

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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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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Greetings and Happy New Year Everyone!

Being a fan of classic black-and-white movies from the 1940s, I enjoy the way the passage of time is depicted by the flipping of pages on a calendar. This image comes to mind as we step into the New Year 2023.

Many of us would agree that we are living through a time of great upheaval and change. Every morning when we watch the news or read from social media reports, something new is unfolding. Sometimes it is exciting, such as seeing the images from the James Webb telescope showing close-up details of the magnificence of the universe. At other times it feels as if the ground beneath our feet is shaking as we feel the effects of war, climate change, inflation, and the persistence of Covid, just to name a few.

So, this year I invite all of us to make a New Year's resolution to follow Christ's words. When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, he said, *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'*<sup>38</sup> *This is the greatest and first commandment.*<sup>39</sup> *And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* (Matthew 22:37-40)

As much as these words may seem redundant because of their familiarity to us, Jesus' command for us to love God and our neighbors is a faithful and powerful way to begin the New Year. Beloved People, as we flip our calendars to 2023, let us heed Jesus' words. Together we can keep this resolution and give glory to our God.

Happy New Year and God's blessings on your journey,  
Rev. Kate  
Pastor, Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

*"Spread love everywhere you go.*

*Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."*

Mother Theresa

# Church Calendar

January 1 — 1st Sunday of Christmas,  
Worship at 9:30 AM, New  
Year's Day. All services will be  
held downstairs in the church  
Fellowship Hall for the months  
of January, February & March.

January 6 — Epiphany

January 8 — 1st Sunday after Epipha-  
ny — Celtic Prayer Service and  
Communion at 9:30 AM.

January 15 — Second Sunday after  
Epiphany — Worship Service at  
9:30 AM

January 16 — Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day

January 22 — Third Sunday after  
Epiphany — Celtic Prayer Ser-  
vice at 9:30 AM  
Breakfast at 8:30 AM

January 25 — Busy Hands 1-3 PM

January 29 — Fourth Sunday after  
Epiphany — Worship Service at  
9:30 AM



## January Birthdays

Calla Wells	4
Maryjane Wells	9
Grace Greene	30
Phil DiVece	31



## February Birthdays

Gail Boudin	12
Madeline Olney	13
Kate Pinkham	18
Marsha Potter	22
George Chase	26



## Worship Services

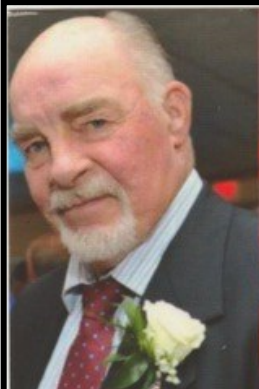
### In Fellowship Hall

Due to the price of fuel oil, the Edgecomb Community Church will be holding its Sunday worship services downstairs in the church vestry (or Parish Hall) for the months of January, February and March. Please plan on worshipping with us this winter in this warm and inviting space each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

# Edgecomb Community Church remembers

*their lost brother and sisters who passed away this past year.*

*All three were long-time active members of this church and will be missed.*



**Joseph D. Evans**  
*Sunrise- February 1st 1938*

*Sunset- October 21st 2022*

**Goodnight Captain**

*Sailor's Rest*

*When my sailing days are over,  
And I sail the seas no more,  
I shall build myself a refuge  
By the oceans murmuring shore.  
As I watch the foaming breakers  
When the tide comes rushing in,  
I will contemplate my lifetime,  
With it's virtues and it's sins.*

*Where the azure of the heavens  
Meets the undulating blue,  
Where the sweeping, soaring seagull  
Flies it's endless quest for food.  
It is there that I would rest,  
When my work on Earth is done,  
At the endless blue horizon  
'Neath the crimson, setting sun.*

*-David Block*

## Gloria Irene Bailey

Gloria passed away Aug. 18, 2022 and went to be with her heavenly father, Jesus Christ.

She was born May 7, 1940 to Charles and Mildred Russell and was one of six children. She grew up in Whitefield. She went to the Whitefield school and graduated from Er-

skine Academy. She married Charles Bailey on Feb. 18, 1961. He was in the service and she traveled with him as he served. When they came home, she began working. She worked at Wiscasset Fuel and Central Maine Power Co., and she was a caregiver to the elderly. She loved that job and did it for as long as she was able to work. Gloria was a caring person and it made her very happy whenever she could help someone.

Gloria was a member of Edgecomb Community Church. She served as a deacon and was very active in church activities. She loved working in the kitchen, the thrift shop, and assisting at food sales. She also loved bringing food to these sales so she could make money for the church. She was famous for her baked beans, brownies, and her whoopie pies.



**Ruth A. (Hilton) Sasala**, 84, of New Milford, Connecticut, passed away on Aug. 27, 2022, after a lengthy battle with brain cancer.

