

# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian Church

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### Pastors Away and worship plan

Pastors Luna and Phil will be away tending to different aspects of their ministries. Pastor Luna will be traveling to Scotland to have two



weeks in the Iona Community attending two different workshops: hymn writing and on the life of St. Columba.



Pastor Phil will be in the Bay Area of California guiding an Enneagram Prison Project course in a jail in San Mateo county.

### Sunday, June 15, Backwoods Worship, 10am

Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy our beautiful Backwoods.  
The service will be coordinated by Elder Jay McGregor.

### Thank You!

A big "thank you" to Shelley Holden and Mark Wehde for hosting our All-Church Brunch last Sunday, June 8. They are gracious hosts and we had a great time of fellowship.

### June Mission: Kafika House

On Sunday, June 1st, Ron and Ingrid Eggert introduced our mission of the month, Kafika House in northern Tanzania. Ron spoke from his experience of 9 years serving as the physician at a Lutheran teaching hospital. Children in the region suffered in disproportionate numbers from cleft palate, club foot, hydrocephalus, and devastating burns from cooking fires. Volunteer surgeons came regularly to operate on up to 70 children in a 2-week period.

Then, after the surgeries, Ron and his colleagues were faced with the problem of what to do with children postoperatively. Most children came from single room homes with stick and mud walls and dirt floors – a non-hygienic environment for healing. Children were unable to leave the



hospital until surgical wounds healed, but hospital beds were at a premium. A vision emerged and Kafika House (first known as Plaster House) was launched in 2008.

At Kafika House, children receive loving care until they are able to return home – for a week or up to several months. Prior to their surgeries, many of these children have been hidden away due to their disabilities. Arriving at Kafika House marks the first time that they have unlimited nutritious food, playmates and peers, education, and the opportunity to truly embrace childhood.

Through our giving this June, we can provide more loving, transformational care to children in Tanzania. You can give online at Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church's website, or via check on Sunday.

Visit Kafika House website to learn more here: [www.kafikahouse.org](http://www.kafikahouse.org)

## **Bowling – July 9**

The votes are in and the winner is Wednesday, July 9th at 6pm, Concord Lanes.

We hope to see as many of you as possible that evening, whether you want to throw some balls or just sit by and cheer. We'll send a reminder closer to the date. Sorry that we couldn't accommodate everyone's schedules, but we can do this again.

Mark your calendars!  
Jane and Connie



## **Thursday mornings in the Backwoods: Prayer and Stewardship**



You are invited to a gather with us Thursday mornings in the Backwoods for meditation and stewardship. We gather at 6:30am in the circle of chairs for a 20 minute meditation sit. Then, we move into the backwoods to tend to the restoration of the native ecosystem by removing the invasive species and tending to the path and stations. Come at 6:30am for prayer, or join us at 7am for some loving attention and care given to the beautiful woods!! Questions: contact Mark Tafel at [tafelmark@gmail.com](mailto:tafelmark@gmail.com).

If this does not fit into your schedule, know there are many ways to contribute to the stewardship of the backwoods...do you feel the nudge to contribute in some way?? Speak to Pastors Luna or Phil.

## **Health Update – Sheilah Healow**

Jeremy reported on Monday afternoon that Sheilah's "Surgery went well!"

