

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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Pastor's Note:

*"Hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come."
–Wendell Berry*

Beloved Community,

They keep on singing, don't they?

I heard them every morning this week, walking my dog on the cliffside trail not far from home. There's an old gnarled tree, with a dip in the trunk just the right shape and height to entice me to pause and sit. And from my perch I'd hear the birdsong. Just as I do in my backyard. And as I know you do too, wherever you perch. They sing everyday.

It's not just the birds, you know? The universe sings other songs to us too. And through us. Every note of God's heart longs to be sung. And someone has to do the singing.

No matter the trials of today. No matter your weariness in the present moment. No matter, even, the regrets you may carry from yesterday, yester-year. The songs that are to come chatter faintly. And have been chattering all along, faintly yet persistently. And will not cease their faint, persistent chattering.

You have a voice to bring to the chorus.

And there are some songs that are distinctly yours to sing. Those songs, that are to come through you, will not relent from their faint chatterings. Not until they are sung full-throated in your heart and by your actions.

Even after us, when we are ancestors, the songs that are ours to sing will announce themselves through the voices of our long distant kin.

This is the tune we hum as we go along. This is the song of faith.

Pastor Aram

Church Calender

September 1—Tuesday Lunch at noon.
Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 2—Bible Study with Pastor
Aram Mitchell 5:30 p.m.

September 5—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 6 —15th Sunday after Pente
cost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pas-
tor Aram Mitchell

September 7—Labor Day

September 8—Thrift Store open 9-1
Café time with Aram 10-1

September 9—Bible Study with Pastor
Aram Mitchell 5:30 p.m.

September 12—Thrift Store open 9-1.

September 13 —16th Sunday after Pente
cost. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest
Rev. Larry Krewson.
Deacons' Meeting 11 a.m.
Mission Outreach Meeting 11 a.m.

September 15 —Tuesday Lunch at noon
Thrift Store open 9-1

September 16—Bible Study with Pastor
Aram Mitchell 5:30 p.m.

September 19—Thrift Store open 9-1

September 20 —17th Sunday after Pente-
cost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pas-
tor Aram Mitchell.
Wild Widows at 11.

September 22—Thrift Store open 9-1

September 23—Busy Hands 1-3 p.m.
Bible Study with Pastor Aram
Mitchell 5:30 p.m.

September 26—Thrift Store open 9-1

September 27 —18th Sunday after Pente-
cost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pas-
tor Aram Mitchell
Nature Hike TBA
IAF Meeting 2 p.m.

September 29—Thrift Store open 9-1

September 30— Bible Study with Pastor
Aram 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Lunch

September 1 —Chicken Pot Pie,
Green Beans, Bread, Zucchini
Brownies

September 15—American Chop
Suey, Salad, Garlic Bread, Lemon
Jello Cake

Little Corner Food Pantry

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



September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

Ed Hamilton	1
Dick O'Connor	7
Steven Wijdzinski	8
Eliza Chase	9
Art Garey	10
Larry Krewson	19
Pam Soule	23
Mable Beaulieu	26
Lydia Booher	28

ECC Bible Study | Fall 2026
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hebrew Bible Passage</u>	<u>Gospel Passage</u>
August 19th	Exodus 1:8-2:10 — Moses' birth	Matthew 16:13-20 — Peter's confession
August 26th	Exodus 3:1-15 — Burning bush	Matthew 16:21-28 — Take up the cross
September 2nd	Exodus 12:1-14 — Passover instituted	Matthew 18:15-20 — Church discipline
*September 9th	Exodus 14:19-31 — Crossing the Red Sea	Matthew 18:21-35 — Unforgiving servant
September 16th	Exodus 16:2-15 — Manna in the wilderness	Matthew 20:1-16 — Workers in the vineyard
September 23rd	Exodus 17:1-7 — Water from the rock	Matthew 21:23-32 — Authority questioned
September 30th	Exodus 20:1-20 — Ten Commandments	Matthew 21:33-46 — Wicked tenants
*October 7th	Exodus 32:1-14 — Golden calf	Matthew 22:1-14 — Wedding banquet
*October 14th	Exodus 33:12-23 — Moses sees God's glory	Matthew 22:15-22 — Render to Caesar
October 21st	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 — Death of Moses	Matthew 22:34-46 — Greatest commandment
October 28th	Joshua 3:7-17 — Crossing the Jordan	Matthew 23:1-12 — Practice what you preach
November 4th	Joshua 24:1-25 — Choose this day	Matthew 25:1-13 — Ten bridesmaids
November 11th	Judges 4:1-7 — Deborah the judge	Matthew 25:14-30 — Parable of the talents
*November 18th	Ezekiel 34:11-24 — God the shepherd	Matthew 25:31-46 — Sheep and goats

~Each week we will look ahead at the Lectionary passages for the following Sunday~

**Pastor Aram will be away 9/9, 10/7, 10/14, and 11/18. TBD whether these weeks will have a guest leader.*

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 | Wednesday evenings 5:30 p.m.
4. Wild Widows meets after church the 3rd Sunday of each month
5. Busy Hands meets the 4th Wednesday of each month 1-3 p.m. (September 23)
6. Thrift Store & Little Corner Food Pantry open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9-1.
7. Guest Preacher Rev. Larry Krewson will officiate on Sunday, September 13, via a pre-recorded message sent from Georgia. He will meet us via zoom during coffee hour after the service.
8. Deacons Meeting Sunday, September 13 at 11:15 a.m.
9. Mission Outreach Committee Meeting Sunday, August 9 at 11 a.m.
10. 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."
11. Nature Walk will be offered after church on Sunday, September 27. Details TBA.

