

# 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.**

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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**News for the June edition is due by 5 p.m. Monday, June 27, at [edgcomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgcomb.church@gmail.com)**

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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

Yeah! It's May! The month in which we can all breathe a sigh of relief that winter is finally behind us. The promise of summer is ahead as we make plans for family cookouts, long-needed vacations, and relaxing visits to the beach.

What I like most about this time of the year is watching the earth turn its many shades of green as it overflows with the abundance of new life. Each day the trees unfurl their delicate leaves a little bit more and the grasses stretch to touch the sun, thickening to a lush green carpet enticing our bare feet to walk on it.

For me, this time of year also brings to mind the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Christian mystic, St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), who had a deep reverence for nature and placed enormous importance on our relationship with the earth. Throughout her life Hildegard was fascinated with beauty and light. She loved to reflect on the energy of life shining through all living things. She called this force *viriditas*, using the Latin word for "greenness." Hildegard experienced this "greening power" as a force that continually nourishes the earth and all its creatures. She also made it clear that as human beings we are not separate from nature, but an intimate part of it. When Hildegard observed the wonder and magnificence of nature, she imagined this force of greenness as the actions of the Holy Spirit moving over the earth causing things to flourish and grow.

One way, we too, can appreciate what Hildegard refers to as the force of greenness while observing the beauty and light of nature, is to take the time to quiet our souls and walk the *Labyrinth in the Field*. You are invited to join us on Thursday, May 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. as we gather to walk the labyrinth together. After the walk we'll have lunch together (*please bring your own lunch*) and spend time sharing our experiences. We hope you will join us for this monthly community walk and time for sharing. Please don't hesitate to email us at [edgcomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgcomb.church@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Blessings and peace,

Kate

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. - Genesis 1:31 NIV

## Monthly Thursday Morning Labyrinth Walks

Beginning Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., Edgecomb Community Church, will be holding the first of monthly labyrinth walks at *The Labyrinth in the Field* followed by a "bring your own lunch" sharing time at Noon. The spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth is a unique experience for everyone and is an opportunity to calm the mind and enjoy peace. After walking the labyrinth, we'll have time for reflection and to share our experience with one another.

Walking the labyrinth can aid in mediation, prayer and in the listening of the wisdom of our hearts. Walking the labyrinth also allows us to slow down and become aware of the beauty of nature that surrounds us such as the blueness of the sky, the fragrance of the earth and the joyful sounds of the birds' songs from nearby trees.

So come and join us for this time of exploration and sharing, as together we experience the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth. You are invited to bring your lunch and we'll have coffee/tea, lemonade, and cookies available to share.

For further information please email the church at [edgecomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgecomb.church@gmail.com) or call the office at 882-4060 and leave a message. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.

## 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.

# Church Calendar

May 1—Third Sunday of Easter  
Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

May 3— Tuesday Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store Open 9-2

May 7—Thrift Store open 9-1

May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.  
Mother's Day, Blanket Sunday

May 10—Thrift Store open 9-2

May 12—ECC Labyrinth Walk at 11:00 AM

May 14—Thrift Store open 9-1

May 15—Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Worship at 9:30 AM

May 17—Tuesday Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store open 9-2

May 21—Thrift Store open 10-1  
Armed Forces Day

May 22—Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM

May 24—Thrift Store open 9-2

May 28—Thrift Store open 9-1

May 29—Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Worship at 9:30 AM w/guest minister  
Rev. Dr. Alan Baughcum

May 30—Memorial Day

# Thrift Store Open

Beginning Tuesday, April 5, the Edgecomb Community Church's Thrift Store is open again for business. Regular hours will be the same as last year: Tuesdays 9-2, and Saturdays 9-1.

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 furniture or electronics accepted.



# Blanket Sunday

In response to the war in Ukraine, Church World Service has deployed a small team of experts to Romania and Moldova to assess the situation on the ground. The results of this assessment will inform how they will expand assistance such as providing in-kind resources like blankets, hygiene kits and other humanitarian supplies.

