



# 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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## February 2017

### Visit Our Website



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

Need to send emails? If you would like to send an email to Pastor Gary, you can do so by sending it to [pastor@edgewoodchurchri.org](mailto:pastor@edgewoodchurchri.org). To send information or questions to Jerry in the church office, send it to [office@edgewoodchurchri.org](mailto:office@edgewoodchurchri.org).



Visit our Facebook page! You can find us by clicking [here](#) or by searching for "Edgewood Congregational"...just make sure you "like" the one in Cranston, not in Alabama!

Pastor Gary adds updates to the Facebook page frequently, and we're seeing even more activity, so join in!

### Lydia's Closet



Lydia's Closet has reopened! Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, the thrift shop will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Donations have steadily been made while we were closed and now we have even more varied items to choose from. Tell your friends and family.

Also, help is always needed for sorting items.

### Annual Indoor Yard Sale



Our yard sale is Saturday **March 11<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30 to 2:20. There'll be all types of merchandise. We have household goods, clothing, shoes, toys, books, and so much more! In addition, we are having vendors at the sale. **Note: We can always use workers for this event. Any help is greatly appreciated.**

### Taizé Service



There will be a Taizé service on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 led by Michael Carey Ruo. Join him and others in this meditative and very special service of prayer and music.

### 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 and the date) and then choose a date on the flower calendar that is located in the Narthex next to the Welcome Table. Then 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](mailto:office@edgewoodchurchri.org) or 461-344.

## ElderCare of RI, LLC



After a lifetime of working, many older adults are overjoyed to retire in comfort, however, joy may give way to sadness if physical, cognitive, or loss of a spouse impairs their ability to handle their financial affairs. Overwhelmed by their finances they often feel confused and lost. Eldercare of RI provides a broad range of eldercare support services to aging adults and the disabled who are no longer able to oversee their daily financial affairs.

If you know an older adult or a family member who is in need of assistance, or would like to learn more, please contact James I. Goldman, CPA/ABV at 401-781-4217 or [jgoldman@eldercareofri.com](mailto:jgoldman@eldercareofri.com).

## Special Thanks from Eleanor Slater Hospital



“Dear Edgewood Congregational Church:

We cannot thank you enough for all you did to make our patients have a wonderful holiday. The smiles on their faces were priceless. Thanks for your kindness. We are so grateful.

Kerri Kyriakakis and Rev. John Sweet”

## 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.

## Food Closet



**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 particularly needed are cereals 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.”*

## Worship at Scandinavian Home



On the first Sunday of each month, Pastor Gary leads the worship service at Scandinavian Home. If you would like to share in this service with the men and women at the home, you are welcome to join Pastor Gary at 2:30. If you can play an instrument or sing, you are welcome to share your gift in the service.

## Sad News



Longtime member, Patricia Conklin who resided at Elmhurst Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, passed away on January 21, 2017. Pat was a member of our church since 1951. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

## Thinking of you

Art Carter -----home in Cranston  
Alice Laurenson -----assisted living at Wingate  
Stella Martin -----recovering from surgery  
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



## Weekly Self-Help Meetings

### AA

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

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

### Al-Anon

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

## 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.