Getting Older.....submitted by Deb Violette

I used to be afraid of getting older — watching the years pass and wondering where the time went. But now I see it differently. Aging is a privilege that so many never get the chance to experience. Every gray hair is proof I survived. Every wrinkle holds laughter, tears, lessons, and love. These lines on my face aren't flaws—they're chapters of a life fully lived. I wouldn't trade my journey, my growth, or my memories for anything. Growing older isn't something to fear—it's something to honor.



Baby Shower

For Henry and Shanell Boudin

Sunday, September 12, 2-4 p.m.

At Edgecomb Community Church

In Fellowship Hall downstairs

All friends and family are invited to this special event!

Thrift Store Dates to Remember

- ♦ Holiday Sales—November 17, 21 and 24.
- ♦ Last Day of operation in 2026— Tuesday, November 24.
- ♦ Thrift Store open during winter Soup-to-Go offerings—1st and 3rd Tuesdays of January, February and March from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help out in the Thrift Store; stop in and let the team know how you can help out—any amount of time is great!

Broad-based Organizing with the Industrial Areas Foundation led by Bayard Love
Sunday, September 27, at 2 p.m. at Edgecomb Community Church

"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. In short, ordinary people have life challenges and values and ought to have a say in the future of their communities and society, but we largely don't have the say we should. Why? Because we lack the power to do it. Often the people with the most power lack the vision and values of ordinary people... and ordinary people lack the power to make our vision and values a reality. That is certainly the case in Maine.

This effort aims to create a vehicle for us to get together, stay together, and have a say - not guided by a political party, not guided from people from outside, not directed by philanthropists, government, or people with a lot of money - but directed by Mainers of every stripe who are willing to do the work of relating to one another, building an organization we own together, and exercising power together. There is power in numbers, but for that to be real, we believe, we need to be organized."

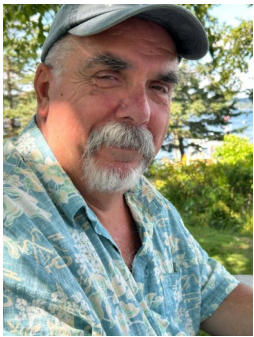
A Special Baptism

Aven Rhodes, daughter of Air and Shane Rhodes of Edgecomb, was recently baptized at an outdoor celebration in Sheepscot. Pastor Aram Mitchell and his wife Emma officiated.



Aven later related to her doll (after baptizing the doll herself) that she didn't know what baptism meant but that it was *special*.

Member David Boucher's obituary as printed in Wiscasset Newspaper



David Michael "Dave" Boucher, 70, of Edgecomb, Maine passed away suddenly on Aug. 8, 2026.

Dave was born and raised in Taunton, Massachusetts and had also previously lived in Wareham, Massachusetts before moving to Maine with his family in 2001.

Dave was known as a friendly face, a helping hand, and a keen mind. Hardworking and resourceful, Dave was enthusiastic about woodworking, home restoration, and held an enduring dedication to historic preservation. Passionate for old cars and long drives with Deb, he loved fresh wild blackberries, a good cup of coffee, Maine seafood, and watching dragonflies on a summer evening.

Dave was predeceased by his parents, Joyce and Maurice Boucher, and his eldest sister Paula Nichols.

He is remembered by his wife, Deborah Boucher; dogs, Tessa and Kitty; children, Mitchell Boucher and Mandy Cork (née Boucher), son-in-law John Cork, and granddaughter Ruby Cork; Karen Edgecombe (née Brown) and James Brown, who he always called his bonus kids, as well as Joshua, Terrence, and Violet Edgecombe; his sisters, Karin Donahue-Smith and Deborah Brazil; and nephews, David Boucher - and his wife Kristina and their daughter Adeline - and Daniel Corey - and his wife Rachael and their children Cecelia and Jonah.

Dave will be deeply missed by his family, friends and community.

A memorial will be held at the Edgecomb Town Hall at 16 Town Hall Road, Edgecomb on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a reception downstairs at the Town Hall. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, attendees bring a potluck dish to share with fellow mourners during the reception. Dave loved a potluck.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Strong-Hancock Funeral Home, 612 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine 04543. To view his memorial page and leave a condolence or message for his family, you may visit stronghancock.com.

