

# Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter—June 2023



## TREATING OURSELVES – PSALM 103

by *April Cyr*

Psalm 103:10 God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. (NIV)

I've been thinking and reading a lot about forgiveness recently. I guess the older you get, you realize how many mistakes, foolish choices, and careless words you've committed and end up regretting ill-chosen paths, deeds, or conversations. I know that Christ forgives me, but I honestly struggle with forgiving myself. I can't seem to let go of the past, so I carry it with me and end up with more than a few sleepless nights.

I don't want to become a victim of my past mistakes or be held hostage by my stupidity, but nor do I want to be continually wishing things were different or reflecting where I would be if I followed another path. I want to live with what's left of my life without being under a shadow of gloom and despondency. I want to enjoy whatever is in front of me without constantly living backwards. I guess I want to follow C.S Lewis's advice of running onwards and upwards as I prepare to meet Christ face-to-face.

I think that the writer of Psalm 103 experienced something similar, especially when he wrote these amazing words: "***God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.***" Those words give me hope and release me from being vexed about my sins. Through Christ, I am totally forgiven, so there is a lot of room to forgive myself.

Perhaps you're going through something similar and maybe you're feeling the same things. I hope that you will also realize that God's grace is greater than anything you've foolishly done, and that Christ's love is larger than any regret you still hold.

***Point to ponder: What do I need to let go from the past, so I can move forward with God into the future?***

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You know everything, so there's nothing we can hide from You. You could punish us with that knowledge, but instead, You save us from our worst selves. Thank You for Your complete compassion and godly grace. In Your Holy name, we humbly and gratefully pray. Amen.

### June Worship Leaders & Music

- 4 – CRE Gracie Williams & Leslie Hanna  
\*1st Sunday Offering - CUOC Backpack Pals
- 11 – Terry Pleasants & Leslie Hanna  
Honoring Graduate (Michael Edwards)
- 18 – Rev. Laura Lupton & Leslie Hanna
- 25 – Rev. David Dudley & Leslie Hanna  
Holy Communion

### Worship Duties

Head Usher: Connie Wynn  
Announcements: Connie Wynn



June Prayer Families of the Week

- 4 Dr. Amelia & Milton Torres
- 11 Ms. Eddie Wade
- 18 Debra & Spencer Wall
- 25 Harold & Helen Weathers

**Session Meeting**

The Session will have its stated meeting on Sunday, June 4, at 1:30.

**April Treasurer's Report**

Receipts . . . . . \$9951.70  
 Disbursements . . \$7536.78

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering \$295

**Missions**

The special offerings on the first Sunday in June, in July and in August will help fund the **CUOC Backpack Pals** program. Many Lee County kids are at risk of having poor nourishment when they are not at school. The Backpack Pals help feed these kids during the summer.



*For everyone with  
 June Birthdays*



**Stewardship & Finance**

The May 14 church bulletin included an insert **requesting update** of your address, phone numbers, email address, birthday, etc. Jonathan Wester requested this information to put into the church database. It will be used to enable the church to contact you with church news. It also provides information the Presbytery requires about our membership. If you have not yet returned the information sheet, please do so. ***Your personal information will not be distributed outside the church.***

## Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee will meet in the library at the church June 25 at 10:30. The main discussion will be about Bible School which will be held July 26-28 at 6 p.m until 8 p.m. The theme of the Bible School is "Rocky Railroad".

Stephanie Sellars is our director and will need lots of volunteers to set up the Saturday before Bible School and to help with the crafts, lessons, music and snacks. Please talk with her about your willingness to be part of our witness.

Since our congregation is scattered over a wide area, we have an opportunity to include others in our Bible School. We all have friends and neighbors who have children whom we can invite to Bible School.

Please consider this and spread the word.

***May all the Christian Education Committee plan to be present on June 25 as we finalize plans. Many thanks to this dedicated group.***

Jean McSwain



## Communications Committee

Invitations and sign-up sheets were printed in support of the May 21 Veterans recognition lunch. Individual pictures of the Edgewood veterans were printed to give to them or their families. A video, highlighting each one, was provided and shown during the luncheon.

Pictures are posted on the bulletin boards each week. Take a look at the boards located just beyond the side door, at the top of the first flight of stairs, and in the Fellowship Hall. You may be surprised who you find. Just in the month of June, we posted 17 sheets of pictures, lots from the veterans luncheon. Many of them are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Videos of our worship services are available on the church Facebook page. Newsletters, and church schedules are available on the church website.

## Worship Committee

Mother's Day cards were distributed to members of the congregation and cards were taken to four local nursing homes for distribution.

The committee continues to meet the challenge of scheduling guest pastors and musicians for worship services.



***We will celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday, June 25.***

**Cindy Neal delivered a very moving message May 30.**



Debra and the **Fellowship Committee** made the May 21 luncheon honoring all Edgewood veterans a great success. Thanks to all who brought food and thanks to the **Decorating Committee** for helping with the preparation. Jerry provided a video that recognized each Edgewood veteran.

A picture of each veteran was printed. If you are one of our veterans or a family member, please feel free to get one. They are available on the cabinet under the Fellowship Hall TV. Contact Connie or Jerry Wynn if you would like additional copies.



## Property and Grounds

Johnny and Trish rarely receive the credit they deserve for the work they do at the church. Much of their work is not readily visible. Some of it is in plain sight, but we take it for granted. Johnny recently arranged to have the Fellowship Hall floor stripped

and waxed. He trimmed the shrubbery in the church yard and cut limbs from a tree that were encroaching into the powerline. He and Trish also planted some flowers, and even, dug up and straightened a sign post. Here are photos of some recent projects.



**The Coordinating Team will meet June 5 at 2:00PM.**

**The Circle will meet Monday, June 12 at 2:00PM.**

**Jean McSwain will lead the program.**



Janet lead the final lesson in the series "the Rock, the Road, the Rabbi".



## Presbyterian Women

May 8, 2023



### Honoring Fathers

We will celebrate Fathers Day this month for all the men who have met the challenge of raising children. It is on this one day of the year that you receive the honor you have earned.

Babies are born without instruction manuals (of course we wouldn't read it anyway). This is "on-the-job-training" in its purist form for both you and the child. Fathers make every effort to provide the perfect balance of kindness with discipline, guidance with independence, giving them gifts yet teaching them that rewards should be earned. We teach them to be productive, and to be of service to those in

need and to have tolerance for those who are different. We teach them Christian values to instill a moral compass that will guide them through life and hopefully they will resist evils that tempt them. But, the most effective lessons come from the example we ourselves live. Clarence Budington Kelland said "My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it."

So, on June 18, enjoy the accolades you receive, but be aware, *your children are watching!*

*Jerry Wynn*

## Quilts for Kids

Teresa and her sewing group donated these 20 handmade quilts to the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. Bryant and Melissa delivered the quilts.



### *Edgewood Piecemakers*



## **Congratulations Brooke!**



Brooke competed as an Elite gymnast at the AAU State Gymnastics Meet May 6, in Hickory, NC. She placed 1st on bars, beam, and floor, and placed 2nd on vault.

**1st All Around!**

## **Rare Bird**

Willis found this picture online of a very rare yellow cardinal recently seen in Florida.



Stephanie, along with two other employees at the First Presbyterian Day Care Center, were honored for their 21 years of service on May 7, 2023.