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# *Pastor's Note:*

Is it too early to start talking about Christmas? Don't worry, you've got time yet to dust off the decor and get your shopping and baking done. But I mean to talk about the stretch of weeks that lead up to Christmas, the weeks that are full to bursting with potential for reflection and spiritual growth.

It can be challenging to pause for reflection amidst all the hustle and bustle, but the earth—with her darkening days and cold nights—reminds us that it's necessary to gather in and slow down. Because God is pregnant, and something is about to be birthed—through Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love—as we journey toward the mystery of the divine arriving in human form.

**This Christmas season I invite you to join me in a collective practice of slowing down and paying attention to the surprising ways that God might show up for you during Advent.**

Consider joining me and others as we engage with *Gifts of the Mother: An Advent Journey with the Sacred Feminine*, a guidebook by Sabra Engelbrecht. There will be two parts to this journey. Part one is daily personal practice, as *Gifts of the Mother* guides you through daily devotions and prayer. Part two is collective practice, as we meet each week to share and explore more together from our experiences of reflection.

We will meet together (in person at ECC and online via Zoom) to engage the *Gifts of the Mother* five times during the Advent season:
Sunday, November 22nd | 12-1pm
Wednesday, December 2nd | 5:30-6:30pm
Wednesday, December 9th | 5:30-6:30pm
Wednesday, December 16th | 5:30-6:30pm
Sunday, December 20th | 12-1pm

With anticipation,
Pastor Aram

Order your copy of *Gifts of the Mother: An Advent Journey with the Sacred Feminine* by November 22nd! Or let Pastor Aram know if you'd like to reserve a complimentary copy (limited number). And email Pastor Aram for the Zoom link, if you would like to participate online: aram.mitchell@gmail.com

This Advent Book Study will take the place of our usual weekly Bible Study. We will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 25th or Wednesday, December 23rd.

# Church Calender

November 1 – All Saints Day, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell. Samhain/Celtic New Year gathering at the labyrinth 11:30-1 p.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn clocks back one hour night before.

November 2 – French Club 10-11:30 a.m.

November 3 – Thrift Store open 9-1. Tuesday Lunch at noon. Election Day.

November 6 – Memorial Service for Jeff Sewall at 11 AM with reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

November 7 – Thrift Store open 9-1.

November 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell. Mission Outreach Meeting at 11 a.m.

November 10 – Thrift Store open 9-1. Café time with Pastor Aram 10-1.

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 14 – Thrift Store open 9-1.

November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Peter Foss.

November 16 – French Club 10-11:30 a.m.

November 17 – Thrift Store open 9-1. Holiday Craft Fair begins. Tuesday Lunch at noon.

November 21 – Holiday Craft Fair continues at Thrift Store 9-1.

November 22 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell.

November 24 – Thrift Store open 9-1. Last day of Holiday Craft Sale. Pie Sale 9-noon.

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day.

November 28 – Thrift Store CLOSED. Closed Saturdays until April of 2027.

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent. Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell.

November 30 – French Club 10-11:30 a.m.

# Tuesday Lunch

**November 3—**Pumpkin Soup, Hot Open-Faced Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Gingerbread.

**November 17—**Roast Turkey, Mashed Potato, Butternut Squash, Peas, Stuffing, Gravy, Pumpkin Pie.

## Little Corner Food Pantry

Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday.

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





## November Birthdays

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| Arthur Edgecomb | 8 |
| Brady Booher | 13 |
| Joan Spurgat | 17 |
| Natalie Potter | 18 |
| Michael Finnegan | 26 |
| Jeff Sewall | 27 |
| Joe Cough | 27 |

## December Birthdays

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| Aram Mitchell | 9 |
| Marjorie DiVece | 9 |
| George Malone | 16 |
| Sofia Chase | 18 |
| George Greene | 22 |
| Christine Smith | 27 |
| Shane Rhodes | 27 |

# Local Events

**Maine Inside Out** is a Lewiston-based theater group that brings together people who've been impacted by prison and the justice system to create and perform original theater. They tell their own stories, in their own words. Their work is about seeing people's full humanity, and moving from a culture of punishment and isolation to one built on connection.

