

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

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Live services at 9:30 a.m. with coffee hour following the service at 10:30 a.m.

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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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Pastor's Note:

Beloved Community,

It's that time of year again, the smell of charcoal wafting from the grill. Flags fluttering. Sidewalks getting marked off and the fire-truck getting washed and ready for the parade. This year's a big one. There's something charming and beautiful and good about gathering together to wave and cheer and celebrate our best ideals. Ideals like freedom, equality, and justice. I love that about us.

And, of course, there will come the moment when the parade has passed and the streets go quiet again, when we get to ask the question: Now, how might I put these ideals to good use?

That's the sort of question that turns mere belief into active faith. It's the sort of thing that Jesus was invested in every time he sided with the poor, the sick, the hungry, the outsider, the refugee. It's what Jesus was insisting on when he called out the hypocrisy of those who mistreated others and focused only on their own accumulation of power.

The freedom that Jesus lived for was the freedom to serve and bless and uplift the downtrodden.

It's a good question for us to carry with us, after the fireworks have burnt out, while we're sitting on the porch easing into the rest of the summer: What could it look like for me to live out that kind of freedom—in my family, in my community, in my relationships, in our nation? What might it look like for us to pursue liberty and justice in the ways that Jesus pursued liberty and justice?

That's the sort of question I'm carrying with me into this month.

In good faith,
Pastor Aram

Church Calender

- July 1 & 2—Vacation Bible School 9-11:30 a.m.
- July 4 — Independence Day.
Thrift Store closed.
- July 5 —6th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell.
- July 7 —Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study at 5 p.m.
- July 11—Thrift Store open 9-1.
- July 12—7th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
- July 14 — Thrift Store open 9-1
Café time with Aram 10-1
Bible Study at 5 p.m.
- July 18—Thrift Store open 9-1
- July 19 —8th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell.
Wild Widows at 11 a.m.
Kouchera Concert at 7 p.m.
- July 21 —Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study at 5 p.m.
- July 22—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
- July 25—Thrift Store open 9-1
- July 26 —9th Sunday after Pentecost.
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
- July 28—Thrift Store open 9-1
- July 31—Seadogs Baseball Game 6 p.m.



Tuesday Lunch

July 7 —Quiche Lorraine, Southwestern Barley Salad, Ice Cream Cake.

July 21—Strawberry Soup, Ham Italian Wraps, Potato Chips, Ice Cream Puffs

Little Corner Food Pantry

Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
every Tuesday and Saturday.
Donations accepted.



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

August Birthdays

Patti Rines	25
Ryan Potter	30



Nature Journaling Workshop

led by Lindsay Strout on Sunday, May 31, attracted a small group of interested participants. They were shown how to look at nature and draw what they saw in a journal, thereby creating and appreciating a thing of beauty.

Mission Outreach

Mission Outreach Committee recently met and voted to donate \$500 to the Carpenters Boat Shop in Bristol and another donation was sent to Pilgrim Lodge earlier. Pam and Gail have been busy shopping and restocking the Food Pantry each month.

Gail has asked for donations of slightly used undergarments and other clothing items which are then taken to the homeless population in the Portland area. They have been very well received and much appreciated.

Church Happenings

1. Community Lunches | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at noon (July 7th and 21st.)
2. Pastor's Cafe at ECC | Drop in to connect with the pastor, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 10am-1pm,
3. Bible Study series: | Tuesdays at 5 p.m. July 7, 14, and 21.
4. Sunday, July 19—ECC is hosting a summer concert featuring *Kouchera*, at 7 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. *Kouchera delivers high-energy live performances in Haitian Konpa, Soul, and R&B.*
5. Wild Widows meets after church the 3rd Sunday of each month (July 19)
6. Busy Hands meets the 4th Wednesday of each month 1-3 p.m. (July 22)
7. Vacation Bible School is being planned for June 30, July 1 and 2, from 9-11:30 a.m.
8. Thrift Store & Little Corner Food Pantry open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9-1.
9. SAVE THE DATE—August 8th | 5-Mile Yard Sale! Talk with Dick O'Connor (207-831-1194) about how you can help ECC in providing this service and outreach to our community.
10. Friday, July 31—a trip to a 6 p.m. Seadogs baseball game is being planned for their *Faith and Family Night*—email the church (edgecomb.church@gmail.com) for info and to reserve a spot.



