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and loving service to humankind"*

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<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 July edition is due by 5 p.m. Friday, June 26,
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Pastor's Note:

I think we've just about made it to spring, now that we're here right on the cusp of summer! I'll take it. I'm looking forward to what this summer holds, what growth and goodness it has in store.

Speaking of growth, Juniper and I planted a river birch tree in our backyard the other day. (A first birthday gift from Art and Dawn, thanks you two!) I've never seen dirt under such tiny fingernails before. She was down on her belly in the grass with me, and we were poking our noses into the hole that I dug, and reaching in with our hands to break up clumps of soil that would soon be feeding our birch. Soil that would soon become our birch.

I've always loved birch trees. They have a soulfulness to them. They flaunt their often shaggy and imprecise beauty with a nonchalance that I admire. I usually admire them in passing. This one, Juniper's birch, I am getting to know up close.

To have placed something where it will grow is an incredible honor, and powerful. It's an intimate relationship. I care for that river birch deeply now. I want it to grow. I am going to do all I can to help it grow.

In bible study recently we looked at the story in Genesis 22 where Abraham takes his son, Isaac, up the mountain after being prompted by God to take him there and make him into a sacrifice. There are a lot of confounding stories in the bible that tell of customs and occasions of violence. These are accurate representations of how the world was, and often still is. But as we studied this story we saw that the truly surprising thing is not that the world is full of violent atrocities, but that this God—Abraham's God—opts to take things in a different direction.

The God of Abraham cares deeply. In the story, God wants to plant Abraham like a seed and grow him up into something beautiful and mighty.

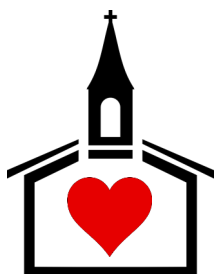
The God of Abraham differs from the different ideas of Gods that filled up the imaginations of Abraham's contemporaries. They made ever more extravagant sacrifices to their Gods, from a place of fear and anxiety. Fearing judgment and worrying that they will never be enough or do enough. (Does this feel familiar?) Abraham, however, was courted by a God who longed not for blood and sacrifice, but for partnership and mutual blessing. This God did not deal in anxiety, but in promises.

That same God is the one who is here and now—fingernails full of dirt—caring deeply for you. Planting you right where you are, and longing to partner with you in your growth.

What do you say? Are you willing to grow in the company of a caring God?
~Pastor Aram Mitchell

Church Calender

- June 2— Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1.
- June 3—Bible Study with Pastor Aram
Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- June 6 —Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 7—5th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram
Mitchell
- June 9 —Thrift Store open 9-1
Café time with Aram 10-1
- June 10—Bible Study with Pastor Aram
Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- June 13—Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 14 —3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram
Mitchell
Flag Day
- June 16 —Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 17—Bible Study with Pastor Aram
Mitchell 6-7 p.m.
- June 19—Juneteenth
- June 20—Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 21 —4th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
Charlene Corbett
Father's Day
Wild Widows 11 a.m.
- June 23—Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 24—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
June 27—Thrift Store open 9-1
- June 28— 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram
Mitchell
- June 30 — Thrift Store CLOSED
Vacation Bible School 9-11:30 a.m.



Tuesday Lunch

June 2—Chicken Caesar Warps,
Chips, Pickles, Brownie a la mode.

June 16—Beef Sliders, Chips, Pick-
les, Rhubarb Crisp a la mode.

Little Corner Food Pantry

Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tues-
day and Saturday



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



June Birthdays

Susan Greene	9
Bob Zak	10
Jean Krause	17
Shanell Boudin	24
Aaron Graves	24
Henry Boudin	27
Aven Rhodes	27

July Birthdays

Kathleen Grigg	7
June Finnegan	12
Roy Potter	13
Debbie Boucher	14
Kathy Huber	15
Debbie Violette	21
Jessica Mague	24
Linda Walls	26
David Boucher	29



Vacation Bible School

is back at ECC!

