

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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and loving service to humankind"*

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**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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## We have hired a new pastor!

The Edgecomb Community Church members voted unanimously Sunday, June 23, to accept Aram Mitchell of Cambridge, MA to become their new pastor. Aram will begin his tenure on September 23, 2024. He will preach twice a month for a year, at which time a more permanent status may evolve.

Mitchell received his bachelor's degree in religious studies at Houghton College (Summa Cum Laude), and his Master of Arts in Religious Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary.

Mitchell is a facilitator, retreat leader, coach, teacher, wilderness guide, and minister with experience working for nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and communities of spiritual practice. He has helped to direct several nonprofit organizations in delivering services that contribute to the formation and well-being of justice-oriented community leaders.

Aram has designed programs, led workshops, and taught continuing education courses about wilderness spirituality, climate change, vocational burn-out, compassion fatigue, ecological grief, self-care, nature connection, theology, poetry, feminism, and mature masculinity. And he has supported hundreds of people in the process of becoming more true to themselves, more faithful to the earth, and more confident in their capacity to sustain good work for the long-haul.

Mitchell's past and present working titles include CEU Instructor for the School of Global Citizenry, Wilderness Guide and Facilitator, Eco-mini-stry Guide for Center for Wild Spirituality, Director of Partnerships & Formation for the BTS Center, Faculty Advisor for the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, Executive Director of Renewal in the Wilderness, and Congregational Minister for Children for Clairmont CUCC in California.

Mitchell is also a licensed Wilderness First Responder through Wilderness Medical Associates International, a Registered Maine Guide for the State of Maine, and a CEU Certified Instructor through Tumbah Global.

Please come and listen to Pastor Aram this fall; he is such an awe-inspiring speaker. He has filled in recently as a pulpit supply leader; check him out on our YouTube site using the link printed at left of this page.

The Search Committee is very excited to have Aram and his wife-to-be (to be married this August) Emma with us at the Edgecomb CC.

# Church Calendar

- July 2— Tuesday Lunch at noon.  
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 4—Independence Day
- July 6—Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 7 —7th Sunday after Pentecost.  
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.  
Dr. Janet Peck.
- July 9—Thrift Store open 9-1.  
Iris Sale 9-1 at Thrift Store
- July 11 —Bible Study via zoom with  
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- July 13—Thrift Store open 9-1.  
Pot Luck Supper to meet new minister  
Aram Mitchell 5 p.m.
- July 14 —8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Pastor  
Aram Mitchell. Special 250th Celebra  
tion Service with Ice Cream Social to  
follow
- July 16— Tuesday Lunch at noon.  
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 18—Bible Study via zoom with  
Rev. Larry Krewson, 10:30 a.m.
- July 20—Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 21—9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Guest Min  
ister Rev. Dr. Robert Ganung
- July 23—Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 24—Busy Hands 1-2:45 p.m. at church
- July 25—Bible Study via zoom with  
Rev. Larry Krewson 10:30 a.m.
- July 27—Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 28—10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship at 9:30 a.m. with guest Rev.  
Dr. Robert Ganung
- July 30—Thrift Store open 9-1.



## 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.*

**July 2**—French Bread Pizza,  
Salad, Ice Cream Cake

**July 16**—Strawberry Soup,  
Ham Italian Wraps, Potato  
Chips, Ice Cream

Puffs



## July Birthdays

Kathleen Grigg	7
June Finnegan	12
Roy Potter	13
Debbie Boucher	14
David Boucher	29

## August Birthdays

Ginny Kroitzch	11
Amy Poole	24
Ryan Potter	30



# Special Worship Service, July 14, 2024

## to commemorate Edgecomb's 250th Anniversary

Edgecomb Community Church will be holding a special Sunday worship service on July 14, to commemorate Edgecomb's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the introduction of the church's newly hired pastor Aram Mitchell who will be officiating the service. Included in the service will be a reading of the original petition signed by 55 inhabitants of a plantation located in Lincoln County calling for town incorporation.

Music will be provided by pianist Joseph Cough, Jr. Familiar hymns will be sung by the congregation, and some solo/duet anthems are being planned. An offering will be collected and used for local fuel assistance.