Points of Interest in Edgecomb

by Phil DiVece (published in Wiscasset Newspaper 1-7-26)

The other day, I rediscovered something I'd put away and forgotten about - a map of Edgecomb featuring "16 Points of Interest" to visit. I had meant to write something about this last year when the town was celebrating its 250th anniversary but never got around to it.

I've always been fascinated with maps and have a modest collection of them. This particular one isn't very old and looks to me like it was made in the 1960s, or 70s. I think it might have been something the late John

Chase put together. John certainly knew a great deal about Edgecomb's early history having lived much of his long life on Cross Point Road. The home he shared with his wife Audrey was about a mile south on Eddy Road. For years, John was postmaster of the North Edgecomb Post Office, back when the mail was sorted in the little brick building off Atlantic Highway. After John retired, he wrote a weekly column that appeared in both the Boothbay Register and Wiscasset Newspaper when they were separate publications.

It was John's sister, Katherine Chase Owen, who in the mid-1980s wrote a history of Edgecomb. Mrs. Owen compiled a great deal of her information with John's help of course, and from others, including Lawrence I. Davis who lived on Davis Island. Mr. Davis spent most of his working career as Edgecomb's town clerk and could trace his ancestry back to the 1770s. He was a direct descendent of Moses Davis, one of the town's earliest settlers and community leaders. Moses Davis in fact took part in the convention when Massachusetts ratified the new Constitution of the United States. The original Davis homestead is still standing on the east side of the island, not far from the ancient Davis Cemetery where Moses Davis rests in peace.

Well, getting back to that map, along with these so-called "points of interest," it shows the major roads and bodies of water. Edgecomb is bordered on its western side by the Sheepscot River, and the Damariscotta River on the eastern side. The map also shows Parson's Creek, which runs roughly a mile northeast from a place called Ovens Mouth, the upper part of the Cross River that forks off from the Sheepscot near High Head on Cross Point. Another of the town's natural features shown is Lily Pond, a good-sized freshwater lake. Although it can't readily be seen from Route 27, Lily Pond is roughly southwest within walking distance of the town hall.

Now to these so-called "points of interest." As you might surmise, Fort Edgecomb State Park off the aptly named Fort Road is first on the list. The historic blockhouse built between 1808 and 1809 for defense of the harbor is closed now for the winter, although the grounds are open year-round. The park includes a number of informative kiosks and offers picture-worthy views of the river.

Next up, the Queen Marie Antoinette House. Heading south on Eddy Road, the Colonial-style house (privately owned) with its distinctive center chimney sits on a small rise overlooking the Sheepscot River. The story of the Marie Antoinette House has been told many, many times. As the legend goes, the house was to serve as a safe haven for the Queen of France who had been imprisoned during the French Revolution. Unfortunately, for Marie Antoinette, the attempt to rescue her failed and she was executed in 1793. The home built in the mid-1770s was originally located on Westport Island. The building was ferried across the river to its present location in the 1830s.

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The points of interest include two churches, although only one, Edgecomb Community Church, aka Edgecomb Congregational Church, remains active. The other one, the former Baptist Church, was on Old County Road, and is now home to a wood-working business. Edgecomb Community Church with its landmark white steeple and bell tower is near the junction of Eddy and Cross Point Roads. Also shown on the map is the Edgecomb Town Hall built in 1794 and still used for town meetings and town business. It's on Route 27 alongside the town cemetery.

Edgecomb residents have long supported public education. In the late 1880s, the community had seven public schoolhouses. Some of these buildings have survived and are now private homes. Only one is shown on the map, the wood-framed Eddy School next door to the congregational church on Cross Point Road. The building greatly remodeled over the years is now home to Edgecomb Green, an assisted living community and part of the Eldercare Network. There are many adults living in the area who attended the old Eddy School.

The map marks the location of William's Hill, also known as Mount Edgecombe. It's in East Edgecomb between the McKay and River roads. The hill – the highest point of land in town – has an elevation of 321 feet. Because the trees have grown up all around it, its rise is scarcely noticeable. I've read, a century ago when this area was clear of timber, you could see all the way to Boothbay Harbor and the ocean from the summit of William's Hill. Not shown on the map is nearby Mount Hunger off Old County Road and now a part of the 766-acre Charles and Constance Schmid Preserve, which didn't exist when this map was drawn. The map does show the approximate location of the Old Cattle Pound, also now a part of Schmid Preserve. As I remember it, this is a fairly large area surrounded by stone walls. Long ago, when this was cleared pastureland, livestock were herded into the pound for safekeeping.

