

Elk Grove Presbyterian Church E-newsletter

January

Session had a zoom meeting on Wednesday January 13

Discussed the budget- In a few days the session will be sending out a narrative of the budget for 2021 and a summary of the financial report for your consideration.

2021 Deacons and Elders – Here is the list of our current EGPC OFFICERS for 2021

Elders	Deacons
Class of 2021 Kathy Dropmann Judy Lewis	Class of 2021 Mary Arnett Doris Williams
Class of 2022 Phoebe Hsu 2 nd term Diane Lowe 2 nd term Diane Sakakihara	Class of 2022 Carol Burrow Randy Irons
Class of 2023 Mac Dyer Liz Irons 2 nd term Kathleen Quetin	Class of 2023 Leslie Konopinski Mike Van De Pol

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Worship committee – they have planned a Drive- through Ash Wednesday Imposition on February 17th from 11am to 12 in the church parking lot. CDC guidelines will be observed and masks will be required. We have also put a small notice in the elk grove citizen to invite people from our community to join us.

Sunday Service Video- Bob Huggett and many others are working every week to bring our church service to you via youtube. Bob will also be sending out periodically video's of services and church events from the past (throwback Thursday's) Feedback on how you like them and suggestions of things you would like to see added are always welcome. [Video comments and suggestions should be made to ElkGrovePresVideo@gmail](mailto:ElkGrovePresVideo@gmail.com)

Education- Judy Lewis has been busy keeping us engaged with her EGGs. She would love feedback on her efforts.

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Missions- Mike Van De Pol and other church members have been reaching out to our homeless community through the Elk Grove Winter Shelter in Place Program. Mike wrote up a detailed explanation that is the last page of this newsletter.

Upcoming Church events-

Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11am: A zoom congregational meeting will be held. Details will be sent to members before the meeting with zoom and meeting details.

Sunday, February 7, 2021: A goodies drive by with treats from Diane and maybe a few others.

Covid-19 update: The leadership of the church is watching closely the CDC guidelines and always discussing when we can finally worship in person with our church family. We are encouraged that hopefully soon, those who want a vaccine will be able to get them and that may allow for some kind of hybrid church service to begin.

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Elk Grove Presbyterian Church Elk Grove Winter Shelter in Place Program (EGWINSIP) Status Update

Hi EGPC Family,

This is Mike Van De Pol. I hope everyone is happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I just wanted to provide you with a status update of the EGWINSIP Program, in which our church is participating in.

If you recall, each year our church participates in the worthwhile program called Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary (EGWINS). In this program, churches help homeless people in our community with food, shelter, clothing, support, transportation and fellowship during the tough winter months. Elk Grove Presbyterian Church has been a very active participant in all aspects of this program over the years.

This year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, changes had to be made in the program. The program could no longer offer the over-night shelter arrangements, transportation and food distribution benefits previously afforded. In order to continue service the homeless in our community, the program was changed.

The new program is called the Elk Grove Winter Shelter in Place Program (EGWINSIP). In this new program, lunches are prepared by program volunteers at a host church each week. These lunches are delivered to the homeless in our community by program volunteer drivers. Homeless encampments throughout our area have been identified and placed into specific routes for the drivers. In addition to lunches, other helpful supplies may be delivered to the clients on occasion. In this way, the new program can serve the homeless effectively, given the pandemic constraints.

The EGWINSIP Program runs for 6 months. It started on October 5th (Monday) and continues to the first of April. Each Monday morning, lunches are prepared by program volunteers at the host church, which is Elk Grove Presbyterian Church. The lunches are then given to the volunteer drivers for distribution, through the week. Each week over 200 meals are distributed to homeless in our community, through this program. In addition to lunches, the program provides care packages composed of health items, sanitation items, hygiene items, and comfort items such as shoes, hats, gloves, coats, sleeping bags, shelter bags, tarps, blankets and more. We have distributed holiday treats, gift coupons and even a bike.

This program so far has been a great success and much appreciated by the clients. So far we are about half way through the program duration and everything seems to be running smoothly. A special thanks goes out to our church and the many volunteers who have stepped up to help in this program. We can be very proud as a congregation, knowing that we are active in helping the less fortunate in our community. In the near future I will be requesting further assistance from our congregation in making care packages. Keep a look out for more details to come.

Thanks very much
Mike Van De Pol

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A short note from your Communications Officer.

During the last 9 months our country, community and church has been challenged and has had to change the way we do many things. Since almost all the communication between church members and officers has had to be by email, phone, or Zoom, it can feel less personal and errors can be more noticeable. Please let me know if you are not getting the information we are sending out or you have suggestions on how it can better serve your needs. We will be updating the directory periodically so if there are errors please let us know.