

# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian Church

### Midweek Update

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### christ is alive!!

it is a powerful moment for us, in the edgcumbe community, to be in this easter week and to receive word about our beloved brother, todd, whose heart stopped and is hovering between physical life and death. apparently, this is exactly the place where the disciples were at when jesus died.

what we know from our brother jesus is that death has no dominion over life. our brother, the apostle paul, reminds us that we are not even our physical bodies. so, in these “inbetween” days, like mary, we hear—in our hearts—our name being called out, and we know the risen christ is standing with us, and with todd. as we walk into these days, we walk with todd and the living christ. and, we walk with each other, and we pray together for god’s will to be done, and for our brother to be enfolded in grace. ♥

holy spirit, in this holy moment, you be in charge  
and we will follow you, trusting that your direction leads to peace.



### Todd Barnes Health Update & Visits

The update this morning for Todd is that there is no change from yesterday. Todd is still unconscious, on the ventilator, and heavily sedated. The medical team working with Todd does not know what will happen with Todd over the next two-three days.

Today could be a day to visit Todd, if you desire. Most of you know hospital visits work, but let me give you a few tips and parameters. Todd is in the ICU of Regions Hospital in Saint Paul, visiting hours are 8:30a-8p.

- We recommend the South parking ramp just inside the Jackson St. main hospital entrance. Take the elevator to the 1st floor, check in as a visitor, and follow their directions to Todd's floor.
- We never know when a procedure or test will be scheduled for Todd, so flexibility is key.
- Keep your visit short: 10-20 minutes is enough, 30 minutes MAX. Officially, there are only supposed to be two visitors in Todd's room at any time. Keeping our visits brief is respectful both of Todd's need for rest and for Todd's caregivers who want to be there for longer periods.
- When you arrive at the room, make sure it is an OK time to enter, then introduce yourself to others in the room. The people who are there most consistently are Todd's sisters--Michelle, Julie, and Shannon
- Talk to Todd, touch his head, his feet, his heart with gentleness and love. Pray for Todd and invite the others in the room to join you if they desire.

### Church Inside Workday

To prepare for our Clothing Exchange & Pie Social in early May, we are planning an indoor workday on Saturday, April 13, from 1-4pm. Some of our goals include: cleaning and organizing the church office and Rooms 1 & 2 upstairs, and doing Spring cleaning in the sanctuary, narthex, and parlor. While we have some cleaning supplies at church, please feel free to bring your own--good vacuums are especially helpful.

### Exam proctors needed for Highland Park Sr High School

Here's another great opportunity to support our High School Neighbors. Volunteer proctors are needed for the upcoming IB (International Baccalaureate) DP (Diploma Programme) Exams. Exam dates are from April 25 through May 15. We (as well as others from EPC) volunteered for this last year. All testing is done at the High School (next door to EPC). Each Exam session is from 3 to 3.5 hours long (either the morning or the afternoon). The proctor's tasks are to 1) help set up the room for testing, 2) walk around the room during the test to make sure students are following the rules, and 3) accompany students to and from the rest room areas. You do not need to know anything about the subject matter of the exams to be a proctor. Please consider signing up for one or more time slots. Sign up instructions are below. If you have any questions about this, please contact us. Rich and Liz ([lrschiferl@gmail.com](mailto:lrschiferl@gmail.com)).

- 1) Click this link to see the SignUp! options: <https://signup.com/go/mpxqSdS>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. (One or more.)
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or password on SignUp.

### ArtPlayce News:

The Highland Park HS students have shared their art and it's hanging in the sanctuary! It's a mix of photography, watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed media, and sculpture. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful display which we can keep until the end of May or so. Spend some time browsing next time you're at EPC!

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

CELEBRATE!

Happy Birthday to:

Cali Clary 4/17

Ruth Anderson 4/19

Happy Anniversary to:

Meredith & Tom Holt 4/22