

Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter—March 2024



Getting to Know Each Other

I have always found it difficult to get to know other people. I tend to be shy and quiet. I don't want to intrude, be pushy or nosy, or make others uncomfortable. I also tend to assume that if people want my presence, they will invite me. And yet, I've learned that's not always or even often the case.



As I settle into my role as Pastor, I want you to know that I *really and truly* want to get to know each member of Edgewood, each of you. If you weren't sure about that, it is most likely a result of my shyness and social awkwardness. I do want to know you, and for you to know me... I'm just not very good at making that happen. So, I ask for grace and patience. I also would ask that you invite me to visit, to have lunch or dinner with your family, to go for a walk (once it's warmer), to watch a little league game, to sit and knit... And you are always welcome to visit me in my study. (I now have a comfy couch!) I'd love to talk to you about anything or everything! Though, I'll likely be awkward with small talk.

If you are sick, having surgery, dealing with struggles, or just because, I am here to support you, to remind you of God's love and grace, to pray for and with you, and to just be with you. Edgewood is a wonderful family,

supporting one another in so many ways. I am excited to be a part of the Edgewood family and to be a part of your life too.

As we get to know each other, we need to share our concerns – yours with me and mine with you. That's not easy for me to do either! This month is a significant one for me. On March 2, I will be examined by Presbytery, where they will ask me questions about the Bible, polity, worship and sacraments, and theology, after which they will vote to approve my ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). I feel strongly that God has called me to this ministry and to ministry here at Edgewood, and I trust in God to see me the rest of the way. Yet, I am still anxious, a little nervous. Assuming all goes well at Presbytery, I will be ordained and installed during a special service on Sunday, March 17 at 4 pm, during which I will preside at my first communion service. My dad, brother, and in-laws will be here as well as friends and members from my church of care in Charlotte. And I will be sorely missing my mom, my first and most faithful cheerleader, as she passed away in 2019, after I finished my first year of seminary. This will also be my first time leading worship for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter! The importance of these holy days and celebrating the resurrection is so essential to our faith that it

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seems a little daunting right now. Yet I am grateful that God has called me to this work, and that you, Edgewood Presbyterian, have called me as well.

So, I ask for your prayers this March. Know that I am praying for you too!

In faith, hope, & love,

Sara

Pastor's Office Hours

Sunday
Monday–Wednesday mornings
Saturday (various times)
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Holy Week

at Edgewood Presbyterian Church



3/24 – Palm Sunday Service

11 am

3/28 – Maundy Thursday Service

7 pm with communion

3/29 – Good Friday – Sanctuary open for prayer, 9 am-2 pm

3/29 – Easter Egg Hunt

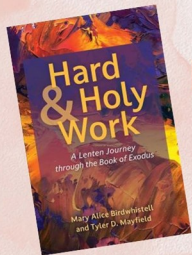
7-9 pm

3/31 – Easter Service

11 am

All are welcome!

Join us for a great Bible Study!



Lenten Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, February 20 and ending Wednesday, March 27

The same class will be taught with two options to attend: Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

*Purchasing the book might be beneficial but is not necessary for participation.

Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC



TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY TOTALS

Receipts	\$10,537.96
Expenses	\$10,648.62
Special Offerings:	
2-Cents-A-Meal	\$128.96

SPECIAL SERVICE

A special service is scheduled on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00PM at Edgewood, when Sara Martin will be ordained and installed as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in this celebration of Sara's special day.



Prayer Family of the Week

- 3 Nancy and Dave Mead
- 10 Rafael and Pat Morales
- 17 Katie Morrison
- 24 Jennifer, John & Carlie Anne Nicholson
- 31 Jim and Rose Owle

Head Usher for March

Connie Wynn

the IRISH way

always remember
to forget

those troubles that
pass away

but never forget
to remember

the blessings that
visit each day

Éireannach

Happy
Birthdays

To all who
celebrate
March
Birthdays

Missions Committee



Missions Committee Chair



Missions

Our church collected hats for CUOC to distribute to clients who need them for protection against the cold temperatures.



February 5, 2024

These pictures show some of the donations made by Edgewood members when Christians United Outreach Center (CUOC) expressed the need for hats, socks, and gloves for some of their clients. Your generosity was amazing and was greatly appreciated by CUOC and the people they helped.

