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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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New Year's Greeting Friends and Neighbors!

The beginning of a new year is always a special time. It gives us an opportunity to make the decision to shift directions, to begin a new path as we journey through life. Often though we think of the new year as a time to make resolutions such as: This year I'm going to exercise more or eat less ice cream or lose those extra 10 pounds, or watch less TV, or spend less time on Facebook and other social media platforms, etc. But by the time January turns into February, many of us have lost our motivation. We again find ourselves eating a bit too much ice cream and not exercising, or spending a lot of time caught and riled up in the constant cycle of watching TV, listening to the radio or podcasts or reading political opinions on Facebook.

So, what if instead of making New Year's resolutions, we decide to intentionally make the journey of going inward to our own hearts. To purposely make the choice to take the time to know ourselves better, and in turn, becoming more grounded in God, the source of life. To make the commitment to ground ourselves in what is truly important in life.

Some of the ways we can do this is by creating a prayer space in our home, perhaps a window sill or the shelf over the kitchen sink or the table next to your favorite chair. Then place items on it that have meaning for you. Perhaps a photograph of your grandchildren or a pet, a special shell or stone you found at the beach, a favorite scripture passage or poem and a candle to light as you pray.

Other ways to ground ourselves in what is important is to focus on the positive. To choose to see other people as expressions of God's love, made in God's image. To choose to see the good in the people we meet each day. And to remember to pray each day even if simply to say, "Thank you God for this day and for the people in my life."

Beloved people, as we step into a new year, hold on to what is good. Get to know your hearts better and ground yourself in God's love and in what is truly important. Stand firm in the goodness of the Lord.

Happy New Year! God's good blessings be with you all in 2022!
Rev. Kate Pinkham, Pastor

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

Church Calendar

January 2—Second Sunday after Christmas- Agape Feast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM

January 9—First Sunday after Epiphany Breakfast 8:30 AM, Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM

January 16—Second Sunday after Epiphany, Worship at 9:30 AM

January 17—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23—Third Sunday after Epiphany, Breakfast 8:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM

January 30—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Worship at 9:30 AM
Guest preacher
Alan Baughcum



The two banners above adorning the walls of the Edgecomb Community Church were made and donated by Reverend Katherine Pinkham. Made of felt, they are breathtaking against the white background of the church walls. Come and join us for Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.

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 indoors and during worship, regardless of your vaccination status as recommended by the US CDC for our country at this current time. We want to help keep each other safe.

Edgecomb Community Church Council



January Birthdays

Calla Wells	4
Maryjane Wells	9
Grace Greene	30
Phil DiVece	31

February Birthdays

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



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!

No Winter Candlelight Labyrinth Walks

Due to cold and snowy weather, the Candlelight Labyrinth walks will be suspended for the winter months. They will resume in the spring when the ground dries up a bit and it is safe to walk the labyrinth again. Look for notices in upcoming newsletters.

Below are two pictures from the December 21 Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk that took place on the church's lower parking lot. A circle of greens was laid down along with lights to create a magical space for the quiet reverence that the labyrinth offers. Have a quiet and safe winter.



ECC Mission News

Another busy month for the Edgecomb Community Church Mission Outreach Committee:

1. A check has been sent to the Edgecomb Eddy School for their Snack Program.
2. Homemade hats and mittens have also been donated to the Eddy School.
3. A check has been sent for the Boothbay Region Fuel Assistance Program, funds being raised from the grab bag raffle at the thrift store during November and December. Over \$500 was raised.
4. The church sent a thank you to the Eddy School teachers for all their hard work this year—donuts, bagels and cream cheese for their morning coffee hour.
5. Another donation of hats was sent for the homeless in Portland.
6. And of course holiday gift bags were given to the residents of Edgecomb Green.

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Thrift Store & Tuesday Lunch

The Thrift Store closed on Saturday, December 11, 2021 after a busy and fruitful summer and fall season. Homemade crafts and baked goods were added in November and will be offered again in the future. The store will reopen in April of 2022 after the snow has finished falling and the ice is all melted.

Pastor Kate Pinkham, far left, drew the winning tickets for the holiday raffles: Quilt Raffle—Sandra Adams; Christmas Basket Raffle—Pam Reed.



The last Tuesday Lunch of the year was served on Tuesday, December 7. Cook Marjorie DiVece (far right) raffled off several baked items for the 20 guests present. The Tuesday lunch program will also resume in April when weather conditions are more suitable.

The Edgecomb Thrift Store and Lunch Program would like to thank all its patrons for a wonderful and successful 2021 and hope to see you all back in the spring.



Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking at a press conference, 1964.

Marion S. Trikosko, News & World Report, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. (reproduction no. LC-DIG-ppmsc-01269)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

in the United States, holiday (third Monday in January) honouring the achievements of Martin Luther King, Jr. A Baptist minister who advocated the use of nonviolent means to end racial segregation, he first came to national prominence during a bus boycott by African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 and led the 1963 March on Washington. The most influential of African American civil rights leaders during the 1960s, he was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King was awarded the Nobel Prize for

Peace in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is celebrated on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Almost immediately after King's death, there were calls for a national holiday in his honour. Beginning in 1970, a number of states and cities made his birthday, January 15, a holiday. Although legislation for a federal holiday was introduced in Congress as early as 1968, there was sufficient opposition, on racial and political grounds, to block its passage. In 1983 legislation making the third Monday in January a federal holiday finally was passed, and the first observance nationwide was in 1986. The day is usually celebrated with marches and parades and with speeches by civil rights and political leaders.

Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopaedia. "Martin Luther King, Jr., Day". Encyclopedia Britannica, 17 Nov. 2021, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Martin-Luther-King-Jr-Day>. Accessed 9 December 2021.

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Month Names & Their Origins

January is “the month of Janus” the Roman god of beginnings and endings. Janus presided over doors and gates—appropriate for the beginning of the year. Indeed, Janus was usually depicted with faces looking backward and forward, as is characteristic of a new year.

February, “the month of cleansing,” is derived from *februa*, the name of a Roman purification festival held on the 15th of this month.

March is named after the god of war and a planet: Mars. In ancient Rome, several festivals of Mars took place in March because that was the earliest month of the year when the weather was mild enough to start a war. At one time, March was the first month in the Roman calendar. The Romans changed the order of months several times between the founding of Rome and the fall of the Roman Empire.

April is from the Latin *Aprillis*, which is a derivative of the Latin base *apero-*, meaning “second.” April was named as such because of the tweaking of the ancient Roman calendar, where April was the second month.

May springs from the Greek goddess Maia, daughter of Atlas and mother of Hermes. She was a nurturer and an earth goddess, which certainly explains her connection with this springtime month, when flowers and crops burst forth.

June descends from Juno, wife of Jupiter, and the Roman ancient goddess of marriage and childbirth.

July was named in honor of Julius Caesar right after his assassination in 44 B.C., with July being the month of his birth. July is the first month in the calendar that bears the name of a real person, rather than a deity.

August represents another Roman ruler having been enshrined. In 8 B.C., the month *Sextilis* (“sixth”) was renamed after Augustus, nephew of Julius Caesar and the first emperor of Rome. The emperor’s name came from the Latin *augustus*, which gave rise to the adjective “august,” meaning “respected and impressive.”

September, from the Latin *septem* (“seven”), seems as if it should be the seventh month of the year.

The names for **October** (octo), **November** (novem), and **December** (decem) suggest that they would be the eighth, ninth, and tenth months. And they once were, when the Roman lunar calendar started the year in March at harvest time. But all that changed in 46 B.C., when January became the first month of the new Julian calendar, making September through December the ninth–twelfth months of the year.

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/month-names-29908>

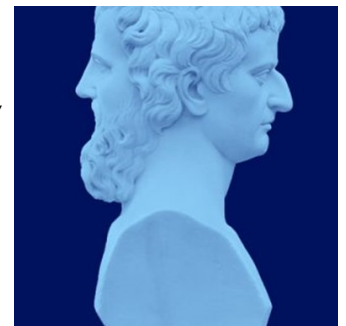
Fun fact: January has not always been first on our calendars. For ancient Romans, the year began in March and finished ten months later in December, according to Wonderopolis.org, an education site by the National Center for Families Learning. The months of January and February, meanwhile, did not have official titles for centuries. When King Pompilius revamped the Roman calendar around 690 B.C., he named January after Janus, the Roman god of doors and beginnings.

<https://www.rd.com/list/how-months-are-named/>

Who was Janus? In ancient Roman culture, *Jānus* was a god of doorways, beginnings, and the rising and setting of the sun. His name comes from the Lat- in *jānus*, meaning “doorway, archway, arcade.”

Fun fact: the closely related Latin word *jānuā*, meaning “door, doorway, entrance,” ultimately gives us the word *janitor*, which originally referred to a door attendant or porter before evolving to its more familiar sense of “custodian.” There were many gateways in Rome where ceremonial entrances and exits were made, especially for the departure of the army on an expedition. As the god of transitions, Janus is often depicted with two, bearded heads that face in opposite directions, looking to both the future and the past.

<https://www.dictionary.com/e/january/>



Roman God Janus

The Sanctuary Repainting Project

The sanctuary of the Edgecomb Community Church will be undergoing a long needed facelift in the coming weeks with a complete repainting of the walls and ceiling.

The church council has been very busy the last few years repainting and maintaining the church building from repairing the steeple and roof to painting the building inside and out. The sanctuary is the last major project to be completed.

The church has been historically a big part of the community with its spiritual activities and Mission Outreach. Please come to worship some Sunday and see the new appearance and perhaps make a donation.

Donations are being accepted to help defray the expenses and may be sent to:

Edgecomb Community Church

P.O. Box 113

Edgecomb, ME 04556



The sanctuary hasn't been painted in at least 45 years. Mildew is taking over in many areas, especially in the corners as seen in the above photos. Below are two views from the front of the sanctuary with bright sunshine flowing in.



January 2022

Sun

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					<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>
<p>2</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Christmas Agape Service in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Edgecomb Ed-dy School Com-mittee Meeting 6-7 p.m</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EES PTC Meet-ing 6-7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>9</p> <p>1st Sunday after Epiphany Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM Breakfast at 8:30 AM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Schmid Advi-sory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Edgecomb Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>23</p> <p>3rd Sunday after Epiphany Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM Breakfast at 8:30 AM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>30</p> <p>4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM Guest preacher Alan Baugh-cum</p>	<p>31</p>				