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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:

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

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Email address to:
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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

Wow, August! Where has the summer gone? When I first lived in Maine year-round, I distinctly remember smelling a trace of the fragrance of fall on August 15th. Leaf season sure does seem to come early in Maine. For many of us August can stir up the memories of the end of summer and the beginning of school... a time for new adventures, new friends, new clothes, and shoes. A time for a new start.

Thinking about a new start, did you know that the second week in August is National Smile Week? And did you know there are health benefits to smiling? It has been said that it takes more muscles to frown than to smile, and although we don't know if this is true or not, we do know that smiling has real-life benefits. And even though it is not always the easiest thing to do, especially after a long hard day, studies do suggest that if you can coax yourself into smiling, you'll actually feel better.

Here are just a couple of the health benefits of smiling.

When you smile, your brain releases tiny molecules called neuropeptides to help fight off stress. Then other neurotransmitters like dopamine, serotonin and endorphins come into play too. The endorphins act as a mild pain reliever, whereas the serotonin is an antidepressant. There's been some evidence that forcing a smile can still bring you a boost in your mood and happiness level.

The benefit of smiling can also affect those around you too. It has been shown that our brains react when we smile, and we are also affected when we see someone else smile. The reward center of our brain makes us feel a little better too. One study suggests that we can't help but react by smiling back when we see someone smiling at us.

Living in a world where certain aspects of life are changing so quickly with the media broadcasting the effects of a brutal war, the threat of contagious diseases, the fear of political turmoil, and the plague of gun violence, smiling may feel like the last thing we want to do. Yet, this is exactly the time to reach out to one another with a simple smile to acknowledge the truth of our common humanity. As the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us,

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12 NIV)

Here is a children's story on smiling I think speaks to all God's children at any age:

The Wind and the Sun

Once the Wind and the Sun had an argument. "I am stronger than you," said the Wind. "No, you are not," said the Sun. Just at that moment they saw a traveler

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walking across the road. He was wrapped in a shawl. The Sun and the Wind agreed that whoever could separate the traveler from his shawl was stronger. The Wind took the first turn. He blew with all his might to tear the traveler's shawl from his shoulders. But the harder he blew, the tighter the traveler gripped the shawl to his body. The struggle went on till the Wind's turn was over. Now it was the Sun's turn. The Sun smiled warmly. The traveler felt the warmth of the smiling Sun. Soon he let the shawl fall open. The Sun's smile grew warmer and warmer... hotter and hotter. Now the traveler no longer needed his shawl. He took it off and dropped it on the ground. The Sun was declared stronger than the Wind.

Moral: Brute force can't achieve what a gentle smile can. (Author unknown)

Also, here are a few quotes that encouraged me to smile. I hope one will bring a smile to your face, too:

"Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful." – Thich Nhat Hanh

"Peace begins with a smile." – Mother Teresa

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." – Leo F. Buscaglia

"Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth." – Unknown

"Smile. Have you ever noticed how easily puppies make human friends? Yet all they do is wag their tails and fall over." – Walter Anderson

"If you smile when you are alone, then you really mean it." – Andy Rooney

"Use your smile to change the world; don't let the world change your smile." – Chinese Proverb

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." – Mother Teresa

"A simple smile. That's the start of opening your heart and being compassionate to others." – Dalai Lama

"It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving, but like morning light it scattered the night and made the day worth living." – F. Scott Fitzgerald

Finally, beloved people, I'll end with lyrics from the song *When Your Smiling* sung by Frank Sinatra in 1950. Can you still hear the melody?

*When you're smilin', when you're smilin'
The whole world smiles with you
When you're laughin', when you're laughin'
The sun comes shinin' through*

Are you smiling yet?

Blessings and peace, Kate



Tuesday Lunches are now being served!

August 2—Ham Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Pickles & Chips, Cookies & Ice Cream

August 16 —Vegetable Soup, Vegetable Salads, Pickles & Chips, Blueberry Cottage Pudding with Lemon Sauce.