Another point of interest that appears is the historic Stephen Parsons house (privately owned) that was fully restored fairly recently. Built in 1806 and fronting Parsons Creek, the house and adjacent barn are at the end of Nichols Road. More information about Stephen Parsons and his many contributions to the community and the house's unique features appears on the website of Edgecomb Historical Society. When I first knew it, this was the home of Doctor Arthur Nichols, his wife Madene and their family.

Cod Cove, "a place renowned for birdwatching," is listed as a point of interest. It's on the north side of Eddy Road on Davis Island. Alongside the dike on Eddy Road is a place to park your vehicle where you can admire the view of the cove.

There's more, but we'll conclude with the former Mica Mine also within the boundaries of Schmid Preserve. The one-time open pit mine is accessible from either the orange-blazed "Mica Trail" or the "River Link Trail." In the 1880s, feldspar and mica were dug here and shipped from Poole's Landing in east Edgecomb for processing at a crushing mill on the Cathance River in Topsham. White feldspar was the more marketable of the ores as it was used as an ingredient to make fine dinner china. Mica (isinglass) was mostly used to make heat-resistant windows for wood and coal stoves.

Phil Di Vece earned a B.A. in journalism studies from Colorado State University and an M.A. in journalism at University of South Florida. He is the author of three Wiscasset books and is a frequent news contributor to the Boothbay Register/Wiscasset Newspaper. He resides in Wiscasset.



July Events in Edgecomb Area

Boothbay Farmers Market: Thursdays on Boothbay Common, Route 27. 9 a.m.-noon.

1 - Hendricks Hill Museum Opening Day -11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 419 Hendricks Hill Road, Southport. Facebook: Hendricks Hill Museum and <http://www.southportmainehistory.com/>

2 - Behind Closed Doors Tour— A special in-depth tour of Castle Tucker, 2 Lee St., Wiscasset. Advance ticket purchase required. Non-members \$25. FMI/Tickets: www.HistoricNewEngland.org or 207-882-7169.

2 - Alive on the Common - *Crying Out Loud* (Blues) 6-8 p.m. Wiscasset Town Common.

4 - 4th of July Celebrations - On Boothbay Common. Food, games and more from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parade in Wiscasset at 10 a.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. both towns.

6 - Historic New England Tours -Visit these distinctive properties: In Wiscasset: Castle Tucker, 2 Lee St. Nickels-Sortwell House, 121 Main St. In Dresden: Bowman House, 22 Bowman Lane. Tours begin at 11 a.m. Last tours of the day at 3 p.m. Free! FMI: <https://shorturl.at/UyhVh>

9 - Alive on the Common - *Riptide* (Blues, Funk, Classic Rock) 6-8 p.m. Wiscasset Town Common.

12 - Music on the Railway -WW&F Railway. Trains depart Sheepscot Station (97 Cross Road, Alna) promptly at 2 p.m. returning by 4:45 p.m. Music by Half Moon Jug Band. FMI/Tickets: <https://wwfry.org/>

16 - Alive on the Common - *Deadly Desire* (80's Pop/Rock) 6-8 p.m. Wiscasset Town Common.

18 - Behind Closed Doors Tour - A special in-depth tour of Castle Tucker, 2 Lee St., Wiscasset. Advance ticket purchase required. Non-members \$25. FMI/Tickets: www.HistoricNewEngland.org or 207-882-7169.

18, 19 & 23rd Annual Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club Regatta and Shipyard Cup Classics - The summer's top sailing event on the Maine coast. Racing is on two courses with as many as five races planned over the two-day regatta! FMI/registration: www.boothbayregatta.com. Questions? Call a Regatta co-chair: CSWillauer@gmail.com; Peter.P.Neidhardt@gmail.com

19 - Dresden Summerfest - 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pownalborough Court House, 23 Courthouse Road, Dresden. Family fun and history. Face painting, balloon artist, caricaturist, pie contest, reenactors from Colonial Maine Living History Association, courthouse tours, wagon rides, wares by local crafters, music, food and beverages.

23 - Alive on the Common - *Papa Tim & The Whiskey Throttle Band* (Soulful Rock & Blues) 6-8 p.m. Wiscasset Town Common.

