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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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**News for the August edition is due
by 5 p.m. Friday, August 26,
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newsletter via email, please send your
Email address to:
edgcomb.church@gmail.com**

Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

July is finally here and with it comes the much-anticipated warm weather. We've had a beautiful but very cool spring here in Maine but soon we'll be drinking lemonade, iced tea and eating lots of ice cream to cool ourselves from the heat and humidity of the summer months.

Of course, with the month of July comes the celebration of the 4th of July. The day to remember the first reading of the United States Declaration of Independence now over 200 hundred years old. We join in activities with fellow citizens and wave our country's flag as we listen to the national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, being played. Some of us may even feel tears of emotion in our eyes because the words to the anthem mean so much.

We watch as our neighbors and friends step out in local parades marching down Main Street to the beat of patriotic songs. We fight off mosquitoes as we eat potato salad and hamburgers & hotdogs right off the grill at outdoor barbeques. And we end the day watching glittering fireworks soar into the evening sky that explode with a tremendous bang producing even more bright sparkles. Many of us have such good memories of this special national holiday.

Yet even as we look forward to celebrating on July 4th, we are aware our beloved country is experiencing turbulent times with many factors contributing to the stress lines facing our nation. So, this year I hope you will add one more activity to your 4th of July celebration. Please join me in praying for our country.

From the Guidepost website, Bob Hostetler suggests the following, *6 Ways to Pray on the 4th of July*. I hope you will find these helpful:

1. Give thanks for your freedom and favor.

What a blessing it is to enjoy the freedoms we too often take for granted and the blessings that attend us in this country.

2. Pray for those who protect our freedom.

Remember those who fought and died for our freedom in the past and those soldiers, sailors, police and others whose service protects us today.

3. Pray for our nation's leaders.

Paul, the early church leader, wrote, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all

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godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:1-3, niv). If he were writing today, Paul would probably include not only the president and other national officials but also members of Congress, governors, judges, and others in positions of authority.

4. Pray for the safety of those who gather to celebrate the holiday.

In this day and age, any large gathering presents security challenges large and small.

Ask God to grant wisdom and watchfulness to planners and hosts of events—as well as the usual need for caution in handling fireworks and other seasonal hazards.

5. Remember those in oppressive or disadvantaged circumstances.

As we express gratitude for our freedoms, we should also remember those who live in different circumstances where war, oppression, discrimination, and injustice divide and dominate. Even as you rejoice in your blessings, cry out to God for those who suffer.

6. Find new freedom in forgiveness.

There is no bad time to forgive someone but there are few better times than on a day when we celebrate freedom. Take a moment to consider whether there is someone you can forgive or something in your life that you can let go. Why not include in this year's celebration a new level of freedom by shaking off the shackles of unforgiveness or regret—perhaps even seeking God's forgiveness or forgiving yourself, and experiencing the truth of Romans 8:1-2: "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1-2, niv).

Dear friends, prayer is powerful. God is always listening and is always working to bring healing and love.

Wishing you a joyful July 4th celebration and enjoy the rest of the month, too!

Blessings and peace,

Kate, Pastor

Edgcomb Community Church, UCC

Source: <https://www.guideposts.org/prayer/holiday-prayers/6-ways-to-pray-on-the-4th-of-july>

Thursday Morning Labyrinth Walk

July 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

You are invited to join us on Thursday July 14, 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.

Church Calendar

July 2— Thrift Store Open 9-1
 July 3—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Com-
 munion Worship at 9:30 AM
 July 4— Independence Day
 July 5—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 July 9—Thrift Store open 9-1
 July 10—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Celtic
 Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.
 July 12—Thrift Store open 9-2
 July 14—*Labyrinth in the Field* Walk at 11 AM
 July 16—Thrift Store open 9-1
 July 17—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—
 Worship at 9:30 AM
 July 19—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 July 23—Thrift Store open 9-1
 July 24—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM
 July 26—Thrift Store open 9-2
 July 27—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
 July 30—Thrift Store open 9-1
 July 31—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—
 Worship at 9:30 AM

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. Next meeting is Wednesday, July 27.



July Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

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



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.

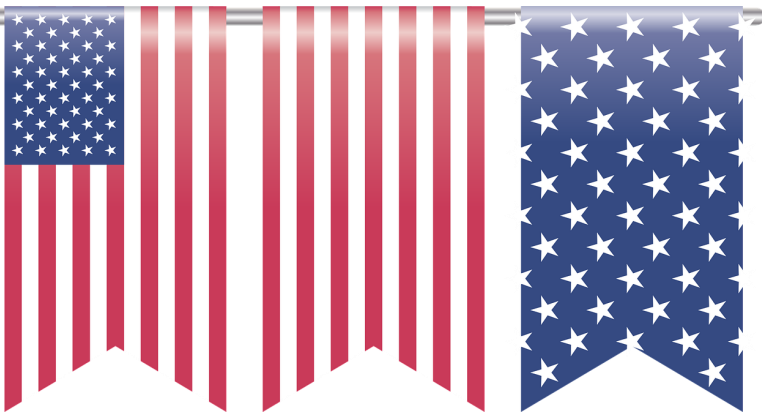
KINDERGARTEN Children who turn five on or
 before October 15, 2022, are eligible to enroll in kin-
 dergarten. See our website for more enrollment in-
 formation. Please call 882-5515 if you have any ques-
 tions. We look forward to welcoming you in the fall!