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

Church Calendar

August 2— Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store Open 9-2

August 6— Thrift Store open 9-1
Iris Sale 9-noon at Thrift Store

August 7— Ninth Sunday after Pentecost -
Communion Worship at 9:30 AM with
Guest Preacher, Rev. Larry Krewson

August 9— Thrift Store open 9-2

August 11— Final Summer *Labyrinth in the Field*
Walk at 11 AM

August 13— 5-Mile Yard Sale 8-2, Thrift Store
open 8-2, Bake Sale 8-2

August 14— Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. In
Sanctuary

August 16— Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-2

August 20— Thrift Store open 9-1

August 21— Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—
Worship at 9:30 AM

August 23— Thrift Store open 9-2

August 24— Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

August 27— Thrift Store open 9-1

August 28— Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Breakfast at 8:30 AM & Celtic Prayer
Service 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

August 30— Thrift Store open 9-2

Thrift Store News

IRIS SALE

Saturday, August 6, 9-noon

5-MILE YARD SALE

\$3.00 Bag Sale

& Church Bake Sale

Saturday, August 13, 8-2

New Office Hours at Town Hall

Starting **July 1, 2022**, Town Hall Office Hours will be
modified as follows:

Tuesdays 1-7 PM

Thursdays: 1-5 PM

Thursdays: 9 AM- 12 PM, **Tax Collector, By Ap-
pointment Only**

To schedule an appointment for **Thursday morn-
ings** (only) with the Tax Collector, please contact

By email: Taxcollector@edgecomb.org

By phone: call the Town Hall during office hours @
882-7018

August Birthdays

Ginny Kroitzch	11
Amy Poole	24
Ryan Potter	30
Suzanne Ayers	31

September Birthdays

Mitch Boucher	1
Rose Young	17
Jeff Grigg	21
Leah Potter	21
Rene Evans	28



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 liv-
ing 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" stu-
dents 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 kin-
dergarten. See our website for more enrollment in-
formation. Please call 882-5515 if you have any ques-
tions. We look forward to welcoming you in the fall!

5-Mile Yard Sale

Saturday, August 13
8 a.m. -2 p.m.

Cross Point Road Edgecomb, Maine

The Edgecomb Community Church will be joining this event with a large array of items set up in the church's upper parking lot. The church thrift shop will be holding a \$3 bag sale, and a bake sale will be ongoing as well inside the church. Free coffee and restrooms will be available.

To donate items for the yard sale please email the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com or call Dick O'Connor at 882-8199 to arrange for pick up or drop off. All sales will be used to support the church's mission outreach activities.

See us for Seating—We have 21 chairs and 2 multi-person seats already. Other items for sale are great fishing poles and equipment, pressure washer, 5 dining room chairs with cushions, John Deere 240 mower, Moosehead 54" hutch, Love Seat, Montgomery Ward woodstove, and much, much more. Come early and save a lot!



Dates:

April 10, 24
May 8, 22
June 5, 19
July 3, 17, 31



American Legion

Charles E Sherman, Jr. Post 36
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Dates:

August 14, 28
September 11, 25
October 9, 23
November 6

25 Industrial Park Dr, Boothbay, ME 04537

Sunday Breakfasts Return 10 April 2022

7 AM to 9 AM

Suggested Donations: Adults: \$10 Children: \$5.00

All your favorites returning:

- Scrambled Eggs (eggs to order on request)
- Bacon & Sausage
- Corn Beef Hash
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Pan Cakes
- Waffles
- French Texas Toast
- SOS
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Cereals
- Fruit
- New items will be periodically added










Join us for fellowship, community spirit, and GREAT FOOD!
Your Donations are important to support our mission

Need a new Stove this winter?

One can always use a backup source of heat for when the inevitable power outages hit.

This Montgomery Ward wood stove is available at the Edgecomb Community Church Yard Sale, **Saturday, August 13, from 8-2.** The church is located at 15 Cross Point Road.



Final Summer Morning Labyrinth Walk

August 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

You are cordially invited to join us for our final summer morning labyrinth walk on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. as we can walk the *Labyrinth in the Field* together. After the walk, we'll have lunch together and spend time sharing our labyrinth experience. Please bring your own lunch to enjoy. Cookies, water, and lemonade will be available as refreshments. The majestic stone labyrinth is located on the grounds of Edgecomb Community Church.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. When entering the path of a labyrinth the recommendation is to walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. The labyrinth's pathway is unicursal meaning there is only one path to the center and back out. The path twists and turns back on itself many times before reaching the center. When you reach the center there is only one way back out making it possible for your mind to focus on meditation or prayer. As a form of active meditation labyrinth walking has many benefits and provides a unique spiritual experience.

Edgecomb Community Church is located at 15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb, Maine. For further information please contact the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com or call the office at 882.4060. The event is free to all.

Our next labyrinth event will be our Full Moon Candlelight Labyrinth Walk to be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Summer Fun Events in August

August 4—ALIVE ON THE COMMON—*Dyer Neck Band* plays on Wiscasset Common 6 p.m.

