



Midweek Update ***March 23, 2022***

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Pastors Off Until March 28

While they are away, any pastoral concerns or prayer requests can go to any Elder (Meredith, Ingrid, Jay, Rich, Connie), any building needs should go to Jay or Rich, and notes for the midweek update or bulletin should go to office manager Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com.

Worship this Week Sunday , March 27

This Sunday, March 27th, EPC will return to in-person (with hybrid zoom link) service with Todd Barnes leading worship.

March Mission:MN Food Share

For our March Mission of the Month, we will be participating in the annual MN Food Share drive to help stock our local food shelf, Neighborhood House Food Market, including their location just down the hill from EPC in the Sibley Manor Apartments.

Hunger and food insecurity still plagues many people in our St. Paul communities. According to Hunger Solutions Minnesota, the state's 350 food shelves (which includes Neighborhood House's two food markets in St. Paul) were to end 2021 with 3.7 million visits, just below the 3.8 million record set in 2020.

What does this mean? Food shelves are still seeing record numbers of need for food resources and support. Higher food costs are making life difficult for more and more families in our community. *Should I give food donations or cash?* The answer is BOTH! Non-perishable food donations can be brought to the church and placed on and around our food shelf in the Narthex. We also strongly encourage cash donations because their food shelf is able to stretch our dollars further than we can by buying in bulk from food cooperatives, especially with meat and dairy. Donations can be given through our online giving or checks can be made out to EPC with “March Food Drive” in the memo line. *What should I buy to donate?* Attached to this email is a “Food Shelf Wish List” with lots of ideas on what to purchase to donate.

Thank you for helping with this drive to feed our neighbors. If you or someone you know could use help with food, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Food Market. Visit Neighborhood House's food program page for detailed instructions <https://neighb.org/program/foodsupportprogram/>

Response to War in Ukraine

If you want to see how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the invasion and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, there is information at [THIS LINK](#).