

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

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Stewardship = A New Perception

Thank you to everyone who is considering filling out a financial giving pledge card for 2026—or has already done so. Your generosity of time, money and energy makes the ministry of Edgcumbe Church possible.

Please fill out your pledge card and bring it to church by Sunday, Nov 2 – or email your pledge to our office manager Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com.

Choosing to give as a spiritual discipline allows the Holy Spirit to change our perception from scarcity to abundance, from fear to love. In everything we do today, we can ask the Holy Spirit to remind us what is real, what is beautiful, what needs forgiveness, and what needs grace. Together, friends, we can expand our hopes and dreams to match God's vision for who we can be and who Edgcumbe Church can be. All that we are has not yet been revealed!

*holy spirit, you be in charge, and we will follow you,
trusting that your way leads to peace.*

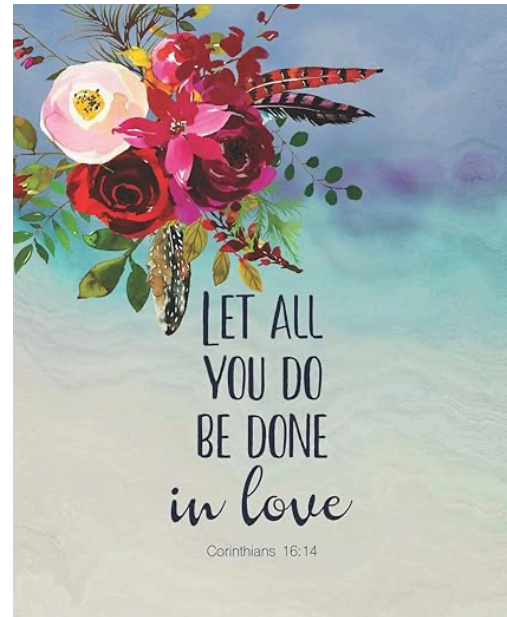
October Mission: Food Justice

The mission focus for October is the Twin Cities Food Justice. TC Food Justice is a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis. Since March 2016 we have been working with co-ops, grocery stores, and farmers markets to re-distribute their unsalable foods to local hunger relief organizations. We focus on vegetables, fruits, and nutrient rich breads because hunger relief organizations often find it challenging to consistently provide fresh food options for their clients. We seek to improve food insecure individuals' access to fresh, nutritious food.



Opportunity at The Retreat

Two months ago, our mission giving supported The Retreat in Wayzata, a residential addiction recovery center. Since addiction is a disease that affects the entire family, The Retreat offers a 4-day program to help family members learn how to effectively support their loved one, AND



how to effectively care for themselves in the chaos of addiction. The program is open to loved ones of individuals being served at The Retreat, as well as community members who would benefit.

We've learned that The Retreat has an excess of scholarship dollars for family members to attend, and they need to be used before the end of the year. If you or someone you know would benefit, you can learn more here: <https://www.theretreat.org/programs/family-program>

Four-day family programs are provided in-person (three nights on the beautiful Retreat campus in the woods, with delicious meals and private room) or virtually. The standard costs are \$650 for residential and \$495 for virtual. The program director Sherry Gaugler-Stewart has said, 'We can definitely help reduce that fee to make it possible for an individual to attend.' If interested, you can reach out to Sherry at 952-476-0566 or sgaugler-stewart@theretreat.org. Please tell them that the Tafels referred you. And, if you have questions, feel free to contact Mark or Jane, as we've attended the program and we are current volunteers.

EPC Community Connections

- Our current guest artist and EPC attender Mike Conroy is showing art this Friday at the Artability Art Show sponsored by People Incorporated. The show is Friday, Oct 24, from 5-8pm at Saint Paul's Union Depot. See all the information [HERE](#).
- The Twin Cities Women's Choir (with Lisa Holden) has their fall concert on Sunday, Nov 23, at 4pm at Minneapolis South HS. For more information and tickets, visit [HERE](#).

Thursday Morning Campfire?

We just heard from Mark Tafel that he still hopes to gather this dark and chilly Thursday morning at 6:30am for centering prayer and buckthorn pulling. Instead of meeting at the chair circle, look for a fire at the fire pit beyond the central white pine tree for warmth and light and companionship.

