



# 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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## June 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 open 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



The next Taizé service will be on a **Saturday**, June 25. Join Michael Carey Ruo and Steve Toro at 6:00 for 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 is a meeting on June 12 at 6:30. Important issues will be discussed so please make every effort to attend.

## Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale



Our yard sale is Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 2:30. 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.**

## May Breakfast - THANK YOU



A big thank you to all who made the May Breakfast a huge success!

## PrideFest



Rhode Island's 41<sup>st</sup> PrideFest is June 17<sup>th</sup>. The mission of Rhode Island Pride is to create opportunities for integrating and promoting visibility for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community; promoting equal rights and diversity through public education and the arts; provide safe opportunities and venues for people to come out with the ability to express and celebrate their sexual identities.

We need help with our booth. Pastor Gary will not be able to attend PrideFest because he'll be attending the Annual Tri-Conference Meeting.

## Father's Day



Wishing all men who have been fathers and fatherly role models a very Happy Father's Day.

## 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 that are always 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**



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

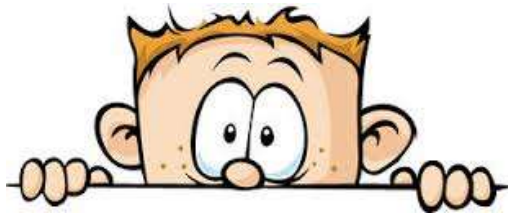
Holy Joe's Café originated from the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut on Pentecost Sunday, 2006. Based on a simple goal to collect and ship coffee thus assisting our military chaplains in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait with their Coffee House Ministry. What began as a coffee drive 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, 1/2 of the loose currency in the collection for the last Sunday of the month is donated to Holy Joe's Café.





### A Peek Ahead

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

**I can't change the direction of the wind,  
but I can adjust my sails to always  
reach my destination.**

*Jimmy Dean*

