

# Edgecomb Community Church

## United Church of Christ

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### First Sunday after Epiphany, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

**Scripture:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Message:** Living out our Baptism

"Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self.  
Every other identity is illusion."

*Brennan Manning, Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging, 20th century*

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| Sun. Jan. 13  | <b>First Sunday after Epiphany</b>   |
| Weds. Jan. 16 | <i>Busy Hands</i> meets at 1:00 p.m.<br>✠ <i>Celtic Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.</i>  |
| Sun. Jan. 20  | <b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>  |
| Mon. Jan. 21  | <i>Vitality Ministry</i> meets at 5:30 p.m.  |
| Weds. Jan. 23 | <i>Church Council</i> meets at 5 p.m.  |
| Sun. Jan. 27  | <b>Third Sunday after Epiphany Come Celebrate!</b> – A Sunday to celebrate<br>Edgecomb Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation. |
| Sun. Feb. 3   | <b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Communion Sunday</b><br>Mission Outreach - Pick-up your Superbowl Sunday Subs!                               |

#### **\*Mission Outreach is selling subs for Superbowl Sunday!**

You have a choice of an 8 inch sub roll, white or wheat, along with choice of either ham or vegetables with various cheeses and toppings will be available along with potato chips and a drink. All at a great deal of \$7.00 each. Pick up at the church 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, February 3. Home delivery is also available. Order forms will be available at the church or from church members. Or, you may call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 to place an order by Wednesday, January 30 (also to make arrangements for home delivery if desired).

"Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy."

*Abraham Joshua Heschel, 20th century*

**\*\*\*Bible Study is held on Thursdays mornings at 10:30 a.m. Come learn with us!**

**\*\*\*The Edgecomb Community Lunch will resume on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.**

**\*\*\*The Edgecomb Thrift Shop - Beginning Thursday, January 3, 2019 - \$4.00 a bag sale for all clothing for the month of January!** Regular hours are: Tuesdays 9-1, Thursdays 1-4, and Saturdays 9-12, as well as during coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings.

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"What a grand thing, to be loved! What a grander thing still, to love!"

*Victor Hugo. 19th century*

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### **In the bleak midwinter**

by Christina Rosset

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

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### From the Archives

Rev. Benjamin Chapman, May 18, 1800, installed as the first official Pastor of the Congregational Society of Edgecomb on March 4, 1801. He died July 13, 1804 at the age of 46.



The gravestone of  
**Rev. Benjamin Chapman**

Birth: August 29, 1759, Preston, New London County, Connecticut

Death: July 13, 1804 (aged 44) Edgecomb, Lincoln County Maine

Burial: Ancient Cemetery (Shore Road Cemetery) Edgecomb, Lincoln County, Maine

Memorial ID 84980763<sup>1</sup>

Shore Road Cemetery, Edgecomb, ME – Site of Chapman’s gravestone:

Rev. Benjamin Chapman S. A. R. (Sons of the American Revolution)

d. July 13, 1804 – age 46

CHAPMAN Rev. Benjamin Chapman first preached in Edgecomb Sunday May 18, 1800. At a town meeting in Edgecomb held July 13, 1800. It was voted that Mr. Chapman was called so long as he was able to attend on the work of the ministry in this town. That Mr. Chapman have one hundred dollars settlement and one hundred and thirty-three and one third dollars salary per year. That Moses Davis Esqr., James Jewett and Thomas Ring be a Committee to wait on Mr. Chapman with the doings of said town and receive his answer. Mr. Chapman's answer being a favorable one he was on Wednesday March 4 1801. He had been in failing health for some time and died July 13 1804. The following is the Epitaph on his gravestone now standing in the ancient cemetery on the bank of the Sheepscot River near what is called the Eddy.

“This Stone Perpetuates the memory of the Rev Benjamin Chapman AM whose life as a parent and a public teacher Adorned the Christian Character and whose death accompanied by inward peace and holy confidence gave testimony to the sure foundation of the Christian's hope I departed this life July 13 1804 aged 46 after laboring for eighteen years in the Gospel ministry with zeal Faithfulness with much bodily infirmity. Erected by his afflicted and disconsolate widow Caroline Matilda as a monument of her sincere affection I have not shunned to declare you the whole counsel of God Therefore watch remember how ye have heard and hold fast.” Source: *The Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, Volume 8. <https://books.google.com/books>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84980763/benjamin-chapman>

\*Chapman, Benjamin      Moca 0105 Order # 946      270

He was born in Preston, Conn. in 1759 and was a resident of Edgecomb, Maine where he died on 13 July. 1804 and is buried in the Edgecomb cemetery. He has a stone.

Service: He was a Musician and Pvt. in Capt. John Hayward's Co. raised and reinforced the Army in New York<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Chapman lost to child and the following appears as an epitaph to his memory. Benjamin son of Rev. Benjamin Chapman and Caroline Matilda his wife, departed this life May 16, 1802 aged 5 months.<sup>3</sup>



The gravestone of Benjamin Chapman,  
b. Dec 1801, d. 16 May 1802 (aged 4-5 months)  
Shore Road Cemetery, Edgecomb, ME

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.messar.org/patriots.html>

<sup>3</sup> Source: *The Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, Volume 8. <https://books.google.com/books>