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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>

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**News for the December edition is due by 5 p.m. Monday, November 28, at [edgcomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgcomb.church@gmail.com)**

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Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

We have so much to be grateful for in this life. But sometimes life's demands, struggles, and worries make it hard to have a thankful heart. Often because of our busyness and pressure we simply forget to rest and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. It might be we feel as if God let us down or is somewhere far away and doesn't really care about what's happening in our lives.

Yet every day we have a choice to give God thanks. With a heart of gratitude, we realize that no matter what we face, God doesn't just work to change our situation, but changes our hearts. We are transformed by God's power which releases the hold our struggles have over us. We are strengthened by God's peace and renewed by God's joy.

Throughout life's difficult times and those of blessings, expressing an attitude of gratitude distinguishes the Christian, but it also makes you a lovely person to be around. And, it has been scientifically proven that the more you are grateful for, the more you will find things to be grateful for!

You'll find in this newsletter a collection of 30 Bible verse and reflection questions to pray on during the month to inspire gratitude in your heart. Stick them to the refrigerator or place next to your nightstand and read one each day. My hope is this habit of daily prayer and reflection strengthens the thankfulness we hold in our hearts. Here is a prayer to begin the journey.

Let us pray,

Holy Mystery of Love, thank you for your power and work in our lives. We are grateful for your goodness and the blessings you pour upon us. Thank you for the hope you bring even in the most difficult times and for always being with us, never leaving our side. Thank you for your Son, Jesus, for the truth of his word and the example of his life. Rekindle our spirits and prepare us to greet each day with renewed gratitude and joy. Fill us with your peace and joy. Gracious God, we love you and need you every day of our lives. May the words we speak and our actions each day give praise and glory to you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Blessings and peace,  
Rev. Kate

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## Prayers of Gratitude for November

**November 1 - Verse:** The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. *Psalms 28:7* **Reflection:** Think about one person that has taught you about unconditional love in the past or present. Thank God for that person.

**November 2 - Verse:** Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. *Colossians 3: 16* **Reflection:** Think back to the worst period of your life and list three ways life is better now. Tell God about them and thank him for his faithfulness.

**November 3 - Verse:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 6:6-7* **Reflection:** Think about a challenging person in your life and find three things to celebrate about them. Tell God about your struggles with them and thank God for their presence in your life.

**November 4 - Verse:** Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41:10* **Reflection:** Think about three reasons you are grateful for living in this country. Tell God about them.

**November 5 - Verse:** Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer. *1 Timothy 4:4-5* **Reflection:** Think back on someone who has forgiven you for a mistake you made in the past. Thank God for these moments of grace.

**November 6 - Verse:** We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. *2 Corinthians 4:8-9* **Reflection:** Think about three things that come easy to you but may be challenging for others. Thank God for the gifts He has given you.

**November 7 - Verse:** Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:7* **Reflection:** Think about three difficult parts of your life which turned out to be blessings. Thank God for His wisdom.

**November 8 - Verse:** Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. *2 Corinthians 9:11* **Reflection:** Think about three things that were beautiful today. Thank God for His creation.

**November 9 - Verse:** We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. *Romans 5:3-5* **Reflection:** Name three of your basic needs that were met today. Thank God for providing you with your daily bread.

**November 10 - Verse:** Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. *Colossians 4:2* **Reflection:** Are you a morning person or a night owl? Think about three things you love about this time of day. Thank God for the light and the darkness.

**November 11 - Verse:** I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. *Psalms 9:1* **Reflection:** Explore three things you can start doing today to express your gratitude towards others. Ask God for help.

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**November 12 - Verse:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation. *Psalm 100:4-5* **Reflection:** Think about your favorite location in your house and why you like it. Thank God for His comfort.

**November 13 - Verse:** Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* **Reflection:** Think about three things that bring a smile to your face. Thank God for laughter.

**November 14 - Verse:** Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. *James 1:17* **Reflection:** Think about three things that you take for granted which might not be available to people in other parts of the world. Thank God for the opportunities that He has given you.

**November 15 - Verse:** Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing. *2 Thessalonians 1:3* **Reflection:** Think of a time when someone went out of their way to help you. Thank God for the helpers.

**November 16 - Verse:** Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will thank you forever and ever, praising your greatness from generation to generation. *Psalm 79:13* **Reflection:** Think about three things that make you happy to be alive. Thank God for giving you the gift of life.

**November 17 - Verse:** And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. *Colossians 3:17* **Reflection:** Think about three lovely qualities from people you admire. How can you incorporate them into your life? Thank God for their example and ask Him to help you to change and grow towards Him.

**November 18 - Verse:** In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So, after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. *1 Peter 5:10* **Reflection:** Think about your favorite quote or a bit of wisdom that you frequently share with others. Thank God for the gift of knowledge.

