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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,

Hurray for May! At long last winter is behind us! Now is the time to look forward to the arrival of the flowering lilac bushes. Known as the "Queen of Shrubs", soon we'll be able to experience their delicate fragrance when we go out for a walk or drive down the street in the car with our windows wide open!

May is also my last month as Pastor of Edgecomb Community Church, UCC. As we come to the end of our ten years together, these ancient words of wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes come to mind:

³ To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (KJV)

On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, you are all cordially invited to attend our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service which will also include a special Service of Release and Farewell from my ministry with you. I hope you will come so we can worship God together and say goodbye. Also, please wear something red for Pentecost!

Blessings and peace,

Reverend Katherine E. Pinkham

Pastor, Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

Church Calendar

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

May 6—Thrift Store open 9-1.

May 7—Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday—Worship at 9:30 AM.

May 9—Thrift Store open 9-2.

May 13—Thrift Store open 9-1.

May 14—Sixth Sunday of Easter—Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM.
Mother's Day

May 16—Tuesday Lunch at noon. Thrift store open 9-2.

May 20—Thrift Store open 9-1.

May 21—Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship at 9:30 AM.

May 23—Thrift Store open 9-2.

May 27—Thrift Store open 9-1.

May 28—Pentecost Sunday—Celtic Prayer Service

May 28—Breakfast at 8:30 AM—Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. Rev, Kate Pinkham's last Sunday—Please wear something red! There will be a reception following worship. No breakfast this Sunday.

May 29—Memorial Day



Tuesday Lunch

Lunch is served the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Free of charge - donations accepted.

May 2—French Bread
Pizza, Salad, Potato
Chips, Chocolate Cream
Pie.

May 16—Tea Party—
Sandwiches, Finger
Foods and Desserts.
Pastor Kate's last Tuesday Lunch with us.
Please join us!

May Birthdays

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

June Birthdays

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



Welcome New Member

To the Edgcomb Community Church - new member MaryJane Wells.

Pastor Katherine Pinkham on left; Deacon Marjorie DiVece on right



Pastor Kate's last days with Edgcomb Community Church

The Reverend Katherine Pinkham was presented a homemade sweater on Sunday, April 2, during coffee hour. Marjorie DiVece (left) knitted the sweater for her with yarn purchased by Carol Colby (right). The pattern was a basketweave design Kate had admired from an old sweater made by Carol's mother Edith Chaney for her husband Phil Chaney years ago. Kate's last Sunday with the church will be May 28. A farewell coffee hour/brunch will follow the service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to wish Kate a happy retirement.



Two Poems from the Search Committee

Written by Jeff Sewall

Dreams of the Preacher

I'm looking, I have a dream.
Too long or so it seems
For the place that needs me
As much as I have needed Thee.

I have had faith in your teaching
Ever since I started preaching.
Now I have a need to be needed, it's true
By a Spiritual Family that needs me too.

I am looking for the perfect fit,
A church that will grow and expand a bit.
I ask for your help to find the right people
To find the right church maybe even with a steeple.

Lord I know you will find the right place
Where I can do your work at the best pace.
I know the folks will need exactly me
As I find the right Spiritual Family.



The Search Committee has completed the Church Profile which has been sent along to the Maine UCC Conference. A broad search will then commence. The church is on it's way to finding a new pastor. Updates will be printed in upcoming newsletters.

Thoughts of the Committee

Here we are looking for an new pastor.
The chore is daunting much harder and more;
Such a huge job, so much responsibility.
Such trust in me be my spiritual family.

We have been named "Search Committee."
The title doesn't paint us accurately.
Our task to find a human with spiritual qualities
Not often found in mankind actually.

How shall we begin, let's make a list.
Who can help, who can assist?
What qualities do we need, what do we want?
We can't make mistakes that surely will haunt.

We are merely human, how can we know
What will it take can we possibly grow?
Wait, we have forgotten one fact,
We forgot that God is helping in this first act.

The one we find will be the one we need.
God will supply the right choice indeed.
The conference can help but let's not depend
On just one source that isn't the end.

We need a teacher a preacher, a pastor and more.
It need not be someone we adore.
The right person for us will be sent for sure.
We must do the work, we must cast the lure.

So have faith both committee and preacher
We will find each other through God, our teacher.

Mission Outreach

The Mission Outreach Committee has been busy during the winter months. We have provided 30+ lunches to people on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month with Lunch To Go. During these times we also had Coffee, Donuts and Conversation from 10 a.m. -12. Attendance was very good during these circles of conversation. People dropped by and visited with friends and neighbors and picked up their lunches to take home. Lunches and bags of groceries were delivered to those unable to get out during the cold days. This was also a time for people to access The Little Corner Pantry in person.

We also have been working with and supporting St Philips Church in Wiscasset during their Winter Warming Center project. Hygiene bags, snack bags, gift cards for haircuts and personal care items have been donated to the guests. Food items and some meals have also been delivered. Cards of support and encouragement have been written and sent by Mission and our church congregation to St Philips Church members, as they forge this new path providing much needed help and support to the unhoused community. This is an exciting endeavor and we will continue to support them in any way we can.

On April 27th the Edgecomb Community Church Food Pantry was recognized and presented with a check for \$500 dollars from the Wiscasset Masons organization, to be used for The Little Corner Pantry. This money will be a big help in continuing to keep dry goods and non-perishable food items stocked in our pantry. We are so grateful and appreciative for this gift. Buying groceries remains a challenge for many people in our communities.

People are excited to be having Tuesday Lunch in person and to have Sue back with the Thrift Shop open. Spring is here!!! Thank you for your continued support.

Peace and Harmony
Gail Boudin MOC





Margaret and George at Friday, April 28's Coffee, Donuts and Conversation at the Edgecomb Green.



Carol Colby, Gail Boudin, Sue Sikes and Joline Allen holding a check donated by the Wiscasset Masonic Lodge. Donation divided among five local food pantries.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Selectboard meeting 6 PM PTC Meeting 6-6:45 p.m.	3	4 Edgecomb Pl Board 6:30 pm	5 PTC Annual Fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Cinco de Mayo	6 Thrift Store open 9-1
7 5th Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday — Worship at 9:30 AM	8 EES Com- mittee Meet- ing 5-6 p.m.	9 Thrift Store open 9-2	10	11	12	13 Thrift Store open 9-1
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