

Edgcumbe

Presbyterian Church

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Celebrating our Sister, Liz Dunn

We received word from the Tafel's that Liz Dunn died unexpectedly during her dialysis treatment yesterday, 10/14/25. Liz has become a regular Edgcumbe community member sharing many gatherings with us over these past months, and we have come to love her kind heart, her sharp observations, and general loveliness. We hold our sister, Liz, and those who loved her—including our EPC community—in our prayers as we surround her in the love and light of the Living Christ! ♥ We do not yet know what funeral arrangements might be made by the family, but we will have a time of remembrance and celebration for Liz during worship this Sunday.



Stewardship = Spiritual Trust + Bravery

Later this week, you should receive a mailing that includes a letter from our Treasurer Ron Eggert and a pledge card for 2026. As Ron explains in his note, having everyone in this community “pledge” or estimate their planned giving for the coming year helps the Session prepare an annual budget, so that we can pay the electricity bill and meet payroll and repair leaks in the roof. This approach is wise and responsible.

Giving to Edgcumbe Church is also an act of spiritual trust and bravery. To say it another way, giving is a response of gratitude for all that God has given us. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

When you receive your pledge card for 2026, we are asking you to take a moment for inner reflection, a moment to hold gratitude in your heart and ask God, *What do you have in store for me in 2026? Are you inviting me to be more brave, more trusting, more loved and loving? Is there some way that Edgcumbe Church should dream bigger and how should I contribute to that?* Then listen. And pay attention. And please fill out your pledge card and bring it to church by Sunday, Nov 2 – or email our office manager Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com.

***holy spirit, you be in charge, and we will follow you,
trusting that your way leads to peace.***

October Mission: Food Justice

The mission focus for October is the Twin Cities Food Justice. TC Food Justice is a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis. Since March 2016 we have been working with co-ops, grocery stores, and farmers markets to re-distribute their unsalable foods to local hunger relief organizations. We focus on vegetables, fruits, and nutrient rich breads because hunger relief organizations often find it challenging to consistently provide fresh food options for their clients. We seek to improve food insecure individuals' access to fresh, nutritious food.



New Member Exploration - Oct 19

This coming Sunday, October 19, we will be offering a New Member Exploration gathering after worship. If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic community, please join us as we get to know each other and talk about what it means to join God's beloved community in this place. Bring yourself and your questions! If you are interested and plan to come, please talk to either Pastor Luna or Phil to let us know.



Food Containers looking to be returned

One of you lovely folks brought food to Leslie Snow while she was healing from her broken bone. She has brought food containers to EPC, and cannot remember who they belong to. If these containers are yours, they are in the office and can be retrieved the next time you are in the EPC building!

October Session Report

From Elder, LaGretta Lunde

Greetings, Edgcumbe Family and Friends! These are times of deep spiritual growth and healing in our community and we give thanks to God. We are grateful for the guidance and leadership of Pastors Phil and Luna and pray for their continued strength and insight as they help us discover deeper ways of being at one with God's presence in our lives.

It is a privilege to be one of your elders and I look forward to getting to know each of you better as we spend more together. Here are a few things about me you may not know. I was raised in Maple Grove, MN in a family of nine (2 parents, 7 kids) when it was still countryside. I worked in radio and advertising until I found my true passion: singing and teaching singing. I taught elementary-aged children, adult and children's church choirs, private voice lessons, and university teachers' courses. I live right here in Highland Park with my second husband, John.

The greatest gifts I've ever received are my two adult children, Emily and Grant, their spouses and my five grandchildren.

This month Session concluded the process of steeple repair by choosing the color for the new trim. It is called, "Redwood Red" and closely matches the trim on the exterior of our building. This repair is scheduled before winter of this year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Edgcumbe, there will be a class after worship this Sunday, October 19th. P.S. - the treats are usually great!

Good news on the financial front - pledge payments are on schedule for 2025! Thank you, everyone. Look for a letter and 2026 pledge card coming soon.

Our pastors' joint 2026 sabbatical will be from August 17 - November 17. Our newly formed worship team has already begun making plans for Sunday worship while they are on sabbatical.

Pastors Luna and Phil will be in Australia from November 12 - 26, officiating at the wedding of two of Phil's Enneagram Prison Project colleagues. Our worship plans are already in place.

Pastor Luna is excited to learn more about hymn writing at a conference in Virginia from 10/21 - 10/31. Pastor Phil will be with us.

Backwoods Workday images

Here are some photos from last Saturday's workday in the Backwoods. A huge word of gratitude to the Chainsawing Guys (Phil G, Mark W, Dan G), for expert tree felling techniques and no blood shed! 🥳🎉