We continue to support Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC). They have expressed a need for canned meats, cereal, stuffed animals, and any basket that could be used as an Easter Basket. These items may be placed in the container in the narthex.

Steve Womack, Chair



Special Offering March 31 “One Great Hour of Sharing”

The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People** - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

“Piecemakers” continue their ministry!

Our “Edgewood Piecemakers” donated 32 handmade stuffed animals to the First Presbyterian Church Blanket Ministry Group. The animals were then given to the chaplain at Central Carolina Hospital to help comfort the hospital’s young patients.

Teresa Mangum



Christian Education Committee



Vacation Bible School - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 12—Friday, June 14 from 6-8 PM as we journey to *Hometown Nazareth*. An adult class will also be offered.

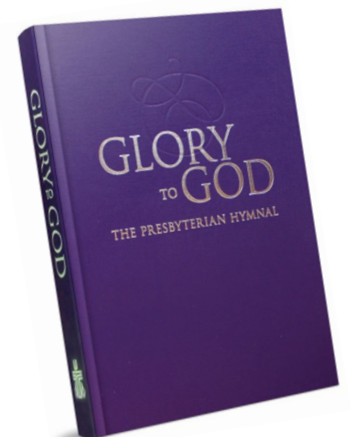
Jean McSwain, Chair



Worship Committee

Our members have been very generous with donations for our new hymnals. We initially ordered 100 hymnals for the sanctuary and 2 special editions for our musicians. We have ordered 40 more hymnals to have enough for all the pews and choir. The cost of the hymnals is being offset by your donations. You can designate “In Memory of”, or “In Honor of”, or designate “Donated By”, with a donation of \$27 for each hymnal. Forms are available in the narthex and in the hallway adjacent to the sanctuary to provide your information.

Teresa Mangum, Chair



Communications Committee



This is our *Sharing Board*. It is located outside the Pastor’s study. Our members often have experiences away from church that they would like to share with other members. This board provides the opportunity to do so. **Check it out!**

If you have photos or information you would like to share, please send to Connie or Jerry along with any relative comments.

Be sure to visit the Edgewood Facebook page and the church website at www.edgewood.org. The church schedule, updates of activities, Sunday worship service videos, and the monthly newsletters are posted.

Connie Wynn, Chair

Fellowship Committee

Soup Sandwich

Church Fellowship Luncheon

Thank you Debra
and the
Fellowship Committee

February 18, 2024



Easter Special

On March 31, Easter Sunday, we will have special treats in the Fellowship Hall between Sunday School and preaching. Pastries, coffee, milk and juice will be available.

Debra Wall,
Chair

Future Events

March 17 -

Reception for
Pastor Sara

August 3 -

Ice Cream Social

September 14 -

Church Picnic

November 17 -

Thanksgiving
Luncheon



Property and Grounds Committee

A new LED light was installed in the light fixture at the corner of the Sunday School rooms, overlooking the parking lot.



A window was installed in the door to the pastor's study. Thanks Jimmy Pilson.

New furniture was purchased for the pastor's study.

Johnny Sellars, Chair



Lee County Presbyterian Community
Ash Wednesday Service
at the First Presbyterian Church
in Sanford
February 14, 2024



Pastor Sara Martin delivered the sermon.

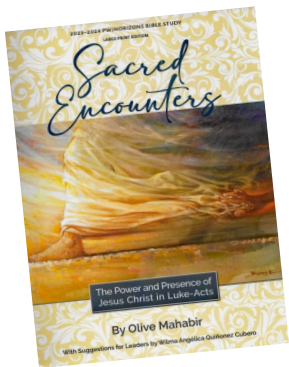


Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women
Teresa was moderator.
Trish had the devotion.
Jean presented the program.
Patsy and Mary provided food.

February 12, 2024



Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Our program will be Lesson Six, “A Person with A Physical Disability Encounters Jesus”. Bible Moderator will be Joyce McGehee. The Scripture will be Acts 3:1-10. Circle hostesses will be Ann Thomas and Barbara Rosser

Ladies, please come join us for fellowship and Bible Study.

ALL ARE WELCOME!