

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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*"To bring together our communities in spirituality
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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Greetings Beloved People,

Hurray for November! As much as I enjoy Advent and Christmas, I must admit my all-time favorite holiday is Thanksgiving Day. As we enter the month of November, I am already looking forward to Thanksgiving. It is the perfect day to take stock of all our blessings. And even though we are making our way through the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic, there is still so much to be grateful for.

Recently I came across a website I want to share with you. The website is *gratefulness.org: A Network of Grateful Living*. The organization, *A Network of Grateful Living*, was founded in 2000 by Brother David Steindl-Rast, OSB, known as the "grandfather of gratitude" and one of the most important figures in the modern interfaith dialogue movement.

On the *gratefulness.org* website, there is a definition for the word gratitude I found helpful. In her book, *Living in Gratitude: A Journey That Will Change Your Life*, Angeles Arrien defines gratitude this way: "Gratitude is a feeling that spontaneously emerges from within. However, it is not simply an emotional response; it is also a choice we make. We can choose to be grateful, or we can choose to be ungrateful—to take our gifts and blessings for granted. As a choice, gratitude is an attitude or disposition."

So, what would it be like if we were to choose gratefulness, not just on Thanksgiving Day this year, but on every day during the month of November? What if every morning we were to wake up grateful? What if gratefulness became our attitude?

Wishing you all a grateful November!

Blessings and peace,

Kate

Rev. Kate Pinkham, Pastor

"Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CEB)

Church Calendar

- November 2 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- November 6 Thrift Shop open 9-1
- November 7 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service—9:30 AM. with Rev. Danielle Arnett Keller
(Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall back 1 hour)
- November 9 Thrift Shop open 9-2
- November 13 Thrift Store open 9-1
- November 14 *Celtic Prayer Service*, 9:30 AM
Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast** at 8:30 AM)
- November 16 Tuesday Lunch at noon and Thrift Shop open 9-2
- November 19 Full Beaver Moon Candlelight Labyrinth Walk 6:00 PM
- November 20 Thrift Shop open 9-1 (Christmas Sales now to Dec. 11)
- November 21 Reign of Christ Sunday—Worship at 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham
Stewardship Sunday
- November 23 Pie Sale; Thrift Shop open 9-2
- November 25, 2021—Thanksgiving Day
- November 27 Thrift Store open 9-1; Bake Sale
- November 28 First Sunday of Advent—*Celtic Prayer Service*, 9:30 AM—Rev. Kate Pinkham (**Breakfast** at 8:30 AM)
- November 30 Thrift Store open 9-2; Bake Sale featuring homemade breads

November Birthdays

Joan Spurgat	17
Natalie Potter	18

December Birthdays

Marjorie DiVece	9
George Malone	16
Sofia Chase	18
George Green	22



Church Chatter

Since the pandemic, communications have been sparse and often lacking. To remedy this situation, the third Sunday of each month after/during coffee hour, members and friends are asked to gather and discuss events and issues that are of interest to the church family and community.

Anyone interested in attending is always welcome. Either come down to the parish hall after Sunday worship or just drop in around 10:30 a.m. for coffee, refreshments and some good conversation.

Dear Members and Friends,

After prayerful consideration and discussion, the Edgecomb Community Church Council at their meeting held on Wednesday, October 24, decided that as of Sunday, November 14, everyone must wear a mask when indoor and during worship, regardless of your vaccination status as recommended by the US CDC for our county at this current time. We want to help keep each other safe.

Edgecomb Community Church Council



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 AM.

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!

Stewardship Sunday

Dearly Beloved Church,

Scripture calls people of faith to *give* as a sign of gratitude to God. As a spiritual practice, your gifts of time, talent, energy, and monetary resources make it possible for Edgecomb Community Church, UCC, to do what churches do: offer worship services and opportunities to serve our community. By contributing financially, you help provide compensation for the Pastor, the Church Coordinator, the cleaning person and keep the church building heated, lighted, and maintained for the congregation and the greater community throughout the year.

Financial stewardship is discerning what you can offer the church financially in the year to come. It is then acting on that discernment by signing up to give a certain portion of your income to the church in the form of a pledge, at a specific time such as weekly or monthly. Pledging helps the Treasurer and Trustees to prepare a realistic budget for the coming year, 2022. We also welcome with gratitude all financial gifts whether they are pledges, regular offerings, one-time donations or proceeds from fundraising events.

