

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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*"To bring together our communities in spirituality
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 September edition is due
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Pastor's Note:

As I write this note I'm preparing the final sermon in our journey through Genesis that we began after Easter. It's been a good long walk, as we've listened to some of the most familiar stories (Creation, the "Fall", Noah's flood, Joseph and his colorful garment) along with visiting some characters and events that seem to come out of left field (Melchizedek's picnic, the wrestling match on the bank of the river Jabbok). Along the way we've gleaned insights from the lives of our spiritual ancestors—those who did honorable things, and those who were rascals. And we've learned a thing or two about how to approach, engage, and interpret sacred text. It's been a good walk.

As I write this note I'm recognizing that there are a lot of ways to be on the walk of spiritual growth with our church. I love when I get to see you on Sunday mornings at our worship service. Your presence contributes to what those church services are and what they become. You make church what it is. And church would be no good if none of you showed up.

Of course, some of you engage with the community in other ways that are also life-giving (life-giving to us as a church, and also, I hope, to you). Perhaps you worship elsewhere, but you drop into the Thrift Shop from time to time to say hello. Maybe you come by for Community Lunches every other Tuesday, and let the conversation there fill you up. Maybe you join us for a Spirit in Nature Walk, or watch the sermons on line, or connect by reading this very newsletter every month. All of that is grand. However it is that you connect with ECC, I'm grateful that you're part of our community.

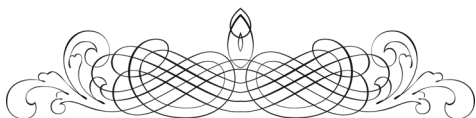
And I'm wondering: What could it look like for you to expand your connection in a way that might enrich your life? There are as many ways to experience that expansion as there are sets of eyes reading this note. I don't know what the answer might be for you. Go ahead and look to your own heart. Is there a way that you would love to be connected with our community, that you haven't experienced yet? And is there a way that I can support you in having that experience?

I'm looking forward to taking the next steps on this path that we share.

With lots of thanks,
Pastor Aram

Church Calender

August 1—Thrift Store open 9-2.
 August 2 —10th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev.
 Andrew Forsthoefer
 August 4—Tuesday Lunch at noon.
 Thrift Store open 9-1
 August 8—5-Mile Yard Sale 8-1 p.m. Bake
 Sale, Busy Hands Sale and Thrift
 August 9—11th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor
 Aram Mitchell
 Mission Outreach Meeting 11 a.m.
 August 11 —Thrift Store open 9-1
 Café time with Aram 10-1
 August 12—Narcan Training Session in
 Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.
 August 15—Thrift Store open 9-1
 August 16 —12th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor
 Aram Mitchell.
 Wild Widows at 11. Bring a lunch
 August 18 —Tuesday Lunch at noon
 Thrift Store open 9-1
 August 19—Bible Study with Pastor Aram
 Mitchell 5:30 p.m.
 August 22—Thrift Store open 9-1
 August 23 —13th Sunday after Pentecost.
 Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor
 Aram Mitchell
 August 25—Thrift Store open 9-1
 August 26—Busy hands 1-3 p.m. Bible
 Study with Pastor Aram 5:30 p.m.
 August 29—Thrift Store open 9-1.
 August 30—14th Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor



Tuesday Lunch

August 4 —Watermelon Gazpacho,
 Zucchini Cheese Biscuits, Pasta
 Salad, Ice Cream Sundaes.

August 18—Cheese Stromboli, Wa-
 termelon Feta and Mint Salad,
 Chocolate Graham Cracker Cake.

Little Corner Food Pantry

Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 every Tuesday and Satur-
 day. Donations accepted.



August Birthdays

Ginny Kroitzch	11
Patti Rines	25
Ryan Potter	30

September Birthdays

Rose Young	17
Jeff Grigg	21
Rene Evans	28
Louise Hardina	29



A Childrens' Space is now available at the back of the sanctuary for those wishing to color, read a book, or just relax during the worship service when Sunday School is not in session.



Quote from Silas

The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory."

— Les Brown



Church Happenings

1. Community Lunches | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at noon (August 4th and 18th.)
2. Pastor's Cafe at ECC | Drop in to connect with the pastor, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 10am-1pm.
3. Bible Study | beginning Wednesday, August 19, 5:30 p.m.
4. Wild Widows meets after church the 3rd Sunday of each month (August 16). Bring along a lunch this month.
5. Busy Hands meets the 4th Wednesday of each month 1-3 p.m. (August 26)
6. Thrift Store & Little Corner Food Pantry open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9-1.
7. Guest Preacher Rev. Andrew Forsthoefel will officiate on Sunday, August 2, with Communion being served the following Sunday, August 9, after Pastor Aram Mitchell returns.
8. 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.
9. Mission Outreach Committee Meeting Sunday, August 9 at 11 a.m.
10. Narcan Training Class, Wednesday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Register at edgecomb.church@gmail.com or call Gail Boudin at 882-7972.
11. IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) informational session at Edgecomb Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 27. Area organizations will be invited to attend this important gathering led by Bayard Love. "The approach is about building a multi-issue "organization of organizations" that is designed to create a vehicle for everyday people to build and wield power."

