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and loving service to humankind"*

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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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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

Welcome to September! This is the month we celebrate Labor Day, go apple picking, swat away annoying yellow jackets, begin wearing shoes again, acknowledge the arrival of the Autumn Equinox, and feel crisp cool breezes blowing on our faces as the light of day gives way to earlier evenings.

There are two other things that are also worthy of our attention this September. The first is the new school year which begins for many children after Labor Day. The second is the celebration of the Feast of Michael and all Angels on Sunday, September 25th, during the Celtic Prayer Service.

As many of you know, the beginning of a new school year can be an exciting time as well as a stress-filled one for students, parents, and teachers. There is a lot to prepare for at the beginning of every new school year for all involved. After the challenges faced by schools during the past several years due to the pandemic, it seems a perfect time to pray for a joy-filled and smooth opening of school along with a happy and healthy academic year.

So, this year I invite you to pray for all children (young and old) heading back to school, along with their parent(s) and teachers. Below you'll find three prayers to help you with this challenge. My hope is they will inspire you to find words for your own to pray and perhaps even remind you of your school days and the significance of their influence on your life.

The second happening is the celebration of the Feast of Michael and all angels, traditionally known as Michaelmas. During our Celtic Prayer Service on September 25th, we'll learn more about this Christian feast while eating berries during breakfast that begins at 8:30 am Since the 5th century, the day has been associated with the end of harvest, the beginning of autumn, and the shortening of days. One story told is that before the end of the day, blackberries must be picked and eaten, because it is believed that on that day, the Archangel Michael drove the devil out of heaven, and landed in a blackberry bush, which he spat on and cursed.

Beloved people, enjoy September and if you get a chance, bake some apple crisp, apple bread, or cook some applesauce and share it with a family member or friend you haven't seen or talked with since the beginning of the summer. Remind them this month how much you love and care for them.

And, as the Apostle Paul reminds us, *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* (Romans 12:12 ESV)

September blessings everyone!

Kate, Pastor, Edgcomb Community Church, UCC *Continued on page 2*

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A Prayer for Children

Dear Lord, as students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. We ask that you bless all children. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents

Compassionate God, we pray that you'll give parents everything they need to be the best support they can be for their children. Please give them the time, energy, and patience needed to lead their kids well. We pray that you guide them to encourage, support, and come alongside the teachers in a way that benefits everyone. We ask that you strengthen parent and child relationships this school year, and that the stress of homework and busy schedules won't create a divide of short tempers and irritation but be overcome with the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. We ask that you bless all parents. Amen

A Prayer for Teachers

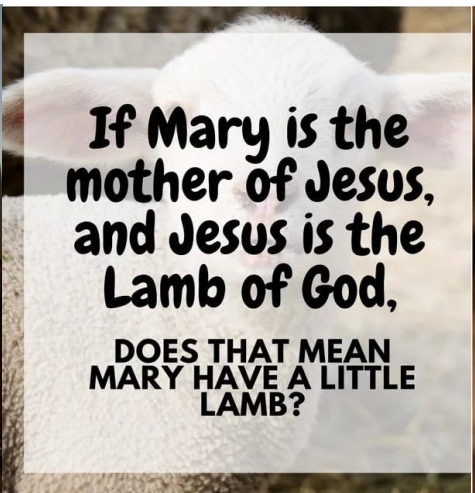
Encouraging God, we pray that you prepare teachers this year with everything they need. Being a teacher has always been a high-stress, incredibly important and often under-valued job. So, we ask this school year that you bless our teachers in special ways. Let them feel supported and honored.

Let them feel encouraged and prepared. Give them confidence. Give them wisdom. Give them patience and understanding. Lead them as they guide not only the educational needs of their many students, but their emotional needs as well. Give them a listening ear, an open heart, and energy for the many tasks before them. Teachers make such a difference in the lives of students every day, so Lord, please help them to feel appreciated, loved, and motivated to continue through the duties they face in their daily schedules. We ask that you bless all teachers. Amen.



**Why didn't
Noah ever go
fishing?**

**HE ONLY HAD TWO
WORMS.**



**If Mary is the
mother of Jesus,
and Jesus is the
Lamb of God,**

**DOES THAT MEAN
MARY HAVE A LITTLE
LAMB?**



**How do
groups of
angels greet
each other?**

HALO, HALO, HALO!

Mission Outreach

Mission Outreach has been busy this summer. On August 6th, Louise Hardina held her Iris Sale at the church. In past years this event was very popular and well attended. This year was just the same. Very busy and by 11am all of the 90+ Irises were sold! Thank you so much Louise for all your work and generosity. The proceeds of \$750 was donated to the Resource Council for the Fuel Assistance Fund. ating.

On August 13th, the day of the Cross Point Rd Yard Sale, a Bake Sale was held. A lovely variety of baked goods was greatly enjoyed by all. Mary Jane Wells donated 15 cases of her home made jams, jellies and relishes. She sold these and gave samples to eager customers. These were greatly enjoyed. Thank you so much Mary Jane for all your work and generosity.



Tuesday Lunches are still being served!

