

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – July 3, 2018

REMEMBERING DEB CARLSON

Deb Carlson took her last breath on Saturday morning, June 30, around 2:15 a.m. Her husband Bob was holding her hand and he describes the whole experience as peaceful.

During worship this past Sunday, the congregation shared our grief and also what we have learned from Deb. Here is part of my list:

Everyone matters.

If you are going to be around other people, why not love them?

Keeping a steady tempo is optional.

Conflict is exhausting.

Singing a beautiful solo is awesome. Singing with others is even better.

Take your time and trust your intuition.

Sing the songs you really like.

This is an appropriate time to hold in your heart the things that you have learned from Deb and the ways that she touched your life. Feel free to write yours down and keep them in a place where you can review them when Deb comes to mind.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEB—SATURDAY, JULY 14

Deb's family has set the afternoon of July 14, 2-4pm, for Deb's service. It will be an outdoor service (God willing) here in the backyard of EPC.

Many details of the service are still in motion, but there are several ways that we can help out as a congregation. It would not surprise me at all if there were 200 people or more at this service. If it rains...well, we will break some fire codes in our sanctuary, I suppose.

1. We are not serving a full meal, but we are offering finger snacks and treats and drinks (water & lemonade/juice). Some friends of the Carlsons will bring snacks to share, but hopefully we all can provide a bunch ourselves. We'll have a sign-up sheet on Sunday. We'll need to set up and serve at the food and drink table. Kathy and Meredith are making sure we have enough plates, napkins, and cups.
2. All attendees are being asked to bring chairs and/or blankets to sit on.
3. The choir is already working on a song to sing (and maybe use a taped accompaniment from Jenya). Jenya, by the way, passes on her love and hugs to us all.
4. Pastor Julie is coordinating a memorial project for that day, where people can take a strip of fabric, write a thought for Deb on it if they wish, and

then take it with them or hang it on a tree on the EPC property. If you want to help with this project, please talk to Julie.

5. On that Saturday, we will need help with set up, traffic control, clean up, etc.
6. The back woods area is looking very nice these days. At the same time, if anyone wants to beautify the area around the stage (pull weeds, add flowers, whatever) that is certainly welcome).

LOVE OFFERINGS

We are collecting both a Love Offering for the Carlson family, and we are collecting for a memorial tree or grove of trees in honor of Deb on the church property. If you want to give to either of these offerings, please designate it accordingly.

PROJECT HOME ON JULY 14

It's not until right now that I have realized that our Project Home shift is on the same day as Deb's service. Project Home does not start until after 5pm, so hopefully this will all work out.

There is still a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. Or contact Eleta Pierce, (eleta.pierce@gmail.com or 612-719-0758), with any questions.

MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Mid-year giving statements are being sent out today. It's a good time to check your statement and make sure that it is correct and see where you are in terms of your gifts to EPC. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Lois in the church office (651-698-8220, secretary@epchurch.org).

Peace to you all, today and every day, Pastor Phil