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Edgcumbe Storytelling Retreat was a huge success!

Welcoming Phil and Luna back home at the retreat last weekend was such a joyous event! It felt like a big family reunion! Phil and Luna shared a slideshow and stories about their travels, and the EPC community shared reflections about how we grew closer as a community while the pastors were away. We also enjoyed fellowship and meals together, did a nature prayer activity, outdoor qigong practice, made a craft for the backwoods, and worshiped together. It was an action packed weekend, and we're grateful for our pastor's safe return and are eager to keep learning from all the experiences they had while they were away. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you and we're glad to have you as part of the Edgcumbe family!

Click this link to see pictures of the Sabbatical time, and pictures from the retreat:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LK7mh53jt2UFyunEA>

Hello and Thank you!

Hello Everyone!! What an absolute joy it has been re-connecting with the Edgcumbe Community!! Phil and I are beyond words with awe and gratitude for having been so care-filledly provided for with this entire Sabbatical experience. Thank you to each of you who contributed your presence and care and gifts to each other over these past months! Thank you, too, for the Worship Team who deeply sought to bring Spirit-filled experiences of worship during this time. Thank you to the Elders who navigated the big and small decisions, and brought their loving presence so faith-filledly to the community. Thank you to those who shared your musical gifts into worship! And thank you for those who lived into the stewardship of our land.

Thank you, also, for the organization and participation that went into the Congregational Retreat this past weekend (with a particular note of gratitude for Chelsea W ). I mentioned to Phil that the retreat could be the textbook example of a perfect way for a Pastor to re-enter a community following a Sabbatical time. It was wonderful to be with you and to hear about your learnings and insights from the past months, as well as share meals, make sun catchers, and have Amy Grant make a presence (be sure to ask Dean G about that one).

Each of you contributed so profoundly to our Sabbatical with your prayers and blessings, dreaming with us, and sharing financial resources to make it happen. If you did not see our slide show, here is the link: [EPC Sabbatical 2026 - Pastors slideshow.pdf](#)

We look forward to continuing to share our insights and learnings with you over these next months as Holy Spirit shapes us all into this next chapter together!!
In joy!! Pastor Luna 

Sun Catcher Creators

Would you bring your sun catchers to church this Sunday, the 25th, so that we can prepare them for hanging in the backwoods? Thank you all for your creations. It was fun working with you. Meredith

Artplayce Update

The artwork display in November will highlight the creative works of our very own EPC members! I'm asking each of us to bring in something that you created. It could be a painting, a photograph, a poem, a weaving, a mitten you knitted, a necklace you beaded, etc. Have you created something that won't fit easily on our walls? Take a picture of it and bring the photo in. Have you sewn an article of clothing you're proud of? Put it on a hanger and bring it in. (Or take a photo... your choice). Have you prepared a delicious meal? Snap a pic, bring in the recipe, and voila! Maybe you remodeled a room in your house! Snap a pic. Maybe you have a photo of the best Christmas light display EVER! Maybe you press flowers? Make earrings? Build furniture? Is your dog the cutest and most photogenic of all? Be creative, and show us what you love and are proud of.

Please bring your items in during the first week in November. They will be hung on hooks on the peg board, so please make sure your art piece has a wire or a way to be hung on a hook. And please bring a small note that will be taped next to your artwork that explains what it is, and who did it. Looking forward to this! -Lisa

October Mission: The Lift Garage



Our mission for October will be The Lift Garage. The unique mission of the Lift is to move people out of poverty through low-cost car repairs, honest advice, and free pre-auto-purchase advice. On Sunday 10/25 Founder and Executive Director Cathy Heying will join us in worship. In addition to supporting The Lift with our financial gifts, we will be supporting them in service:

On Thursday, Nov. 5th from 3pm - 5pm, we have committed to provide a team of 10 to assemble a mailing for The Lift's end-of-year giving campaign. We'll meet onsite at 2401 E. Lake Street, and volunteers will meet The Lift staff, tour the garage, and save the organization hundreds of dollars that otherwise would be paid to a mail company. There will be opportunities to work while seated. Do you want to be part of this? Email Jane Tafel at tafeljane@gmail.com to sign up.

Learn more about the Lift Garage: <https://www.theliftgarage.org/>

New Submission Deadlines for the Midweek Update

Please note that moving forward, we will have new timing guidelines to contribute articles to the Midweek Update. We will be putting the Midweek together on Tuesdays because Pastor Phil is now teaching with the Enneagram Prison Project up at the Moose Lake facility every Wednesday and Pastor Luna is on Sabbath on Weds as well. **Please submit articles to Krysta/Phil/Luna by Monday of each week.** Thank you!! 🎉