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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.

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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Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Ah, April! The month when the earth awakens from her winter slumber and breathes warm breezes across the land. The time when flowers and trees join in the celebration of new life as their blossoms burst open with joy. Welcome April! We've been waiting for your arrival!

The month of April also brings with it two special days. The first is Easter Sunday, April 17, when we'll gather to worship the Risen Lord. There will be two services: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 AM at Fort Edgcomb, and our traditional Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 AM.

The second special day is Earth Day, Friday, April 22. Please pray for our planet and consider the ways you can contribute to the healing of Mother Earth. Here is a beautiful Ute Prayer to remind us of the gift God has given us to care for, love and enjoy. *Kate*

Earth, Teach Me

Earth teach me quiet ~ as the grasses are still with new light.

Earth teach me suffering ~ as old stones suffer with memory.

Earth teach me humility ~ as blossoms are humble with beginning.

Earth teach me caring ~ as mothers nurture their young.

Earth teach me courage ~ as the tree that stands alone.

Earth teach me limitation ~ as the ant that crawls on the ground.

Earth teach me freedom ~ as the eagle that soars in the sky.

Earth teach me acceptance ~ as the leaves that die each fall.

Earth teach me renewal ~ as the seed that rises in the spring.

Earth teach me to forget myself ~ as melted snow forgets its life.

Earth teach me to remember kindness ~ as dry fields weep with rain.

There are many things we can all do to help slow the Earth's changing climate. Here are some suggestions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website. (See page 2)

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU



**BIKE MORE
DRIVE LESS**



**reduce
REUSE
recycle**

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

choose sustainable



Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.

Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.



**PLANT
A TREE**



EDUCATE

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

CONSERVE WATER



The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.



Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.



Don't send chemicals into our waterways.

Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.



Volunteer!

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!



**Long-lasting light bulbs
- ARE A -
BRIGHT IDEA**

Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!



oceanservice.noaa.gov

Aide to Ukraine



Chellie Pingree and Maine chef Christian Hayes at the World Central Kitchen meal preparation site.

The Edgecomb Community Church's Mission Committee has sent a \$500 donation to the World Central Kitchen. Working at a 24-hour pedestrian border crossing in southern Poland, WCK began serving hot, nourishing meals immediately. Now, efforts have been expanded to serve millions of meals to people across the region in Romania, Moldova, and Hungary. WCK is also partnering with restaurants inside of Ukraine to get hot meals to anyone in need.

As Russia continues its unprovoked attack on the people of Ukraine, Maine Rep. Chellie Pingree with a bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives on a weeklong trip to bordering allied nations got a firsthand look at humanitarian efforts. Most importantly, they learned what more can be done to help the millions of refugees and what more can be done to support Ukraine in their fight against autocracy.

Pingree was also able to connect with Yarmouth, Maine-based chef Christian Hayes, who is among a team of chefs volunteering in the World Central Kitchen's meal preparation site in Przemyśl, Poland, located just a few miles from the Ukraine border. Hayes and his fellow chefs cook 100,000 meals a day for the thousands of Ukrainians crossing the border. (Source: Chellie Pingree newsletter)

Church Calendar

April 3—Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday at 9:30 AM

April 5 — **Tuesday Lunch at noon**
Thrift Store Reopening 10-2

April 9—Thrift Store open 10-1

April 10—Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Lent,
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.
You'll have an opportunity to
create your own Palm Cross af
ter worship to take home with
you!



April 12—Thrift Store open 10-2

April 16—Thrift Store open 10-1

April 17—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at
6:00 AM at Fort Edgecomb; Traditional
Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

April 19—Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 10-2

April 22—Earth Day 2022

April 23—Thrift Store open 10-1

April 24—Second Sunday of Easter, Celtic
Prayer Service at 9:30 AM

April 26—Thrift Store open 10-2

April 30—Thrift Store open 10-1



Thrift Store Reopens

Beginning Tuesday, April 5, the
Edgecomb Community Church's Thrift
Store will be open again for business.
Regular hours will be the same as last
year: Tuesdays 10-2, and Saturdays 10-1.

The outside drop off bin outside
the side entrance is again open for items
to be donated. Clean reusable clothing,
gift items and household goods greatly
appreciated.

No large furni-
ture or elec-
tronics accept-
ed.



April Birthdays

Tom Boudin	2
Gary Spurgat	2
Joanne O'Connor	11
Pat Greene	12
Abigail Boudin	16
Karen Potter	25
Carol Colby	28

May Birthdays

Sue Sikes	15
Beth Soule	21
Silas Wellenius	21
Carolyn Potter	27



Happy Easter

Join us for Worship

Sunday, April 17

9:30 AM

Edgecomb Community Church
Cross Point Road



Sunrise Service 6:00 AM, Fort Edgecomb

Tuesday Lunches are now being served!

Tuesday lunches are back beginning Tuesday, April 5.

Menus:

April 5—Split Pea Soup, French Bread Pizza, Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

April 19—Open Faced Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Banana Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

Come and see your friends and neighbors, and meet some new ones.

Great food and fellowship to be had. No charge; donations accepted.