Tuesday Lunches are now being served!

July 5—Carrot Soup, BLT Wraps, Rhubarb Pie a la mode

July 19 —Fish Chowder, Biscuits, Salad, Ice Cream Cake

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



Happy 4th of July



5-Mile Yard Sale

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

Cross Point Road
Edgecomb, Maine

This year's Cross Point Road yard sale will be held Saturday, August 13. 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 also be open for business, 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.

Below is a letter received from the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ concerning the hiring of a new conference minister.



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A Just Peace, Open and Affirming Conference

With abundant joy, deep hope, and overflowing gratitude for the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, the Board of Directors of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ voted on June 16, 2022 to wholeheartedly affirm the discernment of the Conference Minister Search Committee, and to recommend the Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola be presented to delegates of the Maine Conference for their vote to elect and call her as our next Conference Minister. A Special Meeting of the Conference has been called for this purpose for Saturday August 6, 2022, at 1:00pm at First Parish Church in Brunswick. Watch for the official Call.

Introducing The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola!

Marisa will be coming to us from the Penn Central Conference where she has been serving as Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Transitions. She has a great passion for partnering with churches to recognize and celebrate their gifts of ministry and mission and to become “beacons of light” in their communities.

Marisa earned her Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology, and brings a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology as well as a Master of Music to her ministry. Marisa has pastored churches in Vermont and will be bringing to Maine her passion for affirming the vitality of churches of all sizes, and helping all churches expand the reach of ministry beyond their four walls. Marisa has two grown daughters. Kristyn lives in Vermont and Kathryn lives with her and her spouse. In her free time Marisa loves to cook, read, garden, take walks with her dog, and spend time outdoors camping or just sitting on the back deck.

During the month of July Marisa will be introduced more personally to members and friends of the Maine Conference through a series of “meet and greet” opportunities offered via Zoom. The dates and times for these gatherings will be as follows: Thursday July 7 at 7:00pm, Tuesday July 12 at 10:00am, and Saturday, July 16 at noon. The Zoom links will be sent out in the All Conference Emails. If you have questions, please contact the Conference office.

On behalf of the Maine Conference, the Board of Directors extends heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Conference Minister Search Committee: Rev. Brad Hirst, chair, Jeanie Barnard, Rev. Bill Bliss, Rev. Leslie Chatfield, Paula Hatfield, Andrea Kennison, Nancy Lewis, Chris Magri, and Rev. Jayme Babczak.

The Board of Directors of the Maine Conference

Rev. Linette George, chair

Summer Fun Events in July

July 1—WINDJAMMER DAYS in Boothbay Harbor, last day

July 1—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

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

July 1-4—BATH HERITAGE DAYS

July 2—PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Edgecomb Fire Dept. 7-11 a.m.

July 2,3 & 4—Boothbay Region ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR on Boothbay Town Common 10-4.

July 2—WISCASSET SPEEDWAY races 5 p.m.

July 3—American Legion SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7-9 a.m. Boothbay Harbor

July 4—FIREWORKS CRUISE 7:30 p.m. in Damariscotta

July 4—Cap'n Fish's FIREWORKS CRUISE 7:30 p.m. in Boothbay Harbor

July 7—ALIVE ON THE COMMON—*Salty Dogs* play on Wiscasset Common 6 p.m.

July 7—COCKTAILS AT THE CASTLE, 5-7:30 p.m. Castle Tucker, Wiscasset

July 8—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

July 9—WISCASSET HOMES ON TOUR 11-4

July 9—17th Annual Strawberry Shortcake Shuffle 5K FITNESS WALK, 8:30-11 a.m. at Great Salt Bay School, Damariscotta

July 14—ALIVE ON THE COMMON 6 p.m. on Wiscasset Town Common: *Crying Out Loud*

July 15—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

July 17—AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST, 7-9 a.m. in Boothbay Harbor

July 21—ALIVE ON THE COMMON, *Lynn Deeves* plays on the Wiscasset Town Common 6 p.m.

July 22—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

July 23—SUMMERFEST at Wiscasset Town Common, 10-2.

