

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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and loving service to humankind"*

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WORSHIP SERVICE

**The church is now open for live services
at 9:30 a.m. with coffee hour following
the service at 10:30 a.m.**

Please join us for our livestreamed services which are available at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday using link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAqYh6UMZyucMGNL21xqgA/live>

To watch any previous service at any other time use link:

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www.edgecombchurch.org

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**News for the August edition is due
by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 26,
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July Greeting Friends & Neighbors!

In a few short days we will be celebrating the 4th of July. This is such a special time of the year when we gather to celebrate our country's Independence. It is a perfect opportunity to lift our prayers of gratitude for the many blessings we share as citizens of this great land.

With July upon us, we are now officially in the summer season. The children are out of school, summer camps are open, and vacation plans are underway. Vacation time, away from our usual weekly schedules, gives us a chance to unwind and to take sabbath-keeping rest.

According to the Bible, the Sabbath or Shabbat in Hebrew, is a day set aside for rest and worship. In the Book of Exodus, the Sabbath is a day of rest on the seventh day commanded by God to be kept as a holy day of rest just as God rested from creation. The practice of keeping the Sabbath comes from the biblical commandment, *"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy"*.

In his book, *Sabbath as Praying and Play*, Eugene Peterson mentions the biblical reasons for sabbath-keeping including the activities of prayer, rest and play. Prayer, rest and play have deep inner connections. To take Sabbath time is to set aside one day a week to rest in God's grace, to stop our work and to be unproductive. It is a day to do nothing and to try not to make anything happen. This can be challenging for many of us!

With the idea of sabbath-keeping in mind, Edgecomb Community Church has several opportunities for us to be able to pray, rest and play. On Friday, July 9, our mission outreach committee is selling **Subs** for \$8.00, including chips and a drink. By ordering a sub, you can rest from making lunch, take a picnic with your family, share this simple and delicious meal together and enjoy each other's company.

Another opportunity to help with your sabbath-keeping is to order a **Takeout Bean Supper** complete with beans, hotdog, biscuit, coleslaw, and cookie all for \$8.00. The date is Saturday, July 24. Again, no work! Just pick up the meal, take it home, warm it up, gather your neighbors and spend time enjoying one another's presence.

And finally, on Friday July 23, join us at *the Labyrinth in the Field* for our **Full "Buck" Moon Labyrinth walk** at 7:30 pm and spend sabbath-keeping time in prayer and meditation in the beauty of nature under the soft light of the full moon.

Dear friends and neighbors, whatever you are planning for your vacation this summer, remember to take time to pray, rest and play. And let us all give thanks to God for our country and for the many blessings in our lives.

Grace and peace,
Kate

"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his." Hebrews 4:9-10

Church Calendar

- July 4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- July 6 Tuesday Lunch begins at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- July 9 **Sub Sale**—Pick up 11-1
- July 10 Thrift Shop open 9-1 **"Kids' Sale"**
- July 11 Celtic Prayer Service, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast** begins at 8:30 AM)
- July 13 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- July 17 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- July 18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- July 20 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- July 23 Full Moon Labyrinth Walk—Buck Moon, 7:30 PM
- July 24 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- July 24 **Take Out Baked Bean Supper**
Pick up 9-1 or 3-5 PM
- July 25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Dr. Eileen Sypher, guest minister
- July 27 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- July 31 Thrift Shop open 9-1

Thrift Shop News

The Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Shop is now OPEN for business on Tuesdays 9-2, and Saturdays 9-1. We hope you will stop in to see our updated inventory.

We are also accepting donations again of clothing, jewelry, housewares, and collectibles, but please no electronics.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Kids' Sale—Saturday, July 10 9-1



Come see our new vintage lucite/chrome lamp.

SAVE THE DATE

**2nd annual "Magic of Christmas" Sale
November 20, 9-2**

July Birthdays

Carol Johnsen	5
Evelyn Brown	6
Kathleen Grigg	7
June Finnegan	12
Roy Potter	13
Debbie Boucher	14
Ken Boyd	15
Carolyn Boyd	28
David Boucher	29



Tuesday Lunches Return

Edgecomb Community Church is pleased to announce its Tuesday lunch program is resuming as of Tuesday, June 1. The first and third Tuesdays of the month will be set aside for guests to arrive at the church parish hall for a noon meal served by Marjorie DiVece, a longtime Bowdoin College cook (now retired). This month's menus are:

July 6—Macaroni and Cheese, Tossed Salad, Assorted Cookies.