Narcan Training Class At Edgecomb Community Church Wednesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.

Save a Life with Narcan

This one hour Narcan Training class will provide you with helpful information about Narcan and how to use it. This class is offered free of charge, given by Healthy Lincoln County. At the end of the class you will be provided a Narcan kit and printed information about what is covered in the class for future reference.

Come and learn this free life saving information and be ready if an emergency should ever arise. Edgecomb Community Church is located at 15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb, Maine. Light refreshments available.

To register call 882-4060 and leave your name and number. For questions call Gail Boudin at 882-7972

Healthy Lincoln County is a project of  [MCD Global Health](https://mcdglobalhealth.org)



Edgecomb Historical Society Hosts Open House at Fort Edgecomb



Sunday August 9*
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Rain date August 16

Parking is limited. No parking on Fort Rd.
Overflow and shuttle at the Edgecomb
Community Church on Cross Point Rd.

Bring a picnic and join your friends
and neighbors at the Fort!

- Free tours by the ranger
- Blanchard's Ice Cream
- Exhibits and family activities
- Live music by Broken Hipsters
String Band

For more information contact
edgecombbhistorical@gmail.com

It's time to rock around the jailhouse block

It's party time at the Old Lincoln County Jail at 133 Federal Street in Wiscasset, Saturday, August 8, from 5-8p.m. **Jailhouse Rock** is an event for all ages with dancing, food, lawn games, and tours of the jail cells.

Music is by the jazz-rock-blues band, **Leopard Girls**, and their set of foot-tapping music.

Bring your own picnic or purchase food at the jail. Wiscasset Partners in Education will sell picnic fare at reasonable prices to benefit school programs. In addition, kids and kids-at-heart will participate in games and races, and those interested in glimpsing the austere cells in the 215 year-old granite jailhouse will be treated to brief tours.

Partygoers should note that arrests have been made at this event in the past for rocking too hard. Perhaps you have a deviant friend, kid, or spouse who needs to be locked up. The "sheriff" will be taking requests. Be sure to have some cash on hand to bail them out.

Tickets for adults are just \$5; kids are free. Jailhouse Rock will be held rain or shine. Visit the LCHA website at lincolncountyhistory.org to purchase tickets online.



Bill Sutter of Wiscasset was busy Sunday afternoon putting up a banner outside the Old Jail Museum on Federal Street, Wiscasset announcing the return of Lincoln County Historical Association's popular "Jailhouse Rock". The event is planned for the evening of Saturday, Aug. 5, 5-8 p.m. with live music, museum tours, food concessions, games and more. (Phil DiVece photo)

Nature Trail walk at Schmidt Preserve

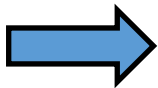
On Sunday, July 26, drew a group of 8 hikers led by Naturalist and Maine Guide Air Rhodes. A lot to see out there in the woods that Mother Nature



Before



After



has provided. The last Sunday of each month a nature walk of some kind is planned. All are invited to attend these wonderful journeys. The next outdoor event is planned for Sunday, August 30. Time and place TBA.

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 tables inside

Proceeds go to the church's Mission Fund which helps with the following organizations and more:

Carpenter's Boat Shop, Pilgrim Lodge, Doctors without Borders, World Kitchen, Church World Service, Lincoln County Recovery Center, Local Individual Needs, Edgecomb Eddy School, Habitat for Humanity, Community Resource Organization (Fuel Assistance), Set for Success in Edgecomb, Edgecomb Women's Sober House, New Hope, Maine Seacoast Mission and the Homeless Population



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. \$2517 has recently been raised. Donations may be made at the upcoming Yard Sale on August 8.



Wiscasset Art Walk
PO Box 617
Wiscasset, Maine 04578

Info@wiscassetartwalk@gmail.com

Next Art Walk
Thursday, August 27, 4-7 pm

WISCASSET ART WALK

Kouchera Concert a big hit!

Over fifty guests arrived at the Edgecomb Community Church on Sunday evening, July 19, for an hour of Rhythm and Blues music through the ages with this five member band from Portland and NH. Two children were dancing up front for all to see and enjoy while the audience was swaying to the music in their seats.

Other concerts like this are planned for the future so stayed tuned for upcoming dates.



The band included members Andrew Strout, Jennifer Rachele, Robert Gerry, Brian Waterhouse and Stu Dias

ECC Sunday Pulpit Preacher Schedule

August 2—Rev. Andrew Forsthofel from Brunswick

August 9, 16, 23 and 30, September 6 —Pastor Aram Mitchell

September 13—Rev. Larry Krewson, prerecorded, and zoom coffee hour from Georgia

September 20 & 27, October 4 —Pastor Aram Mitchell

October 11—Rev. Peter Foss from Scarborough

October 18 & 25, November 1 & 8 —Pastor Aram Mitchell

November 15—TBA

November 22, 29, December 6, 13, & 20—Pastor Aram Mitchell

December 27—TBA

August 2026

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