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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:

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

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News for the March edition is due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, at edgecomb.church@gmail.com

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

Pastor's Note:

Greetings Church!

I know it's February that we're looking towards now, but I'm feeling an extension of that new-beginnings-and-fresh-intentions energy that customarily comes with January. A lot of that, for me, is because of the particular changes that my family and I are making this year. Throughout January we've been hosting family and friends, and saying goodbye to our community and our favorite spots in Boston, while readying and remodeling our new home in Brunswick. We'll be loading up our moving truck as soon as the last coat of paint dries!

In January, Juniper and I got to join Emma for her final few Sundays as minister at First Church UCC in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As you can imagine they were sad to see her go, but they sent us off with love and blessings. And now I'm scheming about when to get Emma in the pulpit at ECC!

Along with the changes on my homefront, we're also refreshing and renewing our commitments as a congregation during our ECC Annual Meeting on February 1st. A slate of new lay leaders will be joining various Boards and Committees, along with continuing service from many of our long-time faithful. And with the increase in my time and proximity as your pastor, you'll start to see some fresh opportunities for fellowship and formation at ECC.

Here are a few things happening in the weeks ahead that you are invited to:

ECC Annual Meeting: ECC Members kindly requested, and everyone is welcome to join for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st, following the worship service.

Bonfire & Labyrinth with Pastor Aram: Bundle up and come to ECC for a bonfire, hot chocolate, and some contemplative fellowship outdoors (weather permitting). All ages welcome!

Sunday, January 25th | 3pm-4pm

Sunday, February 8th | 3pm-4pm

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Coffee Time with Pastor Aram: For those seeking a warmer opportunity to connect, I'll be at the church fellowship hall for some informal visiting and conversation. Drop in as you wish and as you're able!

Monday, February 2nd | 8am-10am

Monday, February 9th | 8am-10am

Soup to Go: As usual, on the first and third Tuesdays during the winter, you're invited to stop by ECC between 10am-12pm for a visit and to grab some soup to go! (Tuesday lunches begin again in April.)

Bible Study / Book Study with Pastor Aram: We are so grateful to Larry Krewson who has been faithfully leading our weekly Bible Study from afar in recent years! Beginning soon, I will be facilitating a new mid-week spiritual formation hour. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

Beginning February 18th | Wednesdays 6pm-7pm

And of course I love seeing you on Sunday mornings for worship and fellowship! As ever, I want to hear from you if you are interested in helping to lead portions of the liturgy on Sundays. And we are getting ready to launch some spiritual formation programming for children in the months ahead. How great is that!?

Isn't it wonderful how many ways there are to be church together? So much goodness brewing!

With gratitude, love and anticipation,

Pastor Aram

Church Happenings



Patrick and Darryl Gudroe installing



New LARGER TV screen in Parish Hall



New Kitchen Floor



Church Calender

February 1—4th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with pastor Aram Mitchell
Annual Meeting at 11 a.m.

February 2—French Group 10:30 AM
Coffee with Aram 8-10 AM

February 3—Soup to Go 10-noon

February 8 —5th Sunday after Epiphany. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell

February 9—Coffee w/Aram 8-10 AM

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 15 —Transfiguration Sunday. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
Wild Widows 11 a.m.

February 16—Presidents' Day
French Group 10:30 AM

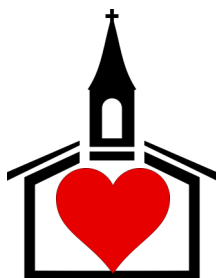
February 17—*Soup to Go* 10 to noon

February 18—Bible Study with Pastor Aram Mitchell 6-7 p.m.

February 22 —1st Sunday of Lent.
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell

February 25—Bible Study with Pastor Aram Mitchell 6-7 p.m.

February 28—Ramadan begins at sundown



Tuesday Lunch

During the months of January, February and March ***Soup to Go*** will be offered to those signed up on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Come and gather for a social time too and avail yourself of the

Little Corner Food Pantry

Which will be open at the same time.
10 a.m. to noon



February Birthdays

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

March Birthdays

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| Robin Sproul | 11 |
| Emma Mitchell | 12 |
| Dawn Garey | 16 |
| Marie Cooper | 18 |
| Ann Zak | 26 |
| Fran Mague | 28 |

Edgecomb Community Church Community Meals and Food Pantry
has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the

Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program

ECC will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold **during the month of February 2026** at the Boothbay Harbor Hannaford location:

If you shop at this local Hannaford, please stop by and purchase a reusable shopping bag or two and support the church with its local mission to help ease local food insecurities

Free Sand Delivery for Seniors

Available from **Boothbay Area Sand for Seniors (BASS)**. Buckets of sand are available at Brady's Restaurant at 25 Union St. in Boothbay Harbor. Call Brady's at 207-315-6555 to arrange for free delivery or pick up. Anyone from Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor and Edgecomb is encouraged to take advantage of this offer.

WINTER WARMING LUNCHES



EAST BOOTHBAY METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Route 97
and Church Street

Second Tuesday of Each Month

11:30am - 1pm

December 9

January 13

February 10

March 10

Free!

Bring a Friend, Make a Friend
FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH



Join us on

December 3, January 7

February 4, & March 4

from

11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Hosted by the

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR

125 Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME



THANK YOU to Rev. Larry Krewson for his tireless service leading our Bible Studies over the past year or more while we have been in transition with new leadership. His easy way of explaining the Bible has been most enlightening to all of those who attended the sessions. Pastor Aram will take over the Bible Studies beginning Wednesday evening, February 18, at 6 to 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to please email the church at edgecomb.church@gmail.com so a zoom link can be sent back to you.

