

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – March 21, 2018

PALM SUNDAY, WITH NO PALMS

OK, actually, we will have palms in the sanctuary, but instead of a traditional Palm Sunday service, we are going to have a **Holy Week hymn-sing**. Jesus heads into Jerusalem and toward the cross talking not about pain and suffering or sin and guilt. Instead, he talks about love and trust and forgiveness. So we are going to sing songs that invite us to remember that the only real things in our lives, despite our fears and cynicism, are love and trust and hope.

After worship, Pastor Phil will give a presentation about the **Enneagram Prison Project**, including time for any questions that you have.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- > Sunday, March 25 – **Palm Sunday Hymn-sing**, 10am, followed by EPP presentation
- > Thursday, March 29 – **Potluck meal & worship**, 6pm – Sign-up sheet is on the big table in the Narthex or contact the office. If you are not able to bring something to share, please come anyway – all are welcome!
- > Sunday, April 1 – **Easter Sunday**, 10am

UPDATE ON DEB CARLSON

Deb's Monday biopsy showed some cancer cells, although they could not tell what kind (which impacts how they would treat it). To the initial pathologist, it did not look like pancreatic or liver cancer (both yucky), so that may be good news. They have sent the samples to the lab and will hear back by Friday or Monday.

If you talk to Deb, she is upbeat and grounded and wise – focusing on the beauty and joy in her life and sharing love with those around her. We pray to God with gratitude for the beauty and joy and love in our lives, and we ask God to hold Deb and all of us in care and comfort and healing power.

Update on Jenya's finger (which she cut in the kitchen last week): The finger is much improved and Jenya hopes to be with us on Sunday!

MARCH FOODSHARE

There is just one Sunday left to collect our food shelf donations and get our cash contributions in as part of MN FoodShare Month in March. Contributions must be dated in March to qualify as part of the statewide goal. Please remember to bring non-perishable contributions of food for the Frances Basket food shelf at Neighborhood House or make your check payable to EPC, write "FoodShare" in the memo line and get to the church office by March 29.

CALLING TO BACKWOODS DREAMERS!!

A special note from Pastor Julie: I just received word that there is a Presbytery grant to calling for applications for new and innovative ministry development in churches. Kathy Young and I have reviewed the application, and have decided we would like to create/submit an application for the furthering of the back woods of EPC.

Join us in the dreaming for this next phase of our backyard prayer spaces, and please pray about joining the team working on the application!! Speak to Kathy or Pastor Julie about your interest by Easter. The application is due mid-May for an award in at the end of July.

Happy Spring & May God's peace surround you all today! Pastor Phil