

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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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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**News for the May edition is due by 5 p.m. Monday, April 27,
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**

Pastor's Note:

There's a lady bug crawling on the wall. The sun is streaming through the window and splashing onto my living room floor. The snow is gone outside, except for the remnants of the snowbanks and the shadowy spots in the forest that are always the last to thaw. Some of the mud and puddles from the melted snow are even starting to dry up. My sump pump is beginning to ease from its long march through March.

You know what all of this means... Spring is in the air! And sure, it's exceedingly possible that more snowfall will find us before April has come and gone, but we are not fainthearted, for we live in Maine, and we will welcome every hint of Spring that the earth has to offer.

What are you noticing as the earth turns toward another new season? What is budding up in your heart? What growth is possible within you this season? Where are you noticing new life around you?

Those are important things to seek out, to notice, and to be grateful for. It's also important that we not neglect the shadowy places that are slower to thaw. The holdovers of ache from a darker season. Easter is upon us, but we know that everything isn't bunnies and pastel colored eggs.

Certainly, in every season we can find new life. But in every season we do well also to make room for grief, pain and loss.

Both things are vital to being humans on a spiritual journey.

As Winter wanes and we welcome the emergence of Spring, know that, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever challenges or joys, celebrations or hardships life is bringing you this season—you don't need to journey alone. Your friends at Edgcomb Community Church are ready and wanting to journey with you.

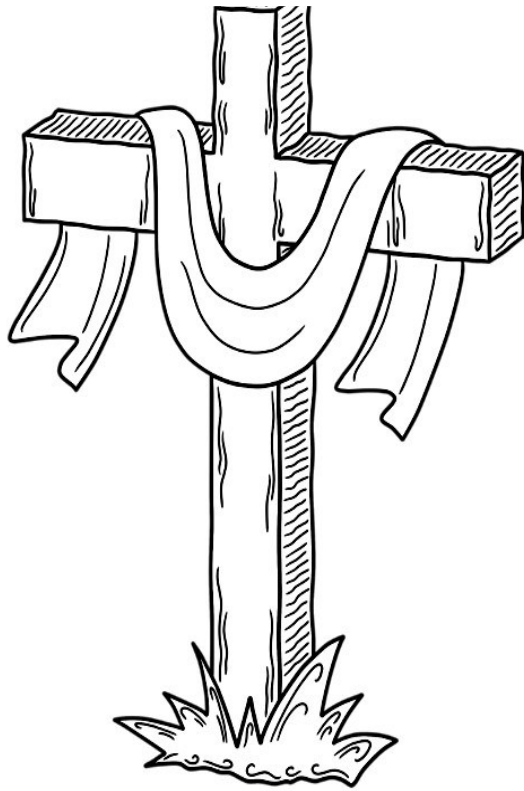
With care,
Pastor Aram

Note: I'll be away from April 6th-13th for a time of Professional Development — guiding a nature retreat for spiritual renewal with other ministers in the mountains of North Carolina.

(See page 2 for Upcoming Events in April)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

1. Our Easter morning services | April 5th, 6am at the Fort & 9:30am at the Church
2. Community Lunches starting up again! | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at noon
3. Pastor's Cafe at ECC | Drop in to connect with me, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 10am-1pm,
4. New Bible Study series: What is the Bible? | begins Wednesday, April 22nd at 6pm (stay tuned for more information)
5. Spirit in Nature Gathering | Sunday, April 26th at 11:30 am (and last Sunday's of each month going forward, stay tuned for details)
6. Currently recruiting and training volunteers for our new Sunday School program, to begin in May! | Contact me (aram.mitchell@gmail.com) to discuss ways of being involved if you are called to support this ministry.



Please join us
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
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



Celebrate 60!! with The Friends of Wiscasset Public Library
Business After Hours
April 23 at 5:30 PM

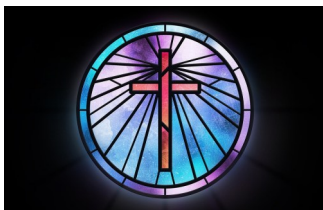
Wiscasset Public Library, 21 High Street

We're joining The Friends of Wiscasset Public Library to celebrate 60 years of their support for our community library. Learn more about The Friends.

