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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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**News for the July edition is due
by 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 22,
at edgcomb.church@gmail.com**

**If you would like to receive this
newsletter via email, please send your
Email address to:
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We Are OPEN!!!

The pandemic is slowing down, people are vaccinated and we are ready to open our doors at the Edgcomb Community Church for Sunday worship, Tuesday lunches and the Thrift Shop. We will still be live-streaming the Sunday worship for any who wish to watch at home.

Greetings Friends & Neighbors!

It is wonderful to be saying hello to all of you and to the arrival of the month of June. This is the month when the perennials in our gardens burst forth from the earth to show off their brilliant blooms after being asleep during the winter months. I think this may be a very good metaphor for all of us, too. As we ease away from wearing masks and social distancing to gather once again, I encourage you to reflect on what you have learned during our time of separation that may help you to burst forth with new life.

Some of you have lost loved ones to Covid-19, others lost time with children and grandchildren or lost businesses and employment and so much more. Still the question may be asked, what lessons or golden nuggets can we take with us from the past year that will help us live more fully into the future of the ever-changing post-pandemic world?

Perhaps it is the awareness of how much your family means to you, or maybe you learned to rely on yourself more, or you discovered how to slow down and not rush around for things that are not as important as you once thought, or you figured out a new skill such as "Zooming" with family and friends, or watching "Live Streaming" worship services or online musical concerts that to this day continue to expand your horizons.

Maybe you read a book or watched a Netflix documentary that touched your heart and opened your eyes to the injustices that some of our brothers and sisters experience,

or maybe you simply decided to never-ever take life for granted.

People of God, as we make our way forward into the world, always remember that you are not alone. As Moses reminds us from his farewell address to the Israelites just before they entered the promise land, *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.* (Deut. 31:8)

God is with you on your journey!

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Kate

Church Calendar

- May 30 Celtic Prayer Service, 9:30 AM – Rev. Kate Pinkham
- June 1 Tuesday Lunch begins at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- June 5 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- June 6 Second Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- June 8 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- June 12 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- June 13 Third Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- June 15 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- June 19 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- June 20 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- June 20 Candlelight Summer Solstice Walk, 7:30 PM
- June 22 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- June 24 Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- June 24 Full Moon Labyrinth Walk— Strawberry Moon , 7:30 PM
- June 26 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- June 27 Fifth Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Larry Krewson

June Birthdays

Sam Soule	7
Susan Greene	9
Bob Zak	10
Ruth Sasala	10
Jean Krause	17
Henry Boudin	27



Thrift Shop OPEN!

The Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Shop is Re-opening June 1, 2021!

The church thrift shop will reopen for business on Tuesday, June 1st: hours 9-2, and Saturday 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!

Be sure to see the photo of this month's focus TREASURE - a unique book press lamp!



Monthly specials will be posted in future newsletters so please send us your email to keep informed.

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:

June 1 – Tuscan Ribolita (Italian Vegetable Stew), fingers rolls with Ham Salad and Egg Salad, and fresh garden Rhubarb Crisp.

June 15 – Corn Chowder, Tuna Melts, Tossed Salad and Brownies.

History of Father's Day

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, June 20.

Mother's Day: Inspiration for Father's Day

The "Mother's Day" we celebrate today has its origins in the peace-and-reconciliation campaigns of the post-Civil War era. During the 1860s, at the urging of activist Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia town celebrated "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of Confederate and Union soldiers.

Did you know? There are more than 70 million fathers in the United States.

However, Mother's Day did not become a commercial holiday until 1908, when—inspired by Jarvis's daughter, Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her own mother by making Mother's Day a national holiday—the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia sponsored a service dedicated to mothers in its auditorium.

Thanks in large part to this association with retailers, who saw great potential for profit in the holiday, Mother's Day caught on right away. In 1909, 45 states observed the day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution that made the second Sunday in May a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

Origins of Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2021 occurs on June 20.

Father's Day: Controversy and Commercialism

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, "that both parents should be loved and respected together."

Paradoxically, however, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

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News from The Labyrinth in the Field

Hello Labyrinth Walkers!

This month we will be holding three special events at *The Labyrinth in the Field* located next to the Edgecomb Community Church. The first event will be a Candlelight Summer Solstice Labyrinth walk from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm guided by Rev. Kate Pinkham.

