

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

November 20, 2024

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I Still Don't Know What Anything Is For

Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins..... (Hebrews 10:11)

You don't want sacrifices.
If I gave an entirely burned offering,
you wouldn't be pleased.
Psalm 51:16



as we continue our learnings with the pathway of "i don't know what anything is for...", this past sunday's scripture passage looked at hebrews 10, bringing to us the idea of sacrifice. let's remember our starting point: god is only love. and love is patient and kind (1 cor 13:4). over the eons, we

have entangled love with various meanings and qualities. but, what if *we don't even know what love actually is??*

historically, a dominant belief structure within the ages of religion has involved making some kind of sacrifice with the hope to appease an angry and capricious god. within christianity, there are some belief structures which suggest that jesus was sacrificed for our "sins," which then is the one way that we can be at one with god—it meets the requirement that saves our guilty selves.

let us also remember that we are being shown in jesus teachings that we are living—with our beliefs and perspectives—lives that are *upside down* from the kindom. god is only love, and has infinite patience and kindness, and **love does not demand sacrifice**. in fact, sacrifices can actually never heal and never create the conditions so that we have the possibility to be one with god.

as i prayed through the scriptures this past week, i asked to know what was the most important thing to know about sacrifice, and what i heard was this:

**our (unconscious) belief and value in sacrifice
is one of the largest blocks to trusting god.**

when you read that sentence, what arises for you?? i want to encourage you to continue to bring your curiosity and willingness into your prayers, and follow whatever arises. our invitation

from Jesus is **to be willing to see** how we are shaped and live lives from the belief in sacrifice. and then to bring whatever arises to the Holy Spirit—lifting everything into her light and love.

Thank you for your courage to ask and be willing to be shown. I would welcome further conversations with you as you journey through these ideas!!

holy spirit, in this holy moment you be in charge, and we will follow you,
trusting that your direction leads to peace!

in joy!! pastor luna ☺

November Mission: Twin Cities Food Justice

Our November Mission is collecting funds to support Twin Cities Food Justice. TC Food Justice links organizations (like bakeries, food coops, food warehouses, farmers markets) that have excess perishable food inventory with food pantries or kitchens using volunteers who pick up the food from the food givers and deliver it to the food needers.

Typical food deliveries range from a few tens of pounds to a few hundred pounds. Jay, Liz and Rich have been volunteering to do food delivery for TC Food Justice in the past few months. They can provide more information about volunteering, if you are interested. Please consider making a donation to this mission in November by writing "November Mission" in the memo line of your donation check or by indicating "November Mission" in the note for an online donation.



Christmas Decorating: This Saturday, Nov 23

We will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 23 to fluff and hang the garlands and wreaths. On Saturday, November 30 at 11:00 am we will meet to fluff, assemble and decorate the Christmas tree. We appreciate any time you can give to make this tradition possible.

Progressive Dinner- Saturday, December 7

Let's have some fun...Edgumbe style! On Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, our Progressive Dinner will begin at the home of Jane and Mark Tafel for appetizers, then take us to LaGretta and John Lunde's home for the main course, and conclude at the home of Ingrid and Ron Eggert for dessert. Please bring your own beverage. Send your RSVP by Saturday, November 30 to LaGretta Lunde at laglunde@gmail.com.



Celebration of de-buckthorning!

We wanted to celebrate with the community the recent achievement of the clearing of the buckthorn around the prayer garden and station 1!!! 🙌 Thank you to Micah GebbenGreen and Pastor Luna for their work continuing to address the buckthorn. We encourage the Edgumbe community to walk

throughout the backwoods and see the continuing development of the various projects from this Summer!!

Highland AA Thanksgiving Gratitude Meeting

The Highland AA Thanksgiving Gratitude Meeting will be Thanksgiving Day, November 28th at 10am in the sanctuary. This is an Open Meeting, which means all people are welcome. It is a beautiful gathering, and we would encourage you to attend!

Mystery Office Item

Do you happen to recognize this pink file organizer?
Do you want it? This is in EPC's office and we are unsure of its origin and purpose! Thank you!!

Session Notes:

From Elder Connie:

We began with Cake
made by Ingrid with apples
it was delicious

discussion was good
about Mark 13:1-8
all will be thrown down

We are in good shape
many pledges have come in
THANK YOU everyone

2025

We approved of the budget
provisionally

Pastor's vacation
they will be gone a few weeks
we can cover it

buckthorn being cleared
by sweet Micah and Luna
We can see the school!

Monday Nights on Zoom
What?! Total Transformation



Luna will teach it.

Lydia's a star
Enemy of the People
she had a lead role!

Artists came and talked
Susan Olesik coming
November 24th

Amber Spirithorse
Luna's teacher and helper
also will be there

Here at EPC
we are blessed in so many ways
we are held in Love