Edgecomb Community Church will be offering anyone interested the opportunity to contribute to this cause on Sunday, May 8, in honor of Mothers and their loving care everywhere. Donations will be accepted in the offering that Sunday, or you may send in your donation by mail or through PayPal on the church's website—[www.edgecombchurch.org](http://www.edgecombchurch.org). Together, we can keep blanketing the world in love!



## May Birthdays

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

## June Birthdays

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





# **Tuesday Lunches are now being served!**

**Tuesday lunches are back beginning Tuesday, April 5.**

## **Menus:**

**May 3—Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Bread, Brownies with Ice Cream**

**May 17—Corn Chowder, Garlic Bread, Salad, Mocha Chocolate Cake with Coffee Frosting**

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

## **ECC Mission News**



Gail Boudin, Marjorie DiVece, and Ginny Kroitzch assembling and delivering soup, bread and dessert to area seniors during the months of January through March. Now Marjorie is back in the kitchen preparing lunches for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month for any who would like to visit the church for a nice hearty noon meal at no charge. (Menu above). Thrift Store is open from 9-2 every Tuesday as well.

### **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, to feel free to help themselves to some food items on the shelf. Donations of food items are gratefully welcome.

*Take what you need - Give what you can*



# May Daily Holidays and Observances

- **May 1:** May Day, National Lemonade Day, Mother Goose Day
- **May 2:** International Harry Potter Day, National Brothers and Sisters Day
- **May 3:** National Teacher Day, Paranormal Day, Constitution Memorial Day, Eid al-Fitr
- **May 4:** Star Wars Day
- **May 5:** Cinco de Mayo, National Astronaut Day, National Day of Prayer, Hoagie Day
- **May 6:** National Space Day, National No Pants Day, Nurses Day, International No Diet Day
- **May 7:** World Fair Trade Day, National Fitness Day, International Astronomy Day, Free Comic Book Day
- **May 8:** Mother's Day, National Women's Health Week, Coconut Cream Pie Day, Have a Coke Day
- **May 9:** National Moscato Day, Women's Checkup Day, Lost Sock Memorial Day
- **May 10:** National Clean Your Room Day, National Shrimp Day
- **May 11:** National Twilight Zone Day, Receptionists Day, Eat What You Want Day
- **May 12:** National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, Nutty Fudge Day
- **May 13:** International Hummus Day, National Apple Pie Day, Crouton Day, Fruit Cocktail Day
- **May 14:** National Underground America Day, Buttermilk Biscuit Day, Dance Like a Chicken Day
- **May 15:** International Family Day, National Chocolate Chip Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day
- **May 16:** National Mimosa Day, National Barbecue Day, Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day, Drawing Day
- **May 17:** National Cherry Cobbler Day, Walnut Day
- **May 18:** National Visit Relatives Day, HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- **May 19:** National Devil's Food Cake Day, Barber Mental Health Awareness Day
- **May 20:** National Endangered Species Day, National Rescue Dog Day, Bike to Work Day, Pizza Party Day
- **May 21:** National Armed Forces Day, National American Red Cross Founder's Day, Talk Like Yoda Day, National Waitstaff Day, World Whiskey Day
- **May 22:** World Paloma Day, National Maritime Day, International Day of Biological Diversity, Harvey Milk Day
- **May 23:** National Taffy Day, Turtle Day, Lucky Penny Day
- **May 24:** National Brother's Day
- **May 25:** May Revolution Day, National Wine Day
- **May 26:** National Blueberry Cheesecake Day, Paper Airplane Day
- **May 27:** National Road Trip Day, Sunscreen Day, Heat Awareness Day
- **May 28:** National Brisket Day, Hamburger Day
- **May 29:** National Paperclip Day
- **May 30:** Memorial Day, National Mint Julep Day, National Creativity Day
- **May 31:** National Macaroon Day, Smile Day



## May Weekly Holidays and Observances

- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-7)
- National Pet Week (May 1-7)
- National Nurses Week (May 6-12)
- Brain Injury Awareness Week (May 11-17)
- National EMS Week (May 15-21)
- National Safe Sun Week (May 23-29)