The second labyrinth walking event, also guided by Rev. Pinkham, will be held on the evening of the Full "Strawberry Moon" on Thursday, June 24th from 7:30 p to 8:30 pm.

Then on Sunday, June 27th at 11:00 am, you are cordially invited to join in the blessing and dedication of *The Labyrinth in the Field* during a special outside ceremony down by the labyrinth. We hope you will join us. All are welcome! Please call the office at 882.4060 (leave message) or email edgecomb.church@gmail.com with any questions. We'll get back to you.



ECC Mission News

The people of the Edgecomb Community Church continue to support its elderly neighbors at Edgecomb Green on the Cross Point Road. Edgecomb Community Church's mission committee chairman, Gail Boudin, reports:

Mission Outreach has been active during the winter months. We remembered the residents at the Edgecomb Green on Valentines Day and Easter with cards and candy. Recently we provided safety shower grab bars for each of the resident rooms. We all are looking forward to the time when we can get together with our friends at the Green for coffee, donuts and conversation.

We have missed seeing them.



Edgecomb Eddy School News

June 1—Parent teacher Club Meeting 6-7 p.m.
via zoom

June 7—Edgecomb Eddy School Committee
Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the school

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are again available on line 24/7 through the state website. Please check with Fire Department Chief Potter first.

See <https://edgecomb.org/firedepartment/> for more information.



Our resident Plant Lady Carol Colby



Ruth Bryant has spent all spring on this puzzle!

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.



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.

History of Flag Day



Flag Day is June 14

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the American flag by Continental Congress in the First Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777. Although the 200-year anniversary of this date was celebrated by flying flags on public buildings and holding remembrances in several cities, Flag Day wasn't officially recognized until President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1949.

Bernard J. Cigrand, known to the general public as the "Father of Flag Day," worked as a school teacher at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. He held the first unofficial observance for Flag Day at that school in 1885, and today a bust of Cigrand stands in Waubeka at the National Flag Day Americanism Center.

Cigrand delivered speeches around the country about patriotism and holding an observance for the flag on June 14. He later became the president of the American Flag Day Association and the National Flag Day Society. He continued to promote his cause with backing from those organizations. According to amateur historian James L. Brown who wrote the booklet, "The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: Father of Flag Day," Cigrand once claimed he had given 2,188 speeches on the flag and patriotism. The *Chicago Tribune* noted that Cigrand "almost single-handedly" established Flag Day.

Although Cigrand is perhaps the most recognized candidate, several others have also claimed to be founders of Flag Day. In 1889 the principal of a free kindergarten, George Bolch, celebrated the anniversary of the Flag resolution at his New York City school. Soon the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day too.

In 1893 Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution passed deeming June 14 as Flag Day. That same year the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania were responsible for a resolution passed requiring the American flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. In 1937 Pennsylvania was the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

After much persistence and the support of many individuals, organizations, mayors, governors and five presidents, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation requesting that June 14 become National Flag Day. In 1927 President Coolidge issued a second proclamation, and finally in 1949 Congress approved it and it became a law.

Soon after Flag Day became official, another law passed requiring the state superintendent of public schools to make sure patriotic holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day, Lincoln's birthday and Washington's Birthday are observed in schools.

How to Observe Flag Day


The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of our national flag and everything it represents. It's also a time to remember and honor military men and women who defend our flag and our country.

The National Flag Day Foundation holds an annual observance for Flag Day on the second Sunday in June. The program includes a ceremonial raising of the flag, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem, a parade and more. The ceremony will take place on June 10, 2007, in Waubeka, WI, the birthplace of Flag Day (according to Cigrand).

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June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 ECC Lunch at noon</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-2</p> <p>Edgecomb Select Board Meet 6 pm</p> <p>Edgecomb PTC Meeting 6-7 pm via zoom</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm via zoom</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-1</p>
<p>6</p> <p>ECC Worship 9:30 am in person at the church and live streamed via YouTube</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Edgecomb Eddy School Committee Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-2</p>	9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-1</p>
<p>13</p> <p>ECC Worship 9:30 am in person at the church and live streamed via YouTube</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ECC Lunch at noon</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-2</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Schmid Advisory Committee Meetings 7 pm via zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm via zoom</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-1</p>
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