

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update – July 18, 2018

REMEMBERING DEB

Over two hundred of Deb Carlson's family, friends, colleagues and the EPC family gathered on Saturday for a celebration of Deb's life. Guests assembled in the tents in the back yard space and shared tears, memories, songs and stories about Deb. Todd Barnes wrote this reflection about how he experienced Deb's Memorial Service:

Then a Carlsong, now a Birdsong

When Carlsong became birdsong,
the Peace Garden said, "I'll grow."
It was the moment the circle widened,
gentle harmony, pure flow.

Once more her river of love shown through,
a welcome angelic surmise.
It was then she sang her melody out,
Saying, "You're perfect in God's womb-like eyes."

Cherished hearts to our right,
Bob, Chet, and Audrey.
Deb's kindness poured out ever so softly,
God's animal kingdom, her kindhearted odyssey.

The Warrior Chicks showed up,
for their director they showed out.
Singing to the Heavens,
God's miraculous turnabout.

Ashes revered like fresh flowers,
cookies and bars under the tent,
Fresh air covering the woods,
An angel's farewell commencement.

Farewell, our angel.

With gratitude, farewell.

PASTORS OFF

Pastors Julie and Phil are off July 16-22, while Phil attends the International Enneagram Association conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. On July 22, Elder Fred Clary and Deacon Connie Howe-Vielmetti will be covering the worship service.

PROJECT HOME THANKS

EPC volunteers helped host homeless families at First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul last weekend as part of the Project Home ministry. Eleta Pierce

shared that Laurel Ostrow, Lisa Holden and Jay McGregor enjoyed the experience and the kids had a great time with Jay, who is a wonderful grandpa! The overnight went smoothly. There were just three families and the children were all eight and younger. The eight-year-old was autistic, and he is quite the artist! He took to me, which was a blessing and an honor. Our thanks to those who helped with this powerful program that makes such a difference for families in need.

GIVING STATEMENTS

EPC donors should have received a mid-year giving statement in the mail by now. Please take a moment to check your statement so that any corrections and additions can be made now before the end of 2018.

SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

It's time once again to start thinking about bringing our donations for Highland Park High School. We will start collecting donations August 5 and dedicate them on August 26. A list of needed items is below. You may also make a financial contribution that will be used to purchase needed items. Just mark "School Tools" on your check and put it in the offering on any of those Sundays in August.

August 5-26, 2018

Your Shopping List for Highland Park H.S.

Here is this year's list of School Tools that are needed by students and staff at Highland Park High School. We asked for a list of items that would be helpful for the Highland Park High School community, and this was the reply:

Boxes of tissues are always a huge hit!

In addition to tissues:

- ◆ #2 Pencils
- ◆ White board markers
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Notebooks
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Hand sanitizer

Thank you so much for your support of HPSH staff and students!

OUR SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with John and Linda Ombs on the death of Linda's son, Leevon, on Monday. John relayed the news and said, "We will miss Leevon dearly. Our lives were better by having him in it." A Go Fund Me page to provide assistance to Leevon's family is available at: <https://www.gofundme.com/cpg4e-celebrating-life>

IN THE PASTORS' ABSENCE...

Lois Glewwe, Office Administrator