She was born on June 10, 1938, to Harold and Kathryn (Larsen) Hilton in Camden, New Jersey. She had the opportunity to live in many places throughout her life including 22 years in Edgecomb, Maine, and six years in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Ruth was a proud wife, mother, and grandmother and was an incredibly sweet-spirited person that everyone wanted to be around. Throughout her years, she enjoyed traveling with her husband, collecting and selling antiques, needlework, and knitting; but her favorite time was spent with family and friends.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Theodore Sasala; her parents; her brother, Gerald Hilton and several brothers-in-law as well as a sister-in-law.







# Special January Observances

January 1: New Year's Day, National Hangover Day

January 2: National Science Fiction Day, National Thank God It's Monday Day, World Introvert Day

January 3: J.R.R. Tolkien Day, Festival of Sleep Day, Humiliation Day

January 4: Trivia Day, National Spaghetti Day

January 5: National Bird Day, National Keto Day

January 6: Sherlock Holmes' Birthday, Cuddle Up Day, Bean Day

January 7: Old Rock Day, Orthodox Christmas

January 8: Bubble Bath Day, World Typing Day

January 9: National Static Electricity Day, National Word Nerd Day

January 10: Peculiar People Day, Houseplant Appreciation Day, National Bittersweet Chocolate Day

January 11: Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day

January 12: National Pharmacist Day, National Hot Tea Day

January 13: Make Your Dream Come True Day, National Rubber Ducky Day

January 14: Dress Up Your Pet Day, World Logic Day

January 15: National Hat Day, National Bagel Day

January 16: Appreciate a Dragon Day, National Nothing Day

January 17: Benjamin Franklin Day, Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day

January 18: Thesaurus Day, Winnie the Pooh Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed on the third Monday of January)

January 19: National Popcorn Day, National Tin Can Day

January 20: National Cheese Lovers Day, Penguin Awareness Day

January 21: National Hugging Day, Squirrel Appreciation Day

January 22: National Blonde Brownie Day

January 23: National Handwriting Day, National Pie Day

January 24: Compliment Day, Belly Laugh Day

January 25: Opposite Day

January 27: National Chocolate Cake Day, Punch the Clock Day

January 28: National Kazoo Day, Data Privacy Day

January 29: National Puzzle Day, National Corn Chip Day

January 30: Draw a Dinosaur Day, National Croissant Day

January 31: Backward Day, Inspire Your Heart With Art Day

*From [goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/a41924981/January-holiday-and-observances](http://goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/a41924981/January-holiday-and-observances)*

# Edgecomb Mission

Gail Boudin, Mission Chairperson, has been working on Christmas baskets for the Edgecomb Green residents which were delivered the week before Christmas. Small decorated table-top Christmas trees along with several treats and gift items were given to the six residents. The church continues year-round to fill many of these neighbors' needs.



## Food Pantry Winter Schedule

Beginning January 3, 2023, the Edgecomb Community Church will be open from 10 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall for the purpose of providing access to the church's Little Corner Food Pantry. Coffee and fellowship will also be available for any who would like to stay and chat. The dates the church will be open are: January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21; and March 7 & 21. The Tuesday Lunch program will resume in April.

Lunches will be available these winter months at two sites in Boothbay Harbor. Brady Restaurant on Union Street will offer lunch each Monday at 11:30 a.m. The Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church on Townsend Ave. will offer lunch the 1st Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Shaws of Wiscasset also delivers groceries to your home. Check their website for details.




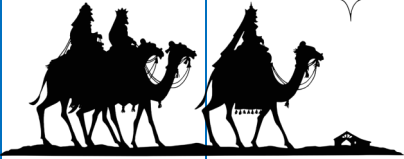



## Busy Hands

Pam Soule of Busy Hands displays the many hand-knitted hats donated to the church's mission efforts. The hats were handed out to various groups including the Edgecomb Eddy School, Tedford Shelter in Brunswick, and local families.

The Busy Hands group was able to put together a nice display of hand-made items for the Holiday Sale this year. With the monies raised and items donated, the group was also able to help out Midcoast Hospital with baby blankets, and the Feed our Scholars program.

# January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day First Sunday of Christmas Worship Service at 9:30 AM	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> PTC Meeting 6-6:45 p.m. Via zoom ECC Food Pantry open 10-noon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> Epiphany 	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 1st Sunday after Epiphany Celtic Prayer Service and Communion at 9:30 AM	<b>9</b> Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m. EES Committee Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> Second Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service at 9:30 AM	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<b>17</b> ECC Food Pantry open 10-noon	<b>18</b> Schmid Advisory Committee 7 p.m. at town hall	<b>19</b> Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany Celtic Prayer Service and Communion at 9:30 AM Breakfast at 8:30 AM	<b>23</b> Edgecomb Selectboard Meeting 6 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service at 9:30 AM	<b>30</b> 3rd Grade Performance Festival 2:05-2:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> 