August 5—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

August 5—1st FRIDAYS AT THE FARM—5-7 p.m. Morris Farm, Wiscasset

August 9-14—TOPSHAM FAIR

August 11—ALIVE ON THE COMMON 6 p.m. on Wiscasset Town Common: *Papa Tim & the Desperate Men*

August 12—LINCOLN FESTIVAL CHORUS, Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church 7:30 p.m.

August 12—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

August 13—5-MILE YARD SALE, Cross Point Road, Edgecomb 8-2. Bake Sale at Edgecomb Community Church 8-2. \$3 Bag Sale at Edgecomb Church Thrift Store.

August 14—American Legion SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7-9 a.m. Boothbay Harbor

August 14—CHILDREN'S DAY at Boothbay Railway Village

August 18-21—SCHOONERFEST in downtown Wiscasset & Harbor

August 19—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

August 20 & 21—BOOTHBAY CRAFT FAIR 10-4 at Boothbay Town Common

August 20—MUSIC ON THE RAILWAY, 5 p.m. at Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, Alna. Pete Kilpatrick, musician

August 20—MAINE HIGHLAND GAMES at Thomas Pt. Beach, Brunswick, 8-5

August 25—WISCASSET ART WALK 5-8 p.m. in downtown Wiscasset

August 26—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

August 28—AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST, 7-9 a.m. in Boothbay Harbor



Summer Play at the Edgecomb Labyrinth



Featuring Emily Sue Barker, Soren
Barker and Roosevelt Bishop

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

By Adam Long,
Daniel Singer,
and Jess Winfield

ABRIDGED

Directed by Nick Azzaretti

Fridays, July 29 & August 5
at 6PM

Saturdays, July 30 &
August 6 at 2PM & 6PM



Tickets: \$15 for River Co. Members \$17 General Admission.

Discounts for Students, Seniors and Families.

Tickets available at the door, or call 207-449-2943

or visit RiverCompany.org to reserve in advance.

Please feel free to bring a blanket or chair.

Check our website for show weather updates.

Wiscasset Schoonerfest



August 18-21, 2022



Downtown Wiscasset and at the Harbor

ALL WEEKEND

Colonial Maine Living History Association

Camping on the Common
and roaming the Village and Piers



ALSO ALL WEEKEND

GEOCACHING

Fun for the whole family! Geocaching.com



Thursday, August 18

SCHOONER PIER

Gen. Patton's Schooner **WHEN and IF**
Mid-Morning Arrival and Cannon

IN THE CLOVER (REAR COURTYARD) & MAIN ST.

- 12 - 1 *Celtic Roots* (Irish Music Ensemble)
- 1 - 2 *Old Salts* (Guitar & Fiddle @ 62 Main Street)
- 2 - 3 *The Truesdells* (Classical Flute & Clarinet)
- 3 - 4 *John Mayberry & Jamie Beaton* (Vocal Harmony)

CREAMERY PIER STAGE

- 5 - 6 *Married with Chitlins* (Acoustic Duo)

SCHOONER PIER STAGE

- 6 - 7:30 *Junction 218* (Blues Trio)
- 7:30 - 9 *Holy Mackerels* (Folk, Rock, Blues)

SCHOONER PIER

All Afternoon

Short harbor cruises aboard the **WHEN and IF**



Friday, August 19

TOWN COMMON

- 10 - noon **KIDS & FAMILY SCHOONERFEST ON THE COMMON**
Meet the Maine colonials camping on the common!
Plus Face-Painting, Schooner Corn Hole, Toy Wood Schooner Painting

NICKELS-SORTWELL HOUSE (SUNROOM)

- 12 - 1 *Trioli* (Clarinet Trio)
- 1 - 2 *Julia Lane of Castlebay* (Harp)

CREAMERY PIER STAGE

- 12 - 1 *John Mayberry & Jamie Beaton* (Vocal Harmony)
- 1 - 2 *Jeff Grosser* (Accordion)
- 2 - 3 *Jud Caswell* (Folk Singer/Songwriter)

SCHOONER PIER

The Schooner **TYRONE**
Noon Arrival and Cannon

SCHOONER PIER

All Afternoon

Short harbor cruises aboard the
TYRONE and **WHEN and IF**

SCHOONER PIER STAGE

- 3 - 5 *Castlebay* (Traditional Celtic Music)
- 5 - 7 *Pan Fried Steel* (Steel Drum Band)
- 8 - 10 *Salty Dogs* (50s to 80s Rock & Roll)

