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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:

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

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The Gift of Love

I like to think of February as the month set aside to express our love for one another whether it is your spouse, a significant other or friends and neighbors! So, what if this year we decided to make all 28 days of February count as a gift of love by reaching out with special valentines during the entire month. Below are some suggestions you might find helpful to show your love and appreciation. These are only suggestions! My hope is they trigger your own special gifts of love ideas. Let's give it a try and see what happens. Sending my love to all of you! - Kate

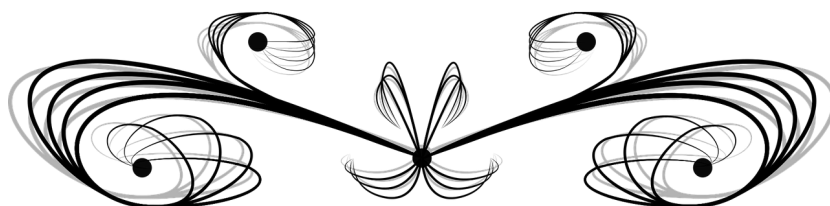
- Tues. Feb. 1 The "Gift of Love" begins today. Pray for all leaders: World, National, State and Local
- Weds. Feb. 2 Email or send a note to someone you haven't seen or talked with for a while.
- Thurs. Feb. 3 Write down five things you love about life and are grateful for.
- Fri. Feb. 4 Send a note to the Edgcomb Postmaster, wishing him a happy retirement. *Edgcomb Postmaster, 5 Cross Road, Edgcomb, ME 04556*
- Sat. Feb. 5 Give your pet a extra pet, hug and kiss and thank them for bringing so much joy to your life.
- Sun. Feb. 6 Send a fun joke a good friend to show love by making them laugh.
- Mon. Feb. 7 Make a financial donation to your favorite charity in the name of love.
- Tues. Feb. 8 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to the staff at the Edgcomb Green for all they do to keep our elders safe & loved.
To the Dedicated Staff of Edgcomb Green, 31 Cross Point Road, Edgcomb, ME 04556
- Weds. Feb. 9 Make a batch of cookies and bring them to someone you know is having a difficult time so they know they are loved.
- Thurs. Feb. 10 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to the Edgcomb Fire Department. C/O Chief Roy Potter, P.O. Box 313, Edgcomb, ME 04556
- Fri. Feb. 11 Call someone you think and care about but haven't talked to them

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Gifts of Love

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- Sat. Feb. 12 Pray for the President and the members of the Senate and Congress.
- Sun. Feb. 13 Bring a non-perishable food item to Church to support the Boothbay Food Pantry
- Mon. Feb. 14 Give your significant other a special treat so they know how much you appreciate a Love them.
- Tues. Feb. 15 Open your door, look out and see the beauty of God's creation that surrounds you. Give thanks and send loving thought to the trees, the animals in the woods, the ocean, and the air you breathe. Appreciate God's love and abundance expressed through nature.
- Weds. Feb. 16 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to Lincoln County Sheriff's Office C/O Sheiff Todd B. Brackett, 42 Bath Road, P.O. Box 611, Wiscasset, ME 04578
- Thurs. Feb. 17 Take time to love yourself. Eat your favorite food or read a favorite poem, watch a favorite movie, listen to your favorite song. Give thanks for your body, heart, mind and soul that makes you the special person you are.
- Fri. Feb. 18 Listen to your spouse or a friend without interrupting
- Sat. Feb. 19 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to the Select Board and others at Edgecomb Town Hall thanking them for all they do for the Town of Edgecomb, PO Box 139. Edgecomb, ME 04556
- Sun. Feb. 20 Tell someone how wonderful they are and how happy you are to have them in your life
- Mon. Feb 21 Be intentional to being kind to people who serve you whether at the grocery store, the DMV, a restaurant, or a convenience store. Think of compliment to give.
- Tues. Feb. 22 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to the Medical Staff at Lincoln-Health Miles Campus, 35 Miles St, Damariscotta, ME 04543
- Weds. Feb. 23 Take the time to sincerely compliment someone...What a delicious meal, you look great, I love your sense of humor, you are so clever....etc.
- Thurs. Feb. 24 Thank our local heroes – Send a card of appreciation to the principle and teachers at Edgecomb Eddy School, 157 Boothbay Rd, Edgecomb, Maine ME 04556
- Fri. Feb. 25 Write a letter to your state or local representative expressing your love and concern for the issues effecting people less fortunate.
- Sat. Feb. 26 Call your best friend, sister, brother, son, daughter, etc. and tell what you love about them
- Sun. Feb. 27 Ask your neighbor if they need anything at the grocery store the next time you go.
- Sun. Feb. 28 Feed the birds. Check out this YouTube video link for ideas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPeFayGr9ZU>



Church Calendar

February 1 — *The Gift of Love* begins and lasts all Month!

