

notes from

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Happy Summer, friends!

We've had a busy and fruitful year at the Edge House campus ministry. We finished our custom-made espresso cart (more on the back of this missive!), we transitioned to student leadership of several discipleship huddles, we took a group of students on pilgrimage to Munich, Augsburg, and the Taize Community, and the long-awaited road improvement project running alongside the Edge House is finally underway.

What we are most proud of, however, is the work of our Vision Team. A small group of folks from Good Shepherd with three students from the Edge House and one alum, plus Pastor Heidi and myself met over six months to hear each others' stories and hash out who we are now as a community. We will have more information coming out about that soon, but for now, I wanted to share two things:

- while Good Shepherd has been extraordinarily supportive of our work, the folks on the Team from there were blown away to hear the stories of the students. There was a beautiful moment at our first meeting after the students shared how the Edge House had affected them when the others in the room said, "Now we really get what this place is about." We hope to share some more of those stories with you as well!
- one of the metaphors we came to for what we do is that we are like the Inn on the road to Jericho in the parable of the Good Samaritan. We are a place of healing, of storytelling, and of transition. We hope you'll visit us sometime to see it with you.

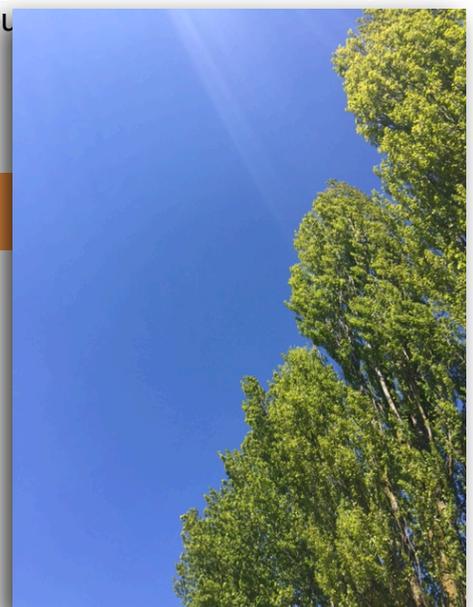
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left: Bethany, Reeve, Weston, and Victoria showing UC pride at Munich Olympiapark

right: Trees on the camp road at Dachau concentration camp and museum.



a note from a student

For me, the Edge House is not a place of board games, food, and homework. It's a community in the truest sense of the word. When I came here a year ago I wasn't looking for one, but it's what I received and it's more than anything I could have asked for.

God has a way of giving you what you need in the instant that you ask for what you want. I was basically homeless with no close support system. Then, I walked in and met wonderful, inviting people and a tattooed priest with a realness and understanding that comes with her position. I found vulnerability, confidence, accountability, and friends. The Edge House quite literally saved my life. I'm sure it'll save many more.

Ariel Shaw -- Cincinnati, OH



above: Bread Guild making communion bread

right: Espresso Cart

If you're interested in committing financially to the Edge House, please make your check out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "campus ministry" in the memo line (they do our books). If you're interested in donating something in-kind, check out our "wish list" on the website under the "How to Donate" tab.

When you partner with us, you agree to keep the Edge House and our students in prayer as well as offer financial support.

Your partnership supports deepening relationships over lunch or coffee, free bibles and Anglican rosaries, 1-2 annual service trips and pilgrimages, defraying of Pastor Alice's salary, and, of course, upkeep of the Edge House itself and its vibrant, welcoming atmosphere.



Espresso Cart

Years ago we dreamed of being able to take our craft espresso on campus easily. We've been carting all the elements over by hand to give away drinks to our friends at DAAP and on campus generally.

Last summer, our dream became a reality. Student Andrew Kutcher and his dad Tres designed a wooden cart (below) that would hold two espresso machines, a grinder, a generator, five-gallons of water, a cooler for milk, and the various accoutrements we need for delicious, hand-made espresso drinks.

Partway through construction, we asked our friends in the UC theatre department to help us out and they were happy to do so!

We've taken it onto campus several times and, while heavy(!), it's been a great help to sharing both drinks and God's love with our UC brothers and sisters.