Following the service an ice cream social will commence downstairs in fellowship hall. Several church members will be dressed in vintage costumes. Come and experience an old time worship service while meeting old and new friends at a good ole ice cream social. Bring the whole family. Games for the kids will be provided outside, weather permitting. The church's labyrinth in the field out behind the building will be available for any wishing to walk it as well.



## 5-Mile Yard Sale

**Saturday, August 10, 2024 8-1**

**Beginning at Edgecomb Community Church**  
**Cross Point Road, Edgecomb**

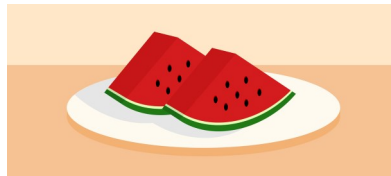
**Plan on a day of yard-saling beginning at the Edgecomb Community Church parking lot on Cross Point Road in Edgecomb. The church will also be holding a bake sale to benefit its mission works, along with Busy Hands handknit items for sale. Facilities and coffee also available. The Thrift Store will be open from 9-1. Large parking lot available too. Donations still needed—call Dick O'Connor at 882-8199 to arrange for pick up.**

# Pot Luck Supper

## Saturday, July 13, 5 p.m.



The Edgecomb Community Church will be holding a pot luck supper to welcome newly hired pastor Aram Mitchell and fiancée Emma on Saturday, July 13, at 5 p.m. Aram will be preaching the next morning, the 14th, for a special service commemorating the town's 250th anniversary. This will be a great opportunity for our new pastor to meet the community and for our friends and neighbors to meet him. The supper will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall of the church located at 15 Cross Point Road. If you have any questions please contact Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 or email her at marjoriedivece@gmail.com. The church will provide beverages.



## Edgecomb's 250th Road Race



A great crowd was present for the road race on Cross Point Road Saturday, June 22. The Edgecomb Community Church was open for guests to use the facilities and to check out the Thrift Store. Free coffee was also available.

A children's race was first started around 10:05 from the upper parking lot where tents were set up for registrants and t-shirt and hotdog sales. The four top winners of the children's race were given gift coupons for ice cream at Blanchard's Ice Cream on Route 27 in Edgecomb.

Then two more groups of runners were off—one for the 5K race and one for the 10K race, both which were guided by volunteers along Cross Point Road as to where to turn around and to receive water. Residents along the route cheered the runners on.

This was also a great opportunity for the church to get involved with the community. Many guests had not known about the thrift store and were thrilled to check it out and learn more about their community church.

It is hoped more events like this will continue every year. Our own George Malone, shown to the right, ran the 5K.





## 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,



## Upcoming Edgecomb 250th Anniversary Events

**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**

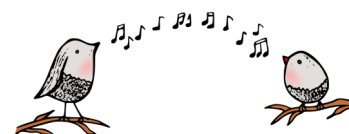
**December 13—Charlie Brown Christmas Trees Event**

*(These events are subject to changes)*

## Calling All Singers

Our new pianist Joe Cough is asking for any and all voices to join him in singing each Sunday during worship. He is a trained singer and singing coach. Anyone interested is asked to speak to Joe on Sunday or email him at: [joseph.cough@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.cough@gmail.com)

Music is such an important part of the worship service, and we would love to invite any and all who enjoy singing solos, duets, or choral works.



