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WORSHIP SERVICE

The church is now open for 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:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAqYh6UMZyucMGNL21xqgA>

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Advent Greetings Beloved People,

This is such a special time of year. As you know, the Advent season covers the four-week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The word *advent* comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Advent then is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ and a preparatory period of repentance, meditation, and penance.

One way to prepare your heart during Advent is to join us as we read through the Nativity Stories found in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John. On Thursday, December 1, we'll gather at 10:00 a.m. to read through Matthew's version of the Nativity. Then we'll gather on Thursday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. to read through Luke's Nativity Story. And finally, Thursday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. we'll read from John's Gospel. Please bring your own Bible so we'll have an opportunity to read different interpretations of scripture and learn together.

And of course, we invite you to join us in the Church Sanctuary on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. This beautiful service is full of scripture readings and Christmas carols. Then, on Sunday morning, we hope you'll join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for our Christmas Day worship service. We'll have coffee and light refreshments available.

Beloved People, there is a feeling of excitement in the air this Advent season with so much to plan and to get ready for Christmas. Sometimes we can get so busy we forget the real reason for the season. So, let's in the weeks to come, be intentional about taking time with God, to pray, contemplate and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent blessings and Merry Christmas to you all,
Rev. Kate
Pastor, Edgecomb Community Church, UCC

Church Calendar

- December 1—Thursday: Gather to read the Nativity Story from the Gospel of Matthew at 10 a.m.
- December 4—2nd Sunday of Advent
Communion Worship at 9:30 AM
- December 6—Last Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store closed for the season
- December 8—Gather to read the Nativity Story from the Gospel of Luke at 10 a.m.
- December 11—3rd Sunday of Advent
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. In Sanctuary.
- December 15—Gather to read the Nativity Story from the Gospel of John at 10 a.m.
- December 18—4th Sunday of Advent
Worship at 9:30 AM
Hanukkah begins at sundown
- December 21—First Day of winter
- December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.
- December 25—Christmas Day, Worship at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (Light refreshments will be available.)
- December 28—Busy Hands 1-3 PM
- December 31—New Year's Eve



Holiday Mission Report

The Thanksgiving Pie Sale was a huge success. Over 100 pies were made for this annual event which took place at both the church and at Ames True Value in Wiscasset. In combination with the bake sales taking place during November, over \$1500 was collected to put towards the church's mission efforts.

Mission Outreach has been busy this month. We provided a new pair of sneakers for a young woman who is homeless and in Recovery. She was so very appreciative. She said, "These sneakers are life changing. They are so comfortable when I am working my 12 hour shifts. Thank you."

We also provided Thanksgiving dinner to a local family who is struggling with health issues. They appreciated the tasty dinners and our home-made pies. Earlier in the month we helped 2 local families who are struggling with health issues. We provided gas cards and cards for food stores. They were very appreciative.

The Little Corner Pantry continues to be used. The items that seem to be most popular are paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex; also dish detergent and toothpaste. Starting in January and continuing until April we will host Come For Coffee twice a month at the church. This will be held weather permitting, the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Coffee will be served and conversation. This will be an opportunity for people to drop by, have a chat and a cup of coffee and to access the Little Corner Pantry during the long winter months. If you would like to help with this please let Gail or Margie know. These are also the days we will be doing the soup, bread and dessert bag lunches.

December Birthdays

Marjorie DiVece	9
George Malone	16
Sofia Chase	18
George Greene	22



January Birthdays

Calla Wells	4
Maryjane Wells	9
Grace Greene	30
Phil DiVece	31



Sue Sikes, Marge DiVece and Rev. Kate Pinkham were on hand during the Holiday Pie Sale and Craft Sales in November. Kate drew the winning raffle tickets for each of the 5 raffles.

December Tuesday Lunch

December 6—LAST LUNCH OF THE YEAR—Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, German Chocolate Cake. (Special Holiday Surprises)

F.I.S.H. needs drivers

Friends In Service Helping of Lincoln County is looking for volunteers. This is an opportunity for low stress volunteerism that will really make a difference to this community. Imagine having no transportation to get to doctor's appointments or to the market or anywhere else you have to go. It is a problem in communities like ours unless you have big bucks and paying \$15 to \$60 for a taxi each way is within your means. For most people it is NOT. There are no expectations regarding how much or how little you drive. You may do what you can, when you can. Rides are often local, sometimes they are not. You choose what you can do. Rides are not assigned. This service makes a huge difference in people's lives. Please consider doing this, if only once a month or once a week. Call 207-380-9809 for more information.



You are Invited to Boothbay's
Free Community Christmas Dinner!



When: Sunday, December 25, 2022, from 11:30 AM to 2 PM
(Snow date: Monday, December 26)

Where: American Legion Post #36,
25 Industrial Park Rd, Boothbay, Maine

RSVP by December 18 to (207) 350-1581.
Please provide your name, number of people,
and your phone number.



