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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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News for the October edition is due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, at edgcomb.church@gmail.com

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Email address to:

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A letter from Rev. Alexis Fuller-Wright, former Associate Conference Minister with the Maine UCC

Dear Friends,

There are plenty of people who will tell you that Christianity is nothing but a big list of NO's: no to certain types of activities or to certain types of people or to certain types of practices.

But faith begins with a big, bold YES... a willingness to believe that with God, anything is possible. Isn't it ironic, then, that our churches are often places of "no." "No" to new ways of doing things. "No" to dreams that can't fit in our budget. "No" to ideas that stretch beyond our comfort zone.

The disciples were perhaps the biggest nay-sayers of all. When they found themselves with a crowd of 5,000 to feed, the disciples had only one barley loaf and two fish among them. They started to panic: *No, there isn't enough. We can't possibly feed these people. The math doesn't work.*

They had forgotten that we were created by a God not bound by human conventions. And in the Holy Spirit's sacred math, there was not only enough to meet the need, but extra.

Sometimes I think we confuse faithfulness with fearfulness. We forget that when our work is guided by the Gospel – feeding and tending, healing and liberating – things happen that defy our spreadsheets and our 5-year plans. That doesn't mean those tools are wrong, simply that they, alone, aren't sufficient. This week, I wonder how God might be inviting you or your church to move out of scarcity and into an abundance mindset? Where might Christ be beckoning you to trust that there will be more than enough to meet the need?

I pray this week that you might be able to lean into God's promise of *enough* and find yourself astonished, again, by the greatness of the One we follow.

God's peace,
Alexis

(From UCC News Digest)

Church Calendar

September 2—Thrift Store open 9-1

September 3—14th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 Am with guest Rev. Don Bizer

September 4—Labor Day

September 5 — Tuesday Lunch at noon. Thrift Store open 9-2.

September 9—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 10 —15th Sunday of Pentecost—9:30 AM worship with guest Aram Mitchell.

September 12—Thrift store open 9-2.

September 16 —Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 17 —16th Sunday of Pentecost - 9:30 AM worship with guest Rev. Don Bizer.

September 19—Tuesday Lunch at noon. Thrift Store open 9-2.

September 23—Thrift Store 9-1.
Autumn Equinox Labyrinth Walk 7 p.m.

September 24—17th Sunday of Pentecost—9:30 AM worship with guest Rev. ?

September 26 —Thrift Store open 9-2.

September 27—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

September 30—Thrift Store open 9-1.

Tuesday Lunch

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

September 5: Broccoli-Cheese Soup, Biscuits, Salad, Snow Pudding.

September 19: Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Bread, Applesauce Cake.

September Birthdays

Rose Young	17
Jeff Grigg	21
Rene Evans	28

October Birthdays

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



Announcing

Thrift Store Holiday Sale

MERRY & BRIGHT!

Opening Day—Saturday, November 11, 9-1

Runs for four other days: Tuesday, November 14, 9-2

Saturday, November 18, 9-1

Tuesday, November 21, 9-2

Saturday, November 25, 9-1—Last day of sale

Thrift Shop will be closing Saturday, December 2nd and will reopen in April of 2024.

Holiday Sale will feature: Christmas Décor and Gifts, Baked Goods, Handcrafted Items, Gift Basket Raffle, Fuel Assistance Grab Bags, and Free Coffee.

Mark your calendars now for this annual event!

Wicker Chair for Sale

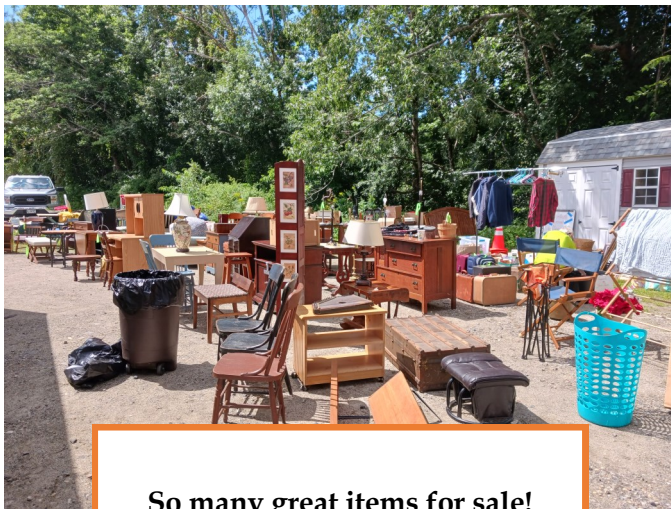
This Vintage Bar Harbor high back wicker chair with floral spring seat and back cushion is for sale at the Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Shop. With its original finish and in excellent condition it is priced at \$150. Visit the Thrift Shop Tuesdays 9-2 or Saturdays 9-1 to see this chair and many other fine items. You may also email Sue at sueandthom@gmail.com if interested in purchasing this chair.



5-Mile Yard Sale

A Huge Success!

A great big thank you to all who helped with this year's church yard sale on August 12. The bake sale raised almost \$1,000; the Thrift Store almost reached the same; Louise Hardina's Iris sale took in over \$200; and the yard sale made a phenomenal \$4400+ making the total nearly \$7,000. Monies are still trickling in from late sales of donated items. These funds will enable the church to help their neighbors with many needs this next year.



