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and loving service to humankind"*

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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 May edition is due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 26,
at edgcomb.church@gmail.com**

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please send your Email address to:
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Meet Joe Cough, Jr

Edgcomb Community Church recently hired a full-time pianist, Joseph Cough, Jr. of Waldoboro. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology at the College of the Atlantic and received his Master of Music: Vocal Performance from the University of Maine. Joe sings bass. He also plays the guitar.

Joe's most recent employment was at the Midcoast Music Academy where he taught voice, digital audio, piano, guitar, and songwriting. He was also a Teaching Artist Leader with the Maine Arts Leadership Institute where he conducted workshops to direct the expansion of existing music programs to adapt to new academic requirements. He trained colleagues in music mindset approaches and networked with educators and teachers across Maine and discussed ideas to better serve students.

For the past ten years Joe has also been playing piano and organ for various churches, most recently for Broad Bay Church in Waldoboro. He has even composed pieces when needed.

Joe lives in Waldoboro with his wife, Lindsay and their two sons, Gordon and Gregor.



The Edgcomb Community Church is very lucky to have Joe with us and we look forward to hearing his beautiful music for years to come. Please come on Sundays to welcome Joe and enjoy his gift of music.



Church Calendar

- April 2 — Tuesday Lunch at noon. Thrift Store open 9-2.
- April 4 — Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- April 6 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 7 — Second Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Charlene Corbett
- April 9 — Thrift Store open 9-2.
- April 11 — Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- April 13 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 14 — 3rd Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Aram Mitchell and musicians Katie McShane and Jesse Heasley
- April 16 — Tuesday Lunch at noon. Thrift Store open 9-2.
- April 18 — Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- April 20 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 21 — 4th Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 a.m. with guest minister Rev. Charlene Corbett.
- April 22 — Earth Day, Passover begins at sundown.
- April 23 — Thrift Store open 9-2.
- April 24 — Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
- April 25 — Bible Study via zoom with Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.
- April 26 — Arbor Day
- April 27 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 28 — 5th Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 a.m. with guest Rev. Charlene Corbett and musicians Jesse McShane and Jesse Heasley.
- April 30 — Thrift Store open 9-2.

Tuesday Lunch Is back!

Come and join all your friends and neighbors the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month for a free lunch at noon. Donations accepted.

April 2—Macaroni and Cheese, Peas, Salad, Bread, Carrot Cake

April 16—Tomato Soup, Cheese Bread, Salad, Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

April Birthdays

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

May Birthdays

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





Mission Outreach News



The next main event on tap for the Edgecomb Community Church Mission Committee is the **2024 Spring Walk to Build** in support of Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine.

Edgecomb Community Church has entered into a covenant agreement with Habitat 7 Rivers whereby the church will support its efforts to raise funds for building repairs and/or new building efforts. Volunteering at the Re-Store in Bath is another way church members can help out. The church will also have information for anyone wishing to seek help from Habitat 7 Rivers.

The walk will take place in Bath beginning and ending at Grace Episcopal Church, 1100 Washington Street at 2 p.m. The two-mile walk **Spring Walk to Build** is Habitat's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds help build and repair homes for local families with limited incomes.

The church's team leader Madeline Olney is asking for volunteers to walk and/or sponsor this event. Anyone wishing to join in is asked to contact her at madeline.olney@gmail.com. *Edgecomb Evergreens* is the church's team name. Donations can be made up until mid-June.

OTHER NEWS

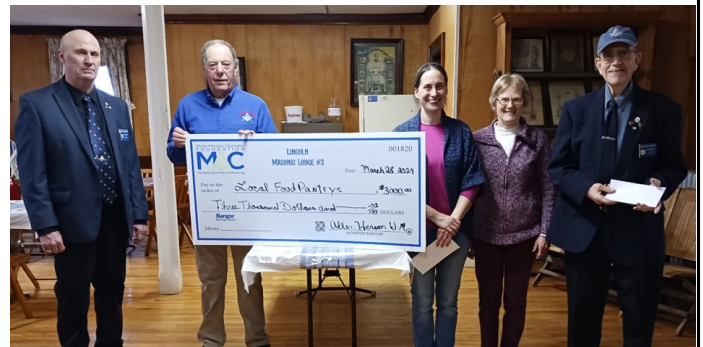
The Mission Outreach Committee hosted Community Drop By For Coffee and Conversation on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January to March from 10-noon. On these days we provided Lunch To Go for people. Some lunches and bags of food were also delivered to those unable to get there. Now Tuesday Lunch is back up and running through December.