February 6 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Worship at 9:30AM

February 13 — Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM

February 20 — Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, Worship at 9:30 AM

February 27 — Transfiguration Sunday Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM

Outrageous Valentine Breakfast

February 12, 2022, 8-10 a.m.

25 Industrial Way, Boothbay, ME

Serving a selection of innovative breakfast items including Belgian waffle station for your dining enjoyment. Take out meals available. (Snow date Saturday, Feb. 19, weather permitting).

Sponsored by American Legion Post 36 Auxiliary

Come dressed in an outrageous outfit, hats, etc. as prizes will be given out for most outrageous Valentine attire!

February Birthdays

Joe Evans	1
Gail Boudin	11
Kate Pinkham	18
Marsha Potter	22
George Chase	26

March Birthdays

Ruth Bryant	17
Marie Cooper	18
Fran Mague	28



Church Re-opening

At its January 27 Edgecomb Community Church Council meeting it was agreed that in-person services will resume Sunday, February 6. Live-streaming will continue as usual. No singing, no communion, no coffee hours and no Celtic prayer breakfasts will not be offered at this time due to the still large number of Covid cases in the area. Social distancing practices will continue and masks are to be upgraded to N95 masks, which will be made available at the services.

Hand sanitizer at the door and signing in will also remain in practice for maintaining a safe environment for all members and guests. Vaccinations are still strongly encouraged.

It is hoped that these safety measures can be eased in the near future, but for now we have to be content with being present for each other.

Celtic Prayer Services

Edgecomb Community Church will resume offering a Celtic Prayer Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The breakfasts will be put on hold until such time as it is safe to share a meal together. 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!

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Annual Meeting

The ECC Annual Meeting for the year 2021 has been postponed until Sunday, March 27, 2022. Hopefully by then the latest surge of Covid cases will have waned and the members can meet again in person.

All members, please mark your calendars:

Sunday, March 27, 2022

And be sure to attend the annual meeting following service and coffee hour that morning. Or you may arrive afterwards for the 11:00 a.m. meeting.

ECC Mission News

During these cold and sometimes icy weeks, the Mission Committee has undertaken a bimonthly soup and bread outreach to its older friends and neighbors who could use a hot meal and a visit from a kind neighbor. Thursday, January 20, 15 meals were delivered to 9 households in the greater Edgecomb area (including Wiscasset, Boothbay and Newcastle).



Five more soup and bread deliveries are scheduled for February 3rd and 17th, March 3rd, 17th and 31st. After that the Tuesday Lunch Program should be resuming in early April, although meal deliveries may still continue on an as needed basis.

Shown in this picture are the soup makers Carol Colby (left) and Marjorie DiVece (right).

Edgecomb Community Church

Sanctuary Painting Completed

The week of January 3-6 the crew of *Picture Perfect Pro Painting LLC* completely painted the inside of the church sanctuary giving it a total facelift. The room now has that newly painted fresh clean look. Owner Zachary Gagnon along with his crew, shown below, did the job in four days. Crew: Back Row—L-R: Jose, Antony, Zachary, foreman Horge. Front row—L-R: Paolo, Marco, Max and Fernando.

A big thank you to the team.

Donations are being accepted to help pay for this project and may be sent to Edgecomb Community Church, P.O. Box 113, Edgecomb, ME 04556.

Come some Sunday to see their work and visit this beautiful small town church. Built in 1881 by William Henry Decker, it is a local treasure to be appreciated and maintained.



Blast from the Past

Going through old church records revealed this receipt from a painting job from 1929. Wow, have things changed. The price today is in the thousands of dollars to do the same job. The names are all familiar ones as well.

Painting and Re- pairs on First Cong. Church.		F. G. GREENOUGH Contractor and Builder	
Cash paid - Aug. 24 to		NORTH EDGEComb, MAINE, <u>Oct. 3,</u> 1929.	
C. C. Blagdon 160.45		<u>Cash Received</u>	
Aug. 8. Fred Sherman for installing lightning- 75.00		Aug. 9. Repair Fund, 1st Nat. Bank, Lam- ariscotta. 156.71	
Aug. 17 1/2 day Carpenter labor 2.50		Sept. 23 Geo. C. Huff, Treas. (Men's supper) 15.73	
" 17 4 doz. 2 1/2" screws .20		Oct. 3 Repair Fund, 1st Nat. Bank, Lam- ariscotta 71.38	
" 7 8 1/2 lbs. Sheet Lead 1.27		# 243.82	
" 7 1 lb. Nails .05		# 243.82	
" 7 3 lbs. Roofing Cement .60		# 243.82	
Oct. 1 7/8 day's labor 3.75		# 243.82	
# 243.82		# 243.82	
<u>Gift Stock and Labor</u>			
Aug. 17. 350 lbs. Lead 51.63		# 93.33	
25 gals. Oil 27.50		# 93.33	
3 " Turp. 3.00		# 93.33	
1 gal. Grease 3.50		# 93.33	
C. C. Blagdon - 85.63		# 93.33	
7.70		# 93.33	
# 93.33		# 93.33	