A Thank You Letter from Pilgrim Lodge

Dear Friends at Edgecomb Community Church,

I'm excited to share that we've had an energizing and purposeful summer! All season, we explored a curriculum written by members of our Outdoor Ministries Team called, **"It Only Takes a Spark."** We discussed how each of us has a "spark" that makes us glow. When we combine our sparks together, they have the potential to make a powerful and brilliant light in the world. This programming coincided with the construction of a new sacred space at camp, a **Campfire Circle** in the woods across from the dining hall. This project was made possible by our **Character at Camp** grant which additionally helped to fund our first ever **Leader-in-Training Program**, new low ropes course elements for Challenge programming and team-building, and a curriculum with activities that nurture the character qualities of **community-mindedness, integrity, and leadership**. As the number of our youth campers continues to rise, we were thrilled to bring them this enhanced programming.

All of this activity took place as we celebrate the **70th anniversary of Pilgrim Lodge!** Through our Outreach Program, we have explored our relationship to the land where our camp is oriented and the stories of history that are woven into the landscape. We asked the question, "how should we support our Wabanaki neighbors as the original stewards of these woods and waters?" We supported two Wabanaki-led organizations this season, as a response to that question: **Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness** and **Speaking Place**.

I want to thank you for your financial support of Pilgrim Lodge. **Your generosity is a spark that contributes to the collective glow of our camp community** and is the foundation for all of this activity and programming. Your giving makes it possible for us to offer a Tiered pricing structure to make camp possible for people of all financial backgrounds while keeping programming vibrant and camp sustainable. I hope you'll check out this **photo album from the summer** to see what your support has made possible!

I share with you an excerpt from a poem that was collectively written by campers from **Justice Together: Climate, Identity, Community** including five of our Leaders-in-Training. The light they shine is spectacular.

Our prayer for Justice?

That everyone has a voice and the ability to use it.

Equal rights for everyone, no matter what their gender or race.

That everyone's religion be loved equally.

That the screams of the trees are heard.

That fear of change

cease being a good enough reason

to uphold the status quo

Hearts free to love,

bodies free to run,

and grow

and thrive....

It's love in action.

Thank you for being a spark for Pilgrim Lodge!

Liz Charles McGough, Director



5-Mile Yard Sale

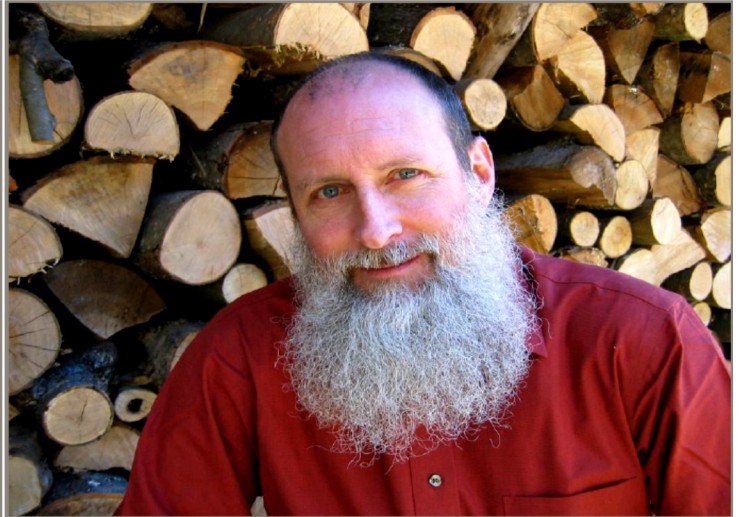
Saturday, August 8, 2026



Thank you to all who helped with this year's annual event that brought in around \$7000 to aid the church's mission outreach efforts. Many extra hands were available throughout the very hot day before to set things up, and were around to help break down after the sales were over.

Many return visitors attended along with several new attendees who got to see what the church is all about. This is an event that attracts many from all over the midcoast region. Our small church with a big heart is out there doing the Lord's work.

The Edgecomb Historical Society
And the Schmid Preserve Advisory Committee Present
Tom Wessels: Forest Forensics



Tom Wessels, renowned ecologist, professor at Antioch University, and author of "Reading the Forested Landscape" will discuss the natural and human history of Edgecomb. Tom will view photos of unique and interesting features in Edgecomb's landscape, including unusual trees, stone structures, and old farm fields. He will share how he uses these features to decipher how nature and human activity have shaped and changed the land.

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Place: Edgecomb Town Hall

Contact edgecombhistorical@gmail.com with questions.

This event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.



With generous support from First National Bank

SAVE THE DATE—Sunday, November 1st

Samhain/Celtic New Year Gathering at ECC Labyrinth

11:30-1:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Lunch at noon Thrift Store open 9-1 Edgecomb Se- lect Board 6 pm	2 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	3 Ordinance Re- view Meeting 7:30 p.m. Edgecomb Pl. Board 6:30 pm	4	5 Thrift Store open 9-1
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