**November 19 - Verse:** Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. *Romans 15:4* **Reflection:** Think about three things that have strengthened your character and made you who you are today. Thank God for the gift of right judgment.

**November 20 - Verse:** The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" *Lamentations 3: 22-24* **Reflection:** Think about a recent time when you truly felt at peace. If this is a struggle to recall, reflect on why that is. Thank God for His never-ending love.

**November 21 - Verse:** For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. *Jeremiah 29:11* **Reflection:** Think about three positive things in your life that you did not have five years ago. Thank God for these blessings.

**November 22 - Verse:** But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31* **Reflection:** Think about something you did recently for the first time that brought you joy. Thank God for this experience.

**November 23 - Verse:** I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. *Ephesians 1:18* **Reflection:** Think about which artist, author, or musician brings you great joy. Thank God for the gifts He has given to others.

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**November 24 - Verse:** Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. *Romans 12:12* **Reflection:** Think about three things you are looking forward to in the next year. Thank God for the exhilarating feeling of anticipation.

**November 25 – Verse:** Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear. The Lord of Heaven’s Armies has made this promise!

*Micah 4:4* **Reflection:** Think about three things in the current season that you are grateful for. Thank God for the four seasons.

**November 26 – Verse:** Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. *Luke 6:38* **Reflection:** Think about three family traditions that have formed you positively. Thank God for the people that made these traditions happen.

**November 27 – Verse:** But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ’s triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. *2 Corinthians 2:14* **Reflection:** Think about three opportunities that you are grateful for. Thank God for them.

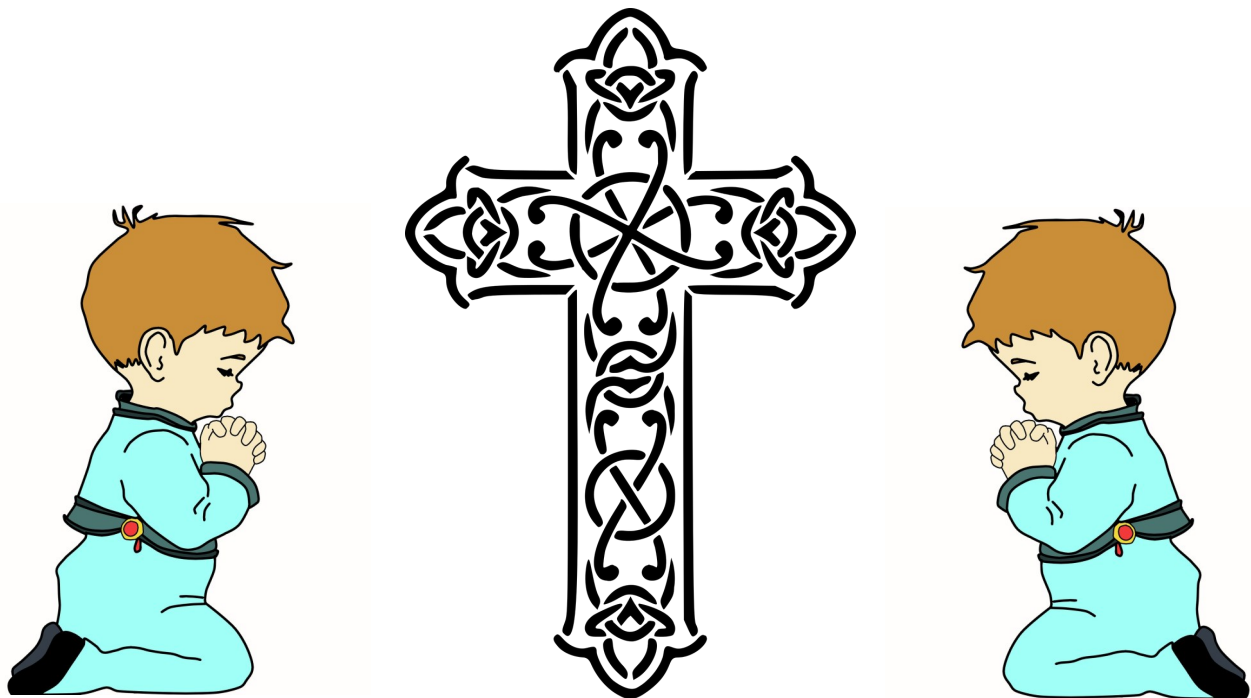
**November 28 – Verse:** Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. *Daniel 2:20-21* **Reflection:** Think about three pieces of positive news from today. Thank God for the good things happening around you.

**November 29 – Verse:** So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

*Deuteronomy 31:6* **Reflection:** Think about three things you will do today to care for your physical well-being. Thank God for the gift of your strong, amazing body.

**November 30 – Verse:** And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. *Colossians 3:15* **Reflection:** Think about three things you will do today to care for your mental well-being. Thank God for the gift of your emotions.

