

# Edgecomb Community Church

## United Church of Christ

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First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Message: Stolen ID

*"Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions....Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence." - Henri Nouwen, 20th century*

Sun. Mar. 10

First Sunday of Lent – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins! Spring ahead one hour!**



Sun. Mar. 17

Second Sunday of Lent – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Kenneth Bradsell, Preaching

Weds. Mar. 20

***Busy Hands*** meets at 1:00 p.m. First day of spring!

Thurs. Mar. 21

Bible Study on the *Gospel of John* begins at 10:30 a.m. (see below for details)

Sun. Mar. 24

Third Sunday of Lent – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Sun. Mar. 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**\*\*\*The Edgecomb Community Lunch served at Noon! All are welcome. Bring a friend!**

***March Sale!*** at the Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Shop. All men's and women's pants are \$1.00 during the month of March.

**\*\*\*Bible Study is held on Thursdays mornings at 10:30 a.m. Come learn with us!**

**\*Free microwave available:** One of our neighbors has a working and in good condition microwave for free if anyone can use it or knows of someone who needs one. Please speak to Kate if you are interested.

**\*Mark Your Calendars: ECC's Annual Meeting** will be held, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after worship. Jeff Grigg will be putting together this year's Annual Report. Please email all committee/ministry reports to Jeff by Friday, March 22, 2019. His email is [jgrigg1956@comcast.net](mailto:jgrigg1956@comcast.net). Thank you.

**\*Lenten Bible Study - John: The Gospel of Light and Life** by Adam Hamilton  
Beginning Thursday, March 21, you are invited to experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal with Adam Hamilton's six sessions DVD-series, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. The dates of the study are as follows:

Thurs. March 21, Two Sessions:	10:30 to Noon - <i>The Word Made Flesh</i>
	1:00 to 2:30 p.m. - <i>The Miraculous Signs of John</i>
Thurs. March 28	10:30 a.m. to Noon - <i>The "I AM" Saying of Jesus</i>
Thurs. April 4	10:30 a.m. to Noon - <i>The Farewell Discourse</i>
Thurs. April 11	10:30 a.m. to Noon - <i>The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King</i>
Thurs. April 18	10:30 a.m. to Noon - <i>Eternal Life</i>

## A Prayer for the Beginning of Lent

It is customary, Lord to give something up during the season of Lent.

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much. Chocolate? Cream cakes? Cigarettes? Sweets? Swearing?

The list is endless and I could give up all those things for the span of 40 days quite easily and almost painlessly.

But what difference would it make other than making me feel 'holier' that my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without? I who have so much. Selfishness? Conceit? Envy? Pride? I fear before I ask, that the answer might be 'yes' and the giving up would be all too real, Lord. It would be difficult, painful, sacrificial, a real cross to carry for 40 days, and more.

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