23 - Take More Time Tour - A relaxed, in-depth tour of Bowman House, 22 Bowman Lane in Dresden. Hear stories about the family in the 18th & 20th centuries. Non-member admission \$25; members of Historic New England, \$15. FMI/Tickets: www.historicnewengland.org or call 882-7169.

25 - Super Street 100— at Wiscasset Speedway 5-7 p.m.

30 - Wiscasset Art Walk - A summertime celebration of art, music, performance and history, in the beautiful 19th century Village of Wiscasset, along the sparkling Sheepscot River. Held from 4 to 7 p.m. Main Street/Route One, Wiscasset Village. FMI: www.wiscassetartwalk.org/

5-Mile Yard Sale

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Cross Point Road, Edgecomb



8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beginning at Edgecomb Community Church

Thrift Store Open 8-1

Bake Sale and Busy Hands sale table inside

Free Coffee & Restrooms Available

Wild Widows



The Edgecomb Community Church Wild Widows recently held a gathering Sunday, June 21, at 11 a.m. where they all brought their bag lunch and enjoyed swapping stories and giving support to one another.

The group meets the 4th Sunday of each month after church. All are welcome.

Restore Our Doors

The Edgecomb Community Church is beginning a new capital campaign to raise funds to replace the church front doors and repaint the outside of the steeple. The Maine Steeple Foundation has awarded the church a matching grant of up to \$15,000. Donations may be sent to Edgecomb Community Church, P. O. Box 118, Edgecomb, ME 04556.

A repainted Church funding sign has been placed outside the church's front entrance to show how the campaign is progressing.

This is the only church in Edgecomb, and the members work hard to keep it in tip-top shape for many generations to come. Please give generously to help maintain this historic building, which was completed in 1882.



SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday, July 19, 2026 7 p.m.

Edgecomb Community Church

15 Cross Point Road

Kouchera

"Kouchera delivers high-energy live performances rooted in Haitian Konpa, Soul, and R&B. Our sets are designed to engage audiences and create a welcoming, feel-good atmosphere."



Suggested donation \$10 per person



Front Row L-R: Andrew Strout, Jennifer Rachele, Robert Gerry. Back Row L-R: Brian Waterhouse and Stu Dias

On Sunday, July 19, the Edgecomb Community Church will be sponsoring a summer concert featuring *Kouchera*, a local band whose live performances are rooted in Haitian Konpa, Soul, and R&B. Beginning at 7 p.m. the church sanctuary will be rocking with this unique group of musicians performing their special blend of music.

The word *Kouchera* (pronounced koo-chair-uh) is a seamless blend of Haitian, Creole and Hindu words for "cousin". Their sets are designed to engage audiences and create a welcoming, feel-good atmosphere." Families with children are strongly encouraged to attend this special event.

Kouchera will perform a special R&B concert that promises to take you on a journey through time. From the soulful rhythms of the 70s to the infectious beats of the 80s, the smooth melodies of the 90s, and the modern hits of the 2000s, we'll be celebrating some of the best of R&B music across several decades. Their full band of five members (pictured left) will be performing.

A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. Profits will go toward the church's local mission efforts.

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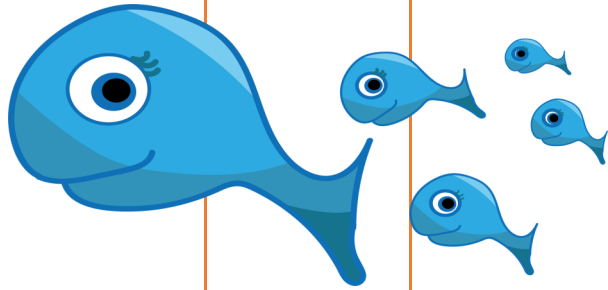
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Vacation Bible School 9-11:30

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Vacation Bible School 9-11:30
Ordinance Review Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm

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Independence Day
Thrift Store CLOSED

5
6th Sunday of Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell

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Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study 5 p.m.
Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm

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Thrift Store open 9-1

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7th Sunday of Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell

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8th Sunday of Pentecost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell
Wild Widows *Kouchera* Concert 7 p.m.

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Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study 5 p.m.
Edgecomb Select Board 6 pm

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Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.

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Thrift Store open 9-1

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9th Sunday of Pentecost
Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell

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Thrift Store open 9-1
Café Time with Aram 10 -1

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Seadogs game 6 p.m.