So many great items for sale!



Silas and Joanne
setting up for the big day



Louise Hardina
At the Iris Sale table



Gail Boudin
at the Bake Sale Table



American Legion



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

25 Industrial Park Drive, Boothbay, ME

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS: 7:30-9:30 AM

Sept. 10, 24 * Oct. 8, 22 * Nov. 5

Suggested Donations to support our missions:

Adults \$12 Children \$6 3 and under FREE

All your favorites returning:

- * Scrambled Eggs**
- * Bacon & Sausage**
- * Corn Beef Hash**
- * Hash Brown Potatoes**
- * Pancakes**
- * Belgian Waffles,**
- * French Texas Toast** ***SOS Until**
- *Assorted Cereals** ***Fruit**



Gone *Baked Beans

Join us for fellowship, community spirit, and GREAT FOOD!

Bible Study anyone?

Rev. Lawrence (Larry) Krewson will be hosting a Bible Study group coming soon at the Edgecomb Community Church. Larry lives in Georgia, but has filled in at the Edgecomb church several times over the past three years via zoom and in person the last two summers. Anyone who has heard him knows he is an excellent speaker and an all-round interesting person. He has offered to lead anyone interested in a Bible Study via zoom beginning in late September or early October. All interested parties are to contact the church at Edgecomb.church@gmail.com and let Marjorie DiVece, the church coordinator, know your preference for meeting — Wednesday mornings or Thursday mornings or afternoons. If there is enough interest more information will be sent to the individuals along with a link to the zoom meetings. Deadline for signing up is September 10.

Mission at Work

The Edgecomb Community Church Mission Outreach committee recently donated monies for a local young boy to attend summer camp. Here is Noah on his way to camp with



backpack and lunch in hand. A note was received by the church along with this picture:

*Dear ECC:
Thank you
for sending
Noah to
Camp!*

Autumn Equinox Labyrinth Walk

The Edgecomb Community Church will be hosting a Labyrinth Walk Saturday, September 23, in celebration of the Autumn Equinox. You are invited to join us at 7 p.m. at the *Labyrinth in the Field* behind the church on 15 Cross Point Road.

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.

After the walk, we'll spend time sharing our labyrinth experience. Please bring bug spray as it may be buggy. Cookies, water, and lemonade will be available.



Edgecomb Tax Statements are Out

The Selectboard has set the mil rate for 2023 at \$16.70 per \$1000 valuation (up slightly from 2022's \$16.15 mil rate). Tax statements are in the mail, and this year's taxes will be due by October 31st.

Have you joined the Nextdoor app?

It's another good tool for touching base with neighbors – to offer help, find help, post lost or found items or pets, announce local events, etc. Go to [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) to sign up, and choose Edgecomb as your neighborhood to join the active group here. Apple and an Android apps can be downloaded for your phone.

Mission Outreach

Mission Outreach has been busy this month. The 5 Mile Yard Sale was amazing and such a success. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways. All who came through the church offerings...yard sale, Thrift shop, bake sale and Iris sale were all having fun, smiling and having a good time. Thank you all who made this happen.

We have made a financial donation to our Edgecomb Eddy School for buying student school supplies.

We have recently hosted two Art events at the church during August with Common Space, a recovery organization. During these two afternoon events people gathered to work on art pieces that had meaning for their Recovery Journey. Stories and support were shared. Pizza lunch was enjoyed by all. These gatherings of community were wonderful. We met new people and started new relationships. Our church is a warm welcoming for the community. It is a place where everyone is welcome. Madeline and I greatly enjoyed these events. The Art Mural will be on display as part of the 716 Candles Project included in the Wiscasset Art Walk on August 31st. Hope you will come check this out. With hosting these two events our church is part of the 716 Candles Project of Lincoln County. Here is the link for more information about these events—716candlesproject.com

Thank you for your support and all you do to help make this world a better place for all.

Peace and Harmony,

Gail Boudin,

Mission Outreach Chairperson

September Scenes



August 27-Sept. 4—Windsor Fair

August 31-Sept. 3—Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival, Brunswick

September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29—Wiscasset Farmers' Market, 9-noon at Municipal Parking Lot.

September 1-4—Harmony Free Fair

September 8-10—Litchfield Fair

September 13-16—Oxford Fair

September 15-17—New Portland Lions Fair

September 17-23—Farmington Fair

September 23—Autumn Equinox Labyrinth Walk at Edgecomb Church 7p.m.

September 21-24—Common Ground Fair

September 24-30—Cumberland Fair






September 28—Wiscasset Art Walk, 5-8 p.m.

October 1-8—Fryeburg Fair

October 14—Edgecomb Community Pot Luck Supper 5 p.m. at the church



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Wiscasset Farmer's Mkt 9-noon	2 Thrift Store open 9-1	
3 14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Don Bizer	4 	5 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm 1st School day	6	7 Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	8 Wiscasset Farmer's Mkt 9-noon	9 Thrift Store open 9-1
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Aram Mitchell	11 EES Board Meeting 5-6 p.m.	12 Thrift Store open 9-2 PTC Meeting 6 -6:30 p.m. via zoom	13	14	15 Wiscasset Farmer's Mkt 9-noon	16 Thrift Store open 9-1
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