June 30th, July 1st, and July 2nd

9:00-11:30 am daily

Children ages 3-12 are invited to join us for three days of bible stories, nature, activities, crafts, music, and more!

We are now accepting registrations for children ages 3-12 for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Edgecomb Community Church. This offering is free, but space is limited so please contact edgecomb.church@gmail.com or stop by the church for a registration form soon.

Note: All of our VBS leaders and volunteers are Safe Gatherings trained and background checked.

Ode To Dad

by Abigail Boudin

Keep your pets and kids inside,
Dad's got his lawnmower
out for a ride,
I've been hit by a rock,
I've been hit by a stick,
When I saw the ball he mangled,
I almost was sick,
Mom stands by the window,
and tries not to laugh,
She sure wasn't smiling
when he mowed her rose bush in
half,
We just can't go out,
We're inside to play,
Til Dad's done his damage
and put the mower away.

Thrift Store **CLOSED**

June 30th and July 4th

Church Happenings

1. Community Lunches | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at noon (May 5th and 19th)
2. Pastor's Cafe at ECC | Drop in to connect with the pastor, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 10am-1pm,
3. Bible Study series: What is the Bible? | Wednesdays at 6pm
4. Sunday, June 7—ECC is hosting the UCC Midcoast Association Spring Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
5. Wild Widows meets after church the 3rd Sunday of each month (June 21)
6. Busy Hands meets the 4th Wednesday of each month 1-3 p.m. (June 24)
7. Guest Preacher Charlene Corbett will be with us for Sunday, June 21.
8. Vacation Bible School is being planned for June 30, July 1 and 2, from 9-11:30 a.m.
9. Thrift Store & Little Corner Food Pantry open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9-1.
10. SAVE THE DATE—August 8th | 5-Mile Yard Sale! Talk with Dick O'Connor about how you can help ECC in providing this service and outreach to our community.

Arts & Crafts Shows

The Boothbay Civic Association's annual Arts & Crafts show weekends begin for 2026. Held on the Boothbay Common, Route 27, Boothbay from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event Dates:

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21

Saturday, July 4

Sunday, July 5

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20



Quote from Silas

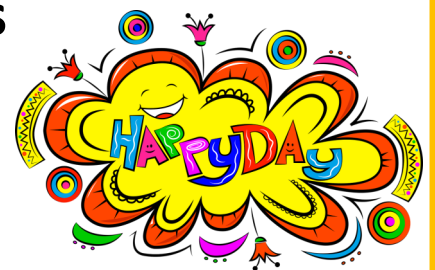
"26 times I have been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. The 9,000 shots I missed made me more successful than my six championships".

-Michael Jordan

Summertime Thoughts

"I'm not saying I'm old, but my summer vacation is just moving my rocking chair to the shady side of the porch."

"My summer clothes have missed me so much. I put them on and they hugged be so tight I could hardly breathe."





The 64th Annual Windjammer Days
Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, June 27, 2026



**JOIN HEALTHY KIDS AND POP CLUB!
LEARN BASIC FOOD EDUCATION
CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY
FUN FOR THE KIDS!**



**AT THE DAMARISCOTTA FARMER'S MARKET
FRIDAYS 9AM - 12PM**



Pop Club

Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's Round Top Farm
3 Round Top Lane, Damariscotta

Healthy Kids is excited to partner with the Damariscotta Farmers Market every Friday for POP Club! POP, which stands for Power of Produce, gives children a fun and hands-on opportunity to connect with local farmers, learn about healthy eating, and discover new fruits and vegetables through interactive games, activities, and demonstrations.

In addition to the fun, our community educator will be on site each week to connect with families, answer questions, and share helpful resources and information about local programs and supports. POP Club is a wonderful way for families to enjoy the farmers market together while building healthy habits and strong community connections.



Wiscasset Wormfest

Fri Jun 12th - Sun 14th

Railroad Avenue, Wiscasset

Wormfest celebrates the unique heritage and vibrant spirit of Wiscasset, the "worm capital of the world." Through food, fun, and festivities, we bring our community together to honor our working waterfront, cherish local traditions, and share the charm of our town with neighbors and visitors alike.

