

# Edgumbe

## Presbyterian Church

### *Midweek Update*

### *November 27, 2019*

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### **BE THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO HAVE**

We have learned so much about being Christ's community together and in the world. Things like: God is our only goal. What if love is the only real thing? You are loved exactly as you are (thank you, Mr. Rogers). And: we need everybody, even the big gnarly toe (thank you, Fred Clary).

The point of this series (there was a point??) was not just to have some nice insights. The point was to help us live with more grace and love and acceptance in the community of Edgumbe Church and all the communities of our lives. Take a moment right now to reflect on yourself: How do I want to be in community? Do I expect the people around me to bring me forgiveness and acceptance, or could I bring the love and grace that God has given me and share it with abundance everywhere I go? Relatedly, what holds me back from bringing my whole self into the community of faith?

If God is our only goal and love is the only real thing and we need everybody, then it is clearly time to bring our big gnarly toes to the party of God's people.

### **COMING UP: GRATITUDE AND BRUNCH!**

- **Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meeting** at 10am in the church sanctuary, sponsored by Highland AA. Ruth Anderson is organizing food hospitality of simple desserts, coffee, apple cider, and will be setting up around 9:15 on that morning if you are available to help.
- **Dec. 1: Advent Brunch and Decorating.** During worship on this Sunday, we will sit around tables for a potluck brunch, followed by decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Bring something to share or just show up and eat and worship with us.

## **NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS**

If you are interested in attending a class to explore membership at Edgcumbe Church, please talk to either Pastor or any Elder (Eleta, Jay, Fred, Meredith, or Connie). The date for the class will be a Sunday morning in January.

## **ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

### **Gently-used (or new) Twin Size Fitted Sheets and Warm Blankets Needed**

Project Home, the mission of Interfaith Action who houses homeless families in the buildings of two faith communities each month, is in desperate need of bedding for the children and parents staying with them, specifically twin-sized fitted sheets and warm blankets (twin or full size). Bedding can be new or gently-used with no rips or stains. We will collect these items for the next few weeks. Put the items into a paper bag and bring to the church.

## **NIGHT OF PEACE AT HPHS**

Jews, Christians, and Muslims in St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood are gathering together for a ***Night of Peace and Goodwill*** on December 4, 6:00-8:00 PM, at the Highland Park High School cafeteria, hosted by the High Park District Council. Interested folk talk please talk to Pastor Julie.

## **BABY GRAND**

We are now looking to upgrade our sanctuary piano from the current studio piano to a 5-7 foot, high quality baby grand piano. If you would be willing to help with this endeavor, or if you know of someone who is getting rid of or selling such a piano, please talk to our Music Director, Jenya Trubnikava ([jenya.trubnikava@gmail.com](mailto:jenya.trubnikava@gmail.com))

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Songs of the Season**, sponsored by the Schubert Club—FREE!

December 19 at 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101  
Featuring PETER MAYER (and Leslie Snow will be in the choir of back-up singers for Peter!)

## **PRAYERS**

- Dorice Van Vorst is a long-time member of EPC who lives at Lyngblomstem (1415 Almond Ave W #302, St Paul 55108, 651-646-2941). Her caretaker, Tom Chapel, called us recently to tell us that Dorice has gone onto hospice care. Dorice is as sharp as ever, so if you know Dorice, please consider reaching out to her in the days and weeks to come. We pray that God will walk with Dorice through these last pathways of her life, giving her grace and peace and comfort.
- We also pray for Anna Grussendorf as she cares for her aging parents and then found out that her sister is dying of stomach cancer. May Anna have the strength and courage she needs at this time.