

From healthcare for fishermen to food for families and life-changing opportunities for kids, we've been making life better on Maine's islands and along the Downeast coast since 1905.



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Lighting the Way by Land and Sea

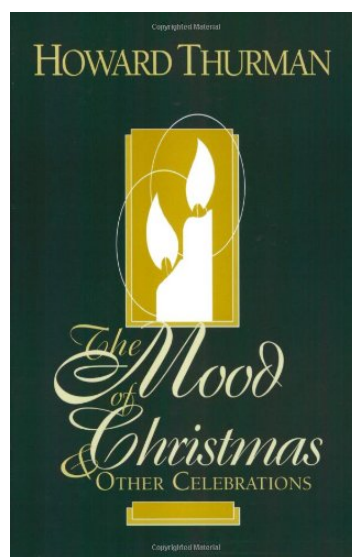
December 2016

News of Our Work with the Outer Islands & Coastal Towns of Downeast Maine

Two Simple Gifts at the Heart of Maine Seacoast Mission's Work

At Christmas, writes Mission President Scott Planting, I take down from the shelf a precious book that I purchased in Farmington, Maine, December 1, 1975, my first Christmas in the parish in Western Maine I served for 35 years. The book is a collection of meditations called [The Mood of Christmas](#) by Howard Thurman. Here is an excerpt from "The Gift of Grace" at the heart of the work of the Maine Seacoast Mission.

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Celebrating 6th Anniversary of the Mission's Downeast Table of Plenty

At our Downeast [Table of Plenty](#), all are welcome to come together and share a satisfying, home-cooked meal every Sunday afternoon.

Downeast Campus Director Wendy Harrington sends news that, "Sunday, December 4th, the Downeast [Table of Plenty's](#) 6th anniversary, celebrated the [Table of Plenty](#) and the wonderful people who make it so special.

"We celebrated the people who cook the meals, those who set up and clean up, the loyal patrons who come every week, the musicians who share their gifts each week," said Wendy Harrington.

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Elves Workshop Open to Families Through December 17th

Each year, through Christmas events and programs, Maine Seacoast Mission distributes about 10,000 holiday gifts to more than 3,200 children, families, nursing home residents, and prisoners.

At the [Elves' Workshop](#) in the Weald Bethel Community Center, at our Downeast Campus in

Cherryfield, ME, people can choose gifts to give their families.

Yes, the [Elves Workshop](#) is open, going full speed through December 17th. How you can help the Elves Workshop? [Download the 2016 Christmas Wish List & Contact Info](#) (PDF).

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THE ELVES' WORKSHOP 2016

Sponsored by the Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program



Downeast Community Campus
Weald Bethel Chapel
7 Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield, ME
November 26th to December 17th
Tuesday and Saturday
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

TO APPLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

CALL 546-5867 or 546-5853

BEFORE DECEMBER 15TH

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Next *Coffee's On* for MDI Seniors Tuesday, December 20th

November through April, the Mission hosts the Senior Coffee House at the Colket Center on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Mount Desert Island seniors are cordially invited to join us for refreshments and conversation, Tuesday, December 20th, at the Colket Center, 127 West Street, Bar Harbor.

Enjoy a morning in a lovely setting with music by [Ruth Grierson](#). This next *Coffee's On* is hosted by [Birch Bay Retirement Village](#). Bring a friend. Enjoy coffee, tea, snacks. Catch up with old friends and make new friends.

[Island Connections](#) is available to arrange transportation for seniors. Please call Doreen Willett at 288-4457.



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Mission President Scott Planting: Maine Island Kids Want to Come Back

Mission President Scott Planting was interviewed on [Education Talk Radio](#) November 15, 2016 by host Larry Jacobs. The topic: *Bench-Marking Success in the Education Opportunity Gap* as it relates to the Mission's communities among Maine unbridged islands and Downeast coastal communities.

Host Larry Jacobs asked Scott Planting, Do most kids who leave islands to attend college then stay on the mainland? This podcast, in part, is President Planting's answer to Larry Jacobs's question.



[Listen Here](#)

EdGE Family Engagement Program & Services Card & Trail Map Available

Fifty-five Pre K-12 children, their parents and grandparents, took part in the Mission's [EdGE](#)

[Family Engagement Program](#) Reading Event, Bingo for Books, on Monday, November 21st, at Milbridge, ME Elementary School.

Family Engagement Program Coordinator Kim Summers, and Mission Downeast Campus Director Wendy Harrington, had an idea for a palm card listing opportunities and choices available to families within the *Family Engagement Program*.

That [palm card is available here](#) and on our [web site](#) as a downloadable PDF file, ready for printing. It also includes a map of the Weald Bethel Trail System.

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The Maine Seacoast Mission provides a range of services right here in the neighborhood

We're right here.



Food Pantry
Food Pantry
Sunbeam on Wheels
BackPack
BackPack Farm Share
Weald Bethel Garden
Senior Commodities
Senior Farm Share



Community Support
Senior Companions
Downeast Table of Plenty
Elves' Workshop Christmas Program
Weald Bethel Chapel
Weald Bethel Trails



Housing Rehabilitation
Repair and weatherization
Mobile home project



Educational Scholarships



EdGE
In-school, after school and summer programs.
Family Engagement

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