

# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian

## Church

### Midweek Update

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### Trusting Love

A mistake that many Christians make is to assume that Jesus did miracles to show that he was special. The opposite is actually true. Jesus, a human, did miracles because that's what humans who are connected to God do—they experience and create miracles every day.

When too many people show up for dinner, and the disciples (Philip, specifically) point out that they do not have enough food or money to feed so many, what does Jesus do? He trusts God. Does that work out? Yes it does. There is so much food that they need to collect the leftovers. When Jesus encounters storms or sickness or demonic powers or opposition or fear or anything else, he chooses trust every single time. It's as if Jesus believes that trust is the answer for absolutely everything.

I would suggest to you today that this kind of trust is highly unintuitive. It may be natural in a young child or maybe the Dalai Lama, but not in most of us. We have learned over and over again to trust our guts, trust our intelligence, trust our competence, trust our planning, trust the authorities, trust the engineering. But trust Love? To trust love is to make ourselves defenseless. To trust love is vulnerable. To trust love means letting go of my deepest habits of self-protection and allowing God/Jesus/Spirit all the way in to my heart of hearts.

If you haven't done it in a while, I invite you to say this prayer below right now, allowing your heart to be as open as you make it. What's the worst that could happen? A miracle, probably.

*Holy Spirit, in this holy moment, **you** be in charge, and we will follow **you**, trusting that your direction will lead us to peace!!*

**August Mission is Highland  
Park Sr High**



**HIGHLAND PARK  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

August missions collections will go to Highland Park Senior High School. Highland Park Senior High is next door to the church and has about 1300 students in grades 9 -12. Both facial tissue boxes and money are requested for the August mission. You can choose to contribute to either or both.

Facial tissue boxes we collect will be distributed to the teachers at the school in early September. Please drop off the tissue boxes in the sanctuary or church office.



The money collected will be used to purchase gift cards that school counselors will give to parents/guardians when they become aware of specific needs. This was suggested by Principal Dr. Tucker who once told us that EPC is the "Little church that is MIGHTY!" You can contribute to this mission for August by indicating "August Missions" on the memo line of your contribution check to EPC or by noting this in the Notes Box of any online contribution.

Thank you for your continued support of our Missions!

### Heartfelt Concert – August 11

On Sunday, August 11th, from 4:00 to 5:30pm, Lisa Holden's Heartfelt quintet will be doing a concert in the EPC backwoods. Funds from a freewill offering will go toward two programs at Shakopee Women's Prison: Enneagram Prison Project and Voices Of Hope. In the case of rain, we will move into the church sanctuary.

### Jenya Update

Jenya is having a very nice time in Belarus with her family, recently returning from a stay in a cabin in the woods. Here are some photos that she sent. She sends greetings to you and looks forward to seeing us again in a little over three weeks.



