

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

PUBLISHED BY THE EDGECOMB COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC

*"To bring together our communities in spirituality
and loving service to humankind"*

A monthly newsletter dedicated to the dissemination of information from and for the people of Edgcomb and the Edgcomb Community Church



Volume 5

No. 2

February 2025

EDGECOMB COMMUNITY CHURCH

P.O. Box 113 15 Cross Point Road
Edgcomb, ME 04556
207-882-4060

FB/EdgcombCongochurch
edgcomb.church@gmail.com

PASTOR Aram Mitchell
aram.mitchell@gmail.com
1-317-292-3384

Church Coordinator

Marjorie DiVece
207-882-6338
marjoriedivece@gmail.com
edgcomb.church@gmail.com

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAqYh6UMZyucMGNL21xqgA>

ECC WEBSITE

www.edgcombchurch.org

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Editor: Marjorie DiVece

News for the March edition is due by 5 p.m. Friday, February 21, at edgcomb.church@gmail.com

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please send your Email address to: edgcomb.church@gmail.com

ECC members & friends,

Happy Imbolc and Saint Brigid's Day to all you earthlings who observe such things! We're half-way between the winter solstice and spring equinox, starting to look around the bend for early glimmers of the new life that awaits us as our hemisphere of the earth begins to tilt toward the sun. We're a ways off from proper warmth, it's true. But no harm looking forward to it, right?

Some other looking-forwards-to... I'm excited to be launching into a new rhythm of preaching weekly, starting on February 2nd. Like before, I'll be with you in person on the first and third Sundays of each month, and then will be pre-recording sermons to share with you on second and fourth Sundays.

This past month (along with getting some vacation and baby-moon time with Emma) I took a course through the Maine School of Ministry, taught by Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley, studying the History and Polity of the United Church of Christ. Along with an excellent four weeks of camaraderie with fellow ministers and ministerial candidates, I gleaned a lot from our learnings and discussions about what it means to live into our covenant as members of the united and uniting church of Christ. I've been reflecting on different marks of our identity as a church, and in the five Sundays leading up to Lent I'm eager to share my reflections with you in a sermon series called "The Many Things We Are"!

Throughout "The Many Things We Are" series I'll be inviting you each week to consider ways that you resonate (and ways that you don't!) with each week's sermon theme:

- February 2nd: **We are United (and Courageous in Conflict)**
- February 9th: **We Are Evangelical (and Defining it Our Way)**
- February 16th: **We Are Missional (and Purposefully Biased)**
- February 23rd: **We Are Universal (and Particular About It)**
- March 2nd: **We Are Wild (and Called to Community)**

Each sermon will be available to watch online, so even when you're not able to be with us in person or synchronously on Sunday, you can still keep up. **And I'm also curious if any of you would be interested in a midweek online sermon discussion group?** Email me to let me know if so: aram.mitchell@gmail.com

Regardless, I'm looking forward to engaging with you all in reflection and practice as we continue to become the many things we are!
Containing multitudes, Pastor Aram

Church Calender

- February 2—4th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship service at 9:30 AM with
Pastor Aram Mitchell
- February 4—Food pantry open 10-noon.
Soup pick-up available.
- February 6—Bible Study with Rev. Lar
ry Krewson via zoom 10:30
a.m.
- February 7—Sub Sale. Pick up at church
10-noon.
- February 9—5th Sunday after Epipha
ny. Worship at 9:30 AM with
Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely
- February 11—Leadership Meeting 9-
10:30 a.m.
- February 13—Bible Study with Rev.
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30
a.m.
- February 14—**Valentine's Day**
- February 16 —6th Sunday after
Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM
with Pastor Aram Mitchell
- February 17—**Presidents' Day**
- February 18—Food pantry open 10-
noon. Soup pick-up available.
- February 20—Bible Study with Rev.
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30
a.m.
- February 23—7th Sunday after Epiph-
any Worship at 9:30 AM with
Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely
- February 27—Bible Study with Rev.
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30
a.m.

Little Corner Food Pantry

*Come and join all your
friends and neighbors the 1st
and 3rd Tuesdays of each
month from 10 a.m. to noon to
visit the Food Pantry and join in
good conversation. Soup pick up
will be available for those who
signed up.*

Tuesday Lunches will resume in April.



February Birthdays

Gail Boudin	12
Madeline Olney	13
Marsha Potter	22
George Chase	26

March Birthdays

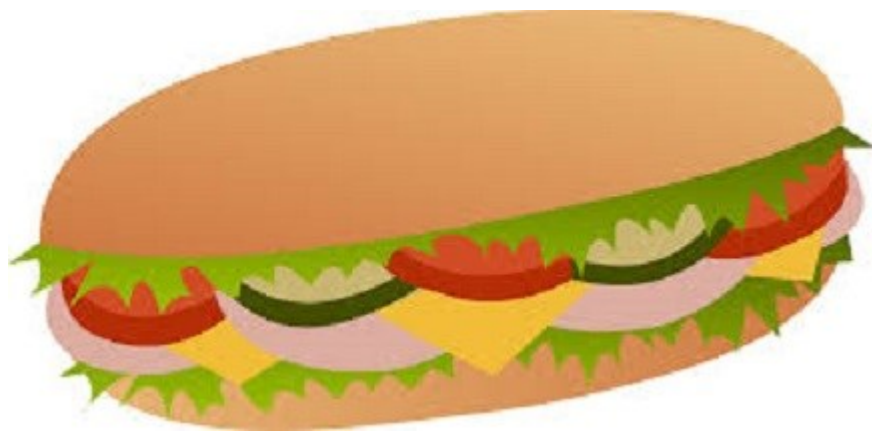
Dawn Garey	16
Marie Cooper	18
Emma Mitchell	21
Ann Zak	26
Fran Mague	28



Edgecomb Community Church

Sub Sale

Friday, Feb. 7, 2025



8 inch sub with ham, cheese, sliced veggies, small bag of chips, soda or water, and cookie

Call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338 to order and arrange for pick up or delivery.