This fall, Maine Inside Out is inviting the public to two performances inside Maine prisons. Each show is followed by a conversation with the audience about the themes of the play.

**Monday, Nov. 30**, 7:00 to 8:30 pm (arrive by 6:30), Southern Maine Women's Re-entry Center, Windham

**Tuesday, Dec. 8**, 6:00 to 7:30 pm (arrive by 5:30), Bolduc Correctional Facility, Warren

Because the Department of Corrections approves each visitor, RSVPs are due by **Nov. 12**. If you're interested in attending either performance, please contact Jeremy Litchfield (jeremy@heart-strong.org).

## Church Happenings

1. Community Lunches | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at noon {November 3 & 17 (Turkey Dinner)}
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. (November 25)
6. Thrift Store & Little Corner Food Pantry open Tuesdays & Saturdays 9-1.
7. Samhain/Celtic New Year gathering at the church labyrinth after church on Sunday, November 1, at 11:30 to 1 p.m. Light refreshments available. Led by Pastor Aram Mitchell and Deacon Linda Walls.
8. Mission Outreach Committee Meeting Sunday, November 8 at 11 a.m.
9. Guest Preacher Rev. Peter Foss will officiate on Sunday, November 15.
10. Holiday Sales at Thrift Store Tues. 11/17, Sat., 11/21 and Tues. 11/24.
11. Thanksgiving Pie Sale Tuesday, November 24, 9 to noon at Church Fellowship Hall and Ames Supply in Wiscasset.
12. Nature Walk will be offered after church on Sunday, November 29. Details TBA.
13. In-house Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 26, in the church vestry for those members home alone. See Madeline Olney to sign up.
14. Gifts of the Mother: An Advent Journey with the Sacred Feminine, by Sabra Engelbrecht
Advent Book Study | Beginning November 11th. Daily practices and weekly conversation, facilitated by Pastor Aram. Order your copy of the book in advance (limited number of books available for free for those who need, reach out to Pastor Aram to reserve your copy)

# Thrift Store Dates to Remember

- **Holiday Sales—November 17, 21 and 24.** Special sales and Christmas gift items available. Bake Sale and Busy Hands homemade crafts for sale too!
- **Thrift Store will remain open every Tuesday** through the winter months from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food Pantry will also be available.




*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!*

# Sober House Dinner

A total of fourteen guests were present for a dinner at the Edgecomb Community Church on Monday, October 26, to show support for the residents of the Sober House located in Edgecomb. Three residents attended the dinner and were given individual gifts bags with personal items and thrift store gift coupons. The meal prepared by the church ladies was enjoyed by all: chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, salad, anadama bread and pie a la mode. Pastor Aram opened the meal with a poem.

This was a wonderful way to show support, and the residents were most grateful. They were sent home with extra food along with a tote of extra clothing from the thrift store. They all were interested in what the church is doing and hope to get involved as their work schedules allow.

## Living Water: Honoring Our Grief in Community

**– a day-long retreat led by Emma Thomas Mitchell**

**Saturday, November 7th 9:30am-4:30pm at Camp Kiev**

Emma Mitchell (Pastor Aram's wife), is teaming up with the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine to offer this day-long retreat for all those who seek nourishment and resources to honor and alchemize grief, joy, and a wild love for the world!

# Annual Clean Up Day



Aaron Graves cleaned all the outside windows, while Marge DiVece worked on inside windows.



Madeline Olney, Linda Walls, Patti Rines, Dawn Garey, guest Steve, and Joanne O'Connor cleaned all the screens and removable window parts.

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped clean up the sanctuary after church on Sunday, October 4. Many hands made light work of the 2 ½ hour session. All the sanctuary windows got cleaned inside and out, as well as all the woodwork getting polished. New window lights were also installed with childproof socket coverings. Such a great effort. Next, we will tackle the basement – ugh!

## Birth Announcement

Henry and Shanell Boudin announce the birth of their son Oliver Boudin on October 13. His grandparents are Abigail and Steven; his great-grandmother is Gail Boudin. All are so thrilled that he is here and doing well.