The ECC Stewardship letter will be mailed soon along with a pledge card and stamped, self-addressed envelope in case you wish to return your pledge by mail. You may also email your pledge to our Treasurer, Tom Boudin: tboudin53@gmail.com.

All gifts and pledges will be prayed over and dedicated on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021. To prepare for this special Stewardship Sunday, I invite you to consider sharing the answer to this question, "What does the Church Mean to Me," or words about the spiritual and everyday benefits of supporting all we do together as a congregation. As Pastor, I humbly and gratefully thank you for all the ways you support Edgecomb Community Church.

Rev. Kate Pinkham



November Full Moon Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

You are cordially invited to the next full moon candlelight labyrinth walk to be held on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the *Labyrinth in the Field* next to Edgecomb Community Church, UCC.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the full moon in November is called the Full Beaver Moon because this is the time of year when beavers begin to take shelter in their lodges, having laid up sufficient stores of food for the long winter ahead. At the time of the fur trade in North America, it was also the season to trap beavers for their thick, winter-ready pelts.

Come and join us on this special evening and walk the *Labyrinth in the Field* by candlelight. It is a wonderful way to walk in quiet meditation while enjoying the evening in the beauty and wonder of God's amazing creation.



The *Labyrinth in the Field* is located next to the church building at 15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb, Maine. It is medieval 7-circuit Chartres style designed after a thirteenth-century labyrinth at the Chartres Cathedral in France.

For further information please connect the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com or call the office at 882.4060. The event is free to all. The *Labyrinth in the Field* is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week year-round - but snow is not removed during winter months.

October's Full Moon Candlelight Labyrinth Walk drew a record crowd of 22 guests. This photo taken on Wednesday evening, October 20, shows just how beautiful this event can be.



"Keep All Canadians Busy Buy 1918 Victory Bonds"; poster depicts an industrious beaver preparing to topple a tree.

Source: commons.wikimedia.org

November Tuesday Lunches

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

This months menus:

November 2— Baked Beans, Hotdogs,
Cole Slaw, Steamed Brown Bread,
Blueberry Cottage Pudding
with Lemon Sauce

November 16— Turkey Dinner:
Mashed Potato, Butternut Squash,
Stuffing, Gravy, Peas, Rolls, Pumpkin
Pie

ECC Mission News

The Edgecomb Community Church Mission Outreach Committee will be preparing gift baskets for the residents of Edgecomb Green. They will be given before Thanksgiving. They are always so excited to receive these small gifts of love from their neighbors at the church.

A Christmas Gift Basket Raffle is also underway at the church's Thrift Store for \$1 a ticket to raise monies for the mission outreach committee. The drawing will be on December 11, the last day the Thrift Store will be open this year. Other fundraisers for mission are the Pie Sale on Tuesday, November 23 (see poster later in this newsletter), several mini bake sales from November 20 to December 11 during Thrift Store hours (see poster later in this newsletter), and Grab Bags for local fuel assistance. A minimum \$3 donation allows donors to pick a wrapped gift of their choosing.

So please visit the Thrift Store between November 20 and December 11 to do a little shopping while helping out your neighbors in need.



Photo by KaLisa Veer on Unsplash

Advent Study on Zoom

Join us for a 4-week Advent study as we prepare for the
Coming of the Lord.

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Dates: Thursdays, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, and Dec. 23

We'll be meeting on Zoom

Please let Rev. Kate know you are interested in attending
by emailing the church at:
edgecomb.church@gmail.com



Dick and Joanne O'Connor recently visited with
former member Ruth Sasala (Middle) in Con-
necticut. Ruth is doing well.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL



FROM THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Thrift Store Holiday Happenings

Beginning Saturday, November 20, 2021, the Thrift Store will be featuring seasonal and holiday clothing and décor. Rather than holding one major event, this year's Magic of Christmas sale will be spread out over several weeks until December 11, the last day the thrift shop will be open until April, 2022.

A raffle drawing will also be held Saturday, November 20, for a Stonewall Kitchen Fall Basket. Two other raffles will be drawn on December 11 — one for a handmade reversible holiday quilt, the other for a Christmas Basket. An ongoing Christmas Grab Bag sale will continue until December 11, with all donations going toward the Boothbay Harbor Fuel Assistance Fund.

Also for sale during these weeks will be homemade baked items, and crafts by the church's Busy Hands group. Proceeds from these additional sales will benefit the church's Mission Fund. Shop local and shop often!

