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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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at edgcomb.church@gmail.com**

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Supply Ministry for the summer of 2024

May (4 weeks)	Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
June 2	Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
June 9	Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
June 16	Aram Mitchell
June 23	Rev. Char Corbett
June 30	Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
July 7	Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
July 14	Aram Mitchell (<i>Edgcomb's 250th Anniversary</i>)
July 21	Rev. Dr. Robert Ganung
July 28	Rev. Dr. Robert Ganung
August 4	Rev. Larry Krewson
August 11	Rev. Larry Krewson
August 18	Rev. Don Bizer
August 25	Rev. Don Bizer
September 1	Aram Mitchell
September 8	Rev. Don Bizer
September 15	Rev. Char Corbett
September 22	Rev. Don Bizer
September 29	Aram Mitchell

The Search Committee is working hard to fill the pulpit for the long-term. A candidate is being processed now who may begin in October. A formal statement will be sent out when a new hire is made. Please join us on Sundays and/or other church events to show support for our *small church with a big heart*.

Church Calendar

- May 2 — Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- May 4 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter. Worship
at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Dr. Janet
Peck.
- May 5 — Habitat 7 Rivers Walk to Build at 2
p.m. in Bath
- May 7 — Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-2.
- May 9 — Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Church clean-up at noon.
- May 11 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- May 12 — 7th Sunday of Easter.
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
Dr. Janet Peck.
- May 14 — Thrift Store open 9-2.
- May 16 — Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- May 18 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- May 19 — Pentecost Sunday. Worship at
9:30 a.m. with guest Rev. Dr. Janet
Peck. Outdoor Church Clean-up to
follow.
- May 21 — Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-2.
- May 22 — Busy Hands 1-2:45 p.m. at Pam
Soule's home on Westport Island
- May 23 — Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.
- May 25 — Thrift Store open 9-1.
- May 26 — Trinity Sunday. Worship at
9:30 a.m. with guest Rev. Dr. Janet
Peck.
- May 27 — Memorial Day
- May 28 — Thrift Store open 9-2.

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.*

May 7—Lasagna, Garlic Bread,
Salad, Cottage Pudding with
Lemon Sauce

May 21—Corn Chowder, Bis-
cuits, Succotash Salad, Tira-
misu Whoopie Pies.



May Birthdays

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

June Birthdays

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



Mission Outreach News



The 2024, 31st Annual Spring Walk to Build in support of Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine is happening 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 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.

Team leader Madeline Olney has been busy getting the *Edgecomb Evergreens* ready for action by collecting their donations. 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.



Habitat
for Humanity®
7 Rivers Maine

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.

New Member Sunday

George Malone of Cross Point Road formally joined the Edgecomb Community Church on Sunday April 28, 2024. George has been attending the church services for years now, the last several reading the scripture lessons during the services. **Louise Hardina**, a former member of the church, has transferred back to our church. A brunch was served following the service in honor of George and Louise.



Thrift Store Now Open

The Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Store reopened Tuesday, April 2, at 9 a.m. after a three month winter break. Sue and company have been busy preparing for another busy year with many new clothing items on display along with other donated items that have come in over the winter. Keep those donations coming!

The hours will be the same as last year: Tuesdays 9-2 and Saturdays 9-1. Donations may be made during these hours. Welcome back to all! We are looking forward to another great year at the Edgecomb Thrift Store.

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.



Upcoming Edgecomb 250th Anniversary Events

May 18—Townie Day at Glidden Point Oyster Farm by the Maritime/Craftsmen Committee

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.

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)

Former Sunday School Student News



Jason DiVece, son of Phil and Marjorie DiVece, CEO of Bytes.co, recipient of local business award. Bytes.co designed and built Edgecomb Community Church's website.

Bytes.co wins 2024 Business of the year Award from Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce

A couple of weeks ago, Bytes.co was named the 2024 Business of the Year by the Lake Champlain Chamber. The

Business of the Year award recognizes a Vermont company that positively contributes to the Lake Champlain area's social and economic welfare, and demonstrates remarkable progress, notable innovation achievements, and a strong commitment to community engagement by investing time and resources.

In recognition of this win, we just wanted to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our clients for your ongoing support and trust over the years - it truly means the world to us. Cheers to another year of doing what we love - we couldn't do it without all of you.

Jason DiVece (left), with co-owner and business partner Peter Jewett. Jason attended our Sunday School back in the 90s.



Margaret Olney, daughter of Charles and Madeline Olney, announces her engagement to Neal Megahee of Georgia. A wedding date has not yet been announced. Margaret attended Edgecomb Congregational Church back in the late 80s and early 90s.

Henry Boudin, son of Abigail Boudin and Steven Wijdzinski, and grandson of Tom and Gail Boudin, is now attending the USS Marine Corps. Boot Camp at Parris Island, S. Carolina. Reports are sent home that he is doing well, but finding it very hot down there. He will be graduating in June when the family plans on attending the event. Henry was a more recent Sunday School student from the early 2000's to the teens.

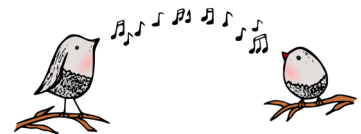
Have any news about other Sunday School graduates? Please send news to edgecomb.church@gmail.com.

Outdoor Church Clean-Up

May is the month to spruce up the Edgecomb Community Church grounds for the coming year. Friends and members may gather at the church following Bible Study around noon on Thursday, May 9, to begin the process of cleaning up the gardens around the church and around the labyrinth out back. Work will continue on Sunday, May 19, following the worship service and coffee hour. If necessary work can continue whenever people want to volunteer their time and the weather is cooperating. Coffee and refreshments will be available for all workers.

Anyone wishing to help out—just show up! Bring any tools you may want to use for raking, weeding, cutting brush, etc.

There is also space available in the church garden should anyone be interested in taking that venture over. Please contact Church Coordinator Marjorie DiVece at marjoriedivece@gmail.com if you are interested in organizing a garden crew.






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. 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.



May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	3	4 Thrift Store open 9-1
5 6th Sunday of Easter. Wor- ship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Peck	6 EESBoard meeting 6-7 pm	7 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2 PTC 6-6:30 pm	8	9 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Church Out- door Clean-Up at noon	10	11 Thrift Store open 9-1
12  7th Sunday of Easter. Wor- ship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck Mother's Day	13	14 Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Se- lectboard 6:00 pm	15 Schmidt Com- mittee Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	17	18 Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Town Meeting Townie Day at Glidden Pt. Oyster Farm
19 Pentecost Sun- day. Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck Church out- door Clean-Up after church	20	21 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-2	22 Busy Hands resumes 1-2:45 p.m. at Pam Soule's home on Westport	23 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	24	25 Thrift Store open 9-1
26 Trinity Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck	27  Memorial Day American Le- gion Flag Cere- mony at THall	28 Thrift Store open 9-2 Edgecomb Se- lectboard 6:00 pm	29	30 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	31 