

# Edgumbe

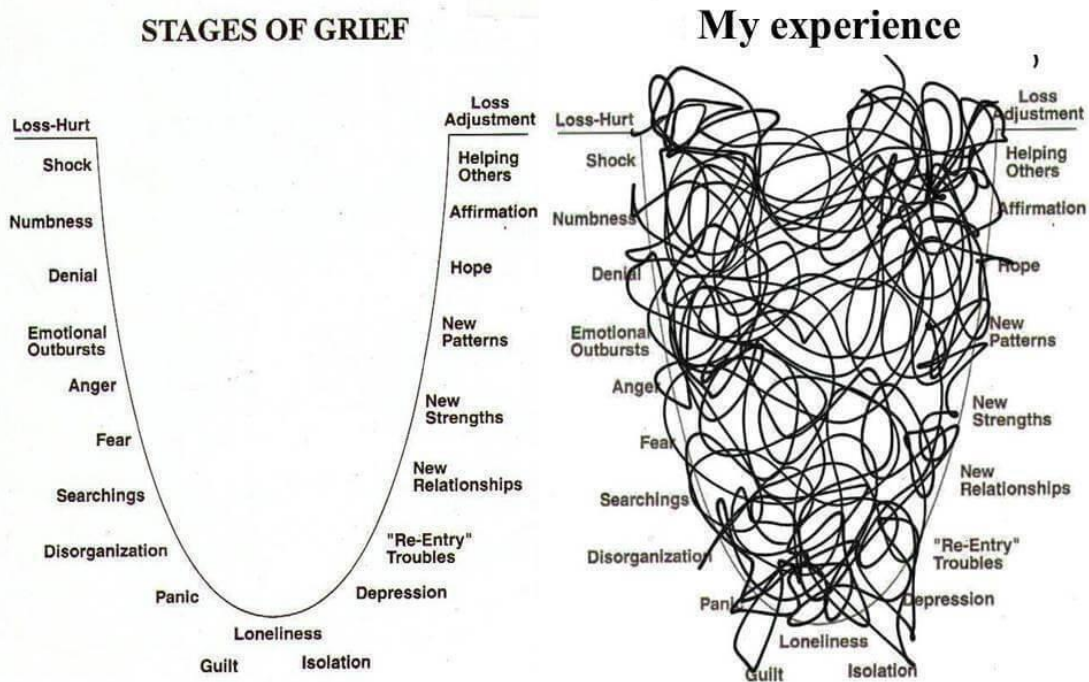
## Presbyterian Church *Midweek Update April 19, 2023*

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### for the word of god in scripture, for the word of god among us, for the word of god within us....

do these words sound familiar to you? it is how we end each reading of the scripture when we gather for worship. this past sunday, we read the john 20 text, with the disciples gathered together, in fear, after the death of jesus. never before has this passage took on such personal meaning, as the edgumbe community gathered together after the death of a beloved sister Carol. for the first time, i could really imagine the grief the disciples must have been in, and it felt as if we were actually embodying the text in profound ways. we also shared what we liked and appreciated about carol. as these stories were woven into worship, i could see that the life and love of carol schweickhardt was the word of god among us. and with the music further weaving this word from within us and around us, we were fully immersed in the word of god!! thanks be to god!

after her mom, marilyn, died, carol shared an image with phil and i. it demonstrated the grieving process that resonated for her. i have been looking for the exact sheet she gave me, and i have not found it yet. but, this is a similar one:



as we have been gathering in this past week, we are recognizing that we are grieving, not only individually, but as the one body of edgcombe presbyterian, as well. and it is our hope and desire to “do grief well.” and by that, we honor each person having their own experience of moving through the feelings and process of grieving. we are gentle with each other. we listen to each other. we see each other. and, above all, we anchor ourselves in the prayer asking holy spirit to repurpose this experience for the healing of our hearts and minds. we know, without a doubt, that carol is at home in the heart of god. it is also where we are, right in this present moment, as well. thanks be to god!! blessed be!!

## Remembering Carol Schweickhardt Slideshow on EPC Website

Ron has collected photos taken over the years and has put together a slideshow of images of our sister, Carol. Hop on over to the main page of the EPC website (<http://www.epchurch.org/>) and enjoy remembering Carol ♡. Thank you, Ron!!

## 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 last week. Our continued love to Eleta and Chris, and to Craig's extended family.
- For everyone who knew and loved Carol Schweickhardt. God bring us your peace.