July 20—Chicken Caesar Wraps, Strawberry Smoothies, Chocolate Cupcakes.

A History of Independence Day

The Fourth of July —also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Fourth of July Becomes a Federal Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is “The Star-Spangled Banner,” the national anthem of the United States.

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July's Full Moon Labyrinth Walk

Friday, July 23 - Full "Buck Moon" Labyrinth Walk from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Come join us for our monthly Full Moon Labyrinth Walk at *The Labyrinth in the Field* lead by Pastor, Kate Pinkham. All are welcome to come to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and walk the labyrinth's path to its center and back.

We now have a beautiful new bird bath generously donated by the church's mission committee in memory of Don Kroitzsh.



An invitation to the Labyrinth and Garden Guild of Edgecomb

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As many of you know, on the grounds of Edgecomb Community Church is *the Labyrinth in the Field*, a Medieval, 7-circuit Chartres style labyrinth. This above ground labyrinth, built during the spring and summer of 2019, is created of local stones in many shapes and sizes. Recently, the labyrinth was blessed and dedicated to the people of the Town of Edgecomb, neighbors and friends.

The labyrinth is at the bottom of a small hill. It is surrounded by tall shade trees and the beginnings of a garden with rhododendron bushes, an apple tree and a lovely stone bird bath. This quiet and peaceful area is a wonderful place for people to come to walk, to mediate, to pray or to simply sit and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Edgecomb Community Church is in the process of forming the *Labyrinth and Garden Guild of Edgecomb* to help support the labyrinth and garden for the people of Edgecomb, neighbors and friends so they too can come to find peace and rest for their souls.

For further information or to get involved with *The Labyrinth and Garden Guild of Edgecomb*, please contact Rev. Kate Pinkham by emailing edgecomb.church@gmail.com or by calling 882-4060 (please leave a message).

Edgecomb Eddy School News

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for 2021/2022 school year now open. Call 882-5515 or email Principal Boursaw —
cboursaw@aos98schools.org

Free healthy meals for any children ages 18 and under available all summer in Edgecomb at Davis Island Neighborhood Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of June 28. Both breakfast and lunch available.

Check it Out!

www.edgecombchurch.org

ECC has a new Website. Bytes.co of Burlington, VT and Portland, ME has been updating the church's website all spring. It launched Thursday, June 17, and has a new fresh clean look. Take a peek and send the word out for others to check it out as well.

Cleaning Person Needed

The Edgecomb Community Church is seeking a reliable individual to work 3-4 hours per week cleaning the church building. Pay is negotiable upon receiving references. Anyone interested is asked to email the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com with contact information. Position is available for immediate employment.

Cashiers Needed

Ames True Value Hardware and Supply

447 Bath Road, Wiscasset

Full-time and Part-time positions available

Contact: lseiger@truevalue.net



New Creamery in Edgecomb

Our Story

Blanchard's Creamery in Edgecomb was established in September of 2020. While it's founder Mary Blanchard resides in Boston, MA, her Maine dairy roots date back to over 50 years ago.

Mary was born in Damariscotta in 1969. Her father, Mac Blanchard, ran Blanchard's Dairy with his father, Everett Blanchard, in Dover-Foxcroft, ME in the 1940's. Blanchard's Dairy inspired Mac to run Damariscotta's Round Top Dairy in the 1960's.

Mary searched for an existing ice cream shop to run for two years but was unable to find one. This led her to the conclusion that she simply had to learn how to make her own ice cream. For the past two years, Mary has taught herself how to make homemade ice cream with a small Wynter 1-quart machine. After much experimenting and feeding family and friends, she arrived at enough flavors to feel she could open a shop.

During the COVID pandemic, and on a chance bike ride on the Boothbay Road, Mary discovered the barn at 660 Boothbay Road in Edgecomb. She realized her dream of opening an ice cream business the moment she stepped into the historic 1800's barn.

Dating back to the early 1800s, the barn housed dairy cows, horses, and then in its most recent history, a fabric store beloved by the community. The vacant barn, with its original wood and beautiful post and beam structure, seemed to be waiting for new life, a perfect home for Blanchard's Creamery.

Blanchard opened her doors officially Memorial Day weekend in May, 2021. Since it's opening, Mary has welcomed guests and patrons from near and far. She has received exceptionally warm support from local neighbors and natives of the area and greatly appreciates the positivity and well wishes for Blanchard's Creamery.

