

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

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Rest and Trust

Luna and I are now one month away from starting our sabbatical. As a reminder, we will be with you until Sunday, July 12, and then we will be away from all church work until our all-congregation retreat in mid-October. Rest is an essential part of both our daily rhythms and the work of fulfilling our life call. We are truly grateful to the congregation for supporting this time of rest and rejuvenation for your pastors. We and the Elders will be talking with you more in the coming weeks about what to expect while we are gone. We know this is a big deal for some of you. We also trust that God will give you and us and everybody everything we need in each moment.

We talk a lot about trust at EPC. This past Sunday, we read Romans 5:1 together, which says, "Therefore, since we have been healed through Christ's trust, we have peace with God." Whose trust is it that heals us? Christ's, not my own trust, but Christ's. This leads to two amazing insights.

1. God/Christ/the Holy Spirit trusts you. Saying God loves us is 100% true. But we can sometimes think that God loves us like a wayward child: "I love you, but I don't trust you, you conniving, pitiful, selfish child of mine." The Bible suggests over and over again that God not only loves us but actually trusts us. God looks at each one of us and says, "I put the fullness of my trust in you. I believe in you, You will do amazing and miraculous things. You are my child, and I give you the fullness of my heart, my life, my kingdom."
2. Accepting this trust changes everything. Go back and re-read #1. How deeply can you take God's trust in you into your own heart? Accepting Christ's trust brings peace. Instead of the constant struggle to earn or avoid trust, we can lay down all our armor and life-strategies and accept ourselves. Out of that self-acceptance will flow peace and empathy and hope. Out of that self-acceptance will come the power to change the world.

June Mission: Edgcumbe's Backwoods

In June we will be restoring and rejuvenating our beloved Backwoods, the three acres of forest adjacent to the church. Monies raised can be used for new chairs, for new trees, for tools and equipment, for signage upgrades, and emergency response.

Last week's storms took down several trees and large branches. Thank you to everyone who came to the Backwoods workday last Saturday to help us clean up!





Looking Ahead: Save the Date for September Mission Event

SAVE THE DATE! Edgcumbe Church at NAMI Walks

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9AM TO 12PM Minnehaha Falls Park, Minneapolis

Stay tuned for more info in this space over the next few months!



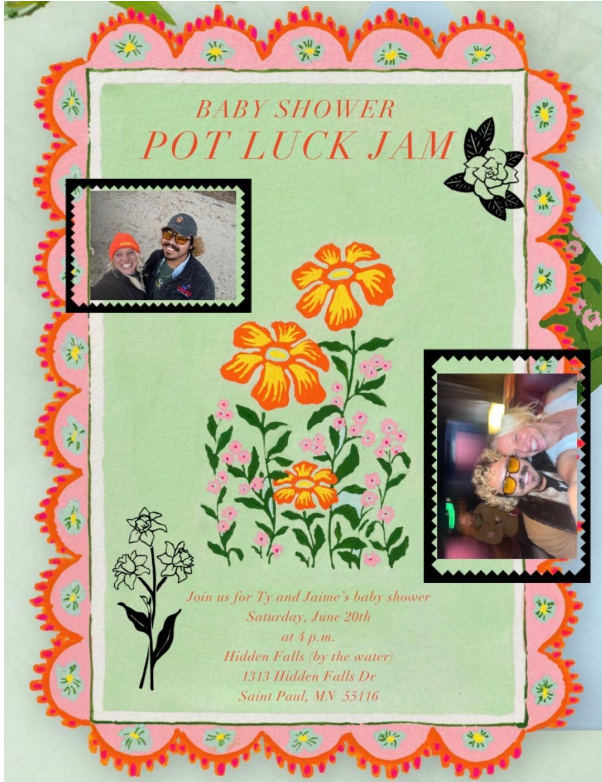
Looking Ahead II: Outdoor Worship with Cherokee Park UC , June 28

On the last Sunday of June, we will gather in the backwoods (weather permitting) for outdoor worship with Cherokee Park United Church from the west side of Saint Paul. This congregation worshipped with us last summer too, when their pastor, Matthias

Looking Ahead III: Karen Miller Visit

SAVE THE DATE. Faithful EPC Zoomer Karen Miller (of Oklahoma City) will be in St. Paul for a few weeks this summer. She will worship IN PERSON with us in late June/early July. So that she can get better acquainted with our EPC family, Jane and Mark Tafel will host an after-church lunch at their home on July 5th. Come to 1941 Ford Parkway #309. No need to bring anything, but it would be nice if you let us know you plan to come—email Jane at tafeljane@gmail.com.

Baby Shower and Potluck Jam THIS SATURDAY: All Invited!!!



Here is a note to the community from Ty:

Join us on Saturday June 20th at 4pm at Hidden Falls (1313 Hidden Falls Dr, St. Paul 55116) 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](#) to sign up 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! Yiiippee!!! 💕💕💕🥂🎉

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

And here's a [LINK](#) to our baby registry if you'd like to get us a little something :))! No presh!!

Peace love and swag !! 🌸🌟🌟🍾🎉👻👻🥴🥴👩👩🌮🧬🐣🐣🐅🐅🇲🇽👩🍴💕💕🌸🌸🍾