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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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5-MILE YARD SALE

Mark your calendars for the annual 5-Mile Yard Sale on Cross Point Road in Edgecomb on Saturday, August 10. Donations can be made to the church by contacting Dick O'Connor at 882-8199 and arrange for pick-up or delivery. This is the church's largest fundraiser and always proves to be a huge event. Anyone wishing to volunteer is also asked to contact Dick. Many hands make for light work.

The Thrift Store will also be open, along with a bake sale and handmade items for sale by the Busy Hands committee. Coffee and rest rooms will also be available.

Tell everyone to save this date as it is a special day for our *small church with a big heart!*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10



Church Calendar

- June 1—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 2 —Second Sunday after Pentecost.
 Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
 Dr. Janet Peck.
 June 4— Tuesday Lunch at noon.
 Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 6 —Bible Study via zoom with
 Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
 June 8—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 9 —Third Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
 Dr. Janet Peck. Mid Coast Association
 Spring meeting at 2nd Congregational
 Church in Newcastle 2-4 p.m. with
 Wabenaki presentation
 June 11—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 13—Bible Study via zoom with
 Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
 June 15—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 16—4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Leader
 Aram Mitchell
 June 18— Tuesday Lunch at noon.
 Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 20—Bible Study via zoom with
 Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.
 June 22—Thrift Store CLOSED. Road Race
 for Edgecomb's 250th at 10 a.m. at
 church parking lot.
 June 23—5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 a.m. with guest Rev.
 Char Corbett
 June 25—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 26—Busy Hands 1-2:45 p.m. at Pam
 Soule's home on Westport Island
 June 27—Bible Study via zoom with
 Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.
 June 29—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 June 30—6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
 Dr. Janet Peck

Tuesday Lunch

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

June 4—Chicken Caesar Wrap,
 Chips, Pickles, Brownie a la
 mode.

June 18—Beef Sliders, Chips,
 Pickles, Rhubarb Crisp a la
 mode.



June Birthdays

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

July Birthdays

Kathleen Grigg	7
June Finnegan	12
Roy Potter	13
Debbie Boucher	14
David Boucher	29



Mission Outreach News



The 2024, 31st Annual Spring Walk to Build in support of Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine was held Sunday, May 5.

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 took 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.

Team leader Madeline Olney along with walkers Sue Sikes, Marjorie DiVece and Carol Colby walked the two miles on the cloudy afternoon, but had a great time. A lively warm-up preceded the walk which enlivened the crowd of over 200 walkers. Anyone wishing to add to the church's fundraising efforts may do so by mailing in a check to Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine, 11 Elsinore Ave., Bath, ME 04530. Please make checks payable to HFH7RM, and make a note on the memo line *Edgecomb Evergreens* so that the church gets credit for the donation. Or you can make an online donation by going to habitat7rivers.org. Deadline for all donations is June 27, 2024 by 5 p.m. This is the church's first year partnering with Habitat for Humanity so please help us make a generous donation.

Any questions—contact Madeline Olney at madeline.olney@gmail.com.



Team *Edgecomb Evergreens* of the Edgecomb Community Church. L-R: Marjorie DiVece, Sue Sikes, Carol Colby and team captain Madeline Olney.



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.

ECC Worker Bees

Madeline Olney, Sue Sikes and Marjorie DiVece were recently working at cleaning out the church gardens in early May. Much needed weeding and pruning have been completed. Anyone wishing to continue with any outside grounds work is more than welcome to join in the ongoing efforts to keep the church grounds in good shape.



New Thrift Store Hours

The Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Store is making a slight change in their hours. Regular hours will now be Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. To 1 p.m. Donations of clean clothing, kitchen items, bedding, etc. may be dropped off then as well.

In June all winter items are 50% off. Come help clear the shelves and make room for the summer items. There is also a nice collection of vintage linens.



Marjorie, Sue and Madeline working out the Thrift Store Work Schedule

The Little Corner Food Pantry

The Little Corner Pantry will again be open during Thrift Store hours beginning Tuesday, April 2. Hours: **Tuesdays 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.