BAKE SALE FEATURED ITEMS



Tuesday, 11/20 — Brownies and Bars

Saturday, 11/23 — Pie Sale

Tuesday, 11/27 — Sweet Breads and Muffins
or *All Things Pumpkin*

Tuesday, 11/30 — Yeast Breads and Rolls

Saturday, 12/4 — Fudge or *We Love Chocolate*

Tuesday, 12/7 — Cakes

Saturday, 12/11 — Christmas Cookies and
Breads

Of course, more than these featured items will be available for sale each day. Come and let us do your holiday baking!

BUSY HANDS CRAFTS FOR SALE



The women of the Busy Hands group have been busy all through the pandemic preparing beautiful homemade items to sell during the holidays. Inventory will be swapped out and added to each week. Some items available will be:

Baby Sweaters and Blankets

Hats, Mittens and Scarves

Christmas Ornaments

Pin Cushions

More ECC Fundraising Events

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Tuesday, November 23

9-noon at the church

15 Cross Point Road

Edgecomb, Maine

Priced from \$6 to \$17

Delivery available

To preorder call Marjorie DiVece

882-6338

Fuel Assistance Fund Grab Bag Sale



From November 20 to December 11, a table with gift wrapped items will be available at the church parish hall/ Thrift Store for a minimum \$3.00 donation. All proceeds will be given to the Boothbay Harbor Fuel Assistance Fund. A fun way to support our neighbors in need! Please be generous.

November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall	2 ECC Lunch at noon—Baked Beans	3	4 Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6 ECC Thrift Store 9-1
7 ECC Worship 9:30 am w/ guest minister Danielle Arnett Keller Daylight Savings Ends (Fall back 1 hour)	8	9	10	11	12	13 ECC Thrift Store 9-1
14 ECC Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM Breakfast at 8:30 AM	15 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall	16 ECC Lunch at noon—Turkey Dinner	17 Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	18 Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	19 ECC Full Moon Labyrinth Walk 6:00 PM - Beaver Moon	20 ECC Thrift Store 9-1 featuring Holiday Décor, Raffles, Bake Sale and Home-made Crafts
21 ECC Worship 9:30 am Reign of Christ Sunday Stewardship Sunday	22	23 ECC Thrift Store 9-2 featuring Holiday Décor, Raffles, Bake Sale and Home-made Crafts Pie Sale 9-noon	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27 ECC Thrift Store 9-1 featuring Holiday Décor, Raffles, Bake Sale and Home-made Crafts
28 ECC Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM Breakfast at 8:30 AM First Sunday of Advent	29 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall	30 ECC Thrift Store 9-2 featuring Holiday Décor, Raffles, Bake Sale and Home-made Crafts				





Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

Community Survey

Greetings Neighbors and Friends! We are conducting a town survey and invite you to participate by filling in the information on this form. The goal of this survey is to learn how Edgecomb Community Church may better serve our community. The survey will take you approximately 5 minutes to fill out.

All answers will be held confidentially. After you have filled in the information, please return it to the Edgecomb Community Church, P.O. Box 113, Edgecomb, ME 04556 or drop it off at the church Thrift Store any Tuesday or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please return this form by December 1, 2021. We look forward to hearing from you. (Personal information optional)

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

1. What do you think the greatest needs are in our area? _____

2. If you were looking for a church, what would be important to you?

As a gift for your participation,
please fill in the following information to enter our special drawing.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

(Survey continued on next page)

Survey Page 2

Although realizing we cannot provide all these services, we are trying to understand the needs of the community. Please check any activities you would like to see offered and add your own ideas below:

☐ Bible studies

☐ Classes on household finance management

☐ Summer activities for children

☐ Summer camps for children

☐ Minor home repairs

☐ Gardening classes

☐ Mom and pre-school gathering

☐ Basic Cooking

☐ Canning & Freezing

☐ Do you have other ideas?

☐ Yes, I would like further information on Edgecomb Community Church, UCC and the community labyrinth.

☐ Yes, place my name on the email list to receive *The Community Connection*, the church's monthly community newsletter: Email: _____ (Your email address will only be used for you to receive the newsletter and Edgecomb Thrift Shop special sales) We, at Edgecomb Community Church, UCC, care about you and our community. Please share comments, requests, or needs for which we can pray: _____

Thank you for filling out this survey!