July 23,24—Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club Regatta & Shipyard Cup Classics Challenge

July 23, 24—BOOTHBAY CRAFT FAIR 10-4 at Boothbay Town Common

July 24—Morris Farm OPEN FARM DAY, Wiscasset

July 28—WISCASSET ART WALK 5-8 p.m. in downtown Wiscasset

July 29—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

July 30—MUSIC ON THE RAILWAY, 5 p.m. at Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, Alna. Pete Kilpatrick, musician

July 31—American Legion SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7-9 a.m. Boothbay Harbor

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

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

July 2, 2022 from 7am to 11am

Donations requested

Did Someone say bacon?!?



Edgecomb Fire Department
All are welcome!



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stipend can not be counted as income for any purpose.

Applicants must be at least 55 years of age.

Seniors, all over Maine, are helping children strengthen skills and reach their goals through the **Foster Grandparent Program.**

Foster Grandparents volunteer with children in Schools, Head Starts, and nonprofit Child Care Centers. For their volunteer hours, Foster Grandparents receive a nontaxable stipend, mileage, and meals. This stipend does not affect any other benefits the volunteer may be receiving such as Social Security, food stamps or subsidized housing. This

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Summer Play at the Labyrinth

THE RIVER COMPANY OF DAMARISCOTTA WILL AGAIN BE PERFORMING SHAKESPEARE AT THE EDGECOMB COMMUNITY CHURCH LABYRINTH THIS SUMMER.

**FRI AND SAT JULY 29,30.
FRI AND SAT AUGUST 5,6.**

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)

Nick Azzaretti, director of River Company's upcoming production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]* by Daniel Long, Adam Singer, and Jess Winfield of the Reduced Shakespeare Company, thanks the church for kindly hosting them for their 2022 summer show. Last year's *Midsummer Night's Dream* was great fun to experience at the labyrinth.

In this show three performers rush their way through all of Shakespeare's plays in a bawdy, irreverent, sublimely silly fashion, all in about 90 minutes. Our cast features Soren and Emily Sue Barker and Roosevelt "Robo" Bishop, all residents of Boothbay and experienced dramatic, comedic, and musical performers.

As the Reduced Shakespeare Company's website warns: This show is a high-speed roller-coaster type condensation of all of Shakespeare's plays, and is not recommended for people with heart ailments, bladder problems, inner-ear disorders, outer-ear disorders, Shakespearean scholars, degrees in Elizabethan history and/or people inclined to motion sickness. The RSC cannot be held responsible for expectant mothers!

Emily Sue Barker is excited to emerge from under her rock and share the love of her life with you — Shakespeare! Oh, and her husband's in the show too. Emily Sue's recent credits include Cecily Cardew in River Company's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Shelby Latcherie in LCT's *Steel Magnolias*, Natalya is River Company's *A Marriage Proposal*, and a company member of LCT's *A Grand Night for Singing*. Emily Sue teaches English and Theatre at Oak Hill High School and enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons, playing D&D, and complaining about Peter Jackson's *Hobbit* trilogy. Enjoy the show!

Soren Barker is delighted to be back on the stage opposite his sweetheart. He is also excited to be in a show with his lovely wife. His recent credits include: Algernon Moncrieff in River Company's *Importance of Being Earnest*; Doc Porter in LCT's *Crimes of the Heart*; Sextant Catenary in *D&D After Dark's Door of Night*. When Soren isn't on stage or playing *Dungeons and Dragons* he can be found teaching 6th graders, sailing the high seas, or eating corn dogs with his sons.

July 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat



1 Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon
Windjammer Days in Boothbay

2 Thrift Store open 9-1
Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4
Edgecomb Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7-11

3
ECC 9:30 AM Worship
Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4

4 
Independence Day
Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4

5
Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-2

6
7 Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm
Cocktails at Castle Tucker 5-7:30 pm
Alive on the Common 6 pm

8 Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon
Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot

9
Thrift Store open 9-1
Wiscasset Homes on Tour

10
ECC 9:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service

11
Edgecomb Ed-dy School Committee Meeting 5-6 pm.

12
Thrift Store open 9-2

13
14 Labyrinth Walk at 11 a.m.
Bring your own lunch
Alive on the Common 6 pm
Wiscasset

15 Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon
Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot

16
Thrift Store open 9-1

17
ECC 9:30 AM Worship

18

19
Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-2

20
Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall

21 Edgecomb Planning Board 6:30 pm
Alive on the Common 6 pm
Wiscasset

22 Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon
Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot

23 Thrift Store open 9-1
Summerfest on Wiscasset Town Common
Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4

24 ECC 9:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service
Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4

25
Christmas in July

26
Thrift Store open 9-2

27
Busy Hands 1-3 pm.

28
Wiscasset Art Walk 5-8 p.m.

29 Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon
Wiscasset Municipal Parking Lot

30
Thrift Store open 9-1
Music on the Railway, Alna

31 ECC 9:30 AM Worship
Guest Minister Lawrence Krewson