# Summer 2024 Fair Schedule

Union Fair—July 7-10

Ossipee Valley Fair (So. Hiram) - July 11-14

Houlton Fair—July 18-21

Waterford World's Fair—July 19-21

Bangor State Fair—July 25—August 3

Northern Maine Fair (Presque Isle) - July 31—August 4

Topsham Fair—August 6-11

Skowhegan Fair—August 8-17

Acton Fair—August 22-25

Piscataquis Valley Fair—August 22-25

Windsor Fair—August 24—September 2

Washington County Fair—August 24-25

Blue Hill Fair—August 29—September 2

Harmony Free Fair—August 30—September 2

Clinton Lion's Agricultural Fair—September 5-8

Litchfield Fair—September 6-8

Oxford County Fair—September 11-14

New Portland Lion's Fair—September 13-15

Farmington Fair—September 15-21

Common Ground Fair—September 20-22

Cumberland Fair—September 22-28

Fryeburg Fair—September 29—October 6

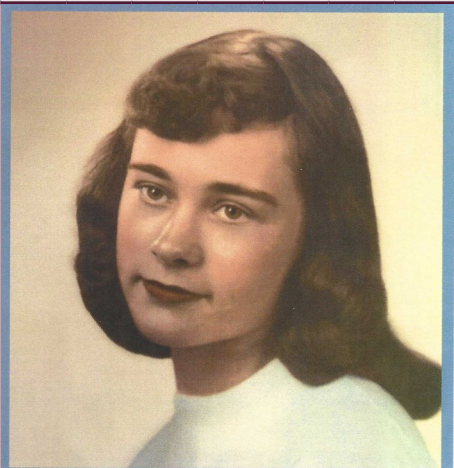


## Iris Sale July 6



Louise Hardina is holding her annual Iris Sale Saturday, July 6, from 9-1 at the Edgecomb Community Church Thrift Store. Come early as they go fast! All proceeds go towards the church's mission efforts.





## Patricia H. Greene beloved member and friend

Patricia (Pat) Houghton Greene died on June 7, 2024 after a brief struggle with cancer and a long struggle with bronchiectasis and other lung issues. She was born on April 12, 1941, in Fort Fairfield, Maine, the daughter of Thomas and Antoria (Rosen) Houghton.

Pat graduated from Fort Fairfield High School in 1959 and received a BS degree in home economics education from the University of Maine in 1963. She obtained an MS in child development and family relationships at the Penn State University in 1965 after which she was employed by Penn State working on a joint project with the U.S. Office of Education. The project involved developing a curriculum guide to be used in training teachers of the Head Start program. During this time Pat met George who was a grad student at Penn State, and they were married in 1966. She taught preschool classes at the Penn State Child Development Laboratory and at Menallen Friends School in Biglerville, Pennsylvania. Pat received an MEd degree in special education from Shippensburg University in 1989 and spent most of her remaining teaching career as a special education preschool teacher in Pennsylvania. Teaching was her passion and she was most comfortable around young children whom she loved dearly.

Pat was an active member of Zion United Church of Christ in Arendtsville, Pennsylvania and later a member of the Edgecomb Community Church, assisting with church suppers and volunteering her services whenever possible. Pat enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and knitting but her greatest pleasure came from being with family. She especially enjoyed being with her granddaughter Grace with whom she had a very special relationship. She also had a very close relationship with her daughter Susan.

In addition to her parents, Pat was predeceased by her sister-in-law Nancy Wood and niece Amy Winston. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, George; daughter Susan and granddaughter Grace. She is also survived by her sister Bonnie Winston, half-sister Carolyn (Carlson) Williams, brothers Thomas ("Tim") Houghton III and John (Margaret) Houghton; nieces Timberly Sweeney and Kari Williams; nephews Bruce Houghton, Thomas Houghton IV, Ryan Houghton, Peter Wood, Timothy Wood, and Mark Williams. In addition, she is survived by several cousins. George and Pat had only one biological daughter. However, in 1974 Sharon Griest Ballen came to live with them when her dad died. Sharon became the older sister Susan never had and remains a very important part of our family. Her visits have meant a great deal to Pat.

A service was held at Edgecomb Community Church on Tuesday, June 25, at 11 a.m. with a reception in fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Edgecomb Community Church at P.O. Box 113, Edgecomb, ME 04556, or National Jewish Health, 1400 Jackson St., Denver, CO 80206 - a leading respiratory hospital where Pat received treatment.

Pat will be greatly missed by her friends here at the Edgecomb Community Church. The church sends its condolences to George, Susan and Grace.



