

Edgecomb Community Church

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Second Sunday of Lent– February 25, 2018

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: Cross Bearing Time

As Jesus was making his way to Jerusalem, he foretells his death and resurrection. He calls the crowd and his disciples to him and says, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34) We too, as disciples of Christ, are asked to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow. For many of us this may seem too much of a sacrifice. So, what does Jesus mean when he commands you to take up your cross and follow? We’ll ponder this question when we gather on Sunday.

Friday, March 2 is World Day of Prayer. This year the service will be held at Saint Columba’s Episcopal Church at 1:00 p.m. You are invited to attend. The host country this year is Suriname, formerly Dutch Guyana, in the Northwest corner of South America. This focus this year is “Genesis 1: All God’s Creation is Very Good!”

If you would like to participate in this service, please contact either Jean Philbrook at 633-2183 or Gloria Walter 633-2186

From the Pastor - Hello Dear Church, I’m taking a two week vacation beginning February 26. I’ll be out of town the week of Feb. 26 thru Mar. 4. In case of a pastoral emergency, Rev. Joshua Fitterling from the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset will be covering.

February 2018

Thur. Feb. 22 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Feb. 25 Second Sunday in Lent – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class meets at 1:50 p.m. in church parking lot.

March 2018

Sun. Mar. 4 Third Sunday of Lent - Guest Preacher – Holly Reid
Sun. Mar. 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent - Guest Preacher – Rev. Jeremy Young
Thur. Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday – Agape Meal & Maundy Thursday
Service begins at 5:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 30 Good Friday
Annual Committee Reports Due
Sat. Mar. 31 Holy Saturday

April 2018

Sun. Apr. 1 Easter Sunrise Service at Fort Edgecomb at 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.
Wed. Apr. 4 Celtic Prayer Service. A simple dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
followed by a service of worship with scripture readings, prayers
and singing. Further information to come.
Wed. Apr. 18 Celtic Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 22 ECC Annual Meeting after worship
Sun. Apr. 29 Habitat for Humanity Walk – We are gathering a team to walk!
I hope you will join us!

*** There is no Tuesday Edgecomb Community Lunch during the month of February.
Lunch will be served again beginning, Tuesday, March 6 at Noon. It will be good to see our
Tuesday friends!

*** The thrift shop hours, weather permitting: Tuesdays 9-1, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays
9-12 noon, as well as during coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings.

A Time of Turning Round

Truly dust we are, and to dust we shall return;
and truly yours we are, and to you we shall
return.

Help this to be a time of turning round and
beginning again.

Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow
you
and to find you: in the discipline of praying
and in the drudgery of caring –
in whatever we deny ourselves,
and whatever we set ourselves to learn or do.

Help us to discover you
in our loneliness and in community,
in our emptiness and our fulfilment,
in our sadness and our laughter.

Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost.

Help us to follow you on the journey to
Jerusalem
to the waving palms of the people's hope,
to their rejection, to the cross and empty tomb.
Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes
of the old.

Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your
Kingdom. **Amen.**

– written by Jan Sutch Pickard, in *Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*, posted on the website of
Patmos Abbey – The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>