We have also supported the **Lincoln County Recovery Center** which is a vital recourse in our county for people dealing with addictions of various kinds and also for their families and the community. It is a supportive and safe place for all people. We have helped a young person in need with clothing and personal care items. We have supported a local family that is in need with groceries. Thank you to everyone who helps in so many ways.

Coffee Donuts and Conversation has resumed at the Edgecomb Green. Pictured on the left are George Malone and resident Margaret Ellsworth. This monthly social event is sponsored by the Edgecomb Community Church with donated donuts from Dunkin Donuts of Wiscasset.



The Little Corner Food Pantry is again the recipient of a \$500 donation from Wiscasset's Lincoln Lodge No. 3 A.F.& A.M. Pictured to the right are Worshipful Master Allen Hersom,



Brother Jeff Averill of Alna, Brie DiPerri from St. Philip's Help Yourself Shelf and Feed Our Scholars program, Marjorie DiVece of Edgecomb Community Church and Brother Paul Bonyun of Westport. Six local food pantries were recipients of their fundraising campaign totaling \$3,000.

Bible Study Continues Every Thursday



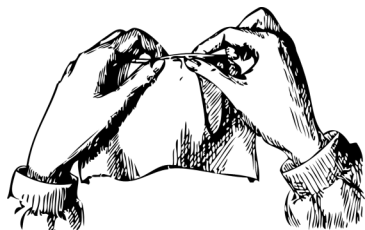
Rev. Larry Krewson of Georgia has been leading Bible Study each Thursday since the fall of 2023. Up to twelve members and friends have been meeting either from home or at the church Fellowship Hall each Thursday morning at 10:15 to listen and discuss Larry's interpretation of specific sections of the Bible via zoom. Larry has led the church in worship over the last three to four years during Covid and a few weeks during the summer when he arrives in Maine as a guest of Dick and Joanne O'Connor. He will be here again this summer to lead us in worship for a Sunday or two.

He has an easy way of explaining the often difficult passages in the Bible. The group meets first for a few minutes of catching up with each other, followed with about an hour of in-depth discussion of a scripture passage or two. Each session ends with prayers for those special in our lives.

All are welcome to join this group at any time. Please reach out to Marjorie DiVece at edgecomb.church@gmail.com and she will send you the link if you would like to join us at home; or you can always come to the church at 10:15 a.m. on Thursdays.

Busy Hands

Busy Hands will be resuming on Wednesday, April 24, from 1-2:45 p.m. All are welcome to join this small, but fun group of knitters and crocheters. We will meet at Pam Soule's home at 8 Boatyard Road in Westport Island. We will even teach newcomers, so bring along a friend or two to join in the fun.



Thrift Store Now Open

The Thrift Store will be reopening Tuesday, April 2, at 9 a.m. after a three month winter break. Sue and company have been busy preparing for this special day with many new clothing items on display along with other donated items that have come in over the winter.

The hours will be the same as last year: Tuesdays 9-2 and Saturdays 9-1. Donations may be made during these hours or left in the bin outside the back entrance to the church.

Welcome back to all! We are looking forward to another great year at the Edgecomb Thrift Store.

Quote of the Month

Sent in by Silas Wellenius—Class of '27

Mistakes are proof you are trying

—Ernest Hemmingway

The Little Corner Food Pantry

The Little Corner Pantry will again be open during Thrift Store hours beginning Tuesday, April 2. Hours: Tuesdays 9-2 and Saturdays 9-1. Coffee is always available.

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.