ECC Mission News

Bread & Soup Home Delivery

The Edgecomb Community Church Mission Committee has been making soup, bread and dessert the first and third Thursdays in January, February and March which were then delivered to twenty friends and neighbors of the church during these cold and sometimes lonely days.

Now that the Tuesday lunch program is back, and the snow and ice are about gone, these soup deliveries will be discontinued until such time as they are needed again (perhaps next winter).

Thank you to all those who helped make the meals, donated food items and funds, and helped deliver the meals.

Thanks to Edgecomb Fire Department

The Mission Committee has also recently delivered donuts to the Edgecomb Fire Department's recent weekly meeting as a thank you for all they do for the community.





Easter Symbols



According to some sources, the *Easter Bunny* first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called “Osterhase” or “Oschter Haws.” Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit’s Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as *Easter eggs*, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus’ emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

White *Easter Lilies* symbolize the purity of Christ to Christians and are common decorations in churches and homes around the Easter holiday. Their growth from dormant bulbs in the ground to flowers symbolize the rebirth and hope of Christ’s resurrection. Lilies are native to Japan and were brought to England in 1777, but wound their way to the U.S. in the wake of World War I. They went on to become the unofficial flower of Easter celebrations across the United States.

Lamb is a traditional Easter food. Christians refer to Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” though lamb at Easter also has roots in early Passover celebrations. In the story of Exodus, the people of Egypt suffered a series of terrible plagues, including the death of all firstborn sons. Members of the Jewish faith painted their doorposts with sacrificed lamb’s blood so that God would “pass over” their homes. Jews who converted to Christianity continued the tradition of eating lamb at Easter. Historically, lamb would have been one of the first fresh meats available after a long winter with no livestock to slaughter.

The *Cross* - Symbolizes Jesus’ victory over death.

Palm branches- Represents when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday and people waved palm branches, welcoming him.

Easter hats & wearing new clothes for Easter- Symbolizes new life offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Hot Cross Buns- Hot cross buns have a cross of icing on the top to remind people of Christ.

Candles - Symbolize Jesus, “the light of the world”.

Pretzels - A food eaten during Lent- the twisted shaped symbolizes arms crossed in prayer.

Easter & Spring flowers- Daffodils and tulips bloom in the spring and symbolize spring and new life.

Baby animals- Baby animals born in the spring also represent spring and new life.

The *Butterfly* is one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. Second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body and peace.

Citation Information—History.com Editors

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/easter-symbols>

https://www.theholidayspot.com/easter/easter_symbols.htm



Happy Birthday Ruth!

Ruth Bryant of Cross Point Road recently celebrated her 91st birthday. Friends and neighbors left her balloons, lunch and dinner, and sang her a heartfelt rendition of Happy Birthday Thursday, March 17. Yes, she was born on St Patrick's Day; thus all the green!



Volunteers sought for Labyrinth Maintenance

The Edgecomb Community Church labyrinth demands a bit of weed-wacking and mowing during the spring and summer months to keep it looking great for its visitors. Volunteers are being sought to help in this endeavor. It is hoped that many helpers will sign up making

the job easier on everyone involved. Please contact Pastor Kate at 882-4060 to be put on the list. The church owns two weed-wackers, but of course others may be used. A push mower is also available at the church.



Sheepscot Valley Chorus

Spring Concert 2022

Linda Blanchard, Director and Sean Fleming, Accompanist & Assistant Director

Paul Winter

Missa Gaia **Earth Mass**

A Mass in Celebration of Mother Earth

Paul Winter, Jim Scott, Paul Halley, Oscar Castro-Neves, Kim Oler

**Saturday, April 30
and Sunday, May 1
3:00 p.m.**

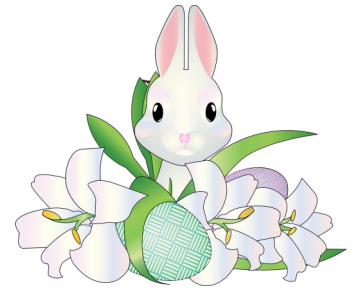
Second Congregational
Church in Newcastle



Tickets \$15, Students Free

Tickets available at Sherman's Book Stores in Boothbay Harbor and Damariscotta
and Treats in Wiscasset

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Fifth Sunday in Lent - Worship at 9:30 AM	4 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Hall Edgecomb Ed-dy School Committee Meeting 5-6 p.m	5 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store REOPENS 10-2 EES PTC Meeting 6-7 p.m	6	7 Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm	8	9 Thrift Store open 10-1
10 Palm Sunday Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM 	11	12 Thrift Store open 10-2	13	14	15 Good Friday	16 Thrift Store open 10-1
17  Easter Sunrise Service 6 AM at Fort Edgecomb Church Worship at 9:30 AM	18 SCHOOL VACATION WEEK 	19 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 10-2 Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m.	20 Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	21 Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm	22 Earth Day 	23 Thrift Store open 10-1
24 Second Sunday of Easter Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM	25	26 Thrift Store open 10-2	27	28	29	30 Thrift Store open 10-1