Upcoming Edgecomb 250th Anniversary Events

June 1—Schmid Preserve Self-Guided History Tour by Schmid Preserve Committee

June 22—Road Race on Cross Point Road by Forrest Carver and Fire Dept. 10 a.m. Hotdogs and Ice Cream for sale at church grounds.

June 29—Edgecomb Fire Department Pancake Breakfast by Roy Potter and Fire Dept.

July 14—Special Church Service at Edgecomb Community Church at 9:30 a.m. followed with an Ice Cream Social at 10:30 a.m.

July 27—Shop Crawl by Maritime/Craftsmen Committee

Sept. 7—Schmid Preserve Activity

Sept. 14—Schmid Preserve activity (rain date)

September 20/21—Artists' and Makers' Studios Tour by Arts Committee

October—TBA Square Dance o Sock Hop at Merry Barn

December 13—Charlie Brown Christmas Trees Event

(These events are subject to changes)

Summer 2024 Fair Schedule

Springfield Fair—June 13-16

Pittston Fair—June 20-23

Monmouth Fair—June 26-29

Union Fair—July 7-10

Ossipee Valley Fair (So. Hiram) - July 11-14

Houlton Fair—July 18-21

Waterford World's Fair—July 19-21

Bangor State Fair—July 25—August 3

Northern Maine Fair (Presque Isle) - July 31—August 4

Topsham Fair—August 6-11

Skowhegan Fair—August 8-17

Acton Fair—August 22-25

Piscataquis Valley Fair—August 22-25

Windsor Fair—August 24—September 2

Washington County Fair—August 24-25

Blue Hill Fair—August 29—September 2

Harmony Free Fair—August 30—September 2

Clinton Lion's Agricultural Fair—September 5-8

Litchfield Fair—September 6-8

Oxford County Fair—September 11-14

New Portland Lion's Fair—September 13-15

Farmington Fair—September 15-21

Common Ground Fair—September 20-22

Cumberland Fair—September 22-28

Fryeburg Fair—September 29—October 6



Iris Sale July 6

Louise Hardina will have an iris sale to raise money for mission this July 6. She needs pots. If you have any, especially from previous sales, please leave them at the church.





Carol A. Johnsen, age 86, longtime resident of Edgecomb, wife of the late Arnold "Arne" Johnsen, died on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at LincolnHealth's Miles Campus, in Damariscotta.

Carol was born in Staten Island, N.Y., to the late Charles and Anna Hustedt Thompson and attended local schools. After school, Carol became a typist as a court recorder. In the last 30-plus years, Carol lived at her home in Edgecomb.

Carol was a longtime member of the Edgecomb Community Church. She was most well known for her knitting. She loved making baby blankets and matching hats. As of her count in 2009 she had donated over 1,700 baby blankets to Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick. Not only did she donate to the hospital, but she also gave to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She saw an ad in the newspaper for volunteer knitters at the naval base in Brunswick. She answered their call and knitted many hats and blankets for Navy families. Her knitting has helped families throughout the world.

Carol is the mother to her four beloved children; grandmother to six grandchildren; and great-grandmother to five great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Hill Funeral Home in Boothbay, Maine.



Carol's former bicycle



Wiscasset Wormfest

Saturday, June 8, 2024 11:00 AM 8:00 PM

Location: Railroad Avenue, Wiscasset

As dubbed by National Geographic 20 years ago, Wiscasset holds a unique claim to fame as the "worm capital of the world," boasting a rich tradition of worm digging that stretches back generations. Wormfest will be a celebration of a quirky yet integral part of Wiscasset's history. June 8th will be a day filled with music, local cuisine, entertaining games, and a journey through the fascinating history of worm digging in our community. Highlights include the live band, Something Stupid, a "dirt" pie eating contest, free kids games, food vendors and more! T-Shirts available for sale.

Schedule:

11 a.m.—Wormfest begins with Wiscasset Middle School Band playing the National Anthem.

