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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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All Are Welcome *by Gail Boudin*



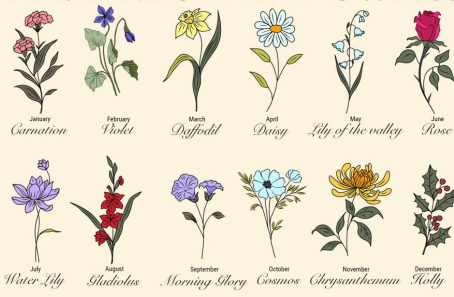
One warm evening this summer we stopped by the church. There in the field near the labyrinth was a mama fox curled up, resting on the warm earth. She watched us and we watched her for a few moments. Then she trotted

down to the woods to check on her babies.

Another day recently while driving by the church one early morning there was a mama deer and her baby resting in the field. Our church space welcomes all. It is a place where everyone, four footed and two footed can belong, feel safe. All are welcome.



BIRTH MONTH FLOWERS



Birth flowers have been round for many generations, similar to birthstones. The flower designated each month usually ties to the season when it blooms; many flowers also have cultural or religious associations from ancient times. For example, the hawthorn was known as Mary's Flower of May.

September Birth Flowers

Asters once symbolized revolution. They were used to honor soldiers lost in war. Also, they served as inspiration for painters and writers. The **morning glory** is a fast-growing vine that has long been a symbol of love—both undying and unrequited.

Go to www.almanac.com/content/birth-month-flowers-and-their-meanings.
Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

Church Calendar

September 1—15th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
Don Bizer

September 3—Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 5—Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

September 7—Thrift Store open 9-noon.

September 8—16th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
Don Bizer

September 10—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 12—Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

September 14—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 15—17th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest
Rev. Charlene Corbett

September 17—Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 19—Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.

September 21—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 22—18th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Guest Min-
ister Rev. Don Bizer
Labyrinth Walk with St. Andrew's
Church at noon. Bring a lunch.

September 23—Autumnal Equinox Labyrinth
Walk, 6 p.m. Refreshments available.

September 24—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 25—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

September 26—Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

September 28—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 29—19th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 a.m. with new pastor
Aram Mitchell

August 29—Bible Study via zoom with
Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.

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.*

September 3—Chicken Pot Pie,
Salad, Bread, Chocolate Zuc-
chini Cake

September 17—American
Chop Suey, Salad, Garlic
Bread, Hummingbird
Cake.



September Birthdays

Rose Young	17
Jeff Grigg	21
Rene Evans	28
Louise Hardina	29

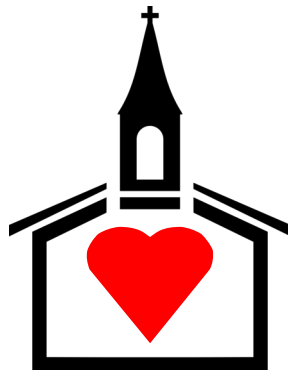
October Birthdays

Ed Hamilton	1
Dick O'Connor	7
Steven Wijdzinski	8
Eliza Chase	9
Larry Krewson	19
Pam Soule	23

5-Mile Yard Sale

A Great Day all around!

A huge thank you to all who helped make this yearly event a great success. Donations of food, yard sale items, handknit items; all were well received. Considering the weather, a good turnout began around 7 a.m. with a steady stream of guests until after closing at 1 p.m. The church added over \$5,500 to its Mission Account which will help many of our neighbors over the next year. Photos below give a sense of community that was felt all day.



**The small church
with
a big heart**





Let's Face it, Maine is a giant cottage industry — a loosely woven field of handmade, heartfelt, organic and delightfully crafted products.

**IN
CELEBRATION
OF
MAINE CRAFT WEEKEND,
THE MERRY BARN
WILL BE HOSTING A
POP-UP ART & CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
10 AM UNTIL 4 PM**

Regional makers of every description are invited to display, sell, and demonstrate their visual art talents and handcrafted wares.

**TABLES AVAILABLE-VENDOR FEE \$50.
SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 VENDORS**

**Contact: Cynthia Marsh
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The Merry Barn — 417 River Road, Edgecomb, ME 04556

The Little Corner Food Pantry

The Little Corner Pantry is open during Thrift Store 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

etc.

*Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

*Boxes of Pasta

*Dry Cereals, Cheerios,



Schmid Preserve Day

Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

In honor of Edgecomb's 250th birthday, the Schmid Preserve invites visitors to experience the Preserve and learn about the ways of homesteading and farming in the lost community of Mt Hunger.

10:00 AM - 12:00PM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - master blacksmith demonstration

12:00 PM - historic walking tour guided by Becky Schaffner and an expert stone mason. Meet at Haggett Field and wear comfortable walking shoes!

Park at the Schmid Preserve parking area at the end of Old County Rd, Edgecomb.

Autumnal Equinox Labyrinth Walk

Monday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.

At Edgecomb Community Church "Labyrinth in the Field." Come and learn about labyrinths which have been around for centuries around the world. A time to relax, unwind and meet new people, or gather with friends and neighbors. Light refreshments will be served following the walk.

This event is in conjunction with Edgecomb's 250th Anniversary celebration series.

Mission Outreach

Recent events for the Edgecomb Community Church Mission Outreach Committee have included the following:

1. 5-Mile Yard Sale—Over \$5500 raised for Mission; Bake Sale raised over \$600.
2. A donation was given to the Edgecomb Eddy School for the Set for Success event.
3. A fourth bench has been purchased for the Labyrinth in the Field. Now a bench will be at each of the four corners of the labyrinth representing North, East, South and West; and the four elements Earth, Wind, Air and Fire.
4. A \$100 donation has been made to the Recovery Center in Newcastle to purchase food for a family Campout that is planned for this fall.
5. The church will be hosting a “19 Towns” event on Tuesday , August 27, from 2-3:30 p.m. as part of Opioid Awareness Week. There will be an art exhibit, an information presentation and a labyrinth walk. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

If anyone knows of a local need, we may be able to help. Email Gail Boudin, Mission Outreach Chairperson, at glboudin@gmail.com. The church is also available as a venue for local events and workshops. Again, contact Gail or church coordinator, Marjorie DiVece, at edgecomb.church@gmail.com.



Seasons of Creation Labyrinth Walk

With St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 22 ,at noon. Rain Date—September 29.

The members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Newcastle will be holding a labyrinth walk at the Edgecomb Community Church's labyrinth and all are invited to attend around noon. Bring a bag lunch. The group will be led in a *terra divina* activity after the walk.

Thrift Store News



Upcoming Holiday Sales - Tuesday, November 12 and Saturday, November 16. Crafts, Baked Goods, Free Coffee and Grab Bag for Fuel Assistance will be featured.

End of November the donation bin outside will be locked and people are asked to hold their donations for the spring when the thrift store reopens. The thrift store will be closing for the winter on Saturday, December 7th.




EXPERIMENTING IN JANUARY—The Thrift Store will be open on the first and third Tuesdays in January, February and March when “Soup to Go” will be offered instead of the Tuesday Lunch. This will begin Tuesday, January 21st. Madeline Olney will be in charge of the thrift store during this time.

19 Towns, 19 Stories

The Edgecomb Community Church will be hosting a *19 Towns* event in honor of Opioid Awareness Week event on Tuesday, August 27, from 2-3:30 pm. in the church’s parish hall downstairs. An art exhibit, information presentation and labyrinth walk will be featured. Light refreshments will also be available. This free event is open to all. Opioid addiction affects everyone, directly or indirectly.

Every town in Lincoln County is hosting an event during this week. Edgecomb Community Church has opened its doors for Edgecomb.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 15th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Don Bizer	2 	3 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm 1st day of sch.	4	5 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	6 Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	7 Thrift Store open 9-1
8 16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Don Bizer	9	10 Thrift Store open 9-1	11 Patriot Day 	12 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	13 Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	14 Thrift Store open 9-1
15 17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Char Corbett	16	17 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6 pm Schmid 6 p.m. EES Board 5-6 pm	18	19 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	20 Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	21 Thrift Store open 9-1
22 18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Don Bizer	23 Autumnal Equinox Labyrinth Walk 	24 Thrift Store open 9-1	25 Busy Hands 1-3 p.m. at the church	26 Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	27 Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	28 Thrift Store open 9-1
29 19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell	30 EES Picture Day 8-9 a.m.	