New Bible Study Sessions

Beginning Wednesday evening, February 18, from 6-7 p.m. Pastor Aram Mitchell will lead Bible Study. Anyone wishing to join in is asked to sign up and a zoom link will be sent along to you. You may sign up by emailing the church at

Edgecomb.church@gmail.com

Bonfire Photos

Pastor Aram began the year with a bonfire social on Sunday, January 25, from 3-4 p.m. Very cold weather and an incoming snowstorm kept many people away, but for those who showed up it was great fun. Hot chocolate and s'mores were enjoyed along with a labyrinth walk and great fellowship. The next bonfire is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, from 3-4 p.m. Hope more of you can join the fun!





This beautiful creche made by Ed Hamilton is looking for a new home. It is on display at the Edgecomb Community Church downstairs in Fellowship Hall. It can be seen on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of February and March from 10 a.m. to noon, or after church on Sundays; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sub Sale—Due to harsh winter weather conditions and a busy work schedule, this year's sub sale will be held in March. Save the date: Friday, March 13, for this annual event. Order forms can be picked up at the church or call Marjorie DiVece to place your order over the phone—882-6338.

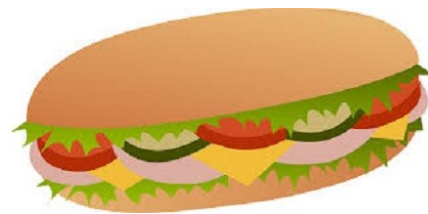
Cut out the poster shown here and place at your favorite venue; or put on your refrigerator door as a reminder to place your order.



Edgecomb Community Church

Sub Sale

Friday, March 13, 2026



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

**Call Marjorie DiVece at 882-6338
to order & arrange for pick up/delivery.
Order deadline Wednesday, March 11.**

All for \$10.00

All proceeds benefit the church's local mission efforts.

HELPING  HANDS



HEATING  HOMES

Dinner, Auction, & Concert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 TH
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - NEWCASTLE, ME

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT 6 PM
SILENT AUCTION CLOSING AT 7 PM
(DOORS OPEN TO CHEVERUS HALL AT 5:30 AM)
CHORAL CONCERT AT 7:30 PM
TICKETS \$25 PP
FHE: MNCMTPLUS@AOL.COM

PIHCINTU CHORUS & LA LINCOLNAIRES
ATTENDING CONCERT ONLY
Suggested Donation \$10 at door.

**RAISING FUNDS FOR HEATING ASSISTANCE
IN LINCOLN COUNTY**
Proceeds benefit CHIP, Inc and the ECHP.

Dinner, Auction, Concert to Provide Heating Assistance

A coalition of mid-coast Christian churches are banding together to raise funds for heating assistance for local families. They are holding a public event, “Helping Hands, Heating Homes” on Saturday evening February 7 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church on Academy Hill Rd. in Newcastle at 6 pm. The event will include a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and concert. The cost to attend all events of the evening is \$25 per person. All proceeds will be divided equally between the Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention (ECHP) and CHiP.

The music will be a choral concert beginning at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature the Pihcintu Multi

National Girls Choir, under the direction of Con Fullum, and the Lincoln Academy Lincolnaires, under the direction of Jason Paquet. The Pihcintu Choir has performed at the United Nations and at the Kennedy Center. People may come to the concert only, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

“There are many families struggling to heat their homes right now”, said Don Sproul, chair of the event and president of the Water of Life Lutheran Church. “This is a great opportunity for the community to come together. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to help local families.”

According to Steve Ward, co-coordinator at ECHP, the need for heating assistance is historically high this year. At one point they once served 9 families, now the need is for over 60 families.

Sproul said there are 3 ways people can help:

1. Donate items to the Silent Auction. You may do so by calling Kathy at 207-542-7699.
2. Volunteer to help on Feb. 7. People can sign up to volunteer at [Helping Hands Heating Homes Dinner Volunteer | Doodle](#), or by calling Don at 207-441-7778.
3. Purchase tickets for a cost of \$25 per person and attend the event. You may purchase tickets at www.chipinc.org/donate and indicate your donation is for the 4H Dinner. If anyone cannot attend, but wish to donate to the heating assistance fund, they may also do that at this link.

In addition to volunteers from Water of Life Lutheran Church and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, volunteers from St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church and Wiscasset United Church of Christ have been involved in the planning of this event. Representatives from CHiP, ECHP, Stepping Stones, and the Central Lincoln County YMCA have also assisted.

February 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Annual Meeting 11 a.m. | 2 Groundhog Day  Coffee with Aram 8-10 a.m. French Group 10-11:30 a.m. | 3 Soup to Go 10-noon Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm Edgecomb Budget Committee 6 pm | 4 | 5 Ordinance Review Committee 5:30 pm Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell | 9 Coffee with Aram 8-10 a.m. | 10 Chinese New year  | 11 Edgecomb Budget Committee 6:30 pm | 12  | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day  |
| 15 Transfiguration Sunday. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Wild Widows 11 a.m. | 16 Presidents' Day  French Group 10-11:30 a.m. | 17 Soup to Go 10-noon Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm | 18  Ash Wednesday Busy Hands 1-3 Schmid Advisory 7 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Aram 6-7 p.m. Edgecomb Budget Committee 6 pm | 19 Ordinance Review Committee 5:30 pm Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 1st Sunday in Lent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell  | 23 | 24 | 25 Edgecomb Budget Committee 6 pm | 26 | 27 | 28 Ramadan  |