72nd Annual **Strawberry Festival**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Homemade Strawberry Shortcake

Bake Sale | Strawberries for Sale

Craft Fair | Thrift Store

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

12 HODGE STREET, WISCASSET



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 27th, 7-11 a.m.

*Come out and support your **Edgecomb Fire Department Auxiliary** with some **Firehouse Flapjacks**, breakfast sandwiches & bacon! Served up hot and fresh by your local firehouse volunteers! **Donations gladly accepted***

Edgecomb Fire Department 473 Boothbay Rd. Edgecomb, ME

Can't wait to see you in the morning!

June in the United States features a mix of national holidays, cultural observances, awareness months, and community celebrations.

Major National Holidays and Observances

- **Juneteenth (June 19):** Commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S., often celebrated with parades, festivals, and cultural events honoring African American history and heritage.
- **Father's Day (Third Sunday in June):** A day to honor fathers and father figures, typically celebrated with gifts, cards, and family gatherings.
- **Flag Day (June 14):** Marks the adoption of the American flag in 1777, with patriotic displays, parades, and ceremonies.

D-Day Anniversary (June 6): Recognizes the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II, often observed with memorial events.

Cultural and Community Celebrations

- **Pride Month:** Celebrated throughout June, with parades, festivals, and events supporting LGBTQ+ communities, inspired by the 1969 Stonewall.
- **National Pollinator Week:** Highlights the importance of pollinators in ecosystems, often featuring community activities and educational events.
- **Helen Keller Day (June 27):** Honors the achievements of Helen Keller and promotes awareness of disability rights.

Awareness Months and Health Observances

- **Men's Health Month:** Encourages men to participate in health screenings and wellness activities.
- **Migraine and Headache Awareness Month:** Raises awareness about migraine conditions and promotes research and support.
- **Foster a Pet Month:** Encourages pet adoption and fostering from local shelters.

Fun and Food-Related Observances

- Daily and weekly celebrations include **International Children's Day (June 1)**, **National Cancer Survivors Day**, **Lightning Safety Awareness Week**, **Insect Week**, **Gardening Week**, and **Boating and Fishing Week**.

Food-themed days celebrate items like **olives**, **frosted cookies**, and **sushi**, adding lighthearted festivities to the month.

Outdoor and Recreational Activities


- June is also **Great Outdoors Month**, encouraging camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities as schools let out and families take advantage of favorable weather.

Community events often include running clubs, cycling initiatives, and environmental cleanups, such as those for **World Environment Day**. Overall, June in the U.S. is a vibrant month filled with **historical commemorations**, **cultural celebrations**, **health awareness**, and **recreational activities**, offering opportunities for Americans to engage with their communities and honor diverse traditions.



June 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1	3 Bible Study 6-7 p.m.	4 Ordinance Review Meeting 5:30 p.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	5	6 Thrift Store open 9-1
7 2nd Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell UCC Mid-coast Assoc. Meeting at ECC 2:30 p.m.	8	9 Thrift Store open 9-1 Café Time with Aram 10-11 Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm	10 Bible Study 6-7 p.m.	11	12 EES Early Release Day 11 a.m. Wormfest	13 Thrift Store open 9-1 Wormfest
14 3rd Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell	15 EES PTC Field Day	16 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1 EES PTC Field Day Rain Date	17 Bible Study 6-7 p.m. Schmid Advisory 7 p.m.	18 Ord. Rev. Meeting 5:30 p.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm EES Last day of School 11 a.m. release 6th Gr. Graduation 9-10:30	19 JUNETEENTH	20 Thrift Store open 9-1
21 4th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Guest Rev. Charlene Corbett FATHER'S DAY Wild Widows	22	23 Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm	24 Busy Hands 1-3 p.m. EES Board Meeting 5-6 p.m.	25	26	27 Thrift Store open 9-1 Strawberry Festival 10-2 EFD Pancake Breakfast 7-11
28 5th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell	29	30 Thrift Store CLOSED Vacation Bible School 9-11:30	