Edgcumbe
Presbyterian Church
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You're 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.



Looking Ahead - Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm on Thursday, December 24!

The Only Real Thing

Consider these two simple spiritual truths:

- **Love is the only real thing.**
- **Nothing real can be threatened.**

When I hold those two statements together and let myself trust what they are saying, then my whole nervous system relaxes. What is most true about me (and everyone) is love, and that love cannot be threatened in any way. I have nothing to protect or own or prove, So many things that seem so pressing are not even real: my fears, my shame, my opinions, my judgment, my worries, my plans, my hopes. Those things are certainly threaten-able. But not my essence, not what is most true.

What is most true is the love of God and the love that I receive and share in any moment. In this Thanksgiving week, I thank God for all of you, for the love of the Edgcumbe community, and for the invitation to see God's love in every person I meet today.

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

Peace to you all!! Pastor Phil 🌀

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!

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 9am-12noon, I would like to begin preparing the greens to decorate the church on Saturday, December 5 from 9am-12noon. 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)

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.

November Session Report

Our second annual Fall Retreat at Mount Olivet is planned for Oct 29-31. Details to follow in upcoming months-Save the date for now!

We began the 2027 Budget Process and plan to finish and finalize by December 10th, but we are still missing a few pledges. Please submit them soon as it helps our planning.

Our Pastors are planning to take vacation time Dec 25-Jan 7.

–submitted by Elder Dean G