

# Edgecomb Community Church

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 2020**

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Sermon:** Parables of the Kingdom

We'll consider the Parables of the Kingdom told by Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew

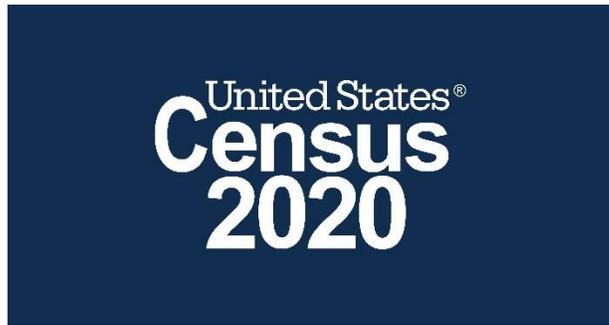


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Our weekly virtual Sunday morning worship service is now an online. Each Sunday morning the current week's service is posted by 7:00 a.m. and can be viewed at any time and on any day during the week. You'll find the link to the service on the front page of the Church's website: [www.edgecombchurch.org](http://www.edgecombchurch.org). Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to share in the Good News of God's love for all of us.

Have you filled out your 2020 Census Form?

Go to <https://2020census.gov/en.html>



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Pam asked that the following quote she heard be passed on to you:

*"It's easier to breathe through a mask than a ventilator."*

(♥ Please remain diligent...wash your hands, wear a mask and social distance! ♥)

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Gail wanted to let you to know that the ECC Mission Outreach donated \$500.00 to Set for Success this year.

**Even in these challenging times, we'll be 'Set for Success' for the 2020 school year!  
August 2020 will mark nine years of success for 'Set for Success'**

Richard Rego, Community Resource Council  
Tue, 07/21/2020 - 7:00am



From left are Maddie Kaler from the Southport Island Association, Sue Burge and Nancy Van Dyke from Set for Success, and "Big Al" as they prepare for "Set for Success 2020." Photo by Rich Rego of the Community Resource Council

COVID-19 may have kept "S4S-2020" masked, safely distanced and not able to meet at the YMCA this year, but it can't keep us from our mission of supplying each student with every teacher-required school supply — no matter their family's income level!

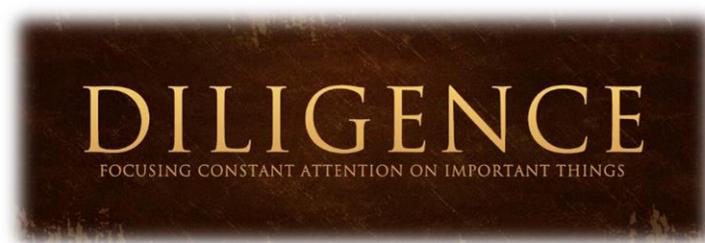
For almost a decade, Set for Success has been the community “can’t miss experience” for every student attending school in AOS 98. We’ve become an annual phenomenon because of the successful synergy between local resources and schools; students and families; and organizations like the YMCA, Community Resource Council, Hannaford, Big Al’s, and this year’s Southport Island Association.

Traditionally, Set for Success culminates in everyone coming together in August for just one day filled with unbridled excitement and hope for the future. Despite not being able to gather at the Boothbay Region YMCA this year, there are many people now working together behind the scenes to help provide for our students.

We’re super excited to have the Southport Island Association working in a “2020 partnership opportunity” with Set for Success. The Association has generously agreed to supply all Southport students with everything they need for school. Simultaneously, Boothbay Region’s Set for Success will be working closely with the remaining schools in AOS 98 to provide everything they’ll need. Thanks to this massive effort, our schools will become the virtual home for our 2020 Set for Success. What an awesome partnership in these unprecedented times.

Educators are excited to be on board with Set for Success 2020 –even if they don’t know what form school will take in the fall. Teachers will fill and distribute student backpacks at their schools and find ways to make clothing boutiques available onsite.

Unfortunately, we’re experiencing another challenge imposed by COVID-19. Finances are stretched thin for many these days and donations are greatly reduced, forcing us to spend-down our resources from a year ago. We’re now hoping to replenish our funds so we don’t fall short on helping our kids. If you’d like to donate to Set for Success for this effort, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation to: “Set for Success,” P.O. Box 43, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.



### **Philippians 4:6-7**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Peace of Christ be with you,  
Kate