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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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"Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection."

Wendell Berry, *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*

Anticipating spring is a dangerous game in our part of the world. Snowdrops peek out from the crust of the earth one day—daring us to pack away our sweaters for the season—and then snowfall covers the ground the next. The earth flirts with us, teases us like a grade school crush, with mixed signals, asking us to play.

How shall we respond?

We haven't gotten where we're going yet. As I write this, and as you read it at the beginning of April, the season of Lent continues. But new life is on the near horizon. The denouement of this month, and of the Christian calendar, is approaching.

How shall we engage?

On Easter morning I am going to wake up before the sun. I'm going to brew a cup of coffee (my first one in 46 days). I'm going to slip some poems into my pocket. And then I'm going to join whoever among you is willing to meet at Fort Edgcomb for sunrise. There we will welcome the new day and celebrate the new way of being in the world that shines on us through our tradition and through the earth's tilt.

How else shall we partake?

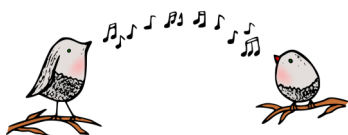
We have a couple Sundays before then, but I am already eager for it. Even so, God help me not to hurry. Help me not to hurry through the final snows. Help me not to hurry through the Lenten lessons that are still available. Help me not to rush past the buds with eyes only for full bloom. Help me to be present to and formed by each and every moment on this journey. Help me not to bustle toward Holy Week and then barrel through only to arrive at Easter half-baked. Help us all.

On the way, help us to meander, purposefully, "like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary". And when we get there, may God help us, everyday, to "practice resurrection".

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Aram

Church Calender

- April 1 – Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 3 – Bible Study with Rev. Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30 a.m.
- April 5 – Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 6 – 5th Sunday in Lent. Worship service at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell. Deacons meeting to follow.
- April 8 – Leadership Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 10 – Bible Study with Rev. Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30 a.m.
- April 12 – Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely
- April 15 – Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 17 – Bible Study with Rev. Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30 a.m. Church open for **Maundy Thursday** time of reflection 4-6 p.m.
- April 19 – Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 20 – Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
- April 22 – Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 23 – Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
- April 24 – Bible Study with Rev. Larry Krewson via zoom 10:30 a.m.
- April 26 – Thrift Store open 9-1.
- April 27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest minister Rev. Dr. Janet Peck
- April 29 – Thrift Store open 9-1.



Little Corner Food Pantry

Will now be open during regular Thrift Store hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Take what you need and leave what you can for others. Monetary donations are always accepted at the Thrift Store for the food pantry.



April Birthdays

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

May Birthdays

Sue Sikes	15
Beth Soule	21
Silas Wellenius	21
Carolyn Potter	27



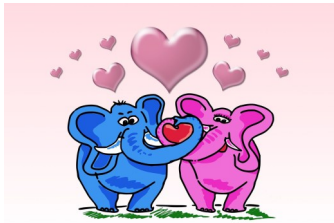
Tuesday Lunch Returns

April 1, 2025

After a 3-month winter break, the Edgecomb Community Church will resume its popular Tuesday Lunch program which serves a free lunch the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Menus below:

April 1—Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Chocolate Cake

April 15—Macaroni and Cheese, Ham, Peas, Pumpkin Carrot Cake



Thrift Store Reopens

April 1, 2025

Spring is here and the Edgecomb Community Church will reopen its Thrift Store for regular hours again beginning Tuesday, April 1. Each Tuesday and Saturday throughout the year, the Thrift Store will be open from 9-1 showcasing new and gently used items donated by area residents and far-away friends. Sue and Madeline have been working hard to get the shop ready for this season, so come and check it out!



Spring Flower Donations



Members and Friends of the Edgecomb Community Church are invited to donate Daffodils, Tulips, and other Spring flowering bulbs to use on the altar during Easter. They will later be transplanted in the churchyard to further adorn the beautiful grounds of the church around the Labyrinth in the Field.



Maundy Thursday



The Edgecomb Community Church will have its doors open on Maundy Thursday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. for anyone wishing to enter for a time of reflection and meditation. No service is planned, but church members want to make this sacred space available to any and all who might want to enter and use that time for silent prayer and/or just to relax and reflect on the world around them.

Two Easter services will be held the following Sunday, April 20. The first is a Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. to be held at Fort Edgecomb on the Fort Road. The regular worship service will then be held at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Both services will be officiated by Pastor Aram Mitchell.

A Baby Shower to Remember



Edgecomb Community Church held a baby shower for their new pastor Aram and wife Emma on Sunday, March 16, after worship in Fel-

lowship Hall. Over 25 were in attendance for a fine luncheon and a warm gathering of friends to celebrate their new child who is arriving in mid-May.



Emma & Pastor Aram Mitchell



Tower of baby gifts





Happy Easter



The Edgecomb Community Church will again be sending a team to participate in the **2025 Spring Walk to Build** fundraiser for our local Habitat for Humanity organization here in the 7 Rivers Maine area. Madeline Olney is the team captain and is the person to contact if you'd like to join the team. Donations will be so-

lolicited by church members entering the walk, so please give generously.

