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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. 1st & 3rd Sundays.

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAqYh6UMZyucMGNL21xqgA>

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www.edgcombchurch.org

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Greetings Beloved People,

It does not seem possible we are heading into the month of August. Tempus Fugit, Time Flies!

Even as we make our way further into the second half of the year, the month of August is one of my favorites. The heat and humidity of the dog days of summer begin to wane, and we feel the first hints of the coming of fall with cooler nights and the scent of sweat dry grass fragrance in the wind.

Recently, I came across another reason to consider August as one of my favorite months. Did you know that the second week of August is *National Smile Week*? It began as a campaign for dental health. But what if this August we try a different way to celebrate National Smile Week and focus on things that make us smile and how to add more smiles to our days. What if we were to challenge ourselves to smile more often? What do you think would happen?

Did you know the Apostle Paul gives us a hint on how to keep a smile on our face? When Paul writes his epistle that some scholars call, *The letter of Joy*, he is in sitting in a Roman prison waiting to learn of the results of a trial that might lead to a sentence of death. Even so, Paul encourages the church at Philippi in their faith. He writes:

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

Would you agree that when we think positive things, we tend to smile more and that smiles are contagious? So, what if we were to challenge ourselves during the month of August to smile as much as possible! We all know a simple act of kindness can make a difference in someone's life. People struggle every day, and a smile can help to make their struggles a little more bearable.

So, here are a few challenge ideas:

Make a list of things that make you smile and then post them in a place you will see them often.

Have a smile-off with your children or grandchildren and see who can smile the longest.

When you are walking through a store, down the sidewalk, or anywhere ... make eye contact with the person you are passing and share a smile. It only takes a few seconds of your time to help brighten someone else's day and it is a feel-good moment for you too!

When you get up in the morning, smile. Think happy thoughts in that one moment; it will set the tone for your day.

Have a contest with yourself to see if you can smile more times each day during smile week than the day before. Be bold and set a quota for yourself for the week—even 1,000 smiles!

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Smile out of gratitude for all the blessings that surround you in life.

Surround your home in framed photos of you and your loved ones SMILING!

Laughter is the best medicine – and to laugh you must smile first.

I hope you will consider taking part in the August smile challenge. After 30 days, maybe smiling more will become a habit for us all! ☺

The Blessing of Light

May the blessing of light be upon you,

Light without and light within...

And in all your comings and goings,

may you ever have a kindly greeting

from any you meet along the road.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Kate



Gail Boudin submitted this recent photo of her garden behind her house. She is barely visible in the background as the garden has grown so tall this summer; it's just about over her head!

ECC Mission News

The Mission Outreach committee has been busy the past few weeks. We held a Sub Sandwich Sale event which was great fun and very popular. Margie made 126 Sub Sandwiches herself! She is FAST! Ginny wrapped the sandwiches. Carol prepped and helped everyone. Pam, Rose and Gail packed the lunches. Sam delivered lunches all around the area. This event raised \$772.

This past Saturday (July 24) we held a Take-Out Baked Bean Supper. This was the first time we have tried doing this and it went very well. The dinner included baked beans, a hot dog, coleslaw, a biscuit and molasses cookies. The meal was served in eco-friendly containers. We raised \$404 with this event.

As always, we remembered our friends at the Edgecomb Green and brought them these fun and tasty meals. We want to thank the church and community for their continued support.

We are donating \$500 to the Set For Success program.



Take-Out containers filled the church's refrigerator prior to meals being picked up or delivered on Saturday, July 24.

Next fundraisers

August 14

* 5-Mile Yard Sale 8 - 2

* Bake Sale 8 - 2

August Tuesday Lunches

The Tuesday Lunch program is off to a great start. Many returnees along with some new faces. Hope to see more of you for great food and fellowship!

This month's menus are:

August 3 – Beef Sliders, Tossed Salad, Potato Chips, Ice Cream Sundaes.

August 17 – Sliced Turkey, Potato Salad, Pickles and Chips, Ice Cream Puffs.



Church Calendar

- August 1 Tenth Sunday of Pentecost, Communion 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- August 3 Tuesday Lunch begins at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- August 7 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- August 8 Celtic Prayer Service, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast at 8:30 AM**)
- August 10 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- August 14 Thrift Shop open 9-2, **5-Mile Yard Sale 8-2, Bake Sale 8-2.**
- August 15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
- August 17 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- August 21 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- August 22 Celtic Prayer Service, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast at 8:30 AM**)
- August 22 Full Moon Labyrinth Walk—Sturgeon Moon, 7:30 PM
- August 24 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- August 28 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- August 29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 AM
- August 31 Thrift Shop open 9-2

Celtic Prayer Services

Edgecomb Community Church is now holding a Celtic Prayer Service the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. 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.

Please join us!

Thrift Shop News

ECC Thrift Shop will be opened normal hours, Tuesday 9-2, and Saturday 9-1, during the month of August. We will also be open for the Saturday, August 14th Yard Sale, 9-2 featuring sale items on tables in Fellowship Hall.



Open 9-2 Saturday, August 14, for the 5-Mile Yard Sale. See you then!
SAVE THE DATE
2nd annual "Magic of Christmas" Sale
Saturday, November 20, 9-2

August Birthdays

Ginny Kroitzch	11
Amy Poole	24
Ryan Potter	30

September Birthdays

Mitch Boucher	1
Rose Young	17
Jeff Grigg	21
Leah Potter	21
Rene Evans	28



Labyrinth News

Join us on Sunday, August 22, 2021, for our Full "Sturgeon" Moon Labyrinth Walk at 7:30 PM guided by Rev. Kate Pinkham.

