

Edgecomb Community Church

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First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018 – Communion Sunday

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Message: Staying Alert: Waiting, Expectation and Hope

December 2018

Sun. Dec. 2

First Sunday of Advent – worship at 9:30 a.m.

*****Greening of the Sanctuary after worship!**

We'll be putting up the Christmas tree, & placing the greens and setting out the Nativity after worship. Please join us as we prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.



Tue. Dec. 4

Coffee & Donuts at the Edgecomb Green at 9:30 a.m.
Community Lunch at Noon!

Wed. Dec. 5

Busy Hands meets at 1:00 p.m.

†**Celtic Prayer Service** at 5:30 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 6

Advent Study at 10:30 a.m. – *To Live Again: When Life Doesn't Go Our Way*

Fri. Dec. 7

Charlies Brown Christmas tree Contest at Edgecomb Town Hall 5 pm

Sun. Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent – worship at 9:30 a.m.

Busy Hands Crafts for Sale after worship in Fellowship Hall

Pam Soule will be selling handcrafted items created by ECC's Busy Hands after worship. Come and find the perfect gift for that someone special! Marjorie's son's maple syrup will also be available for purchase.

Weds. Dec. 12	Church Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 13	Advent Study at 10:30 a.m. – <i>To Live Again: In the Dark Times</i>
Sun. Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent – worship at 9:30 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 19	Busy Hands at 1:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 20	Advent Study at 10:30 a.m. – <i>The Live Again: The Right Perspective</i>
Sun. Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent – worship at 9:30 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 24	★ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.★
Sun. Dec. 30	First Sunday after Christmas – worship at 9:30 a.m.

*****ECC Thrift Shop Sale! - Nov. 27 through Dec. 6 – 50% off all colored tags (except red tags) on all clothing.** The Edgecomb Community Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays 9-1, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 9-12 noon, as well as during coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings.

Edgecomb Community Church Lunch held every Tuesday at noon. All are welcome.

***Several people have asked about a memorial service for Betty Creamer after her passing on October 27, 2018. A memorial service will be held for Betty at the Edgecomb Community Church sometime in the spring of 2019.

An Advent Prayer

As streets fill with shoppers
 Bright lights and tempting offers
 Christmas songs and children's laughter
 You lead us along a different path
 To a desert river and a Prophetic voice
 A call to repentance
 A call to service
 A call to immerse ourselves
 In living water that will never run dry
 A call to prepare a way in our own lives
 For the Savior of the world to enter in
 To know the touch of tender mercy
 And rest in your forgiving love

For your faithful prophets
 And your Living Word
 We give you thanks. Amen
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The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming. (Source: umc.org)

Advent Hope, Peace, Joy & Love - Kate