

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Our Hearts in God's Heart

On Easter Sunday, we remembered together that in our dying and in our living, our hearts rest in the heart of God. When I look at myself and other people, I am invited to see with the eyes of Christ, so that I only see hearts, only love, only spirit. It's like the picture at the top of this message: God's big heart holding all our hearts together. No matter what I think or do or feel—no matter what anyone thinks or does or feels—I and everyone are held in the heart of God forever. This reality can never be taken away, can never change.

Our dear sister Carol Schweickhardt, had a massive brain trauma event last Friday in her home and died at Regions Hospital yesterday, Tuesday Apr 11. Carol who never thought of herself as a singer but absolutely loved being in choir. Carol who saw all of life as a possible art project. Carol who said that Edgcumbe Church was the one place where she knew with no doubts that she was loved. Carol's body stopped working on Tuesday. Carol's heart rests in the heart of God. It always did; it always will.

Gathering for Carol - 7pm tonight

We are gathering **this evening at 7pm** to be together after Carol's death on Tuesday. We don't know anything yet about the family's or our own plans for a memorial service. This will be a casual get-together in the chair circle in the backwoods, like an old-fashioned wake. The point is simply to be together for comfort and stories and peace. All are welcome.

Folding Chair Give-away

We have been doing a Spring Cleaning of the church basement and have about 20 metal, card table folding chairs that we no longer need. If you are interested in any of them, please let Rich or Liz know (Irschiferl@gmail.com).

Voices of Hope - April Mission

Our April Mission will be Voices of Hope. During April, EPC will collect funds for Voices of Hope so they can continue to bring music and the choral experience to the women at Shakopee and Stillwater.

We had a wonderful visit with Voices of Hope staff during and after worship on April 2, hearing about this moving and exciting work.

Voices of Hope Mission:

To provide accessible music-making opportunities within justice-involved populations that foster individual growth and bridge unlikely communities through song.



Prayers for....

- The family of Craig Powell, father of Christopher Powell, upon his death yesterday. Our love to Eleta and Chris, and to Craig's extended family.
- For everyone who knew and loved Carol Schweickhardt. God bring us your peace.