How did the August Full Sturgeon Moon get its name?

According to the Farmers' Almanac, as the dog days of summer began to give way to cooler temperatures, the Algonquin fishing tribes come together on the great lakes and other major bodies of water to fish for sturgeon: massive, prehistoric fish that can grow to more than 12 feet long.

Because these fish were such an important part of the tribes' survival, August's full moon came to be known as the Full Sturgeon Moon. Native American Tribes who lived farther south knew it as the Full Red Moon, because the humid haze of late summer made the moon appear reddish in color. It was also called the Green Corn Moon or the Grain Moon, because late summer signified the beginning of the harvest, when food was put away for the cold months ahead.

This year, 2021, the August full moon will also be a Blue Moon according to the old Maine Farmer's Almanac. Usually, each season has three full moons but sometime four full moons can be in one season. When this happens, the third full moon is called a "Blue Moon." During the summer season this year, there are four full moons: June 24, July 23, Aug 22 and Sept. 20. August is the third full moon of this years' summer season.

The seasonal definition for the name, Blue Moon, can be traced back to the August 1937 issue of the Maine Farmer's Almanac, which explains that the moon "usually comes full 12 times in a year, three times for each season. Occasionally, however, there will come a year when there are 13 full moons during a year, not the usual 12. And that extra full moon means that one of the four seasons will contain four full moons instead of the usual three. The more common definition of a Blue Moon is when there are two full moons in a single calendar month.

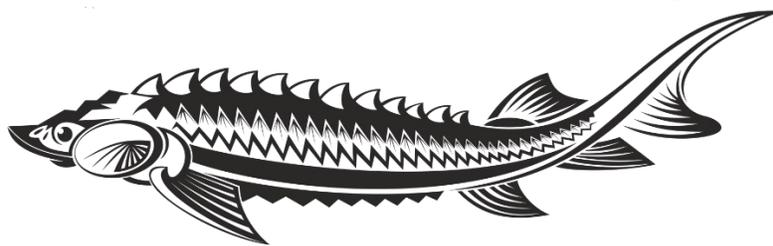


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Sources:

www.farmersalmanac.com/augusts-full-sturgeon-moon-17653

www.space.com/39238-full-moon-names.html

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 Community Church Fundraising Events

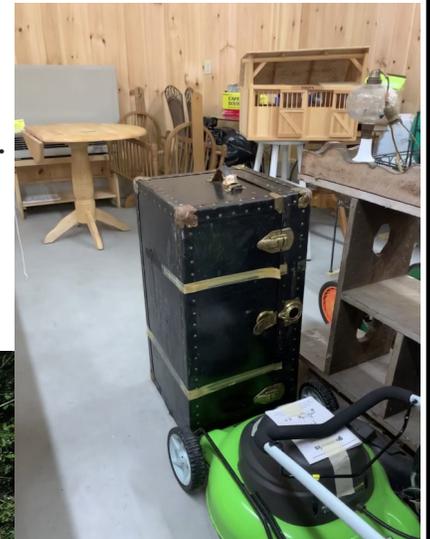
5-Mile Yard Sale and Bake Sale

Saturday August 14, 8-2 PM

ECC will hold its highly anticipated Yard Sale, Saturday, August 14th, from 8-2 on our upper parking area in conjunction with the 5-mile Yard Sale on Cross Point Road. All sorts of household items, furniture, tools, toys, small items will be featured. "If you need it, it probably will be here". It's a summer event not to be missed.

Bake Sale

Bake Sale will be held downstairs in the church parish hall. Facilities available as well as free coffee. Please stop in and check us out. 8-2



5 Mile Yard Sale Saturday, August 14



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

Edgecomb Eddy School News

SAVE THE DATE
SET FOR SUCCESS
AUGUST 22, 2021 1-3PM
BOOTHBAY REGION YMCA



Shakespeare at the Labyrinth

A “Midsummer Night’s Dream” by William Shakespeare is being performed at the Edgecomb Community Church Labyrinth August 5 through 8, by the local community theater group River Company of Damariscotta.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and will be on sale online via their website:
<https://www.rivercompany.org/> and at the door.

Bring your own picnic (carry out all your garbage), chairs or blankets to sit on, and umbrellas in case of light rain. Show time is 6 pm Thursday-Saturday, and 3 pm Sunday.



The members of the Edgecomb Community Church would like to send out their condolences to the family of Ruth Davison who passed away July 16, 2021. She was a longtime and much loved member of her local church. She will be sadly missed.

Edgecomb Fire Department



Fish Fry
Saturday,
August 14
11-2 p.m.

Fried Fish, Fried Chicken, French Fries



25 Route 1, Edgecomb, Maine
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STORE HOURS
Monday-Wednesday 7-2
Thursday & Friday 7-6
Saturday & Sunday 8-2

Owners: Emily & Nick Mirabile

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>ECC Worship 9:30 am in person at the church and live streamed via YouTube</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Edgecomb Ed- dy School Com- mittee Meeting 6-7 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-2 ECC Lunch at noon</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm Midsummer Night's Dream at Labyrinth 6:00 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Midsummer Night's Dream at Labyrinth 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ECC Thrift Store 9-1 Midsummer Night's Dream at Labyrinth 6:00 PM</p>
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