Happy Holidays

December Events

December all month—BOOTHBAY LIGHTS throughout town.

December 2-4—Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest, downtown Wiscasset shops.

December 3&4—NORTH POLE EXPRESS at Boothbay Railway Village Museum 10:30-4:30. Train rides at 10:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

December 3—Boothbay Historical Society Annual HOLIDAY TREATS at the Opera House, 10-2 p.m.

December 3—Paul Sullivan Holiday CONCERT at Boothbay Harbor Opera House 7-0 p.m.

December 3—SANTA CLAUS is coming by boat to Boothbay Harbor Pier 1, 3 p.m.

December 3—Annual Lighted BOAT PARADE and Sparkle FIREWORKS in Boothbay Harbor, 6:30 p.m.

December 3&4—Sheepscot Valley Chorus CHRISTMAS CONCERT featuring Handel's *Messiah*. 3:00 p.m. both days at Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church. Tickets \$15 Students free.

December 9—Sons of Serendip HOLIDAY CONCERT at Boothbay Harbor Opera House 7 p.m.

December 10—SANTA STORY TIME at Boothbay Memorial Library 4-4:30 p.m.

December 10&11—NORTH POLE EXPRESS at Boothbay Railway Village Museum 10:30-4:30. Train rides at 10:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

December 16—Gingerbread Spectacular at Boothbay Harbor Opera House 5-7 p.m.

December 17&18—NORTH POLE EXPRESS at Boothbay Railway Village Museum 10:30-4:30. Train rides at 10:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

December 21—HOLIDAY POTLUCK and Carol Sing at Boothbay Opera House 6 p.m.

December 25—American Legion FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Edgecomb Thrift Store Holiday Sale and Bake Sale

Thank you to all who helped set up, bake, knit and crochet, and shop the annual Holiday Sale at the Edgecomb Community Church's Thrift Store. Over \$2,000 was raised, allowing the church to further help their neighbors who may need a little help through these trying times.

The six raffle winners are: Stonewall Products Basket—Ellen Keefe; Maine Products Baskets—Debbie Williams and June Salonen; Christmas Door Decoration—Carol Johnson; Lighted Lantern—Marjorie DiVece; and the Pine Cone Wreath—Lisa Copeland. Thanks to all who bought tickets. The Fuel Assistance Fund Grab Bags drew over \$750 in donations.

The Thrift Store's last day of operation was Tuesday, November 29. The Clothing bin is also closed for the winter months. Both will reopen in April. Have a wonderful Christmas!





SHEEPSCOT VALLEY CHORUS

Linda Blanchard and
Sean Fleming, Directors

MESSIAH

Jennifer Bates, soprano
Joëlle Morris, alto
Jesse Wakeman, tenor
John David Adams, bass
performed with chamber orchestra

Robert Shaw

The Many Moods of Christmas

Saturday, December 3rd ~ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4th ~ 3:00 p.m.

Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor



TICKETS: \$15 ~ Free to Students

Available in Boothbay Harbor at Sherman's Books and Stationery ~ in Wiscasset at Treats ~
in Damariscotta at Sherman's Bookshop & Cafe ~ from Chorus Members ~ and Online at
sheepscotvalleychorus.org

Tickets are also available from SVC member Marjorie DiVece. See her at Sunday church services or call her at 882-6338. Tickets also available at the door.

December 2022

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



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Edgecomb Pl
Board 6:30 pm
Gather to read
Nativity Story
in Gospel of
Matthew, 10
AM

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**Thrift Store
Closed until
April**

Sheepscot Val-
ley Chorus con-
cert 3 p.m.

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2nd Sunday of
Advent 9:30
AM Worship
Sheepscot Val-
ley Chorus con-
cert 3 p.m.

5

EES Committee
Meeting 5-7
p.m.

6

Tuesday Lunch
at noon (**Last
one until
April**)

7

PTC Meeting 6-
6:45 p.m. Via
zoom

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Gather to read
Nativity Story
in Gospel of
Luke, 10 AM

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3rd Sunday of
Advent 9:30
AM Celtic
Prayer Service,



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Edgecomb
Selectboard
Meeting 6 p.m.

EES Winter
Concert 6-7
p.m.

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Edgecomb Pl
Board 6:30 pm
Gather to read
Nativity Story
in Gospel of
John, 10 AM

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18

4th Sunday of
Advent 9:30
AM Worship
Hanukkah at
sundown



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First Day of
Winter

Schmid Advi-
sory Committee
7 p.m. at town
hall

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23

24

Christmas Eve
Candlelight-
Service 5 PM



25



Christmas Day
Service at 9:30
AM in Fellow-
ship Hall

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Edgecomb
Selectboard
Meeting 6 p.m.

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Edgecomb
Selectboard
Meeting via
zoom 6 p.m.

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Busy Hands 1-3
p.m.

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New Year's Eve

