

Edgecomb Community Church

United Church of Christ

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Epiphany, January 6, 2019

Communion Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Two stories in one: The Three Kings

"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."

- Mary Anne Radmacher, 21st century

Reminder: Hi All – Gail Boudin asks for us to please bring a non-perishable food item for the Boothbay Region Food Pantry! There is a collection basket located at the entrance to the sanctuary – canned foods including veggies and beans, pasta, peanut butter, etc. are needed.

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| Sun. Jan. 6 | ☆ Epiphany ☆ and Communion Sunday |
| Tues. Jan. 8 | Coffee and Donuts at the Edgecomb Green at 9:30 a.m.
Edgecomb Community Lunch at noon! |
| Sun. Jan. 13 | First Sunday after Epiphany |
| Weds. Jan. 16 | Busy Hands meets at 1:00 p.m.
✚ Celtic Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m. |
| Sun. Jan. 20 | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| Mon. Jan. 21 | Vitality Ministry meets at 5:30 p.m. |
| Weds. Jan. 23 | Church Council meets at 5 p.m. |
| Sun. Jan. 27 | Third Sunday after Epiphany Come Celebrate! – A Sunday to celebrate
Edgecomb Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation. |

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

*****The Edgecomb Community Lunch will resume on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.**

*****The Edgecomb Thrift Shop - Beginning Thursday, January 3, 2019 - \$4.00 a bag sale for all clothing for the month of January!** Regular hours are: Tuesdays 9-1, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 9-12, as well as during coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings.

Small Kindnesses by Danusha Laméris

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.

We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.

We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead—you first," "I like your hat."



Photo take near the old kitchen (in front of thrift shop) circa 1950's

From the ECC Archives

Work on the present-day building commenced in 1877, but was not completed until late in 1881 due to lack of funds. The present church building was dedicated on February 15, 1882 and has been in continuous use since that time.

Contract to build Church
(Copied from the original document)

"Specifications

For building a church at North Edgecomb for the Congregational Church and Parish

Description

The building is to be of wood built upon the foundation now laid 48 feet long by 38 feet wide & 19 ft post with a front projection for tower, 10 ½ ft. x 10.

These specifications do not include the foundation the building of the piers or chimney all of which the Building Committee agree to do without hindrance to the contractor.

Frame.

For amount and size of timbers see drawings and plans which accompany these specifications and form a part of the same. Put in all iron rods ad bolts with other necessary fastenings. The timber shall be sound, *square edged, spruce, free from shakes and other defects. Frame roof with truss No. 2

Underfloors

Lay underfloors with sound, square edged, spruce boards, full nailed to each bearing with 8 dz common nails.

Boarding

Board walls and roof with sound, square edged, seasoned spruce mill-plained, boards all over 8 in. wide to have three nails to each bearing use 10 d common nails.

Shingling

Shingle the roof with extra clear cedar laid 4 ½ in. to the weather. All shingles over two ins. Wide to have two nails using 3 d common nails.

Clapboarding

Clapboard the building with extra **shear** spruce clapboards laid 3 ¾ ins. To the weather with five nails to each clapboard using 5 d box nails. Cover the walls with sheathing proper under the clapboards.

Sheathing

Sheathe the front of the tower vertically as high as the brace belt with the same quality of lumber as outside finish. The sheathing to be laid on the boarding. Sheathe the Belfry overhead and it posts.

Outside finish

The lumber for the outside finish shall be No. 1 **shear** pine thoroughly seasoned, worked and moulded according to detailed plane, and put together in a substantial, neat, and workmanlike manner.

Tinning

Over the bell deck with the best quality of M.F. tin put on in the best manner and warranted tight.

Scuttle

Make a suitable scuttle in bell deck. Do all necessary flashing around the spire & window and door heads – Doors.

Make and hand the outside doors as indicated by the plan No. 1 white pine 2 ¼ ins. Thick. Lock and trimming for the same cost five dollars.

Windows

Make the frame as indicated on the plan pulley styles to be southern pine, other lumber to be the same kind and quality as outside finish. Sash to be No. 1 white pine 1 5/8 ins. thick, glazed with first quality German glass hung with even balancing cast iron weights, using 2in. steel axle, lacquer faced pulleys, and silver braided cord.

Painting

Paint all the exterior wood work with two coats of pure lead and pure linseed oil.

Contract

We the undersigned building Committee of the Congregational Parish as one part agree to pay William H. Decker fourteen hundred and sixty dollars for building the new church as per plan and specifications, two hundred to be paid in ten days, five hundred and thirty dollars in thirty (30) days, and three hundred dollars when the building is up and shingled, and the balance when the church is completed which shall be done before the first day of May 1878. Wm H. Decker as the other part agrees to the above, and gives his bond for the faithful execution.

Finally

It is understood that the Contractor or Contractors are to furnish all the material, and do all the work above specified, and complete the same in a thorough and workmanlike manner, the whole to be done according to the time intent, and meaning of these plans and specifications, whether herein mentioned or not and to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Building Committee.

Edgecomb October 12th 1877

George Gove
A.B. Haggett

Chairman
Sect

Wm. H. Decker
Contractor

Enoch Chase
Wm G. **Deshure**
E.M. Chase
A Pattern Jr.

Committee of the Cong. Parish