Madeline can be reached at **made-**

line.olney@gmail.com. The walk will be held on May 4, 2-3:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit their Critical Home Repair Program and Home Building Program, which serve over 200 people annually.

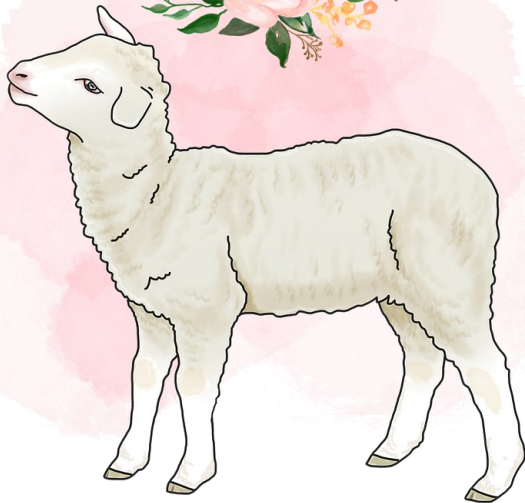
For more information about this great organization and the many ways you can contribute time and/or money please go to **habitat7rivers.org**



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*

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

Tickets \$20 Students Free



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

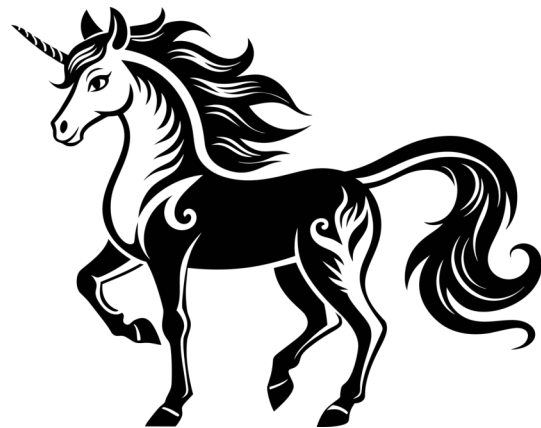
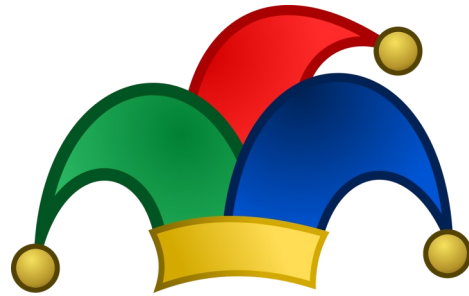
Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.
At Damariscotta Baptist

See Marjorie DiVece for tickets or pay online at sheepscotvalleychorus.org

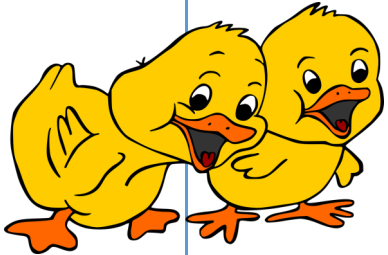


Fun Holidays in April

- 1st - April Fool's Day
- 2nd - Children's Book Day
- 3rd - Chocolate Mousse Day
- 5th - Read A Road Map Day
- 6th - Caramel Popcorn Day
- 7th - No Housework Day
- 8th - Zoo Lover's Day
- 9th - National Unicorn Day
- 10th - National Siblings Day
- 11th - National Pet Day
- 12th - National Licorice Day
- 13th - Scrabble Day
- 14th - Dolphin Day
- 15th - National Banana Day
- 16th - National High Five Day
- 18th - National Haiku Poetry Day
- 19th - National Garlic Day
- 22nd - Earth Day
- 23rd - National Picnic Day
- 24th - Pig in a Blanket Day
- 25th - National Telephone Day
- 26th - National Pretzel Day
- 27th - Tell a Story Day
- 28th - Superhero Day
- * Easter - The First Sunday after

the first spring full moon after March 21st



April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Thrift Store open 9-1 Tuesday Lunch at noon Edgecomb Selectboard 6:00 pm	2	3 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	4	5 Thrift Store open 9-1
6 5th Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Deacons Meeting to follow	7	8 Thrift Store open 9-1 Leadership Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.	9	10 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	11	12 Thrift Store open 9-1 Public Hearing for Budget Review 10 a.m. SVC concert at 3p.m.
13  Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell remotely SVC concert 3 p.m.	14	15 Thrift Store open 9-1 Tuesday Lunch at noon Edgecomb Selectboard 6 pm ESB Meeting 5-6 p.m.	16 Schmidt Preserve Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday – church open from 4-6 p.m.	18	19 Thrift Store open 9-1
20  Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at Fort Edgecomb Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell	21	22 Thrift Store open 9-1	23 Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.	24 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	25	26 Thrift Store open 9-1
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