Edgecomb Community Church

Fundraising Events

5 Mile Yard Sale Saturday, August 14



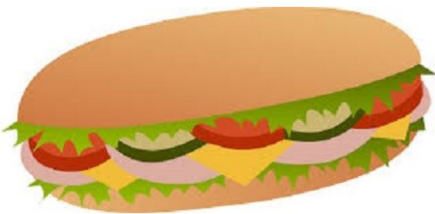
Edgecomb Community Church, Cross Point Road, Edgecomb
All proceeds to support church's Mission Outreach Activities

Edgecomb Community Church is accepting salable items for the Five Mile Yard Sale which takes place August 14th. Folks can call Dick O'Connor and leave a message if he is not available. 882-8199.

Edgecomb Community Church

Sub Sale

Friday, July 9, 2021



8 inch sub with ham, cheese, sliced vegies,
small bag of chips and soda or water

Call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 to order and
arrange for pick up or delivery.

Order deadline Wednesday, July 7.

All for \$8.00

All proceeds benefit the church's
local mission efforts.

Edgecomb Community Church

Take-Out

Baked Bean Supper

Saturday, July 24, 2021

*Baked Beans, Hotdog,
Cole Slaw, Homemade Biscuit and
Homemade Cookie*

\$8.00

Call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 to re-
serve your meal and arrange for pick up
or delivery by Thursday, July 22. Pick up
at Thrift Shop Saturday 9-1, or 3-5 p.m.
at the church.

All proceeds go towards the church's
local mission efforts.

Edgecomb Community Church Sub Sale Order Form

Friday, July 9, 2021

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Please check off which kind of sub you would like along with any and all the fixings you would like on it. A small bag of potato chips and a small soda or water will come with each sub.

8" sub ☐ White roll ☐ Sliced Tomatoes ☐ Banana Pepper Rings
☐ Wheat roll ☐ Sliced Onion ☐ Sliced Dill Pickles
☐ Ham ☐ Sliced Green Peppers ☐ Oil & Vinegar
☐ American Cheese ☐ Sliced Black Olives ☐ Mayonnaise ☐ Shredded Lettuce
Drink: ☐ Coke ☐ Diet Coke ☐ Rootbeer ☐ Moxie ☐ Water

Subs can be picked up at the church or delivered (check one): ☐ Pick up (11-1 p.m.) ☐ Delivered

(Call Marge DiVece at 882-6338 to place order and arrange pick up) Please fill out one order form per sub.

Total price \$8.00. ☐ Paid ☐ Unpaid This form can be dropped off at the church by Wed., July 7.

Proceeds will be used by the Edgecomb Community Church for local mission work.

Celtic Prayer Services Return

Beginning July 11 the Edgecomb Community Church will be holding a Celtic Prayer Service the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (except just one in July). A breakfast will be served before the service at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall free of charge. The prayer service begins at 9:30 a.m.

This is a great way to visit and meet your neighbors in a low key and informal setting, and experience a different kind of worship service.

ECC Mission News

Mission Outreach has been busy this month. We donated a Celtic birdbath for the Labyrinth. This was given in honor and memory of Don Kroitzsh. Don was such a kind and generous man. He was a natural teacher. He taught some of us how to do Zoom and to use an Ipad. His technical expertise was such a gift to our church. He inspired us and gave us confidence as we learned this new technology. We think of him often.

We have also set dates for our first **Sub Sale** (Friday, July 9—see order form above) and a **Take-Out Bean Supper** (Saturday, July 24).

Edgecomb Fire Department

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, July 3, 2021

7-11 a.m.

At the Firehouse

Route 27, Edgecomb

Local Farmers' Market

The Wiscasset Farmers' Market has just reopened for this summer season on Route 1, Wiscasset in front of the Maine Tasting Center. They are open every Wednesday 3PM to 6PM from June 2 through October 27, featuring 14 vendors including Edgecomb's own *Blue Tin Farm*.

July 2021



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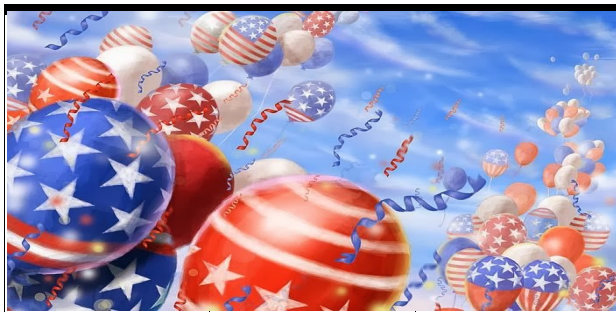
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Sat



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