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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. 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:

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www.edgcombchurch.org

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Greetings Beloved Friends!

Where did the time go? As we say goodbye to summer, let us give thanks for the blessings of the season: long days of sunlight, T-shirts, short and sandals, the taste of crisp veggies from the garden, the smell of freshly cut grass, the sound of the early morning bird calls through open windows, fragrant warm earthy breezes, family cookouts and laughter, sitting on the back porch at twilight and more. We are blessed in so many ways.

And yet, as we enter September, we are also aware that our country and the world are facing challenging situations causing violence, hardship, disappointment, and fear. During times as these, when we don't know what to do, one thing we can do, is pray.

So, I invite you to join with me as we enter the month of September to pray for our country, the world and ourselves: Holy God,

We pray for the end of the pandemic... for all who are sick and for families and friends who have lost loved ones to covid-19 and its variants. We pray for the physical and mental wellbeing of our nurses and doctors as they continue to care for the sick.

We pray for our children, their parents, teachers, and school administrators as they begin the new school year and care for our little ones, as the pandemic rages on.

We pray for our beautiful planet earth, Your Garden God, the place we call home. We recognize the sacredness of your creation and give you thanks for such a gift. Help us to tend to it with love and care.

We pray for the victims of the wildfires in the west and other places in the world. We pray for those who have lost loved one, pets, homes, businesses... everything!

We pray for the people Afghanistan and Haiti and ask you to surround them with your strength and love. And God, give courage and strength to the care workers and government officials helping the people in these countries.

We pray for our elected government leaders, that instead of focusing only on things that divide us as a nation, work together to find solutions to the countless issues facing our country and the world.

And finally, God, we pray for ourselves and for our families and friends. They are such gifts in our lives! We have learned through this pandemic, Gracious God, just how beautiful and yet fragile life is. So, we ask you to help strengthen our resolve to never take our lives, or those of our loved ones for granted, and to always remember your commandment that we love one another as you love us. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen.

Peace,
Rev. Kate

Church Calendar

- September 4 Thrift Shop open 9-1 *Summer Clearance Sale*—everything 50% off
- September 5 Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost, Communion 9:30 AM - Rev. Larry Krewson
- September 7 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- September 11 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- September 12 Celtic Prayer Service, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast** at 8:30 AM)
- September 14 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- September 18 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- September 19 Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
Midcoast Association Maine Conference, UCC, Annual Fall Meeting, 2:00 PM at ECC
- September 21 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- September 22 Candlelight Autumn Equinox Labyrinth Walk 7:30 PM
- September 25 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- September 26 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost, 9:30 AM—Rev. Peter Foss (**Breakfast** at 8:30 AM)
- September 28 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

Summer Clearance Sale

Tuesday, August 31, 9-2

Saturday, September 4, 9-1

50% off on all clothing

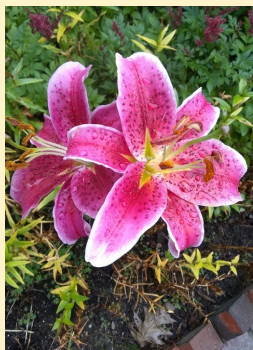
All shorts on specially marked rack—50 cents!

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

Ed Hamilton	1
Dick O'Connor	7
Steven Wijdzinski	8
Eliza Chase	9
Pam Soule	23



SAVE THE DATE

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

Edgecomb Community Church Fundraising Events

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all who turned out for the annual 5-Mile Yard Sale at the Edgecomb Community Church, Saturday, August 14. It was a record-breaking turnout. A total of over \$6600 was raised between the yard sale, Thrift Store and bake sale. The Thrift Store had over 150 visitors that day and raised over \$1200. The yard sale brought in over \$4400 with several tourists buying as well as our local friends and neighbors.



Mission News Update

A \$500 donation has been given to the *Set for Success* program to buy school supplies for area children using funds raised from the church's recent fundraising events. Raising locally to aid locally.

The Mission Committee raised over \$1000 from the bake sale alone. The pictures below show the food tables with all their lovely homemade items. MaryJane on the left donated over 200 jars of her homemade jams and jellies, featuring peony jelly.



