

# Edgecomb Community Church

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*"You are the salt of the earth"*



*"You are the light of the world."*

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2020

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-20

**Sermon:** Being Light & Salt

The powerful images of salt and light are drawn from the Sermon on the Mount. These are Jesus' words to describe his followers and to inspire and encourage them, including all of us, for ministry in the world. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' most well-known sermon. As he climbs up the mountain, he turns to look upon the crowd gathered around him. Their suffering and need fill his heart with compassion. He knows the spiritual hunger and suffering of the world as he sits down to teach about the reign of God.

### February

- Sun. Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Feb. 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Feb. 20 **Busy Hands** meets at 1:00 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 23 Sunday Morning *Celtic Prayer Service*, beginning with breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
- Weds. Feb. 26 **Ash Wednesday**

### March

- Sun. March 1 **First Sunday in Lent** – Worship at 9:30 a.m. Communion Sunday
- Tues. March 3 Coffee & Conversation at the Edgecomb Green at 9:30 a.m.
- Weds. March 4 *Celtic Prayer Service* at 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs. March 5 **Busy Hands** meets at 1:00 p.m.

**\*\*\*Please note:** Busy Hands will now be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months from 1-3 p.m.

**Edgecomb Community Lunch** is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 12 Noon at Edgecomb Community Church, UCC. All are welcome.

**The Edgcomb Community Thrift** shop hours are Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 to 12 Noon.

**\*\*\*[Edgcomb Girl Scout Troop 531](#)** is selling Girl Scout cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you would like to order Girl Scout Cookies! Also, Troop 531 is collecting pennies for the Special Olympics. 100% of all monies raised will go to pledge Special Olympic students in Boothbay for the Leprechaun Leap Ocean Swim March 2020. There is a container in Fellowship Hall to deposit your extra pennies.

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*Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, 20<sup>th</sup> century*

“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.”

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**Lenten Bible Study - *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*** by Matthew L. Skinner.

In *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*, author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God’s people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world. Learn to walk more closely with God with the boldness and the zeal of the apostles. *Acts* provides a broad yet theologically attuned introduction to this important book and its story of the early church leaning to bear witness about God’s salvation through Jesus Christ.”

The Lenten Book Study will begin at the beginning of March. (Further information to follow.) ECC’s Bible/Book Studies are held on Thursday morning’s beginning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join at any time. Bring a brown paper bag to have lunch together after the study.

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*Thomas Merton, 20<sup>th</sup> century*

"I have the immense joy of being...a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

Blessings and peace,  
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