

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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WHY CHURCH?

- ❖ Because church is a place where we remember that we are loved and accepted, every moment, every day.
- ❖ Because at church we believe in miracles...that our lives are a part of something big and amazing and wonderful.
- ❖ Because at church we step out of the rat race for a little bit. We slow down, we breathe, we rest in God and the care of other people.
- ❖ Because at church we hear the psalmist deep hunger for God's presence, and it awakens that same hunger in us.
- ❖ Because church holds up a mirror to our egos and we get to be curious with gentleness and compassion, asking: Are all these fears and insecurities really working for me?
- ❖ Because at church we hear stories and poems and music that make our hearts tremble with depth and passion.

Why church? Because God is, because I am, because we are.

EPC EVENTS COMING UP

- **Scripture Texts** for Sunday, Feb. 2: Micah 6:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Every Tuesday: Contemplative Prayer at 3pm in Sanctuary. Every meeting is open to Centering Prayer beginners, so consider giving it a try.
- Sunday, Feb. 9: Annual Meeting with potluck brunch and guest preacher Rev. Jeff Japinga, our Executive Presbyter.
- Sunday, Feb. 9: Bible Study at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Ruth Anderson shares this need with us: A box is set up in the entry sunroom to collect used children's books for ages pre-school through 17 for shipment to South Africa this spring. There are currently few books or libraries in rural and suburban areas of that country. Class sizes are often over 50 with instruction using chalk boards and rote learning, and a single teacher per classroom. Books that are especially needed are used text books and instruction books in science, math, English, geology, geography, biographies, plant and animal life for pre-teens and teens. Also, classic stories and novels, beginning music and art that are culturally appropriate for African students are appreciated. Please help us show love and concern for our far-away neighbors in South Africa.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

SHERLA MAYER

FEBRUARY 7TH