Sheepscot Valley Chorus

Spring Concert 2024

Linda Blanchard, Director & Sean Fleming, Accompanist and Assistant Director

Mozart's Requiem

With orchestral ensemble and soloists

And other works -

The Seal Lullaby and Animal Crackers by Eric Whitacre

Walk Him Up the Stairs by Gary Geld and Peter Udell

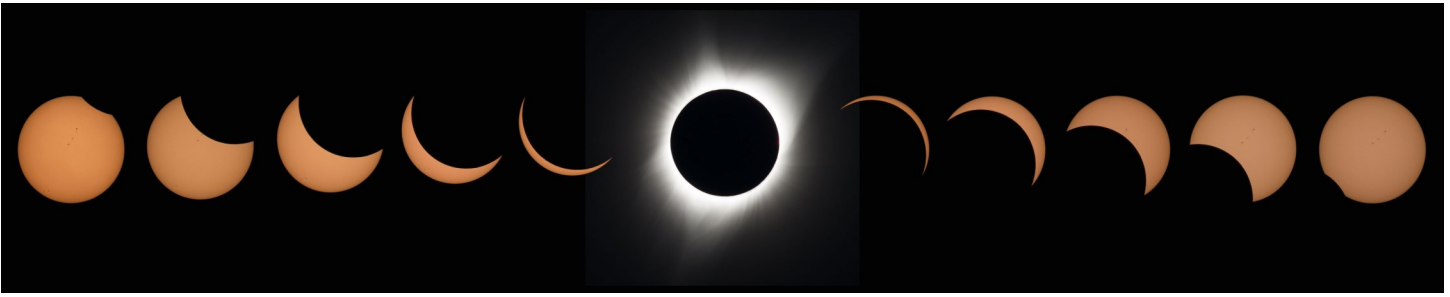


Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

Second Congregational Church of Newcastle

Tickets \$20 for Adults Free for Students



This composite image of 11 pictures shows the progression of a total solar eclipse over Madras, Oregon, on 8/21/ 2017.
NASA/Aubrey Gemignani *Source: sciences.nasa.gov/eclipses*

A full Solar Eclipse will be visible in northern Maine on Tuesday, April 8, 2024—eclipse begins at 2:22 p.m. in Caribou with totality at 3:33 p.m and ending around 4:44 p.m. A partial eclipse will be seen from our mid-coast region.

Eye Safety During a Total Solar Eclipse

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun’s bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing.

Viewing any part of the bright Sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury.

When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, which happens before and after totality, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses (“eclipse glasses”) or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun.

Do NOT look at the Sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury.

If you don’t have eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer, you can use an indirect viewing method, which does not involve looking directly at the Sun. One way is to use a pinhole projector, which has a small opening (for example, a hole punched in an index card) and projects an image of the Sun onto a nearby surface. With the Sun at your back, you can then safely view the projected image. Do NOT look at the Sun through the pinhole!

Do NOT use eclipse glasses or handheld viewers with cameras, binoculars, or telescopes. Those require different types of solar filters. When viewing the partial phases of the eclipse through cameras, binoculars, or telescopes equipped with proper solar filters, you do not need to wear eclipse glasses. (The solar filters do the same job as the eclipse glasses to protect your eyes.)

Here are some important safety guidelines to follow during a total solar eclipse.

- View the Sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.
- You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun’s bright face – during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. (You’ll know it’s safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.)

As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on or use a handheld solar viewer to look at the Sun.

Skin Safety—Even during a partial or annular eclipse, or during the partial phases of a total eclipse, the Sun will be very bright. If you are watching an entire eclipse, you may be in direct sunlight for hours. Remember to wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing to prevent skin damage.

For more information go to sciences.nasa.gov/eclipses

Ready, Set, Spring!



Spring into the new season with a Fight Hunger Bag! This April, every \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag purchased at our selected Hannaford will send our organization a \$1 donation.

The Edgecomb Community Church has been chosen as a Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program Nonprofit Partner for the month of April 2024. The Edgecomb Community Church Community Meals and Food Pantry will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold throughout April 2024. These Hunger Bags are available at the Hannaford store located at 180 Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor ME.





hannaford.2givelocal.com
Fight Hunger Bag Program



Book Shelf Wanted

The Mission Outreach Committee is looking for a bookcase to use for a mini corner food pantry that will be placed at the Lincoln County Recovery Center in Newcastle. This winter the church started stocking this mini pantry with non-perishable foods and dry goods. As you are doing your spring cleaning, you may find a bookcase about 3 feet by 3 feet. If so and you are willing to part with it, please contact Gail Boudin at 380-7452.

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 April Fool's Day 	2 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 PTC Meeting 6-6:30 p.m. Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00	3	4 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	5	6 Thrift Store open 9-1
7 2nd Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	8 EESBoard meeting 6-7 pm SOLAR ECLIPSE	9 Thrift Store open 9-2	10	11 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	12	13 Thrift Store open 9-1
14 3rd Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with Aram Mitchell	15 SCHOOL VACATION WEEK	16 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00	17 Schmidt Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	18 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	19	20 Thrift Store open 9-1
21 4th Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	22 Earth Day  Passover begins	23 Thrift Store open 9-2	24 Busy Hands resumes 1-2:45 p.m. at Pam Soule's home on Westport	25 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	26 Arbor Day 	27 Thrift Store open 9-1 SVC Concert 3 p.m.
28 5th Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett SVC Concert 3 p.m.	29	30 Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm		