



Edgewood Congregational Church

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Vision Statement

Edgewood Congregational Church is a progressive Congregation whose vision is to reclaim Christianity as a faith of extravagant grace, radical inclusion, and relentless compassion.

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Visit Our Website



Check out our website at www.edgewoodchurchri.org, especially the *News/Info - Calendar* section. Here you'll find everything that's scheduled for the church.

Need to contact the office? To send information or questions to Jerry in the church office, send it to office@edgewoodchurchri.org.

Lydia's Closet



The thrift shop is open on Saturdays and the hours are 10 a.m. to noon. If you have a free Saturday, come by and help out and meet people. Also, help is always needed for sorting items. Thanks!

Donations have been steadily coming in and now we have even more varied items to choose from. Tell your friends and family.

Altar Flowers



Would you like a way to honor or remember a loved one on a birthday or special date? You can, by dedicating the flowers used in the Sanctuary to their honor or memory. If you would like to dedicate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one, you can do so with a gift of \$25.00. Please note on the check or envelope that your gift is for a flower dedication, the explanation for the dedication, and the date of dedication. You can either place the name of your loved one on the calendar, along with your name or you can email/call in your dedication to Jerry at office@edgewoodchurchri.org or 461-344.

Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments – If there is anyone who would like to help with coffee hour, there's a coffee hour sign-up sheet posted in Sawyer Hall. Included on the sheet will be the contact person for more information. Thank you in advance for all the help you provide for our congregation and visitors.

Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop



Cub Scout Pack 22 and Boy Scout Troop 22 are always looking for new members. Cub Scouts is a youth/parent program for boys in grades 1 to 5. Activities include crafts, skills instruction, field trips, and fun! Boy Scouts is a more active boy-chosen and boy-led program for boys age 11 to 18. Activities include hiking, camping, field trips, skills instruction, and fun! We would love to show you what we do. Meetings are most Thursdays at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Paul Kelley at 941-7225, or email to paulkelley14@msn.com.



Weekly Self-Help Meetings

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Sundays, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting



Our annual meeting takes place on **January 28th** after service. It will be pot luck. A topic of discussion will be the major changes to our church, so please attend this very important annual meeting.

Food Closet

Message from the Edgewood-Pawtuxet Ecumenical Food Closet

“Dear Friends, During this holiday season and throughout this past year, the Edgewood-Pawtuxet Food Closet is extremely thankful for the continued support we have received. If Carol says she is tired it is because, just with the past 2 deliveries (12/5 & 12/12), she delivered 356.8 pounds of food items to our door! This is amazing and we are so appreciative of the kindness shown by your parishioners. This support allowed us to feed 2,345 individuals (this number is just from 01/2017 - 10/2017). Of course this number grows until the end of December! So you see how very important you are to us and our goal of feeding as many hungry neighbors as possible! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Sincerely, Nancy Page”



Helping the Community – Did you know that the Edgewood-Pawtuxet Food Closet is part of the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) and the Rhode Island Food Bank? Our Food Closet covers people who live between Providence on the north, Warwick on the south, Narragansett Bay on the east, and Elmwood Avenue on the west. Clients are referred by CCAP. The Church of the Transfiguration donates space and volunteers donate their time on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. Some of the food is purchased from the RI Food Bank, but the rest must come from donations.

Items that are always needed are:
boxed pastas such as elbow, ziti, shells, etc.
canned fruit and vegetables
tomato paste, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce
dry beans, and toilet paper

Any non-perishable food items and individual personal care products can be placed in the shopping cart in our Narthex and our volunteer, Carol Cornell, will deliver them to the Edgewood-Pawtuxet Food Closet. Thanks so much Carol!

Everything you donate is used directly by those who need it most. Please remember the words of Christ, *“What you have done to the least of these you have done to me.”*

Thinking of you

Art Carter -----home in Cranston
Alice Laursen -----assisted living at Wingate
Bert Reid -----home in Agoura Hills, California
Mabel Trahan -----assisted living at Scandinavian Home
Betty True -----home in Warwick
Rev. Kit Wilke -----home in Long Beach, California



Holy Joe's Café



Holy Joe's Café – COFFEE FOR THE TROOPS

Holy Joe's Café originated from the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut on Pentecost Sunday, 2006. Based on a simple goal to collect and ship coffee thus assisting our military chaplains in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait with their Coffee House Ministry. What began as a coffee drive within one church family has gained momentum through the Holy Spirit and has grown into a national donation effort.

At this time in Iraq and Kuwait find themselves in difficult and life-threatening situations. This exacts and extreme physical, emotional, and psychological toll on them. Through Holy Joe's Café Ministry, the support that is offered to them is so effective and well received, that the outreach program has grown to assist over 120 chaplains.

You can help in this special ministry to our troops by a donation through <http://Interfaith.EqualExchange.com> or by making your donation through the church office. You can designate your gift and make it through the offering on Sundays or bring your gift to the church office and Jerry will be glad to collect it on behalf of Holy Joe's Café. Brochures are located in the Narthex and at the Arnold Avenue entrance.

As usual, ½ of the loose currency in the collection for the last Sunday of the month is donated to Holy Joe's Café.