Order deadline Wednesday, February 5.

All for \$10.00

All proceeds benefit the church's local mission efforts.



ECC Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 2, 10:45 a.m.



All members are invited and encouraged to attend this annual meeting to vote on vital issues concerning the church. It will follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service downstairs after coffee hour.



Happy



Valentine's Day

Need a ride to church?



The Edgecomb Community Church members are eager to help those who cannot attend Sunday worship services due to lack of transportation. If you are interested in attending, please give the church a call at 882-4060 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you about picking you up and bringing you to the services. Coffee hour always follows the services which is a great time to relax and get to know one another and have a few treats with your morning coffee.

Winterfest 2025

Saturday, January 25th- Saturday, February 1st
Hosted by Wiscasset Parks & Rec at the Wiscasset Community Center

Silent Auction and Raffle starts at 1:00pm Saturday, January 25th.
Silent Auction and Raffle ends Saturday, February 1st at 3:00pm

Friday, January 31st

\$\$Trivia Night presented by the WCC 5:30- Gymnasium
\$3.00 per person, teams no bigger than 8 people, winning team wins half of the Trivia Pot! By donation bake sale**
\$\$Cash bar and pub food available to purchase by Back River Bistro
5:30 Concessions begin 6:30pm-Trivia Starts

Saturday, February 1st

\$\$ Community Breakfast- 7:30-9:30am- Senior Center**
\$8 per adult (16+) \$5 per child (5-15) 4 and under FREE!

Adult and Children outdoor activities

Warming Fire Pit with marshmallows, hot cocoa and coffee outside
All other outdoor activities are weather permitting and we will advertise as we get closer to the event!

"Mammals of Maine" Presented by Chewonki 10-11am- Senior Center FREE!

\$\$ Hot Lunch- 11:30am-2:00pm- Senior Center**

Enjoy our Soup, Chili and Chowder Bar! Come warmup and eat for a good cause!
\$5.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Kids.

FREE Open Swim Presented by First National Bank 1:00-4:00pm- Pool FREE!

\$\$ Cornhole Tournament-3:00pm **Sponsored By First National Bank

No set teams, \$25pp-for entry and airmail ticket. Pre-register online on "Scoreholio" or sign-up day of. Tournament will consist of a 4 Round Round Robin, followed by a Double Elimination Tournament. Winning Team will receive \$250. 2nd Place \$150 and 3rd Place \$50. Food and Bar items available for purchase from Back River Bistro

\$\$ Indicates activities that will cost money

**Indicates activities that benefit the Scholarship Fund



Habitat for Humanity

Creates successful homeownership opportunities for families with limited incomes by building sustainable housing and repairing and weatherizing existing homes.

Donate, Help Habitat keep building! Visit www.habitat7rivers.org and click on the Donate button. You can also mail your gift to: Habitat for Humanity, 7 Rivers Maine, 11 Elsinore Avenue, Bath, ME or call Chris Wolff at 207-504-9334 for more information.

ReStore donations are always accepted at their Bath location at the Bath Shopping Center, 1 Chandler Drive. Call 504-9340 or email at restore@habitat7rivers.org for more information. The ReStore hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual **Walk to Build** fundraiser is set for Sunday, May 4. Anyone wishing to join Edgecomb Community Church's team is invited to contact team leader Madeline Olney at madeline.olney@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed!

Become a volunteer either working on building sites or at the ReStore in Bath. From once a year to every week, we offer many ways for folks to get engaged and help their community thrive. From new home construction to mostly critical home repairs

in the mid-coast region it is the many volunteer hours that make this work possible and affordable for so many.

CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

134 People Served!

- 83 homes repaired or modified
- 81% of homes with female head of household
- **30% of people served living at or below the poverty line**
- 85 people over 60 - majority living with a disability
- 10 homes including children



40% increase in people served year over year!



Gary Spurgat, a longtime member of the Edgecomb Community Church, recently passed away on January 14, 2025. Gary served as Trustee for many years helping to maintain the church building for generations to come. He enjoyed the many Bible studies over the years, even joining in shortly before his death. He leaves his wife Joan who has also been very active in the church over many years, and five children who live from Maine to Hawaii.

Below we find Gary in the middle (wearing the plaid shirt) participating in the repainting of Fellowship Hall back in the early 2000's. He also designed and built two "hangers" for holding quilts and church banners on each side of the church sanctuary walls. Gary supported all church events,



and even occasionally helped out in the choir. A man of many talents! No memorial service is being planned at this time.

Gary was a true servant of God
and will be greatly missed!



February 2025

Sun

Mon

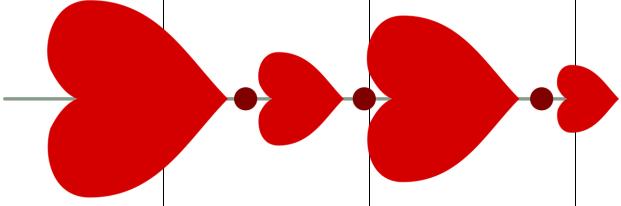


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<p>1</p> <p>Winterfest Activities at Wiscasset Community Ctr. (WCC) Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9:30 at WCC</p>
<p>2</p> <p>4th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Food Pantry open 10-noon. Soup pick-up for those signed up Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 p.m. Edgecomb Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sub Sale Pick-up 10-noon</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>5th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Leadership Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>6th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Presidents' Day Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Food Pantry open 10-noon. Soup pick-up for those signed up</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Schmidt Preserve Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>7th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	