

# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## *Midweek Update* *March 30, 2022*

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## Images of Scotland Pilgrimage....



hello, dear ones! i have spent the past few hours trying to come up with words to begin to articulate my scotland experiences for the midweek email, and clearly the words aren't ready to come...so, i figured i could at least start with sharing some photos from the first aspect of the experience...



The first week i was in Scotland, i was in the iona community (<https://iona.org.uk>), and participated in a work week, where guests spent some hours each day doing chores and tasks to help prepare the spaces for the upcoming programs. i helped the sacristain ironing the vestments and paraments for worship, cleaned the gift shop windows, and cleaned out the shrine of st columba!! i ate meals, worshiped, and had many lovely conversations with the permanent residents of the community, and the longer term volunteers, as well. the iona community is grounded in worship, and gathers everyday for worship at 9am and 9pm. i had the most incredible honor to preside at thursday's evening communion service. and in that moment, i had a very real sense of the merging of the edgcumbe presbyterian community with the iona



community, and you all will now be forever joined within my heart!



someone asked me, why i came to participate in the workweek, and i talked about how i am not a great tourist. when i go to a new place, i am not there simply to look at it–i want to engage with the place, and the people, and come into deeper relationship with the experience. and so, doing these chores, alongside of the community and other guests, gave me a profound opportunity to know, and share lives in an entirely new way. i grew to love many of the people i worked with and was in community with—and now my heart is bigger because of it. i am a broader person by having meaningful connections within this community, i look forward to sharing these new dimensions with our edgcumbe community in the days and months ahead!

### **Worship this Week Sunday , April 3, and a word of thanks**

This Sunday, April 3rd, EPC will gather for worship both in-person and with hybrid zoom, and we will celebrate communion. If joining from home, please have ready your communion elements.

Deep appreciation to Todd Barnes for leading worship for the Edgcumbe community last



Sunday, March 28th.

COMING UP:

- Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday

- Thurs, April 14: Maundy Thursday worship (either in-person or on Zoom TBD)
- Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the April 10 Sunday service to discuss a proposal by Session relating to our pastors' salaries.

## 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/>

## April Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Cali Clary 4/17

Ruth Anderson 4/19

### Happy Anniversary to:

Meredith & Tom Holt 4/22