



# 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.*

### Rhode Island Conference Office

Rev. Barbara J. Libby, Interim Conference Minister  
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## May 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 is opened on every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

Also, help is always needed for sorting items.

### Taizé Service



Because of Jametta Alston's ordination on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the next Taizé service will be on a **Saturday** instead of a **Sunday**. Join Michael Carey Ruo and Steve Toro on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00. This special service consists of prayer, music, and meditation.

### 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.

### Deacons and Trustees Meeting

There will not be a meeting this month.



## May Breakfast



May Breakfast is soon approaching. Our annual traditional New England May Breakfast on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. As usual, it's all you can eat!

Menu items are: eggs, sausage, pancakes, Johnny cakes, baked beans, potato casserole, home fries, muffins, fresh fruit salad, assorted pies, and beverages. Adults: \$8.00; \*Children: \$4.50; \*Under 3 free. Reservations accepted or purchase tickets at the door.

Shop for Mother's Day. We will have items for sale such as plants, spring flowers, gifts, candy, baked goods, books, and collectibles.

We can always use hands to help at the breakfast.

## Jametta Alston's Ordination



Jametta will be ordained on May 21, here at Edgewood. We invite anyone who would like to attend. The ordination service is at 3:00 and there will be a light social after the ceremony downstairs in Sawyer Hall. Congratulations to Jametta!

## Mother's Day



Wishing all women who have been mothers and motherly role models a very Happy Mother's Day.

## Memorial Day



A heartfelt remembrance to all who gave their lives to serve in our country's armed forces. Thank you to them.

## West Bay Chorale



West Bay Chorale will be performing here on **May 7**, at **3:00 p.m.** The theme is *Let Freedom Ring: An Evening of Patriotic Favorites*. General admission is \$12.00; \$6.00 for children. Come and hear this talented chorale.

## 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. Cli-



ents 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:** boxed pastas such as elbow, ziti, shells, etc.  
tomato paste, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce  
canned fruit, 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.”*

## Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop



Cub Scout Pack 22 and Boy Scout Troop 22 now meet here at Edgewood Congregational Church. 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.



## 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.

## Thinking of you

Art Carter -----home in Cranston  
Alice Laurenson -----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



## 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.



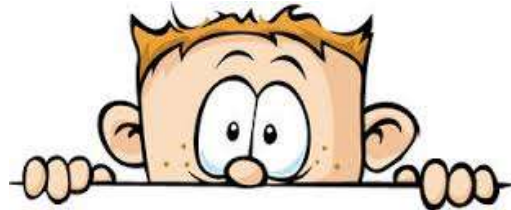
### Holy Joe's Café – COFFEE FOR THE TROOPS

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.



### A Peek Ahead

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| June 2 - 4 | n/a                   | Special Olympics State Summer Games |
| June 10    | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Yard Sale                           |
| June 17    | All Day               | PrideFest                           |
| June 18    | 10:00 a.m.            | Pride Sunday                        |
| June 25    | 6:00 p.m.             | Taizé Service                       |

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

*Helen Keller*

