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**Live services at 9:30 a.m. with coffee
hour following the service at 10:30
a.m.**

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vices which are available at
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newsletter via email, please send your
Email address to:
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Dear Members and Friends of the ECC,

The Search Committee is in the process of updating the church's
profile in order to hopefully attract more ministerial candidates.

In the meantime, pulpit supply ministers have been scheduled for
the next five months. The schedule is as follows:

January 7—Rev. Char Corbett
January 14—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
January 21—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
January 28—Rev. Char Corbett
February 4—Aram Mitchell
February 11—Rev. Larry Krewson via zoom
February 18—Sarah Whitfield
February 25—Rev. Char Corbett
March 3—Rev. Char Corbett
March 10—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
March 17—Aram Mitchell
March 24—Sarah Whitfield
March 31—Rev. Char Corbett
April 7—Rev. Char Corbett
April 14—Aram Mitchell
April 21—Rev. Char Corbett
April 28—Rev. Char Corbett
May 5—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
May 12—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
May 19—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
May 26—Rev. Dr. Janet Peck

Most of these people have served us before and are excellent
preachers, so please attend church if you can or watch on YouTube.
Edgcomb Community Church, UCC is very lucky to have these guest
preachers and we need to support their efforts.

The ECC Search Committee,
Marjorie DiVece, Gail Boudin, Jean Krause
Dick O'Connor, Sue Sikes, Madeline Olney

Church Calendar

January 1—New Year's Day

January 4—No Bible Study

January 7—1st Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Char Corbett

January 11—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

January 14 —2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Dr. Janet Peck and musicians Katie McShane and Jesse Heasley

January 15—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

January 21—3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Dr. Janet Peck

January 25—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

January 28—4th Sunday after Epiphany with guest Rev. Char Corbett and musicians Katie McShane and Jesse Heasley.



Tuesday Lunch

Tuesday Lunches are on hold until April. However, the church will be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January, February and March for any who would like to access the Little Corner Food Pantry in Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Coffee, tea and fellowship will be available as well. This is a good opportunity to get out of the house for a couple of hours and visit with your friends and neighbors at the church.

January Birthdays

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

February Birthdays

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



Mission Outreach



Community Warming Space—Our great state of Maine experienced a severe storm December 18th and 19th. Trees and wires came down across the state. Rivers overflowed, submerging cars, homes and businesses. Work crews from all over the country and Canada came to help the Maine people. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication. We opened the church on Wednesday the 20th as a community warming space. This provided an opportunity for people to come and get warm, use the facilities, have

coffee and snacks, charge their devices and get water. The power on Cross Point Road came back on around noon on December 20th. This picture is of two line workers who worked on Cross Point Road. Some of the crew came in after the power came on and had coffee and snacks. One of the men texted his wife about what the church was doing. She sent a voicemail thanking the church for the kindness. We appreciate all the long hours and work these many crews have done. Thank you for your service.



Narcan Training Classes—The second Narcan Training Class was held at the church at 5 p.m. on November 15th. There were 12 people who attended the 1 hour class. Each participant received a Narcan kit and life saving information about how to use this. These classes are provided by Will Matteson, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator at Healthy Lincoln County. We will be hosting more Narcan Training classes in 2024.

Christmas Gifts for Edgecomb Green—We remembered our friends at the Edgecomb Green for Christmas. Becky and Gary Neeley, Ruth Bryant's niece and husband, volunteered to help pack the bags for delivering. Our relationship with the Edgecomb Green is very special and dear in our hearts. We wish the residents and caregivers a very Merry Christmas!



Special Celebrations

On December 5th, the last Tuesday Lunch for 2023 was held. It was attended by 25-30 people. Fellowship Hall was filled with laughter and conversation. Margie prepared a delightful lunch which was enjoyed by all. Each person went home with a tasty baked treat to enjoy during the holidays. Tuesday Community Lunches will resume in the spring.



On December 10th we celebrated Margie's birthday with a special surprise Brunch after church. She does so much for all of us and the church. We appreciate all her hard work and creativity. Thank you so much. Happy Birthday Margie.

We also celebrated George's birthday on December 17th. Margie made a special cake for the occasion. George does so much for the church and we greatly appreciate all of it. Thank you George and Happy Birthday!





Christmas Eve 2023

at Edgecomb Community Church, UCC was a delightful evening of Lessons and Carols. A great crowd of over 50 guests were present to welcome the Christ child. The deacons and others read the Bible lessons and the music was provided by cellist Katie McShane and guitarist Jesse Heasley. The service ended with the traditional circle of guests around the sanctuary singing *Silent Night* and *Joy to the*

World while holding their lighted candles. Candy canes were handed out to guests as they left. A collection for the Boothbay Region Fuel Assistance Fund was also gathered as people left the building. A huge thank you to all who helped make this annual event such a great success.

Save the Date

Sunday, February 11, 2024 is the date for the Annual Meeting of the Edgecomb Community Church. All members are invited and encouraged to attend worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. when Rev. Larry Krewson of Georgia will lead worship via zoom. Coffee hour will follow the service before beginning the annual meeting which usually only lasts 30 minutes. Please plan on attending this important meeting which guides the future of the church.

Sunday Services

will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 31, through March of 2024. Due to the high cost of heating the sanctuary, this is a prudent move. It is also a smaller, more intimate space in which to worship. Coffee hour is then provided in the same space. Services will still be recorded and offered via YouTube to any who wish to stay home.



The Little Corner Food Pantry

The Little Corner Pantry is seeing a lot of activity this year. We always welcome any donations of money or non-perishable foods. Below is a list of popular food items people are using. Thank you for remembering our friends and neighbors.



*Instant Oatmeal, both plain and flavored

*Canned Vegetables

*Canned Fruits with no added sugar

*Ready to eat cans of soup

*Canned evaporated milk

*Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

*Boxes of Pasta

*Dry Cereals, Cheerios, etc.

With the closing of the Thrift Shop and Tuesday lunches taking a winter break, the church will be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10-noon for anyone wishing to visit the Little Corner Food Pantry. Lunches and Thrift Store will resume in April.

Celebrate Edgecomb's 250th!

Four Amazing Centuries of Edgecomb History

Edgecomb's Historical Society will launch the town's 250th birthday in 2024 with a talk by local historian Chip Griffin. The talk, entitled "Four Amazing Centuries of Edgecomb History," is filled with informative stories and humorous anecdotes, called "squibs." Please join us! This event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 PM

At Merry Barn

417 River Road, Edgecomb

*The talk will be followed by homemade soups
catered by Edgecomb's Sunset Hill Farm.*

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 PTC Meeting 6-6:30 p.m	3	4 NO Bible Study Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	5	6
7 1st Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett Edgecomb History at Merry Barn 3 p.m.	8	9 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm EESC Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.	10	11 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	12	13
14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck and musicians McKane and Heasly	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17 Schmidt Preserve Meeting 7 p.m	18 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	19	20
21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck	22	23 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	24	25 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	26	27
28 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett and musicians McKane and Heasly	29	30	31			