

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

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## EDGECOMB COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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 April edition is due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at [edgcomb.church@gmail.com](mailto:edgcomb.church@gmail.com)**

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## Pastor's Note:

I took Juniper for a walk this week in the snowy woods behind our house. I carried her bundled tight against my chest, zipped into my winter coat. She spent the first half of our walk studying the shapes and patterns that the frosted pine branches made against the sky. She spent the second half of our walk lulled to sleep by the bounce of my stride and the crunch of the snow under my boots.

I spent the first half of our walk listening to a book on tape, with ear-phones in, lulled by the drone of the distant voice. The second half of our walk I unplugged, followed my daughter's lead, and I listened only to the muted tones of our winter walk in the woods while she slept.

That's an important practice: Unplugging from distant voices in order to better listen to the landscape at hand. Sometimes it's actually the forest that I listen to. Sometimes it's an inner landscape that I listen to, the stuff of the soul and psyche, the whisperings of life and heart and God. I don't practice it everyday, but I do better in life when I practice it every day.

And there are seasons designed to remind us to practice looking inward, to practice slowing down, to practice reflecting and listening for the often gentle yet insistent urgings of God on our hearts. Lent is one of those seasons. It's a time designed—by our faith tradition and by nature's rhythms—to remind us to press pause on the things that distract us from the still, small voice of God.

And you don't have to press pause alone. We get to pause in spiritual practice, fellowship, and worship together. That's what we're up to as a community of spiritual practice—from day to day, week to week, and season to season.

Here are some of the ways that we're pausing together for spiritual connection this month, come join us for any and all...

Cafe Time with Pastor Aram | Every Tuesday from 10:00am-1:00pm, in person at the church — This overlaps with our Soup to Go on the first and third Tuesday's this month, but I'll be at the church all of the other Tuesday's as well during this time if you wish to drop by for conversation, connection, or prayer.)

Lenten Book Study | Every Wednesday at 6:00pm, in person at the church and online

Sunday Worship | Every week at 9:30am, in person at the church and online — And while I do my best to bring my "A" game every week, you may want to especially prioritize being with us on March 8th, when my wife, Emma, will be leading worship and filling the pulpit!

Yours in faith, Pastor Aram

# Church Calender

- March 1—2nd Sunday of Lent  
Worship at 9:30 AM with pastor  
Aram Mitchell
- March 2—French Group 10:30 AM
- March 3—Soup to Go 10-noon  
Café Time with Aram 10-1
- March 8 —3rd Sunday in Lent  
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest  
Preacher Emma Mitchell
- March 10—Café Time with Aram 10-1
- March 13—Sub Sale 10-noon
- March 15 —4th Sunday in Lent  
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor  
Aram Mitchell  
Deacons Meeting 11 a.m.  
Wild Widows 11 a.m.
- March 16—French Group 10:30 AM
- March 17— St. Patrick’s Day  
*Soup to Go* 10 to noon  
Café Time with Aram 10-1
- March 18—Ash Wednesday  
Bible Study with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- March 22 —5th Sunday in Lent. Worship at  
9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell  
Trustees Meeting 11 a.m.
- March 24—Café Time with Aram 10-1
- March 25—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.  
Bible Study with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- March 29—Palm Sunday. Worship at  
9:30 AM with Pastor Aram  
Mitchell
- March 31—Café Time with Aram 10-1



# 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 Thrift Store and **Little Corner Food Pantry** both of which will be open at the same time —10 a.m. to noon.



## March Birthdays

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

## April Birthdays

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

# ECC Church Committees 2026

**Church Clerk** – Marjorie DiVece

**Treasurer** – Jessica Mague

**Deacons** – Carol Colby, Marie Cooper, Marjorie DiVece, Joanne O'Connor, Madeline Olney, Sue Sikes and sub Linda Walls

**Trustees** – Dawn Garey, Susan Greene, Dick O'Connor, Madeline Olney

**Stewardship Committee** – Dick O'Connor, Art Garey, George Malone, Joan Spurgat

**Mission Outreach** – Gail Boudin, Mable Beaulieu, Louise Hardina, Pattie Rines, Pam Soule, Julie Tryder

**UCC Delegates** – Susan Greene, Madeline Olney

**Pastoral Relations Committee** – Arthur Edgecomb, Art Garey, George Malone, Sue Sikes, Joan Spurgat

**By-Laws Committee** – Susan Greene, Madeline Olney, Jeff Sewall

**Nominating Committee** – Gail Boudin, Carol Colby, Susan Greene



## Infant Gathering Time

Every Friday  
9:00am-11:00am come  
when you are able!

15 Belvedere Rd. Damariscotta

### Infant Gathering Time

Fridays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Healthy Kids Office  
15 Belvedere Road, Damariscotta  
Children 0 - 12 months

*Spring is just about here!*

*Friday, March 20*



# Bonfire Socials

Sundays January 25 and February 8, ECC sponsored two bonfire socials in the



field by the labyrinth. The first one included a small group of five. The second drew a much larger crowd of thirteen who braved the cold, but sunny afternoon. Much good conversation and self-reflection was incorporated in these afternoon events



with sledding, hot chocolate drinking and s'mores making and eating.

More outdoor events such as these are being planned for spring, summer and fall, so keep watching for upcoming events.





## A shout out to and from George Greene

Pastor Aram made a visit recently to member George Greene who has been a resident at Cove's Edge in Damariscotta for the last year. George is the father of Susan Greene and grandfather to Grace Greene. George is happy and doing well at Cove's Edge and is always happy to welcome visitors.

## Quote from Silas

**"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."**

**~Nelson Mandela**

### 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

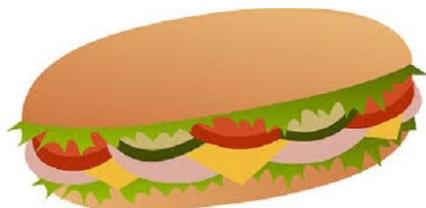
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR

125 Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**7 Rivers**

**Spring Walk to Build**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Team leader Madeline Olney will have sign-up sheets and donation forms available soon for anyone wishing to walk and/or make a donation to this annual event.



## Sheepscot Valley Chorus

Spring Concerts to celebrate USA's 250th

**Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12, at 3:00 p.m.**

At Damariscotta Baptist Church

Featuring Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms"

Tickets \$20      Students Free

# March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>2</p> <p>French Group 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Soup to Go 10-noon Café Time with Aram 10-1  Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 6-7 p.m.  Budget Committee 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ordinance Review Committee 5:30 pm  Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Emma Mitchell</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Café Time with Aram 10-1</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 6-7 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Sub Sale 11-1  </p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Wild Widows 11 a.m. Deacons Meeting 11 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>French Group 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Soup to Go 10-noon Café Time with Aram 10-1 Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study 6-7 p.m.  Schmid Advisory 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ordinance Review Committee 5:30 pm  Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>First Day of Spring</b>  </p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell Trustees Meeting 11 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Café Time with Aram 10-1  Busy Hands 1-3</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 6-7 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 
<p>29</p>  <p>Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Café Time with Aram 10-1  Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm</p>				