Please RSVP by April 20 to info@wiscassetchamber.com or [sign up here](#).

Church Calender

- April 1—April Fools' Day. Passover begins
Bible Study with Pastor Aram Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- April 2—Maundy Thursday. Church open from 5:30-7 p.m. for time of quiet reflection
- April 3—Good Friday
- April 5—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Fort Edgecomb & Worship at 9:30 AM with pastor Aram Mitchell
- April 6 —French Group 10:30 AM
- April 7 —Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
- April 11—Thrift Store open 9-1
- April 12 —2nd Sunday of Easter
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Speaker Sarah Whitfield
- April 14 —Thrift Store open 9-1
Café Time with Aram 10-1
- April 18—Thrift Store open 9-1
- April 19 —3rd Sunday of Easter
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
Deacons Meeting 11 a.m.
Wild Widows 11 a.m.
- April 20 —French Group 10:30 AM
- April 21—Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
- April 22—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m. Earth Day
Bible Study with Pastor Aram Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- April 25—Thrift Store open 9-1
- April 26—4th Sunday of Easter. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
Spirit of Nature Gathering 11:30 a.m.
- April 28 — Thrift Store open 9-1
Café Time with Aram 10-1
- April 29—Bible Study with Pastor Aram Mitchell 6-7 p.m.



Tuesday Lunch

April 7—Macaroni & Cheese, Ham, Peas, Salad, Bread, Carrot Cake.

April 21—Tomato Soup, Cheese Bread, Salad, Hot Fudge Pudding Cake.

Little Corner Food Pantry

Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



*Take what you need
and give what you
can.*



April Birthdays

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

May Birthdays

Juniper Mitchell	7
Sue Sikes	15
Beth Soule	21
Silas Wellenius	21
Julie Tryder	24
Carolyn Potter	27

Sub Sale Success!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with this year's Sub Sale on Friday, March 13. We made 170 subs and brought in over \$1300 for our Mission Outreach Fund.

So many helped prepare the subs, pack the boxes, and deliver the sandwiches. We also have to thank all the area businesses and schools whose employees purchased the subs and supported our efforts. Well done to all!



Pam Soule (L) and Sandra Adams (R)



Carol Colby, Gail Boudin and Deb Violette (L-R)



Patti Rines, Marjorie DiVece & Dawn Garey



We're excited to invite you to [Healthy Kids Day](#) at the CLC YMCA on **April 11 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM!** Join us for a fun-filled morning dedicated to helping kids stay active, healthy, and engaged.

This **FREE** special event will feature:

- Family activities and parent resources
- Fun games and a bounce house
- Healthy living tips for families
- Camp and sports program sign-ups

Community partner booths

And plenty of smiles!

[Healthy Kids Day](#) is a wonderful opportunity for children and families to come together, try new activities, and learn simple ways to build healthy habits that last a lifetime. Membership is not required to participate.

We hope you'll bring the whole family and join us for this exciting morning of fun and wellness!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen-Ann Hagar-Smith at khagar@clcymca.org. Membership is not required to participate.



Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Spring Walk to Build

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Team leader Madeline Olney has sign-up sheets and donation forms available for anyone wishing to walk and/or make a donation to this annual event. Donations can also be made directly to the RallyUp platform: <https://bit.ly/SWTB2026> to a specific individual and/or team (Edgecomb Community Church) or just to the event itself.

Sheepscot Valley Chorus

Many Voices, One Dream

A Celebration of Diversity and Unity for the 250th Anniversary of the United States

Leonard Bernstein

Chichester Psalms

Mae McDermott, Treble
Melody Lindsay, Harp
Quinn Gormley, Percussion
Sean Fleming, Organ

Featuring our
Student Music Award Winners

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 3:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 3:00 PM

DAMARISCOTTA BAPTIST CHURCH

TICKETS \$20 ~ FREE TO STUDENTS

Available at Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta and at the Door

Easter Egg Hunt

The Fire Auxiliary will be hosting its yearly Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 4, 2026 at 1PM. It will be hosted at the Boothbay Fire Department 911 Wiscasset Road Boothbay. Bring your family and friends to this free event. There will be a separate Easter egg hunt, both at the same time for older and younger kids. Find the golden egg and win a prize. There will be free popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, games and face painting. Don't forget to look for the Easter bunny who will be hopping around and joining in on the fun. This event is Rain or Shine. Hope to see you there!!