## May Monthly Holidays and Observances

- ALS Awareness Month
- National Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Strawberry Month
- National Pet Month
- National Salad Month
- National Salsa Month
- National Barbecue Month
- National Blood Pressure Month
- Military Appreciation Month
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

## Town of Edgecomb May 21 Referendum

The text for Edgecomb's **Warrant Referendum** and Election by Secret Ballot is now available for review. This year again the election and voting on the Warrant will be held by Referendum, rather than a Town Meeting. The Warrant will also be printed in the Annual Town Report to be distributed before the election. There will be a Public Hearing for discussion following the regular Select Board meeting on **Monday, May 2, at 6:30 PM.**

### Join Zoom Meeting Via Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89828978830?pwd=elpacHJsbUY0Vk90bWdmaUJDS0JvZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 2897 8830

Passcode: 242779

## 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!



## How to Observe Memorial Day



### 1. Pay your respects

Lay flowers on the grave of a family member or friend who died while serving. If you don't personally know any fallen soldiers, visit a local cemetery anyway. After all, they made the ultimate sacrifice for you.

### 2. Participate in the National Moment of Remembrance

By doing so, you'll be joining millions of Americans in national unity to honor Memorial Day for what it truly is—a day to remember those who laid down their lives in service of their country and its citizens.

### 3. Fly the Flag

If you have an American flag at home, be sure to fly it at half-mast until noon, then raise it to full mast for the rest of the day. The practice of lowering and then raising the flag has been observed for over 100 years to symbolize America's persistence in the face of loss.

Source: [nationaltoday.com/memorial-day/](https://nationaltoday.com/memorial-day/)



## Midcoast Brass Quintet



*Sunday, May 8 at 4:00 pm*

First Congregational Church Sanctuary, 55 Elm Street, Camden

The Midcoast Brass Quintet features Megan Kennedy on trombone, Doug Kennedy on tuba, Carolyn Kanicki on horn, and Peter Stuart and Bruce Cole on trumpets. The program will include a mix of jazz, popular and sacred music.

Concert is free of charge; an offering will be collected in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the church's Shields Mission Project, providing assistance to Knox County and Lincolnville residents in financial crisis.

Masks are optional and available if needed.



**An upcoming concert for your spring calendar of events.** See poster at left of this page.

*Send in your events to be posted in our monthly newsletter—  
[edgecomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgecomb.church@gmail.com)*



## Beginners class in the making of Dandelion Jelly

The Edgecomb Community Church is sponsoring a dandelion jelly making class for anyone interested. In this 2 hour class you will take away all the skills needed in making this honey tasting nectar of Spring!

You will have a hands on experience....if you have them around your yard then pluck the yellow heads and bring them with you and a pair of scissors! By the way, you need a lot of dandelions so bring what you can!

Call ahead and leave a message that you would like to attend, bring a friend or two or three. We need somewhat of a head count to have enough materials so everyone gets to take with them a thorough instructional hand out.

You will be given a step by step hands on thorough experience in how to make Dandelion jelly which can then be used to make peony jelly, lilac jelly, violet jelly etc. and time to go over any questions jam or jelly related. At the end of 2 hours you will be ready to make your own jelly/jams.

The class is being taught by MaryJane Wells of Boothbay Harbor. Day and Time are to be announced. If interested, please call the church at 882-4060 for more details and/or to sign up; leave a message and someone will get back to you.

"Many hands make light work" Hope you can join us for some jelly making!



# May 2022

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<b>1</b> Third Sunday of Easter Worship at 9:30 AM	<b>2</b> Edgecomb Select Board Meeting 6 p.m.	<b>3</b> Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 EES PTC Meeting 6-7	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Thrift Store open 9-1
<b>8</b> 4th Sunday of Easter, Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM Mother's Day Blanket Sunday	<b>9</b> Edgecomb Eddy School Committee Meeting 5-6 p.m.	<b>10</b> Thrift Store open 9-2	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> ECC Labyrinth Walk at 11 AM <i>Bring your own lunch</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Thrift Store open 9-1
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