

Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

February 1, 2023

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Annual Meeting Highlights

A delicious and somewhat fattening brunch was enjoyed by all
The congregation reaffirmed the call of Pastors Luna & Phil with joy
We expressed our appreciation for the other church staff: Jenya, Krysta and Sol
We celebrating all that is God is doing in our world and through our congregation
Galen Hedlund joined the EPC choir! =)

On the Edge

The name of our church, Edgcumbe, means literally, "the edge of the valley." Our building sits on the ancient bank of the torrential river created by the receding ice age of 12,000 ago. The Mississippi is still flowing at the bottom of this valley, which has been home to a variety of flora and fauna and humans over the years until post-WWII housing development created the neighborhood we know as Highland Park. Edgcumbe Church officially became a congregation of the church of Jesus Christ in January 1954, almost 70 years ago.

A few questions for us to ponder.

When we think of Edgcumbe Church, do we think of a little trickle of God's grace at the bottom of the valley or do we experience a raging torrent of grace that transforms the landscape of our hearts and world?

When we look at our current congregation, can I also see the work and mission and love that has been flowing from this place for seven decades?

Most importantly, can we remember today that this is not our church, but that this property, our congregation, and our very hearts belong to Christ alone?

Am I willing to be on the edge of something unknown, something different?

Standing on the edge of the valley, let's hold hands and step forward in faith together.

February Missions

February Mission focus is on Angelie Ryah and her work with Southern California Belong Farms in San Diego, California. Belong Farms is an organization that works to provide gardens which produce fresh, organic produce for low-income families at the Mexico/US border. Besides providing healthy food, the garden is creating community in the form of health education, cooking classes and Spanish/English practice groups

In starting the Belong Farms project, during 2021 Angelie partnered with the Community Garden in the Barrio Logan neighborhood of San Diego. At the root of the garden, the community understands that open spaces are vital to improving the health of our neighborhood. Now, local schools, organizations and residents have a place to experience nature in a hands-on way.

Anglelie visited EPC last October and gave an exciting update on the progress there. Here are pictures from the Barrio Logan community farm.



Please consider a mission donation to help provide seeds and materials for the coming season. You can indicate "So. California Belong Farms" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from epchurch.org website. Thanks for your support!

Humble Walk Hymnsings at Shamrocks

Pastor Jodi from Humble Walk Lutheran community tells me that several of you asked if they were starting up their Beer & Hymns events again. The answer is Yes! They meet in the back room of Shamrocks (at W 7th and Randolph) on the following dates. You don't need to drink beer (most don't) but you should arrive early (it fills up fast).

Monday, Feb 20 or Monday, March 20
6PM room open for dinner
7PM one hour of rowdy hymn singing

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Sherla Mayer	Feb 07
Leslie Snow	Feb 12
Vanya Hogan	Feb 14