September 6—Italian Wraps, Pickles & Chips, Root Beer Floats

September 20 —Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles & Chips, Chocolate Brownie Pudding

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



Church Calendar

September 3— Thrift Store open 9-1
 September 4—Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost
 - Communion Worship at 9:30 AM
 September 5—Labor Day
 September 6—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 September 10—Thrift Store open 9-1
 September 11—Fourteenth Sunday of Pente-
 cost—Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.
 In Sanctuary. Patriot Day
 September 13—Thrift Store open 9-2
 September 17—Thrift Store open 9-1
 September 18—Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
 Traditional Worship at 9:30 AM
 September 20—Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-2
 September 22—First day of Autumn
 September 24—Thrift Store open 9-1
 September 25—Sixteenth Sunday of Pente-
 cost—Breakfast at 8:30 AM in
 Fellowship Hall. Celtic Prayer Service
 9:30 AM with Communion celebrating
 the Feast of Michael and all Angels, al-
 so known at Michaelmas.
 Rosh Hashanah begins
 September 27—Thrift Store open 9-2
 September 28—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

Thrift Store News

**September is Summer Clearance
 Month. Come in to get great deals on
 summer clothing to make room for the
 fall inventory.**

**Picture Frame Sale too!
 Christmas Sale in November**

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

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

Ed Hamilton	1
Dick O'Connor	7
Steven Wjdzinski	8
Eliza Chase	9
Pam Soule	23



General Assistance Information

General Assistance is administered by
 the Town of Edgecomb per State Statute
 22 M.R.S.A. § 4301 et seq. Residents ap-
 plying for assistance are seen by ap-
 pointment only during Town Office
 business hours. Appointments may be
 scheduled by calling 882-7018 or by
 emailing **General Assistance**. In an
 emergency, applicants may contact Lin-
 coln County Sheriff's office at 882-7332.

Neighbors in Need

Collection October 2, 2022

Following is a letter received from the United Church of Christ.

Dear Friend:

I pray you are well and adjusting to living with COVID as an endemic.

Much continues to change in the world since last year's Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering. Justice issues have been laid bare, including women's rights, inflation, and gun laws. The Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering, October 2, 2022, is ever more critical.

The United Church of Christ's history is rooted in supporting justice work. Using technology, we continue to bring programs and services to our communities in need of hope, inspiration, and educational opportunities through powerful webinars.

Traci Blackmon, our Associate General Minister, and I thank you for your congregation's support. Your gifts help us stand front and center with those working, marching, and advocating for a just world.

Therefore, we invite your congregation to make a commitment to Neighbors in Need on Sunday, October 2nd.

In service with deep gratitude,



Bentley de Bardelaben-Phillips,
Executive Associate, EFA Team Leader, Justice and Local Church Ministries

5-Mile Yard Sale

A great success again!!!

A huge thank you to all who participated in this year's Five-Mile Yard Sale at the Edgecomb Community Church—donators, workers, buyers, browsers, you name it—everyone had a part in making it a great day. Just about \$4,000 was brought in from the yard sale.

The Thrift Store also had an amazing day bringing in just over \$1,000.

The Bake Sale downstairs in the church also made over \$1,000 thanks to all those who contributed fresh baked items, and all those jellies and jams!

The funds raised will go a long way to helping out those in need in our neighborhoods in the coming months.

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



Have a wonderful
Labor Day!

Fun Family Gatherings

Last hurrah before
school begins

Enjoy these last days of
summer 2022

Summer Events in September

August 28—September 5—WINDSOR FAIR.

September 1-5—BLUE HILL FAIR.

September 2—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

September 2-5—HARMONY FREE FAIR.

September 3—MUSIC ON THE RAILWAY, 5 p.m. at Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, Alna.

September 3&4—BOOTHBAY CRAFT FAIR 10-4 at Boothbay Town Common

September 8-11—CLINTON LIONS AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

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

September 9-11—LITCHFIELD FAIR.

September 11—American Legion SUNDAY BREAKFAST 7-9 a.m. Boothbay Harbor

September 14-17—OXFORD FAIR.

September 16—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

September 16-18—NEW PORTLAND LIONS FAIR.

September 17&18—BOOTHBAY CRAFT FAIR 10-4 at Boothbay Town Common

September 18-24—FARMINGTON FAIR.

September 23—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.

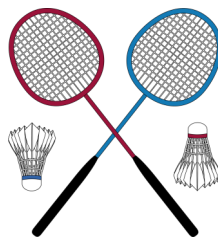
September 23-25—COMMON GROUND FAIR.

September 25—AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST, 7-9 a.m. in Boothbay Harbor

September 25-October 1—CUMBERLAND FAIR.

September 29—WISCASSET ART WALK 5-8 p.m. in downtown Wiscasset

September 30—WISCASSET FARMERS' MARKET, 9-12 at Wiscasset Municipal Building Parking lot.



September 2022

Sun

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				Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm All School Staff report	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon	Thrift Store open 9-1 Summer Clearance Sale & Frame Sale Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4
4	5	6 Tuesday	7	8	9	10
ECC 9:30 AM Worship Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4	LABOR DAY 	Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m. First Day for PreK-9	First Day for Grades 10-12		Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon	Thrift Store open 9-1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
ECC 9:30 AM Celtic Prayer Service <i>Patriot Day</i>		Thrift Store open 9-2		Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon	Thrift Store open 9-1 Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ECC 9:30 AM Worship Town Common Boothbay Craft Fair 10-4	Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m.	Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2	Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	<i>First Day of Autumn</i> 	Wiscasset Farmer's Market 9-noon	Thrift Store open 9-1
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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