## Take-Out Baked Bean Supper

The Mission Outreach Committee sponsored a take-out Baked Bean Supper on Friday, October 9, to benefit the church's front door/steeple fundraising efforts. Over $1700 was raised by selling over 65 meals; and one large donation was given by a non-member friend. The church's goal of raising $35,000 to pay for the front door/steeple project is fast approaching.

## Sunday School

is available on any Sunday when a child may show up. Staff is in place to accommodate families who wish to attend worship on Sunday mornings by offering a nurturing space and time for the young children downstairs in Fellowship Hall during part of the service. Staff has been background checked by Safe Gatherings, a service provided by United Church of Christ.

The first Sunday of the month children are invited back upstairs to engage in the ritual of communion. Snacks are provided after the service during coffee hour. All families and children are welcome at the Edgecomb Community Church.



**Jeffrey G. Sewall**, 78, of Edgecomb, ME, and formerly of North Reading, MA, and Sarasota, FL, passed away on October 22, 2026. Jeff was born in Winchester, MA. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he lived in New Hampshire, where he served as a police officer with the Middleton Police Department. He later moved to Edgecomb, ME- where he had spent many cherished childhood summers- and served for a decade as a Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff alongside his trusted K9 partner, inspiring a lifelong love for German Shepherds.

Jeff later relocated to Florida, where he ran a handyman business, driven by a lifelong desire to help others and work with his hands. Following his retirement, he returned permanently to his roots in Edgecomb. An avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He also played an active role in the congregation of the Edgecomb Community Church. Jeff took immense pride in being a veteran, a law enforcement officer, and a proud American.

Jeff was predeceased by his parents, Janet and Philip Sewall; his sister, Susan Merriam; the mother of his daughter, Joyce Sewall; and his late wife, Jeanne Wormelle. He is survived by his brother, Philip "Skip" Sewall Jr.; his daughter, Shandra Whitaker; his grandchildren, Hailey, Kayla, and Dylan; and his loving companion, Julie Tryder. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A service honoring his life and military service will be Friday, November 6, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Edgecomb Community Church, 15 Cross Point Road, Edgecomb, ME.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to German Shepherd Rescue of New England, gsrne.org, 978-443-2202, or P.O. Box 299, Wayland, MA 01778.

Arrangements are in the care of Hall's of Boothbay. To leave online condolences for Jeff's family, please visit hallfuneralhomes.com.




Please save the date, Nov. 7, 2026, at 11am to 2pm for the Edgecomb Fire Dept. Auxiliary's annual fish fry. This community event features fried fish or fried chicken tenders with all the trimmings and is a meaningful way to honor veterans on Veterans Day. The fish fry is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds are used to supplement our budget, which helps reduce the town's taxes. At the Edgecomb Fire Station, 473 Boothbay Road .