11:05—Wormfest Relay

12—2 p.m.—*Deadly Desire*, A new 80s cover band featuring a local lead singer

3 p.m.—Mud Pie Eating Contest

5-8 p.m.—*Something Stupid* performs—Maine's best cover and wedding band. All ages welcome.



Wiscasset Farmers' Market

Fridays 9 AM - 1 PM

May 24—October 1, 2024

Wiscasset Town Office Parking Lot—51 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME

At the Wiscasset Farmers' Market we are committed to have local vendors providing local produce. Our market is focused on agricultural products that our vendors grow, gather, or produce themselves.

The 15 vendors (and growing) include:

Arkeo Farm of Sidney (Goat chevre, goat meat, eggs and more)

Big Barn Coffee of Wiscasset (Roasted organic coffee beans, brewed hot and iced coffee)

Colonnis of Whitefield (Tomato sauce)

Fogwood Gardens of Arrowsic (Fresh and dried flowers, mushrooms and more)

Kelley Farm of Pittston (Grass fed beef)

Lina's Kitchen of Thomaston (Baked goods)

Maine Eclectic Soaps of Whitefield (Soaps and lip balms)

Maiz of Brunswick (Colombian street food: arepas, empanadas, pan de bonos, all Gluten free)

Marcoux Family Farm of Wiscasset (Maple syrup and associated products)

Pacha Mama Farm of Wiscasset (Wild mushrooms and fruits)

Sea Kiss Seafood of West Bath

Sealyon Farm of Alna (Lavender, fruits and vegetables)

Six River Cider of Woolwich (Hard cider)

Underground Beets of Warren (Vegetables, rabbit meat)

Winters Rush Flower Farm of Waldoboro (Fresh flower bouquets).

WiscassetFarmersMarket.com

P.O. Box 269, Wiscasset, Maine 04578

Edgecomb 250th Birthday Road Race

On Saturday, June 22, at 10:00 AM, Edgecomb will hold a foot race in honor of its 250th Birthday! The event includes a 10K race, a 5K race, and a Kids' run along scenic Cross Point Road.

Parking is at the Edgecomb Community Church and the Center for Teaching and Learning on Cross Point Road. Space for parking is limited, so please try to carpool.



Cross Point Road will not be closed, but residents are asked to try to refrain from driving on Cross Point Road between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

The road race is free. Runners may choose to make a donation to benefit the Edgecomb Community Church and the Edgecomb Green. Following the race, hot dogs, Blanchard's ice cream, and popcorn will be available and prizes will be awarded.

Preregistration is required for the 10K, 5K, and Kids' Races. To register, visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Edgecomb/Edgecomb250thRoadRace>

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Thrift Store open 9-1
2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck	3 Edgecomb Eddy School Spring Con- cert 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	4 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1 PTC 6-6:30 pm	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	7 Wiscasset Farmers' Mar- ket 9-1 at Wis- casset Muni- cipal Building parking lot	8 Thrift Store open 9-1 Wiscasset Worm Festi- val at water- front
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck	10	11 Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	12	13 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	14 Wiscasset Farmers' Mar- ket 9-1 Flag Day 	15 Thrift Store open 9-1
16 4th Sun- day after Pen- tecost Wor- ship at 9:30 AM with Aram Mitchell Father's Day	17	18 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1	19 Schmidt Com- mittee Meet- ing 7 p.m. Juneteenth — NO SCHOOL	20 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm 1st Day of Summer	21 Wiscasset Farmers' Mar- ket 9-1 at Wis- casset Muni- cipal Building parking lot	22 Thrift Store CLOSED Edgecomb Road Race 10 AM at church parking lot
23 5th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	24	25 Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	26 Busy Hands 1- 2:45 p.m. at Pam Soule's home on Westport	27 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	28 Wiscasset Farmers' Mar- ket 9-1 at Wis- casset Muni- cipal Building parking lot	29 Thrift Store open 9-1
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