

Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

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"To bring together our communities in spirituality and loving service to humankind"

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A weekly newsletter dedicated to the dissemination of information from and for the people of Edgecomb and the Edgecomb Community Church

Friday, April 23, 2021

Watch the Church Service live at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAqYh6UMZyucMGNL21xqgA/live

If you want to watch past or the current service any other time or day, please use this link:

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No in-church worship services at this time. No live service this week as it is prerecorded from Georgia with Rev. Larry Krewson.



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Monadnock in Early Spring

By Amy Lowell 1874-1925

Cloud-topped and splendid, dominating all
The little lesser hills which compass thee,
Thou standest, bright with April's buoyancy,
Yet holding Winter in some shaded wall
Of stern, steep rock; and startled by the call

Earth Day – April 22, 2021

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Psalm 24:1-2

I hope you enjoy the following poem, and it inspires you to take action to help save God's beautiful creation - Planet Earth. The last line seems to ask us the question: What greater majesty unseen do you pledge?

Of Spring, thy trees flush with expectancy
And cast a cloud of crimson, silently, Above thy
snowy crevices where fall
Pale shrivelled oak leaves, while the snow beneath
Melts at their phantom touch. Another year
Is quick with import. Such each year has been.
Unmoved thou watchest all, and all bequeath
Some jewel to thy diadem of power,
Thou pledge of greater majesty unseen.



Celebrate World Labyrinth Day at Edgecomb Community Church

Edgecomb Community Church, UCC, invites you to join us to celebrate "World Labyrinth Day", Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 1-3 PM. World Labyrinth Day is an annual event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society.

Come walk *The Labyrinth in the Field,* located on the Edgecomb Community Church grounds, joining people around the globe to create a peaceful wave of energy around the world. Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

Due to covid restrictions and to keep participants safe, we ask you to pre-register for this event. There are four - ½ hour time slots available - limited to 10 people each. The time slots are: 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm, 2:30 pm. You may pre-register by emailing the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com to let us know which time slot you would like. Please pre-register early as space is limited.

Edgecomb Community Church's Covid Policy requires all participants to a wear a face mask and engage in social distancing during this event. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. The church building is currently closed and will not be open during this event.

Parking is in the upper church parking lot located to the left of the church building and above the labyrinth in the field below. The entrance to the labyrinth will be marked. Edgecomb Community Church is located at 15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb, ME. In case of inclement weather, please see the church's Facebook page for further information. (FB/EdgecombCongochurch)







"The Earth is what we all have in common."
—Wendell Berry

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make."



"EARTHDAY.ORG's theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth™, which focuses on natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems. In this way, the theme rejects the notion that mitigation or adaptation are the only ways to address climate change. It is up to each and every one of us to Restore Our Earth not just because we care about the natural world, but because we live on it. We all need a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity." (Source: EarthDay.org)

YEAR-ROUND EFFORT

Climate change and other environmental degradations have broken our natural systems, leading to new and fatal diseases as well as a breakdown of the global economy. But just as climate change and coronavirus painfully remind us of the harm we've caused, Restore Our Earth reminds us of the opportunities that lay ahead.

FIVE PILLARS OF RESTORE OUR EARTH™:

THE CANOPY PROJECT™

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

THE GREAT GLOBAL CLEANUP™

CLIMATE LITERACY

GLOBAL EARTH CHALLENGE™

To learn more, go to earthday.org/earth-day-2021

Earth Day was April 22, but we should celebrate

EVERYDAY!



Edgecomb Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting – Friday, May 21

The Town Warrant is available on the Town of Edgecomb website.

The vote on Edgecomb's 2021 Warrant, which will be conducted by referendum ballot again this year because of ongoing restrictions by Maine's CDC on large group gatherings, will occur on May 21 at the Town Hall. Residents can also obtain an Absentee ballot beginning April 21 by contacting the Town Clerk, Claudia Coffin.

Edgecomb Eddy School News

May 4 - PTA Meeting 6-7 p.m via Zoom

May 10 - School Committee Meeting 6-8 p.m.

June 1 - PTA Meeting 6-7 p.m. via Zoom

June 7 - School Committee Meeting 6-8 p.m.

Edgecomb Eddy Elementary is pleased to open Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year.

The Pre-Kindergarten program is offered to all children who live in Edgecomb, Alna, and Westport. Children who turn four on or before October 15, 2021 have priority for registration. If there are remaining spaces, we will "wait list" students who turn five with birthdays between July 1 and October 15. Families of "wait list" students will be contacted by August 14 regarding registration confirmation.

The Kindergarten program is offered to all children who live in Edgecomb, Alna, and Westport. Children who turn five on or before October 15, 2021 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

Parents who are interested in enrolling their students or have questions may call 882-5515 or email Principal Michaud

April Birthdays

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Karen Potter Carol Colby



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North Edgecomb Cemetery Association Meeting

The North Edgecomb Cemetery Association is meeting on Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at 217 Cross Point Road in Ruth Bryant's yard or garage.

Everyone is welcome. Please wear a mask, and if possible, bring a folding chair. For more information call Ruth at 882-5510.



Sign up for the newsletter

If you or a friend would like to have this newsletter sent directly via email please send in your name and email address to: edgecomb.church@gmail.com.

The newsletter is soon to be published monthly beginning with the May issue which will be out next Friday, April 30. News deadline is next Tuesday, April 27.

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Anyone wishing to submit a story of interest, please call or email by Tuesday of each week. Beginning April 30 we are going monthly. News deadline will be Tuesday, April 27. This is a community newsletter, not just for church information. We would love to hear about your family or community event.

Email: edgecomb.church@gmail.com