Labyrinth News

*Autumn Equinox Candlelight
Labyrinth Walk
at the Labyrinth in the Field*

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:30 pm

All are Welcome!

Come join us!



August Tuesday Lunches

Come on by for our 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month lunch program at noon.

This months menus:

September 7 – French Bread Pizza, Italian Vegetable Stew, Cookies and Ice Cream.

September 21 – Yellow Split Pea Soup, Cheesey Zucchini Biscuits, Tossed Salad, Blue berry Lemon Cottage Pudding.

Inspirational Quotes for Students

Martin H. Fischer – "All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind."

Ray LeBlond – "You learn something every day if you pay attention."

E.C. McKenzie – "Sign on a high school bulletin board in Dallas: Free every Monday through Friday – knowledge. Bring your own containers."

Ernest Renan – "The simplest schoolboy is now familiar with truths for which Archimedes would have sacrificed his life."

Dana Stewart Scott – "Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later."



Alvin Toffler – "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."

Mark Twain – "Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

Quotes About Teachers and Schools

Susan B. Anthony – "If all the rich and all of the church people should send their children to the public schools they would feel bound to concentrate their money on improving these schools until they met the highest ideals."

T.H. Huxley – "I care not what subject is taught, if only it be taught well."

E.C. McKenzie – "Education helps you earn more. But not many schoolteachers can prove it."

"Schoolteachers are not fully appreciated by parents until it rains all day Saturday."

Donald D. Quinn – "If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job."

Lily Tomlin – "I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."



WOODSONG Market & Café

Have you had a chance to stop by Woodsong Market and Cafe? The new business, located on Route 1, is locally owned and operated by Edgcomb residents, Nick and Emily Mirabile. Prior to the pandemic the Mirabiles owned Harbor-Tech and the Java Tech Cafe in Boothbay Harbor. The high rents of the small mall were too much for the couple to sustain during the shut down but they were then thrilled to find a new home for their business in Edgcomb.

Since then the local couple have grown Woodsong Market, recently expanding to have an indoor seating area, customer restrooms, and a selection of Fine Wines and Maine Craft Beer. Their menu includes New York Bagels, Sandwiches (Breakfast & Lunch), Cinnamon Buns (Fresh and Hot every morning), and Pizza! Woodsong Market also offers many Maine based products and gifts.

The couple isn't new to the deli business. Emily grew up working at her parents Deli in Boothbay Harbor, The Eastside Market. One of the sandwiches at Woodsong actually came from the original family deli: The Eastside, Turkey & Swiss on a bulky roll with cranberry horseradish sauce!

Along with the Market and Cafe, Woodsong also develops photos (regular and large format), makes copies, takes passport photos and is the spot for computer or other technology based help. Emily and Nick live in Edgcomb with their son Oscar and have another little boy on the way!



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STORE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 7-2

Thursday & Friday 7-6

Saturday & Sunday 8-2

Owners: Emily & Nick Mirabile

Edgcomb Eddy School News

Thursday, September 2

Welcome Back to School Meet-Up

4:00-6:00

6th Grade Chewonki Information

Session 5:30-6:00

Tuesday, September 7

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Public Town Forum

The Edgcomb Public Forum has been postponed due to the surge in Covid-19 infections in Lincoln County. The Select Board will reschedule it for later this fall.

Among the topics to be considered at the Forum are how the Town Hall might be repurposed to better serve town needs, and formation of a Bicentennial Committee to plan for the 2024 anniversary of Edgcomb's founding. Stay tuned for further details.



History of Labor Day



Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Early Adopters

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

McGuire v. Maguire: Who Founded Labor Day?

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title.

Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist Matthew Maguire, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the *Paterson Morning Call* published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades, picnics and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street parade to exhibit "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known and the labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

Resource: <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>

September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4 ECC Thrift Store 9-1 <i>Summer Clearance Sale!</i> <i>Everything 50% off</i>
5 ECC Worship 9:30 am in person at the church and live streamed via YouTube Guest Minister Rev. Larry Krewson	6 Labor Day	7 ECC Thrift Store 9-2 ECC Lunch at noon Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall	8	9	10	11 ECC Thrift Store 9-1
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