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Celebrate Christmas with the Mission

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

6 OLD FIREHOUSE LANE, NORTHEAST HARBOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

SUNBEAM

PART OF THE
NORTHEAST
HARBOR
CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL

Join the Mission for two Christmas events in December. Visit the Mission's Colket Center during the Northeast Harbor Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 6 to make crafts, enjoy a festive atmosphere, and welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to town. Then travel Downeast to Cherryfield on Friday, December 12 to celebrate Christmas with cookie decorating, games, crafting and more.

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DOWNEAST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE MAINE SEACOAST MISSION

AT THE WEALD BETHEL COMMUNITY CENTER,
39 WEALD BETHEL LANE, CHERRYFIELD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Registration is Open for 2025 Christmas Program

Since 1905, the Mission has helped generations of children and families have a merry Christmas through its Christmas Program. If you or someone you know needs assistance in placing presents under the tree this year, the Mission offers gifts to families with children under 18.

The Christmas Program serves residents of Addison, Beals Island, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Deblois, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Steuben, Mount Desert Island towns, and islands served by the Sunbeam, and families that participate in the EdGE program. In 2024, more than...

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Housing Improvement Service Tours Program "Nails" Another Successful Season



*From the desk of Service Tours
Coordinator Collin Kennan*

Summer is a season deep rooted in the spirit of vacation, warm weather, and sunny skies, but the Mission's Housing Improvement Service Tours program might look a little bit different than your typical trip to the Big Apple or the Caribbean Islands. Since 2003, the Mission has brought volunteers to our Downeast Campus in Cherryfield from all over the United States to assist our community through housing improvement projects. These weeklong service trips have developed, grown, and changed in tandem with the community.

Working with our community, we have continued to make changes to ensure they have homes that are safe, warm, and dry-year round. In the 2025 season...

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Community Partner: Pilgrim Lodge

Every year, the Mission partners with organizations across Maine and beyond to provide services, education, and more to communities on Maine's islands and in the Downeast region. The Mission recently chatted with Elizabeth (Liz) Charles McGough, the Director of Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardiner about their connection with the Mission.

What is your name? What organization do you represent?

My name is Elizabeth Charles McGough and I'm the Director of Pilgrim Lodge. Pilgrim Lodge is the Outdoor Ministries program of The Maine Conference United Church of Christ. In other words, we're a...



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In the News



Here are a few of our favorite pieces from the past few months.

Billy and Sierra, the two Youtubers who run **"Tula's Endless Summer,"** toured the *Sunbeam*, this summer and spoke to Director of Island Services Douglas Cornman about the boat and what it offers to islanders.

Maine Public visited Matinicus to watch *Matinicus: A Lighthouse Play* with island residents. The cast and crew traveled on the *Sunbeam* to put on the play on three islands.

Maine Boats highlighted islands and the boats that travel to them. Featured in the story is one island middle schooler who has traveled to see friends on the *Sunbeam*.

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Rooted in a history of compassionate service and mutual trust, the Mission seeks to strengthen coastal and island communities by educating youth, supporting families, and promoting good health.

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