

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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and loving service to humankind"*

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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 April edition is due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at edgcomb.church@gmail.com

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Annual Meeting Minutes * Sunday, February 11, 2024

Eleven members and two guests were present for the 10:45 a.m. meeting.

Joanne O'Connor was voted in to act as Moderator.

The minutes from the January 2023 annual meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in the annual report. It was mentioned that the amount to be spent on a minister is still up in the air as we are still in search mode.

The budget was also accepted as presented. A tentative minister's salary is presented. 4% of the endowment is being used this year which will allow the principle to grow. When we do hire a full-time minister more will be drawn from endowment to pay that salary.

Trustees report passed. Thrift Store had a great year, thanks for Sue Sikes and team; and a thank you sent out to George Malone for all his help throughout the year reading on Sundays and mowing in the summer months.

Nominations accepted with the addition of Marie Cooper as Deacon whose name was inadvertently removed from the list. Gail Boudin will act as a substitute for the deacons.

Search Committee report passed. The Church profile is in the process of being updated with very helpful guidance from Rev. Dr. Janet Peck.

Other Business:

1. The church received a letter from Rev. Dr. Malcolm Himshoot, Dean of the Maine School of Ministry. He has offered to send speakers, perhaps pulpit supply worship leaders, and asked for a donation. Members present agreed that a speaker would be greatly appreciated and would aid in furthering our efforts in finding a new minister. Madeline Olney will set up a time for a speaker to come in March or April when we can then send in a donation.
2. Habitat 7 Rivers has asked our church to join in covenant with them. A speaker will be here in two weeks to explain their organization's efforts and inform the members on how they can get involved. We will later vote on joining their efforts.
3. Joe Cough of Waldoboro has applied to become our church pianist. Marjorie met with him the other day and he will be playing for us next week. If all goes well, he will be hired at a \$150 weekly fee. He holds a Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance, plays piano and guitar; and he also has knowledge of sound equipment which will be most beneficial. Members were very excited about this news. Katie McShane and Jesse Healsy, our present part-time musicians, are interested in filling in come Fall. Having live music will also be a good recruitment tool for attracting new members. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie DiVece, Church Clerk

Church Calendar

March 3—3rd Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Charlene Corbett

March 5—Food Pantry open 10-12 noon

March 7—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

March 10 —4th Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Dr. Janet Peck, and musicians Katie McShane and Jesse Heasley.

March 14—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

March 17—5th Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Aram Mitchell.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 19—First Day of Spring

March 19—Food Pantry open 10-noon.

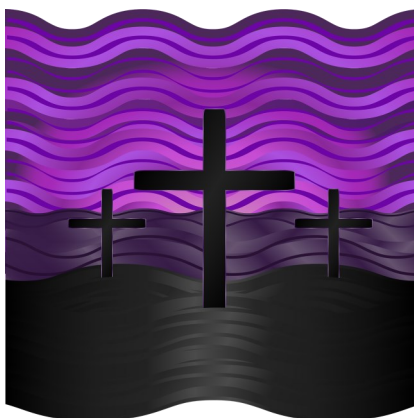
March 21—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

March 24—Palm Sunday with guest leader Sarah Whitfield

March 28—Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

March 29—Good Friday

March 31—Easter Sunday with guest Rev. Charlene Corbett



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.

March Birthdays

Marie Cooper	18
Ann Zak	26
Fran Mague	28

April Birthdays

Tom Boudin	2
Gary Spurgat	2
Joanne O'Connor	11
Pat Greene	12
Abigail Boudin	16
Karen Potter	25
Carol Colby	28



Mission Outreach News

SUB SALE—On February 10th the Edgecomb Community Church's Sub Sandwich Sale was held. This is always a fun event that we do and is a good fundraiser. We had a great team working together. There was a lot of laughter and an opportunity to see our friends and neighbors in the community. Margie and team made 122 subs. We donated and delivered subs to our friends at the Edgecomb Green and the caregivers. This event cleared \$947 after expenses. Thank you for supporting this Mission Outreach Project.



Ginny, Becky and Margie building the subs



Gary, Pam, Marie, Madeline and Carol assembled the sub boxes for delivery



Carol Colby packing the sub boxes

Many subs were ordered by local businesses for their employees. These included Ames Supply of Wiscasset, The First in Wiscasset and Edgecomb's Credit Union. Two businesses which are closed on Saturdays received their orders on Friday. In the future we hope to offer this option again to more businesses. Thank you to all who ordered subs this year. It is hoped to hold another sub sale during the summer of 2024.

In 2023 Mission Outreach raised a total of \$7,333.50 and spent \$6,537.70.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The theme for the 2024 One Great Hour of Sharing® is Share the Light. The United Church of Christ invites you to participate in this special mission offering. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries within Love of Neighbor ministries. Your gifts towards this offering are welcome any time. *Thank*



you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing for 75 years. You continue to share light in places that need it.

Acknowledge March 10, 2024, as One Great Hour of Sharing Day!

Join us in making a difference by donating on Sunday, March 10.

Busy Hands

Busy Hands has not been meeting during the cold winter months. We are all looking forward to starting to meet again come Spring. We are all working on projects at home. As a result of our Holiday Sale, we were able to donate \$400 .00 to Seacoast Mission.

Sunday Services

are being held downstairs in Fellowship Hall 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.



Benevolent Spending from Operating Account 2024 Budget

Eldercare Network of Lincoln County	\$250
Meals on Wheels	\$100
Maine Seacoast Mission	\$250
Carpenter's Boat Shop	\$250
Our Churches Wider Mission UCC	
- Pilgrim Lodge	\$300
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$300
Boothbay Region Resource	\$500
Boothbay Food Pantry – Paid by Mission	
Total	\$1,950

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.

Edgecomb's 250th Birthday Hootenanny Celebration

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Town Hall

Snow date: Sunday, March 10

Music by CTL student performers from 11:15– 12:15 p.m.

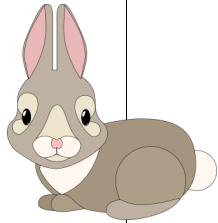
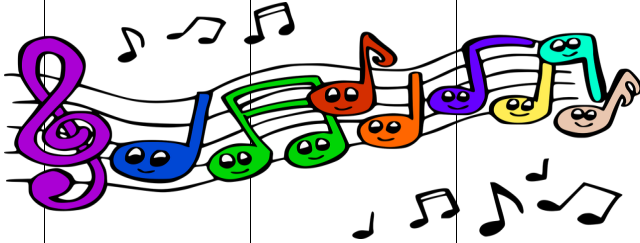


EHS speakers with short programs from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

"Broken Hipsters" perform their mix of Americana, Irish and Scottish instrumentals

While Ice Cream and Birthday Cake being served at 1:15-2 p.m.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 3rd Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	4	5 Food Pantry open 10-noon Edgecomb Budget Committee 6 p.m. PTC Meeting 6-6:30 p.m.	6	7 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	8	9
10 4th Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck Day Light Savings	11	12 Edgecomb Budget Committee 6 p.m. Proposed Budget presentation	13	14 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	15 No School Teacher Professional Development Day	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Aram Mitchell St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Food Pantry open 10-noon Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	20 Schmidt Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	21 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm Gr. 1 Performance	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Sarah Whitfield <i>Edgecomb 250th Party at THall 11-2</i>	25	26	27	28 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	29 Good Friday 	30
31  Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	