A line above mentions a men's supper. Here is a photo of one of those work crews. Do you remember any of these local characters? Church suppers as we knew them may be a thing of the past. A take-out supper is planned for some time in the coming year.



LET US FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Appointments available in Bath and Wiscasset

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME WAS LESS THAN \$58,000 IN 2021 YOU LIKELY QUALIFY FOR FREE TAX SERVICES PROVIDED BY A TRAINED AND IRS CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER.



**CALL 211 OR VISIT
CASHMAINE.ORG TO SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT TODAY!**



United Way of
Mid Coast Maine

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History of Valentine's Day

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

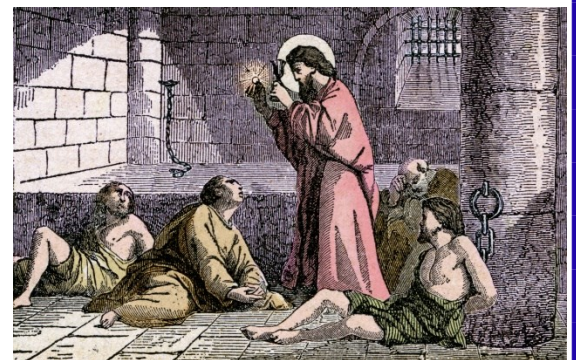
Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity but was outlawed—as it was deemed "un-Christian"—at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine's Day should be a day for romance. The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine's Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem "Parliament of Fowles," writing, "'For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.'"

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year (more cards are sent at Christmas).

Citation Information <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>



Saint Valentine, who according to some sources is actually two distinct historical characters who were said to have healed a child while imprisoned and executed by decapitation. Fototeca Gilardi/Getty Images

2022 'WinterFest'

Wednesday, February 16th - Saturday, February 19th

Hosted by Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Department

at the Wiscasset Community Center

Wednesday, February 16th

\$\$ **Public Dinner** 5:00 pm Senior Center

Call for reservations until Monday, 2/14

Thursday, February 17th

\$\$ **Cribbage Tournament** 5:30 pm Senior Center

Friday, February 18th

\$\$ **Paint Night with "Canvases & Cocktails"*** 6:00 - 8:00 pm

\$35/person, all supplies included (tickets must be purchased online prior to event, limited availability)

\$\$ **Silent Auction** will open at 5 pm and be ongoing until 3 pm Saturday afternoon!

Saturday, February 19th

\$\$ **Community Breakfast ** in Senior Center 7:30 - 9:30 am

\$7.00 per person, Kids 4 & under **FREE!**

Snowshoeing w/ Chelsea! 9:00 - 10:30 am

Outdoor warming FIRE PIT w/ S'mores! All Day!

Ice Skating All Day!

'Mammals of Maine' by Chewonki, 10:00 - 11:00 am Located in the Senior Center

Children's Outdoor Activities 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Snowmobile Rides 10:00 - 2:00 pm

\$\$ **Hot Lunch!*** 11:30 - 4:00 pm

Pizza, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Macaroni & Cheese, Chili and more available for purchase. Meal deals!

\$\$ **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT** in the WCC Gym! 2:30 Start time!

\$10.00 pp, teams (2 people per team) random draw. Cash prizes to 1st & 2nd place finishers.

ALL EVENTS FREE - unless otherwise noted (\$\$)

*****Denotes activities that will benefit the Cooper DiPerri Scholarship Fund!***



www.WiscassetRec.com



February 2022



Sun

Mon



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Sat

		1 EES PTC Meeting 6-7 p.m. via zoom	2 Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	3 Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm Soup & Bread delivery	4	5
6 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM	7 Edgecomb Eddy School Committee Meeting 5-7 p.m. Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall	8	9 Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	10	11	12 Valentine Breakfast 8-10 Boothbay American Legion
13 6th Sunday after Epiphany Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM (No breakfast)	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 	15 Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall Budget Com-	17 Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm via zoom Soup & Bread	18 Wiscasset Winterfest Wiscasset Community Ctr.	19 Wiscasset Winterfest Wiscasset Community Ctr.
20 7th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM	21	22 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27 Transfiguration Sunday, Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM (No breakfast)	28					