Source: <https://churchofcorpuschristi.org/church/november-prayers-of-gratitude/>





## November Tuesday Lunches

**November 1—Pumpkin Soup, Cornbread, Salad, Bread Pudding**

**November 15—Roast Turkey, Mashed Potato with Gravy, Butternut Squash, Stuffing, Peas, Rolls, Apple Pie**

**December 6—LAST LUNCH OF THE YEAR—Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, German Chocolate Cake**

## Tuesday Lunch Guest Speakers

At the November 1st Tuesday lunch, a Medicare Consultant and three local representatives from the Community Resources Council will be present to answer questions about services available in this area. So please join us for great food and even better conversation! Bring a friend.



**Edgecomb Community Church**

### Thanksgiving Pie Sale

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

**9-noon**

**15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb  
& Ames True Value, Rt. 1, Wiscasset**

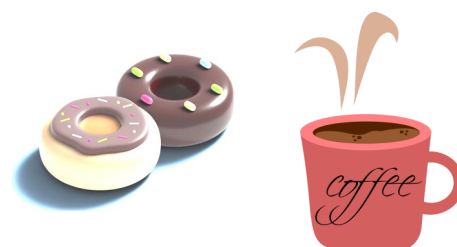


**Priced from  
\$6 to \$18**

Delivery available—To preorder call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338

## Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

**Coffee, Donuts and Conversation was held at the Edgecomb Green on October 20th, at 10am. This was the first time we have been able to hold this event in 2 years since the Pandemic. It was wonderful to see our friends at the Edgecomb Green. We enjoyed lots of conversation and laughter. The Dunkin Donuts in Wiscasset generously donated the delish Donuts. We are looking forward to seeing Everyone next month.**



# Church Calendar

November 1— All Saints Day  
Tuesday Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store open 9-2

November 5—Thrift Store open 9-1

November 6—22nd Sunday of Pentecost  
Communion Worship at 9:30 AM

November 8— Thrift Store open 9-2  
Election Day

November 11—Veterans Day

November 12—Thrift Store open 9-1, Holiday  
Sales and Fair rest of month

November 13—23rd Sunday of Pentecost  
Celtic Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. In  
Sanctuary.

November 15—Tuesday Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store open 9-2

November 19—Thrift Store open 9-1

November 20—Reign of Christ Sunday  
Worship at 9:30 AM

November 22—Thanksgiving Pie Sale 9-noon  
in vestry, and at Ames in Wiscasset  
Thrift Store open 9-2

November 23—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

November 24—Thanksgiving Day

November 26—Thrift Store open 9-1

November 27—1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
Breakfast at 8:30 AM in Fellowship  
Hall. Celtic Prayer Service 9:30 AM

November 29—Thrift Store open 9-2, CLOSING DATE for winter

# November Events

November 5—SHOP FOR HOPE at Wiscasset  
Community Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 5—EARLY BIRD SALE in down  
town Freeport. Early Bird Sale-A-  
Bration

November 5—EARLY BIRD SALE in Bath.

November 6—American Legion SUNDAY  
BREAKFAST 7-9 a.m. Boothbay Harbor

November 12-29—Edgecomb Thrift Store  
CHRISTMAS SALE -Tuesdays 9-2 &  
Saturdays 9-1.

November 12—Wiscasset EARLY BIRD SALE.

November 12—Wiscasset WMHS Boosters  
Bake Sale at Ames True Value, 9-1.

November 19—CRAFT FAIR at Wiscasset Sen  
ior Center, 9-2. Call 882-7732 if you'd  
like a table.

November 19—Boothbay Harbor EARLY BIRD  
SALE.

November 22—Thanksgiving PIE SALE at  
Edgecomb Church and Ames True  
Value in Wiscasset, 9-noon.

November 26—CHRISTMAS TRAIN at Sheep  
scot Station, 97 Cross Rd., Alna. Visit  
[www.fry.org](http://www.fry.org)

November 26—Small Business Saturday—  
Wiscasset Village

December 2-4—Wiscasset Holiday MARKET  
FEST, 10-4

December 2—LIGHT UP WISCASSET, 4-6  
p.m. Visit with Santa, Christmas Carol  
ing, Hot Cocoa, Cookies, and Fireworks  
at 6 p.m.

## November Birthdays

Joan Spurgat 17

Natalie Potter 18

## December Birthdays

Marjorie DiVece 9

George Malone 16

Sofia Chase 18

George Greene 22



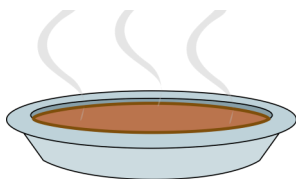
# November Thrift Store Events

Starting November 12, and running on Tuesdays and Saturdays during our regular hours until November 29th, the Thrift Store will be featuring our annual **Christmas Sale**. Do your holiday shopping with us. Good selection of changing Christmas items, homemade goodies, maple syrup, and beautiful handcrafted items from Busy Hands. Help warm your neighbors by donating \$5 or more to our **Fuel Assistance Fund** and choose a wrapped grab bag gift as a thank you.



