about the history of this group in a poster that will be part of the exhibit. The following subset of the members is looking forward to showing their work at Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church in June and July.

Sarah Boyle Carmack
Paul Cleary
Jean Everson
JoAnn Frekot
Katharine Gotham
Tom McGregor
Claire Stokes

These members have all found that an art practice is a source of emotional wellness. With that thought, we have titled this presentation of our artwork:

Reflections

To reflect is to think carefully and contemplate a subject deeply. Making art slows us down and honors our subject matter. Artists and those who contemplate artwork are rewarded with a deeper and often a unique experience of being in the world.

Baby Shower and Potluck Jam: All Invited!!!

Here is a note to the community from Ty:

Join us on Saturday June 20th at 4pm for a fun filled evening with hot dogs, music, fire, temporary tattoos and celebrating Jaime and Ty's new beautiful baby.. Eclipsia Pauline Gallegos Loiselle ...!!!

Click this LINK (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4AA8A92DA4FFC70-64226162-tys#/>) to signup to bring a potluck item - we will be grilling hot dogs and have a cooler full of water. Pick something from the list or PLZ feel free to bring your specialty dish :))) also no presh!!! You can just bring yourself :)

We will start gathering around 4pm and will plan to hang out eat, celebrate, jam, and have a fire into the early evening! So excited to see you all there! Feel more than free to bring a friend or come solo! Yiiippeee!!!:)))



Also- Please let me know if you think you will be attending :)

Aaaaannnd here's a LINK (<https://my.babylist.com/tyana-loiselle>) to our baby registry if you'd like to get us a little something :))!! No presh!!

Peace love and swag !!





Celebrating Shiloh's Graduation!!

We celebrate Shiloh's High School graduation this year. You are invited to join him and his family as they gather to mark this accomplishment! Mark your calendars and join the celebration! Congratulations Shiloh!



Grad Party ²⁶

Join us in our celebration of Shiloh's Graduation on
Sat, June 13, 2026, 2p - 8p
6102 Kalen Drive, Woodbury MN 55129
Regrets only call/text at 612-964-2655.