# *Sheepscot Valley Chorus*

# Christmas Concerts

## Saturday ,December 5
## Sunday, December 6
## 3:00 p.m.

Congregational Church in Boothbay Harbor

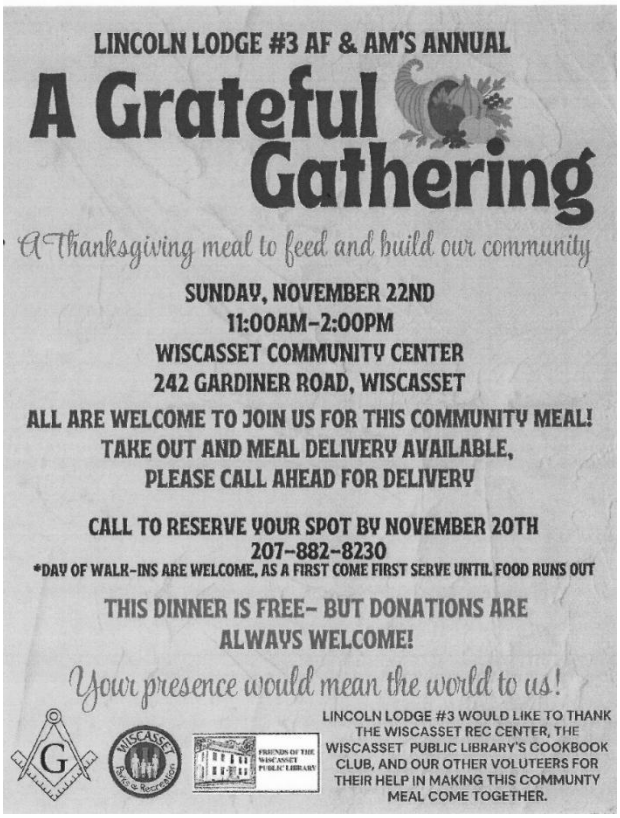
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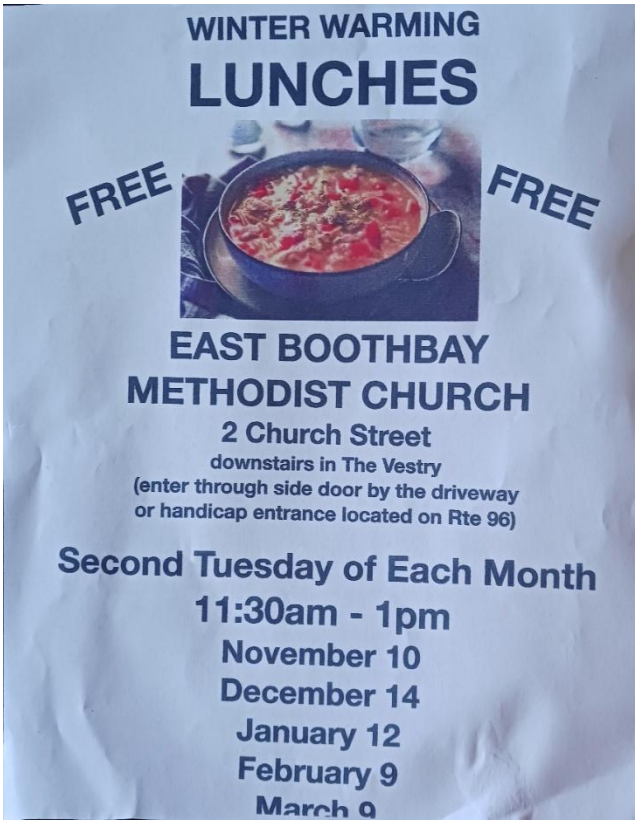
*Missa in honorem Sancti Nicolai No. 6*

Along with several Christmas favorites

Tickets are $20  Students Free

See Marjorie DiVece for tickets
Or buy online at www.sheepscotvalleychorus.org





# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br>23rd Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell | 2<br>French Club 10-11:30 AM | 3<br>Tuesday Lunch at noon<br>Thrift Store open 9-1 | 4 | 5<br>Ordinance Rev. Committee 6:30<br>Planning Board Meeting 7:30 PM | 6<br>Jeff Sewall Memorial Service 11 AM | 7 Thrift Store open 9-1<br>Edge .Fire Dept. Fish Fry 11-2 PM<br>Craft Sale at Wiscasset CC 9-3 |
| 8<br>24th Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell<br>Mission Meeting 11 AM | 9 | 10<br>Thrift Store open 9-1<br>Café time with Pastor Aram 10-1<br>Edge. Selectmen 6 PM | 11<br>Veterans Day | 12 | 13 | 14<br>Thrift Store open 9-1 |
| 15<br>25th Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship at 9:30 AM with guest Rev. Peter Foss | 16<br>French Club 10-11:30 AM | 17<br>Tuesday Lunch at noon<br>Thrift Store open 9-1<br>Holiday Craft Fair begins at Thrift Store | 18<br>Schmid Preserve Meeting 7 PM | 19<br>Ordinance Rev. Committee 6:30<br>Planning Board Meeting 7:30 PM | 20 | 21<br>Thrift Store open 9-1<br>Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9-1 |
| 22<br>26th Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell | 23 | 24<br>Thrift Store open 9-1<br>Café time with Pastor Aram 10-1<br>Holiday Sale ends<br>Pie Sale 9-12<br>Selectmen 6 PM | 25<br>Comprehensive Plan Committee 3 PM | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day<br> | 27 | 28<br>Thrift Store closed |
| 29<br>1st Sunday of Advent<br>Worship at 9:30 AM with Pastor Aram Mitchell | 30<br>French Club 10-11:30 AM |  | |  | | |