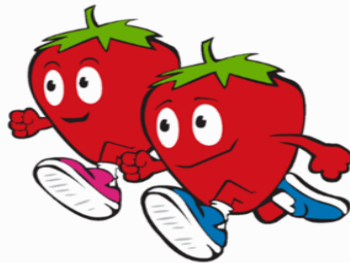


Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
 I am not there, I do not sleep.  
 I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
 I am the softly falling snow.  
 I am the gentle showers of rain,  
 I am the fields of ripening grain.  
 I am in the morning hush,  
 I am in the graceful rush  
 Of beautiful birds in circling flight,  
 I am the starshine of the night.  
 I am in the flowers that bloom,  
 I am in a quiet room.  
 I am in the birds that sing,  
 I am in each lovely thing.  
 Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
 I am not there. I do not die.

*To the left is a poem that was printed on the back of the program for Pat Greene's celebration of Life which was held at the Edgecomb Community Church on Tuesday, June 25. A reception followed downstairs in fellowship hall prepared by the church ladies. Rev. Charlene Corbett officiated and music was provided by pianist Joe Cough, harpist Julia Lane and violinist Fred Gosbee. Family traveled far and wide to be there along with Pat's husband George who was transported over from Cove's Edge.*



# 19TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SHUFFLE



5K RUN AND WALK  
**SAT JULY 6 AT 7:30AM**

AT GREAT SALT BAY SCHOOL  
 RACE STARTS 8:30AM

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND  
 PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE**

TIMED PRIZES, SWAG  
 STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE



**PRE-REGISTRATION: \$27.50**  
**DAY OF RACE: \$35 @7:30AM**  
 TO PRE-REGISTER:  
 FOLLOW THE QR CODE OR  
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# *Wiscasset Homes on Tour 2024*

## *Saturday, July 13, 11-4*

*Homes on Tour 2024* will feature a collection of private homes in historic Wiscasset Village and the neighboring communities of Alna, Dresden, Edgecomb, and Woolwich and will include some of the most significant and iconic buildings in the area. Our featured homes are treasured private residences, and homeowners have successfully blended contemporary taste with historical details so that glimpses of the past remain.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, picturesque Wiscasset had a prolific ship-building industry, now long gone, along the shores of the Sheepscot River. But those remaining emblems of wealth – the well-preserved, handsome Federal-style homes – are why Wiscasset is known as “the prettiest village in Maine.”

In 2024, tickets are priced at \$30 each and are available for advance purchase online (with processing fee) or in person on the day of the tour. All tickets should be picked up at the parking lot at 36 Water St., Wiscasset, ME, 04578, from 10am to 3pm on the day of the tour, July 13. Visitor parking and bathrooms nearby.

The featured homes will all be located in or near Wiscasset Village and surrounding communities. A special feature in 2024 will be afternoon tea - with homemade sweets - in a lovely Wiscasset Village garden featuring native plants.

**PICNIC LUNCH**—For the convenience of tour-goers, an optional picnic lunch is available for advance order at \$18. each. Lunches are prepared by Wiscasset's Back River Bistro and selections include Romaine Salad, Kale Crunch Salad, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Muffuletta, and Cucumber Caprese Sandwich (menu descriptions online). Each order includes original flavor chips and a chocolate chip cookie. The picnic location is the historic Nickels-Sortwell House lawn and garden in Wiscasset Village (in case of rain, location is in the adjacent barn).

# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Edgecomb Town Meeting for FD Budget warrants 6 p.m.	<b>2</b> Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> 	<b>5</b> Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	<b>6</b> Thrift Store open 9-1
<b>7</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	<b>13</b> Thrift Store open 9-1 Pot Luck Supper 5 p.m. at the church Wiscasset Homes on Tour 11-4
<b>14</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Aram Mitchell 250th Celebration Service Ice Cream Social at 10:30am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1	<b>17</b> Schmidt Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>18</b> Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	<b>20</b> Thrift Store open 9-1
<b>21</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Robert Ganung	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	<b>24</b> Busy Hands 1-2:45 p.m. At the church	<b>25</b> Bible Study via zoom 10:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> Wiscasset Farmers' Market 9-1 at Wiscasset Municipal Building parking lot	<b>27</b> Thrift Store open 9-1
<b>28</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Robert Ganung	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Thrift Store open 9-1	<b>31</b>			