

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

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## 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:

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

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We enter into the season of Lent this month, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Lent is a season of reflection. It is a long, slow, approach to the tragic grief of Good Friday, and then—on the other side of heartache and loss—to the awakening of Easter morning!

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. First comes the Lenten trod. As a time of reflection, oftentimes folks will give something up during the season of Lent, as a way of fasting and focusing their attention on spiritual growth.

When I was in college, one year—fascinated with the asceticism of the ancient desert saints—I went the full 40 days of Lent taking only cold showers. (Not something I recommend!) Even as a lad I was intrigued by the practice of self-denial for the sake of spiritual growth. I remember one Lenten season when I was in elementary school, I gave up my favorite thing for the six weeks of Lent: Chocolate. (Not something I recommend!) One afternoon on the bus ride home from school my friend had some M&M's and offered me one. It wasn't until it was melting in my mouth that I realized what I had done. Oh no! I'm not supposed to have this deliciousness in my mouth! Shame shame!

Looking back, I chuckle at the sweetness of my heart, so devout, so earnest, so sincere. These days I'm more inclined to take something on—rather than giving something up—for the season of Lent. What might it be like, for example, to take five minutes each day to really savor and enjoy a square of dark chocolate? What might it be like to seek God's presence in the slow and sacred pleasures of life, rather than confusing the divine with self-denial and shame? How about the spiritual discipline of taking hot baths? Can I get an AMEN!?

Truth be told, I think it can be both. I think the practice of faith requires us to make room in our lives, which sometimes means letting go of habits or patterns of behavior that are out of sync with the momentum of God; and it requires that we fill up on the abundance of God's good gifts. The Lenten season is about doing both of those things—making room and filling up—right in the midst of the joyous and mundane experiences of being human. It is about bringing the practices of our faith down to earth into the everydayness of our lives.

And that's what we'll be focusing on during Lent. During our Lenten Sunday services I'll be preaching a series of sermons about the Celebration of Discipline (inspired by Richard Foster's classic book by the same name). Each week we'll give our attention to one of the practical spiritual disciplines of our faith. Things like prayer and meditation, like simplicity and service, like confession and celebration. Putting these practices to use, each week and each day, we'll seek for ways to make room in our hearts so that we can fill them to overflowing with God's goodness. How's that sound!?

Peace and blessings, Pastor Aram

# Church Calender

- March 2—Transfiguration Sunday  
Worship service at 9:30 AM with  
Pastor Aram Mitchell
- March 4—Food pantry open 10-noon.  
Soup pick-up available.
- March 6—Bible Study with Rev. Larry  
Krewson via zoom 10:30 a.m.
- March 9—1st Sunday of Lent. Worship  
at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell remotely
- March 11—Leadership Meeting 9-  
10:30 a.m.
- March 13—Bible Study with Rev.  
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30  
a.m.
- March 16—2nd Sunday of Lent. Wor-  
ship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell
- March 17—**St.Patrick's Day**
- March 18—Food pantry open 10-  
noon. Soup pick-up available.
- March 20—Bible Study with Rev.  
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30  
a.m. First day of Spring!
- March 23—3rd Sunday of Lent. Wor-  
ship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell remotely
- March 26—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
- March 27—Bible Study with Rev.  
Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30  
a.m.
- March 30—4th Sunday of Lent. Worship  
at 9:30 a.m. with guest speaker  
TBA.



# 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.*



## March Birthdays

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

## April Birthdays

Tom Boudin	2
Joanne O'Connor	11
Abigail Boudin	16
Karen Potter	25
Carol Colby	28



# 2024 Annual Meeting

## February 2, 2025 Minutes

Thirteen members and two guests were present for the 11:10 a.m. meeting.

Joanne O'Connor and Madeline Olney were voted in to act as co-Moderators as Joanne was present via zoom from Florida.

The minutes from the January 2024 annual meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in the annual report

The budget was also accepted as presented.

Trustees report passed.

Nominations accepted with the correction of Marie Cooper as Deacon whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list. Ginny Kroitich's name was taken off the Mission Committee as she has transferred to another church.

The Ministerial report was accepted.

Other Business:

Our treasurer Tom Boudin has been ill for some time and is again in the hospital. Jessica Mague has been approached and is willing to fill in as treasurer until Tom is back on his feet. When Tom is back, they will meet and work out the details. It was voted unanimously to accept Jessica's aid on a temporary basis. It was also noted that five other members have been given signing power so that checks may be made out and signed. Any check over \$1000 needs a second signature which any member is eligible to do as well

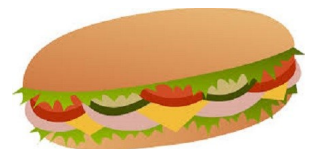
Meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Marjorie DiVece

Church Clerk

## Sub Sale a Huge Success!



**A huge thank you to all who helped put together the sub meals, delivered orders and those who ordered the subs on Friday, February 7. 107 orders were filled and over \$800 in profit was gathered for the church's mission outreach efforts. Another example of our small church with a big heart at work for its community.**

# *It's a Baby Shower!*

Come celebrate with us at the Edgecomb Community Church Fellowship Hall, Sunday, March 16, after worship service (around 11 a.m.) to welcome Pastor Aram and Emma's new baby girl expected to arrive in mid-May.