SCHOONER PIER

(Ticket holders only)

- 5 - 8 **Donors & VIP Dockside Reception**
with Schooner Crews

(Be a Donor! - WiscassetSchoonerfest.com)



Saturday, August 20

SCHOONER PIER

- 9 - 10 **Sign-up for Sunday's Rowing Race**
(Info @ WiscassetSchoonerfest.com & Harbormaster Office)

SCHOONER PIER

- 10 - 1 **KIDS & FAMILY SCHOONERFEST ON THE PIER**
Face-Painting & Bail Bucket Races & Lobster Cornhole Tournament!

SCHOONER PIER

Morning & Afternoon Cruises aboard the
TYRONE and **WHEN and IF**

ON MAIN STREET & CREAMERY PIER

- 10 - 11:30 *Heather MacLeod* (tin whistle)
- 12 - 2 *Downeast Brass Quintet*

IN THE CLOVER (REAR COURTYARD)

- 1:30 - 2:30 *David Peloquin* (Vocal, Guitar)



Saturday, August 20

CREAMERY PIER STAGE

- 2:30 - 3:30 *Dromore Bay* (Celtic Trio)

SCHOONER PIER STAGE

- 10 - 11 *K. Newell & Oyster Creek Fiddlers*
- 11 - 11:30 *Jerry Bryant, Paula Daddio, Dave Peloquin & Chantey Crew* (Chanties & "Wiscasset Schooners" Ballad)
- 2 - 4 *Scotty River Trio* (All Genres, Close Harmony & Humor)
- 4:30 - 5:30 *Schoonerfest Chantey Blast*
- 6:00 - 8:00 *The Oystermen* (Folk Duo)

SCHOONER PIER

WHEN and IF Special Event

Sunset Cruise & Entertainment
for Major Sponsors

(Be a Schoonerfest Sponsor! Text/Call: 413.695.5419)



Sunday, August 21

SCHOONER PIER

- 8 - Noon **2nd ANNUAL SCHOONERFEST TRIATHLON!**
For information, contact Duane Goud, Director,
Wiscasset Rec Center -- 207.882.8230

SCHOONER PIER

- 9 - 11 **1st ANNUAL SCHOONERFEST ROWING RACE**
Come Join the Fun!

For more information: 207.315.0500

SCHOONER PIER

All Morning

Short harbor cruises aboard the
TYRONE and **WHEN and IF**

SCHOONER PIER STAGE

NOON

2nd ANNUAL SCHOONERFEST TRIATHLON AWARDS EVENT

SCHOONER PIER STAGE

- 12 - 1 *Steampacket* (Fiddle, Mandolin/Banjo, Guitar)

IN THE HARBOR

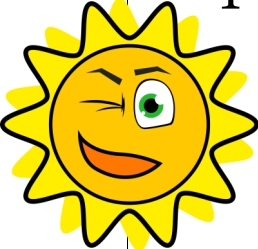
**Final Cannon salute on the departure of the
Schooners WHEN and IF and TYRONE**

Heather MacLeod (Tin Whistle)

Jerry Bryant & Chantey Crew



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2	3	4 Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm Alive on the Common 6 pm Wiscasset	5 Wiscasset Farmer's Mar- ket 9-noon	6 Thrift Store open 9-1 IRIS SALE 9-noon
7 ECC 9:30 AM Worship with Guest Minister Lawrence Krewson	8 Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m.	9 Thrift Store open 9-2	10	11 Labyrinth Walk at 11 a.m. Bring your own lunch Alive on the Common 6 pm Wiscasset	12 Wiscasset Farmer's Mar- ket 9-noon	13 Thrift Store open 9-1 \$3 Bag Sale 5-Mile Yard Sale 8-2 ECC Bake Sale 8-2
14 ECC 9:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service	15	16 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2	17 Schmid Advi- sory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	18 Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm	19 Wiscasset Farmer's Mar- ket 9-noon	20 Thrift Store open 9-1 Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4
21 ECC 9:30 AM Worship Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4	22 Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m.	23 Thrift Store open 9-2	24 Busy Hands 1-3 pm.	25 Wiscasset Art Walk 5-8 p.m.	26 Wiscasset Farmer's Mar- ket 9-noon	27 Thrift Store open 9-1
28 ECC 9:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service Breakfast 8:30	29	30 Thrift Store open 9-2	31	