
Edgewood Presbyterian Church



Newsletter July 2022

Pastor's page

The Duke of Wellington, the British military leader who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, was not an easy man to serve under. He was brilliant, demanding, and not one to shower his subordinates with compliments. Yet even Wellington realized that his methods left something to be desired. In his old age a young lady asked him what, if anything, he would do differently if he had his life to live over again. Wellington thought for a moment, then replied. "I'd give more praise," he said.

If you want to know one thing you can do that will make this world a better place, and will cost you absolutely nothing...it is offer praise to others. This world is full of discouragers. The news is constantly full of stories about bullying and antagonistic actions. Even adults are now saying that they have been bullied at work by bosses and coworkers. Many people try to make themselves feel better by making others feel worse. It is a horrible problem we see over and over again. Even advertising tells that we are not good enough as we are. You need to buy this product to have a better smile. You need wear these clothes to be successful. You

need to wear this fragrance to be desirable. Your life is shallow and dull because you don't eat at this restaurant or drive that car or have this tv channel.

In the Book of Acts, we read the story of Barnabas, who is called the "son of encouragement." Barnabas and Paul are doing missionary work together. According to tradition, John Mark is the writer of the Gospel of Mark. He went on the 1st missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas. He was probably a young lad or a youth at the time. For reasons we do not know, Mark dropped out of the missionary journey. Whatever the reason was, Mark quit right in the middle of the work. Because of this disappointing experience, Paul is not going to take a chance on this young lad again. But Barnabas wants to include him. Mark and Barnabas part ways with Paul and Silas. It sounds like that would be the end of the story...another example of anger and division in the church. But this is not how it plays out. Later on, we see Paul writing in II Timothy, *"Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry."* Behind the scenes, Barnabas was at work

encouraging, building bridges and cooperation. Mark matures and becomes an important part of the work of the church and author of one of the Gospels.

So what about you? Are you an encourager? When you see people, do you look for ways to praise them, or discourage them? Do you encourage their abilities to serve God? Or do you question whether they will live up to your expectations and follow your preferences? I'm sure Mark's desire to leave the mission trip right in the middle of all the work was a great disappointment to everyone involved. But Barnabas, the son of encouragement, didn't let Mark slip away from ministry. He stayed with him. I want to encourage you to become an encourager. Find ways to offer praise. Look for and honor those people who are a blessing to you. Celebrate the gifts of others. Rejoice over those near you. This world has far too many sour pussies in it. Let us choose to lift up the hearts and spirits of all those we meet.

Wishing you Abundant Life in Christ,
Chad

As we remember and give thanks for the work and vision of our forebears, help us to seek justice and freedom for all. Holy, triune God equip us for your service we pray.



Session Notes

We will observe Holy Communion on Sunday, July 10.

The next stated Session meeting will be Sunday, August 7 at 1:30.

July Prayer Families of the Week



- 7/3 Eddie Wade & Michael Edwards
- 7/10 Debra & Spencer Wall
- 7/17 Harold & Helen Weathers
- 7/24 Wilson & Dawn Weathers
- 7/31 Jon & Maggie Wester



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Meeting
June 13, 2022



Janet McNeill had our final lesson in our study. Teresa, Barbara & Anne had refreshments. Only the Coordinating Team will meet in July 11, at 2:00 for a planning session. They will host a Brunch for the women, **August 13, at 10:00**. Put it on your calendar ladies to come and enjoy the fellowship!



The West Community of the Coastal Carolina gathering was held at Pocket Presbyterian Saturday. They had discussions addressing post-pandemic attendance.

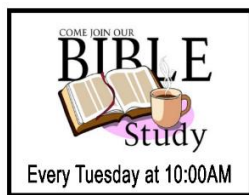


Patsy, Teresa, Jean, Nancy, and Connie represented Edgewood.

June 4, 2022



On June 18, 2022, several Edgewood members attended the play "Pygmalion", a musical produced by Spiritual Twist Productions in Garner. It was an amazing program with many individuals demonstrating remarkable talent. **Leslie Hanna** was the music director for this production. Her husband **Joe** played the harp. Her daughter **Meg** was absolutely outstanding as the lead character in the play. You may remember **Meg** singing with her brother **Jonathan** here at Edgewood June 5.



Starts back July 12th – Come join in!

Video lead by Ray Vander Laan, hikes through the Holy Land.



Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 16, 3:00PM

In the Fellowship Hall

**Join us for an
old-fashioned social!**





Featured music by Jonathan and Meg Hanna



Willow McGehee, Leslie Hanna, Jody McNeill



*Birthday Blessings
to everyone celebrating
birthdays in July!*



A CHOIR IN OUR FUTURE!

Teresa and the Worship Committee organized a luncheon on Sunday to discuss interest in organizing a new church choir. At least 9 members have expressed interest in participating.

If you are interested in singing with the group, please inform Teresa. ALL ages are welcome.

Leslie and her family lead the group in singing a new song.





PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME 2022

Take me out to the Ballpark!

Presbyterians from all over the Presbytery are invited to a evening of fellowship and fun at the Segra Baseball Stadium in Fayetteville. **Friday, August 26**, will feature the Fayetteville Woodpeckers vs the Charleston River Dogs at 7PM.



Come enjoy an evening in beautiful Segra Stadium in downtown Fayetteville as the Fayetteville Woodpeckers take on the Charleston Riverdogs. The Woodpeckers are a Minor League team affiliate of the Houston Astros.

Groups are encouraged to arrive by 6:30PM due to parking and walk times. **If we sell enough Presbyterian tickets, we will be allowed to choose someone to throw the first pitch!** Don't miss out!

Proceeds from ticket sales are a fundraiser in support of CWS / Durham Refugee Welcome & Hospitality / and Camp Monroe.
~Laura Lupton~

Sandy Dull will be taking names of anyone interested in going as a group from Edgewood. Tickets are \$15.75 each. Ticket & adult hot dog meal \$25.00 each. Ticket order and payment is due by August 14.

Did You Know?

"Pocket's Sewing Sisters Ministry"

Makes a World of Difference



These shirts await transformation. If you have unused shirts, please consider donating them to this ministry.

Some ladies at Pocket Presbyterian Church, known as "**Pocket's Sewing Sisters**", transform men's shirts into dresses. The dresses are donated to missionaries for distribution in countries where they serve. **Teresa** is an adopted sister who participates in the project. **Edgewood** members donated some of the shirts they are using. The blue dress below was made from a **Ray McNeill** shirt. Some **Bob Rosser** shirts have also been donated to this very worthy cause.



Such a
great
ministry!

