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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.

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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Happy June Everyone!

For many people the month of June reminds us of the joy we felt when school was over for the year and the long days of summer vacation began. Summer is a special time to get out in the garden, take a hike in the woods or simply sit by the ocean and watch the seagulls float effortless in the breeze.

Summer is also a wonderful time to get involved in your community. There are many great reasons to volunteer your time. Here are just a few:

It's good for you. Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It reduces stress. Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts the usual tension-producing patterns. It also makes you healthier. Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and a sense of belonging, strengthen the immune system.

It helps you meet new friends. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends as well as strengthen existing connections with friends, family, or coworkers. As a volunteer, you'll typically interact with people from diverse backgrounds, which allows you to learn other perspectives.

Provides a sense of community. Volunteering can help you feel connected to those you are helping in the community. This experience may make you want to get involved with other aspects of your community, such as local politics or advocating for programs you believe are important. Volunteering strengthens your local community

If you are looking for a place to volunteer while getting to know people in your community, ECC has several opportunities for you to get involved. Here are a few:

1. Consider being part of the Edgcomb Community Thrift Shop Team. The thrift shop is open Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our Thrift Shop Manager is always looking for help in processing donations and serving customers.

2. Consider helping with the Tuesday Community Lunch at the church held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Food servers, dish washers, and conversationalist are needed.

3. Do you enjoy being outdoors? Consider helping with the mowing and weed whacking of the beautiful green lawn surrounding the church building and the Edgcomb Community "Labyrinth in the Field".

4. Not able to volunteer your time, consider making a financial gift to help purchase food and household supplies for "The Little Corner Pantry" located at the church. The Corner Cupboard motto is "Take what you need, give what you can."

I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful month of June! If you'd like further information about volunteer opportunities, please call the church office and leave a message at 882.4060 or email edgcomb.church@gmail.com. Thank you.

Blessings and peace — Kate, Rev. Katherine Pinkham, Pastor

Thursday Morning Labyrinth Walk

June 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

It is wonderful to know many people enjoy walking the *Labyrinth in the Field* at the Edgecomb Community Church. It is a lovely spot to unwind from the world to meditate, pray or simply walk in the quietness of nature. Sometimes we don't realize the amount of stress and anxiety we carry in our bodies. Walking the labyrinth can help us to unwind and let go. There is no right or wrong way to walk the Labyrinth and every person's experience is different. At times, as you slowly walk the labyrinth's path, inner stirrings can bubble up giving insight and perhaps answers to situations you carry with you.

We invite you to come on Thursday June 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. so we can walk the labyrinth together. After the walk we'll have lunch together and spend time sharing our labyrinth experience. Please bring your own lunch. Cookies, water, and lemonade are available as refreshments. Please let us know if you will be coming by calling 207-882-4069 (please leave a message) or email us at edgecomb.church@gmail.com.

Juneteenth, Sunday, June 19, 2022

Juneteenth, official name of the federal holiday Juneteenth National Independence Day, also called Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Black Independence Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. Juneteenth is celebrated on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance.

The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals, and celebrants wore new clothes as a way of representing their newfound freedom. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with music, food, and dancing.

Juneteenth became a state holiday in Texas in 1980, and a number of other states subsequently followed suit. In 2021 Juneteenth was made a federal holiday. The day is also celebrated outside the United States, being used by organizations in a number of countries to recognize the end of slavery and to honor the culture and achievements of African Americans.

This year the Juneteenth federal holiday will be observed on Monday, June 20, rather than Sunday, June 19.

Sources: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>



Church Calendar

June 4— Thrift Store Open 9-1
 June 5—Pentecost Sunday & Communion
 Worship at 9:30 AM
 June 7—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 June 9—Community Labyrinth Walk at 11 AM
 June 11—Thrift Store open 9-1
 June 12—Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.
 Trinity Sunday
 June 14—Thrift Store open 9-2
 Flag Day
 June 18—Thrift Store open 9-1
 June 19—Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 AM
 Father's Day—Juneteenth
 June 20—Juneteenth Celebration
 Federal Holiday
 June 21—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 Summer Solstice—come walk the
Labyrinth in the Field
 June 22—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
 June 25—Thrift Store open 9-1
 June 26—Third Sunday after Pentecost
 Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM

June Birthdays

Sam Soule	7
Susan Greene	9
Jean Krause	17
Margaret Ellsworth	23
Henry Boudin	27

July Birthdays

Carol Johnsen	5
Kathleen Grigg	7
June Finnegan	12
Roy Potter	13
Debbie Boucher	14
David Boucher	29



Thrift Store News

Two upcoming events to put on
 your calendar:

IRIS SALE

Saturday, August 6, 9-noon

5-MILE YARD SALE

Saturday, August 14

Busy Hands Returns

Anyone interested in meeting at the church the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3 pm. is invited to join the Busy Hands group which provides handmade items for local homeless shelters, neighbors in need, etc. All are welcome. Bring along a project and brainstorm for new ones. First meeting is Wednesday, June 22.

