Edgcumbe
Presbyterian Church
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(photo Ty & Eclipsia from Sunday 11/15)

Ty's Lightning Poetry

…from 10/11/26 worship lead by Joe Davis using the words identified describing the Edgcumbe community: love, belonging, held, joy, real, healing, acceptance

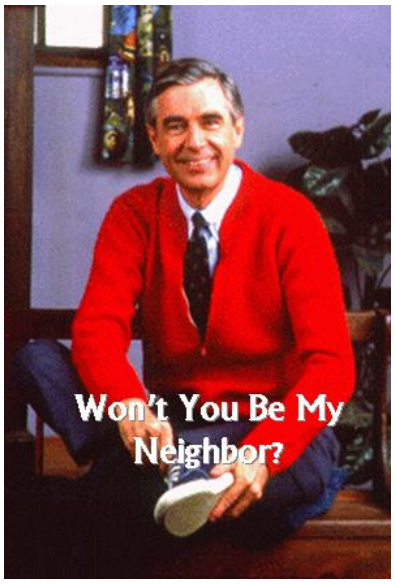
If you believe in being held
If you believe in love
Come & get it
Then Believe!
Be Joy
Let yourself be real
Let yourself heal
Run into the backwoods
Run into belonging
If you believe
Then let yourself

Remembering Who and What We Are….

Scripture Matthew 22:34-40

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. 35 One of them, a legal expert, tested him. 36 "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."



Beloveds💗, we have been immersed in these teachings of Jesus for the last weeks, because walking this path with Jesus DEPENDS on these two commands. Loving God with all our heart, *psyche/breath/soul*, and

mind. And loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. It is the point that we **return** to throughout each day to tether ourselves to our purpose and the Truth. At the heart of it all is ***love***....not the love which the separated self engages in (which is woven with control, grievances, and fear), but the love that IS as we unravel from all stories of identity and attachment and preferences....and live into the Light and Love that we are. This is our true homecoming, and we follow Jesus who simply says: Come back, come home to who you truly ARE.

One of the simple ways we practice this path is to affirm:

- I love God *(or Source or whatever name you know)* with my heart, my soul, my mind.
- I love my neighbors. And I love my Self.

I invite you right now to repeat these sentences, and take an intentional breath (or more) with each sentence. With this practice, we re-mind ourselves of Who and What we are. And we rest in the deep peace of the Loving God.

Holy Spirit, in this holy moment, you be in charge, and we will follow you,
trusting that your direction leads to peace.

Blessed Be!! Pastor Luna 🌀

It's Stewardship Season...A Word from Treasurer Ron Eggert

Please pledge. And if possible, increase your pledge.
Thank you to everyone that has turned in their pledge. Pledging is important because the Session needs to know how much money will be available when planning next year's budget, especially re pastor and staff salaries. Our 2026 expenses so far this year almost exactly equal our income. Simply put, that means we will need more money next year to meet increasing costs (everything from snow plowing to insurance premiums). Pledge cards are on the table in the back of the sanctuary or send an email to Krysta indicating your pledge: *epchurch2149@gmail.com* Thanks, Ron

Your Invited-Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meeting 10AM-Sanctuary

Highland AA will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meeting in the EPC Sanctuary again this year at 10 AM. Everyone gets a minute or so to share what they are grateful for-Lasts about an hour. Treats, coffee and fellowship to follow the meeting in the parlor. It is a very powerful spiritual experience and a great way to center yourself before the big feast! All are welcome to attend and share-you do not need to be in a recovery program.

Poinsettia Order

Order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary. Look for an order form at church or email Krysta at *epchurch2149@gmail.com* if you would like to order one. The prices this year will be: red and white, $11.00 each and can be paid by check or online. Flowers can be picked up after service on Christmas Eve. Donations to the flower fund are also welcome! Thank you!

Decorating for Christmas

On Wednesday, December 2, from 9-12, I would like to begin preparing the greens to decorate the church on Saturday, December 5 from 9-12. This involves fluffing the tree branches, garlands, and wreaths, then assembling and decorating, and hanging them. It would be nice to have a group of

people both days. It's not difficult, but time consuming.
Please let me know if you are available. Thank you, Meredith (tloht42@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars for Christmas Cookie Share

On Sunday December 20th, we'll host a second annual EPC Cookie Share immediately after worship. All are invited to bring in treats to share (either homemade or store-bought), and EVERYONE is invited to bring containers to take cookies home. Just like the loaves and fishes, we have no doubt there will be enough cookies and joy for everyone!

Diaper Fund Drive for Ty, Jaime and baby Eclipsia!

As you know, babies go through loads of diapers! One way we can help Ty is through contributing $$$ towards this purchase. Please consider contributing. You can either VENMO me, Shelley, @Shelley-Holden-44 or feel free to write a check or hand me cash!

I will collect through the month of November then gift to Ty. 🙂
Questions? Email: sjholden44@gmail.com -or- phone: 507-581-4432.
Thanks in advance for your contribution!

Artplayce Update

Thanks for all who have brought in artwork to hang on our walls! It's going to be a great show. This art installment will be up through the end of the year. This coming Sunday, Nov 15, in worship, we will provide space for artists to share a short reflection on your artwork.

November Mission - Union Gospel Mission

Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities (UGMTC) provides a broad range of services in our community, including:

- Emergency Shelter: Offers 24-hour emergency shelter at the Bethel Hotel, with nightly capacity for up to 350 men.
- Naomi Family Program: Provides long-term residential shelter, trauma-informed care, and wraparound support for women and children escaping domestic violence, addiction, or homelessness.
- Meals: Serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily.
- Addiction Recovery: Operates the Christ Recovery Center, a long-term Christ-centered 12-step recovery program for men.
- Mental Health & Support: Delivers free on-site therapy, group counseling, psychiatric evaluations, case management, and basic medical care (via Minnesota Community Care).
- Education & Employment support.

Attached to this email is a meal ticket to print and distribute to individuals in need. Each ticket can be redeemed for a meal at Union Gospel Mission. Please print the tickets and hand them out to those who could use a warm meal.