Fight Hunger Bag Program

During the month of February 2026, **Edgecomb Community Church Community Meals and Food Pantry** earned **\$53.00** in the **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program**.



Friendships grow naturally in the kitchen at FARMS at the Y. Whether kids are working side-by-side on a recipe or sharing a meal they created, these classes create a welcoming space to connect.

Kids in the Kitchen (Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m.)

In this fun, hands-on class, kids build confidence in the kitchen while learning cooperative cooking skills and making new friends along the way. Participants explore Maine-grown fruits and vegetables through recipes from around the world, creating connections through teamwork and shared experiences.

Book Bites (Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.)

Bring stories to life by combining cooking and literacy! Kids prepare recipes inspired by a featured book, then gather to read it aloud together, building confidence through shared storytelling and time in the kitchen.

Young Chefs (Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.)

Perfect for kids who love to get creative, this class highlights local fruits and vegetables as participants follow recipes to create food they can sample and take home. Along the way, kids build skills and grow in a fun, supportive environment.

All classes take place in the FARMS at the Y teaching kitchen. All skill levels are welcome.

For more program information go to Central Lincoln County YMCA engagesupport@daxkoengage.com

New Hope Midcoast Collecting Clothes and Accessories for Annual Summer Sale

New Hope Midcoast, the Regional Domestic Violence Resource Center serving Midcoast Maine, seeks donations of high-quality new and gently used clothing and accessories for our upcoming summer sale. **Items may be bagged or in boxes and will be collected through June 30th.** Clothes can be for all family members, all seasons, and of all sizes (free of damage, please; no used undergarments, and new only if for children). Accessories include jewelry, footwear, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and bags.

Contact Joan at (207) 691-5969

or developmentdirector@newhopemidcoast.org to arrange for drop off. For more information and to see other collection sites throughout our service area, visit newhopemidcoast.org/shop-for-hope.

Save the date for this event July 16-18 at the Flanagan Center in Rockland!

Shop for Hope

We would appreciate your donations of high quality clothing and accessories for everyone and for all seasons for our upcoming summer sale.

No damaged items, suits or underclothing, please.

Details at newhopemidcoast.org or (207) 691-5969.



Our Shop for Hope summer sale will take place July 16-18, 2026!
Net proceeds benefit our work with individuals affected by domestic abuse.

NEW HOPE
MIDCOAST

Earth Day 2026—Wednesday, April 22

Each year, Earth Day is assigned a theme to focus the celebrations. In 2026, the theme is “Planet vs. Plastics.”



Earth Day Quiz

1. How much of the plastic that we discard every day is recycled?
2. What is one way to leave our soil and farmland in better shape than we found it?
3. How much time in nature allows the average person to feel an improvement in physical and mental well-being?
4. What do bees collect from flowers?
5. How much edible food is wasted?

Earth Day Quiz Answers

1. Only 9% of the plastic we discard every day is recycled. Most end up in landfills, where they may take 1,000 years to decompose and increase toxic waste in our water and soil.
2. Here are three ways to leave the soil as good as we found it: reduce tillage, use crop rotation practices, and compost!
3. Only 120 minutes per week (or less than 20 minutes per day) can contribute to a measurable improvement in physical and mental well-being!
4. Bees collect both nectar and pollen from flowers to feed their colonies. The bees then move the pollen from plant to plant, which allows the plants to make new seeds. Neither would exist without the other.
5. About 25% of food is never eaten due to being less than perfect. Food waste is a massive issue as it wastes water, energy, land, labor, and financial capital. Find new ways to put food to use!

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 6-7 p.m.	2 Maundy Thursday Ordinance Re-view Committee 5:30 pm Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	3 Good Friday 	4
5  Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6 AM at Fort Edgecomb Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram	6 French Group 10-11:30 a.m.	7 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store re-opens 9-1	8	9	10 Eagles Nest Raffle and Book Fair at EES 5-7 p.m.	11 Thrift Store open 9-1
12 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Sarah Whitfield	13	14 Thrift Store open 9-1 Café Time with Aram 10-1 Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm	15 Schmid Advisory 7 p.m.	16 Ordinance Re-view Committee 5:30 pm Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	17	18 Thrift Store open 9-1
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