Edgecomb Eddy School News

Pre-K & K Registration

We are excited to open up Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year! Pre-K and Kindergarten at EES are offered to all students living in Edgecomb, Alna, and Westport.

PRE-K Children who turn four on or before October 15, 2022, have priority for registration. If there are remaining spaces, we will admit "wait listed" students who turn five between July 1 and October 15, 2022.

KINDERGARTEN Children who turn five on or before October 15, 2022, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten. See our website for more enrollment information. Please call 882-5515 if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you in the fall!

Tuesday Lunches are now being served!

Menus:

June 7—Corn Chowder, Garlic Bread, Salad, Mocha Chocolate Cake with Coffee Frosting

June 21—Chicken Caesar Wraps, Smoothies, Potato Chips, Pickles, Chocolate Cream Pie

Come see your friends and neighbors, and meet some new ones. Great food and fellowship to be had. No charge; donations accepted.

ECC Mission News

The Little Corner Pantry

In response to a local need for food, the church has set up a small area in the church parish hall for anyone passing through the Thrift Store or while attending a Tuesday Lunch; feel free to help yourselves to some food items on the shelf. Donations of food items are gratefully welcome. Many have already taken advantage of this program, so come on in.

Take what you need - Give what you can



Summer Fun Events in June

June 3—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-noon, at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

June 3—FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE FARM—5-7 p.m. Dinner and Music at Morris Farm, 156 Gardiner Road, Wiscasset.

June 4—WISCASSET SPEEDWAY races 5 p.m.

June 10—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-noon, at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

June 11—WISCASSET SPEEDWAY races 5 p.m.

June 13—PORTLAND WINE WEEK 9:30 a.m.

June 16—BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, 4 p.m. at Litchfield Fairgrounds

June 17—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-noon, at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

June 18—Charles Begin Memorial LOBSTER BOAT RACES in Boothbay Harbor

June 18 & 19—Boothbay Region Arts & Crafts Fair on Boothbay Town Common 10-4.

June 19—AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST, 7-9 a.m. in Boothbay Harbor

June 24—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-noon, at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

June 25—STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, St. Philip's Church, 12 Hodge St., Wiscasset, 10-2.

June 26—WINDJAMMER DAYS & TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL, 8 a.m. in Boothbay Harbor.

June 27 & 29—BOWDOIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL, 7:30 p.m. at Studzinski Hall, Bowdoin College.

June 30—WISCASSET ART WALK 5-8 p.m. in downtown Wiscasset



*Benson & DiVece
to Wed*



Kyle Benson & Samantha DiVece

Phillip and Marjorie DiVece of Wiscasset would like to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Samantha Anne DiVece to Kyle Benson, son of Faye and Wayne Woodman of Round Pond. The parents of the bride recently held

an engagement party at their home with around 30 guests in attendance. The couple will be married Friday, June 17, 2022 at the Portland City Courthouse with their parents in attendance. A party will follow at the Bayside Bowling Arena in downtown Portland. Gail Boudin of Edgcomb is Samantha's godmother. Kyle and Samantha live in Portland, Maine and both are employed by Idexx of Portland.





Dandelion Jelly Workshop

MaryJane Wells of Boothbay led two workshops in May for anyone interested in learning about jelly making and canning techniques. A total of 21 folks dropped in and learned how to prepare dandelion flowers and other flowers for the making of the “tea,” the first process in making flower jellies. The two hour sessions covered the basics of canning—the hot water bath method—which is a proven safe method for preparing jams, jellies, vegetables, and other food stuffs. All received a jar of jelly at the end of the class. (CAUTION: Canning may become addictive!)






Anyone interested in leading or attending other such workshops is encouraged to contact the church by either email: edgecomb.church@gmail.com or phone: 882-4060 and leave a message. The church will provide the space and offer up any free publicity. A great time to learn something new and meet new people!

Hands-on jelly-making in the Edgecomb Community Church kitchen!



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot	Thrift Store open 9-1
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost Sunday & Communion Worship at 9:30 AM	Edgecomb Ed- dy School Committee Meeting 5-6 p.m	Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 EES PTC Meeting 6-7		Labyrinth Walk at 11 a.m. Bring your own lunch	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot	Thrift Store open 9-1
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM Trinity Sunday	Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m.	Thrift Store open 9-2 Flag Day 	Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	Last day of school Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot	Thrift Store open 9-1 Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM Father's Day Juneteenth Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4	Juneteenth Celebration Federal Holiday	Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 Summer Solstice—Come walk the Labyrinth	Busy Hands 1-3 pm.		Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot	Thrift Store open 9-1 Strawberry Festival at St. Philip's Church, Wiscasset 10-2
26	27	28	29	30		
Third Sunday after Pentecost Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM	Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m.	Thrift Store open 9-2		Wiscasset Art Walk 5-8 p.m.		