During the month we will have our **Fall Gift Baskets** on display. One will feature a good selection of Stonewall Kitchen items. The other will have local Maine products. There is also a beautiful Christmas Wreath and Christmas Lantern available for raffle. Chances will sell for \$1 each with proceeds going toward the local fuel assistance program. The drawings for these items will be on Tuesday, November 22nd. Also, this year we will have a wonderful selection of blank note cards by a local artist perfect for framing.

The Thrift Store will close for the season on November 29th and will reopen in April (date to be announced). The donation bin will also be closed, but please hold your donations until the bin reopens on March 20th. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations and all your support for the Edgecomb Community Church. **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



# Absentee Ballots for November 8, 2022 Election

## Requests for absentee ballots may be made:

- 1 by requesting a ballot on line from **Maine.gov**
  2. in *writing*, delivered to the office or mailed to Town of Edgecomb, P.O. Box 139, Edgecomb, ME 04556.
  3. by *faxing* a request to 882-7381.
  4. by *calling* the Town Office Tuesdays 1-5PM or Thursdays 1-7 PM, 882-7018.
- You may also call the Town Clerk at 350-0963, at any other time.
5. or *you may pick up* an Absentee Ballot Request at the Town Office Tuesdays 1-5PM or Thursdays 1-7PM.

**Email requests cannot be accepted. Last day to request a ballot is Thursday November 3, 2022 by 7pm, otherwise you will have to call the town clerk to see if you're eligible for a special circumstances request .**

Your requested ballot will be mailed to you, unless you pick it up at the office. **It must be returned to the office by 8PM Tuesday, November 8, 2022.**

You may also vote at the office Tuesdays 1-5PM and Thursdays 1-7PM.

**To vote in person, Polls will be open Tuesday, November 8, from 8AM- 8PM, at the Town Hall.**

## Shop for Hope

New Hope Midcoast (formerly New Hope for Women), the only domestic violence resource center serving residents of Midcoast Maine, will hold a *Shop for Hope* event at the Wiscasset Community Center, 242 Gardiner Road, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. VIP ticket holders only will be allowed to shop from 8-9 a.m. Tickets available at [newhopemidcoast.org](http://newhopemidcoast.org). The event is then free and open to the community until 4 p.m.

This sale of boutique new and gently used clothing includes a great selection at fabulous prices. There are items from Bohemian Rose, Citizen Maine Home, EILEEN FISHER, Women of Substance, and many other boutiques. Children's clothing is also available. Masks are recommended and appreciated throughout the sale.

Proceeds benefit New Hope's comprehensive services for individuals affected by domestic abuse.

New Hope also needs volunteers for set up on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and for the sale and take down on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Joan directly at [developmentdirector@newhopemidcoast.org](mailto:developmentdirector@newhopemidcoast.org) or by calling her at (207) 691.5969.

## Sheepscot Valley Chorus

*Directed by Linda Blanchard, Accompanied by Sean Fleming*

*Presents*

*Christmas Concert 2022*

# *The Messiah*

By G. F. Handel

With Chamber Orchestra and Soloists

*And*

## *The Many Moods of Christmas*

Arranged by Robert Shaw & Robert Russel Bennett

*Saturday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.*

Congregational Church in Boothbay Harbor

*Tickets \$15 for Adults - Students Free*

Available at Treats of Wiscasset, Shermans Book Store  
of Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor



# November 2022

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Tuesday  
Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store  
open 9-2  
PTC Meeting  
6-6:45 p.m.

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Edgecomb Pl  
Board 6:30 pm

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Thrift Store  
open 9-1

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ECC 9:30 AM  
Worship  
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Ends (set  
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ing 5-7 p.m.

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Election Day

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Veterans Day

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Thrift Store  
open 9-1  
Christmas Sale  
begins & Bake  
Sale

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ECC 9:30 AM  
Celtic Prayer  
Service

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Edgecomb  
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Meeting 6 p.m

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Tuesday  
Lunch at noon  
Thrift Store  
open 9-2

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at town hall

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Edgecomb Pl  
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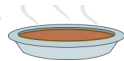
Thrift Store  
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ECC 9:30 AM  
Worship

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Thanksgiving  
Pie Sale 9-  
noon, at  
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Thanksgiving  
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Thrift Store  
open 9-1

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ECC 9:30 AM  
Celtic Prayer  
Service  
Breakfast 8:30  
AM  
1st Day of Ad-  
vent

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Edgecomb  
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Meeting 6 p.m

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