

Edgecomb Community Church

United Church of Christ

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday

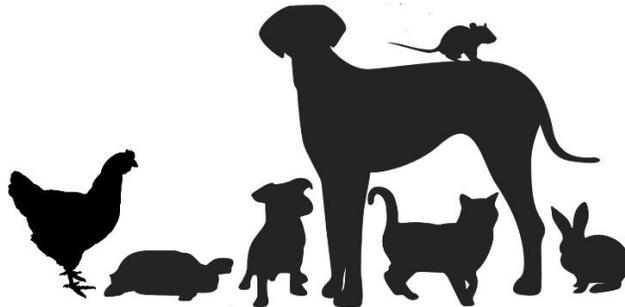
Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Message: Keeping the Faith

"Faith is what makes life bearable, with all its tragedies and ambiguities and sudden, startling joys."

Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*, 20th century

Sun. Oct. 6 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
World Communion Sunday – Neighbors in Need Special Collection
Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 p.m.



Tues. Oct. 8 **Edgecomb Community Lunch at Noon – all are welcome**

Sun. Oct. 13 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
Sunday Service will be held in Fellowship Hall. The message will focus on the labyrinth as an archetype of wholeness and a sacred place that helps us discover the depths of our souls. You'll learn suggestions on how to walk ECC's *Labyrinth in the Field*.

Weds. Oct 16

Church Council meets at 5:00 pm

Sat. Oct 19

Mission Outreach October Sub Sale – 11:00 to Noon

ECC will be holding a fundraising event in the form of a sub sale Saturday, October 19, 2019. Choice of an 8 inch sub roll, white or wheat, along with choice of either ham or vegetables with various cheeses and toppings will be available along with potato chips and a drink; all at a great price of \$7.00 each. Pick up at the church 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 19 or have delivered to your place of employment or home. You may call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 to place an order by Wednesday, October 16 (also to make arrangements for home delivery if desired).

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Special Offering - Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Photos from Coffee & Donuts at the Edgecomb Green on October 1, 2019



"I have decided the two choices open to me are (1) to torment myself or (2) to trust the Lord. There is no earthly solution to the problems that confront me. But I can add to my problems, as I believe I have done, by dwelling on them. So, no more of that." Marilynne Robinson, Gilead, 21st century

Hurricane Relief Fundraiser Dinner at the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor Oct. 7, 2019

The Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor will hold a hurricane relief fund dinner on Monday, Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The island of Abaco and surrounding Cays in the northern Bahamas, suffered catastrophic effects from Hurricane Dorian. Cataclysmic devastation of homes, lives, families, natural vegetation, schools, churches, livestock, pets and livelihoods were lost. Island infrastructure has been destroyed and communication with other people is extremely limited. While relief efforts are in place to help restore the island with potable water and power, the cost of doing so is immense.

This Oct. 7 buffet dinner, hosted by the Congregational Church, will help defray the cost. The buffet dinner will represent an Abaco Island menu. Prepared by Chef Laura Francis: Bahamian style fish, chicken, rice and peas, macaroni and cheese and cole slaw will be served. Coconut tart, pineapple tart, guava cake, rum cake, macaroons, banana bread and key lime pies, combined with additional pies made by church volunteers and friends, will complete the meal. Please join us for a Bahamian evening replete with music and optional tropical clothing. Come along, have some fun and help Abaco rebuild.

Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary
and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

- *Author Unknown*

Blessings and peace,
Kate