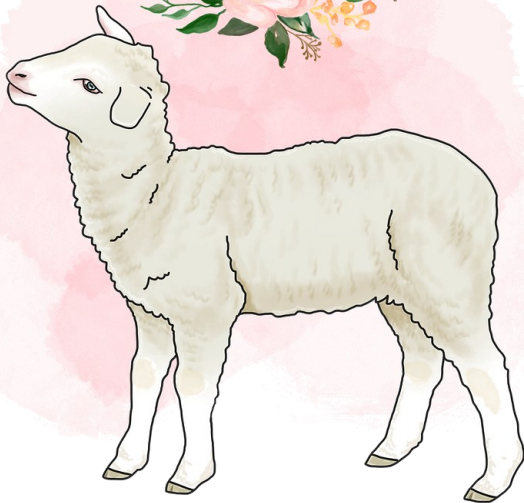
Anyone wishing to contribute to the party is encouraged to contact Marge DiVece, Church Coordinator, at 882-6338 or [marjoriedivece@gmail.com](mailto:marjoriedivece@gmail.com).



## **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.

Happy  
EASTER



Please join us  
*Easter Sunday*  
*April 20, 2025*  
To celebrate a time  
of renewal and rebirth  
with Pastor Aram Mitchell

*Two Services:*

*6:00 a.m. at Fort Edgecomb*

*9:30 a.m. at Edgecomb Community  
Church, 15 Cross Point Road*

Save the dates for

*Sheepscot Valley Chorus's  
Spring Concert 2025*



**Featuring Bob Chilcott's**

*A Little Jazz Mass*

**And folk tunes from centuries past and present**

*With bass and drum accompaniment*



Showcasing Music Award Winners  
From Wiscasset Middle High School  
Lincoln Academy  
And Boothbay Regional High School

**Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.**  
**At Damariscotta Baptist**

# Our Mission at Work

## A Thank you from Edgecomb Eddy School

January 3, 2025

Dear Mrs. Gail Boudin and the Community Church of Edgecomb,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you from all of us at the Edgecomb Eddy School , and particularly our families in need, for your generous donation during the holidays.

We truly appreciate your role and the involvement of the Church in supporting our school and the children. Your donation ensured that a family had what they needed and wanted during the holiday season.

It is such a pleasure to have community members like you proactively improving and helping our children and our school! Thank you again for all of your time and efforts for making these items available to our students!

Sincerely,  
Tom Landberg,  
Principal

## Lap Shawls for the Edgecomb Green

Several homemade shawls were recently dropped off for the residents of Edgecomb Green. They arrived in time to keep residents warm during this long cold winter. Covid and flu outbreaks have plagued them this winter. Occasional food items have been dropped off as well. Donations are always accepted through the church's food pantry.



**Mardi Gras**, also known as **Shrove Tuesday**, is the final day of Carnival (also known as Shrovetide or Fastelavn); it thus falls on the day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. *Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of consuming rich, fatty foods in preparation for the Christian fasting season of Lent, during which the consumption of such foods is avoided.*

Related popular practices are associated with Carnival celebrations before the fasting and religious obligations associated with the penitential season of Lent. In countries such as the United Kingdom, Mardi Gras is more usually known as Pancake Day or (traditionally) Shrove Tuesday, derived from the word *shrive*, meaning "to administer the sacrament of confession to; to absolve".

**Background:** During the liturgical season of Lent, some Christians abstain from the consumption of certain foods such as meat, eggs, dairy products, and alcoholic beverages. Most Christian denominations observe the tradition of Lent; exceptions include many churches within the Anabaptist, Baptist, Methodist, and Reformed traditions. Shrovetide provided Christians with the opportunity to use up these foods prior to the start of the 40-day fasting season of Lent. Prior to the 6th century, Lent was normatively observed through the practice of the Black Fast, which enjoins fasting from food and liquids, with the allowance of one vegetarian meal and water after sunset. The tradition of pancake breakfasts during Shrovetide, as well as that of pancake races, owes itself to this practice of "using up the surplus eggs, milk and butter" prior to Lent. In many Christian parish churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition is the ringing of the church bells (on this day, the toll is known as the Shrivings Bell) "to call the faithful to confession before the solemn season of Lent" and for people to "begin frying their pancakes". As such, a hallmark of Shrovetide is the opportunity for a last round of merrymaking associated with Mardis Gras before the start of the somber Lenten season. The last day of Shrovetide, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), is named as such "because people felt bloated having eaten up all the rich foods before Lent" in order to prepare for the coming season of repentance.

For much more information on Mardi Gras and its history visit the link below.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi\\_Gras](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi_Gras)

*Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025      Fat Tuesday is March 4*

## Nomination Papers




### Available for Town Offices

Nomination papers for town officers are now available at the Town Hall. They are due by March 17th and must have at least 25 signatures, and no more than 100. Papers are available for Planning Board, Select Board, Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector positions.

## Property Assessors on the Prowl

As Edgecomb prepares to update property assessments, the Town Hall Office wants residents to know that Assessors have begun their work in town. An Assessor should arrive in a clearly marked car, be wearing an ID badge, will toot their horn on arrival, and will then knock on the door to alert you of their presence. They do not need to see the house interior, but they will be walking around the outside of the house.

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Transfiguration Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell	3	4 Food Pantry open 10-noon. Soup pick-up for those signed up Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	5 Edgecomb Budget Committee Meeting 6 p.m. <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	6 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	7	8
9 1st Sunday of Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely	10	11 Church Leadership Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.	12	13 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Baby Shower for Aram & Emma	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 	18 Food Pantry open 10-noon. Soup pick-up for those signed up Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00	19 Schmidt Preserve Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm <b>1st Day of Spring</b> 	21	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely	24	25	26 Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.	27 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	28	29
30 4th Sunday of Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest TBA	31	