



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

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Visit Our Website

Check out our website at www.edgewoodchurchri.org, especially the 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. To send information or questions to Jerry in the church office, send it to 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!



Thrift Shop



Lydia's Closet Thrift Shop

Our thrift shop continues this weekend. Join us each Saturday, from 11:00 to 2:00. We have a wonderful selection of so many types of items. Who knows—you may find something here that you can't find anywhere else!

Thanks to all who donate to the thrift shop! Donations are always being accepted. Men's, women's, and children's good, clean, used or new clothes are needed. Please drop off any contributions at the church anytime.

SPECIAL NOTE (from Judy)

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all of your generous contributions, the thrift shop is doing very well.

Once again we have outgrown our space—the three rooms in the Sunday School addition are so overcrowded that we are moving toys and children's items to the storage room behind Lower Sawyer Hall and the Christmas things to a storage area till bazaar time. Thank you for your continuing support.

When Pat and I began this project, we agreed never to leave the other one alone while the shop is open. In mid-September, I will be going into the hospital for much needed knee replacement surgery. I will be out of commission for a few months.

Beginning the end of August, a sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. We realize with all the things going on in your life, you cannot make the same commitment to the thrift shop as Pat and I do. But we would really appreciate it if you would be willing to do an occasional Saturday stint. In addition, muscle is needed every once in a while—things have to be moved or rearranged that are just too heavy for us to do. We would be so grateful if once a month, one guy could volunteer to join us for about an hour to rearrange things.

We are always in need of bags of all sizes and we can always use pants/skirt hangers. All the items can be left in the connect-

Thank you!
Judy

Deacons' and Trustees' Meetings



Trustees will meet on **Monday, August 15** at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Deacons will meet on **Wednesday, August 17** also at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Sunday School



In preparation for the season starting this Fall, there will be a planning meeting on August 21, right after worship service. I'm hoping that all can attend this meeting so that we can get the schedule setup.

In addition, there'll be a rally for September 11.

Any questions, please call (401-461-1344) or email me (pastor@edgewoodchurchri.org).

Book Study - *Bullying in the Churches*



Stephen Finlan and Pat Kohler continue leading a book study of *Bullying in the Churches*, written by Stephen. Come and join them at 6:30 in the Smith Room to discuss bullying.

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 is 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.

This month our focus is your focus! 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."*

Muffins for Missions



As of now, our Muffins for Missions is on hold. A different organization runs Harrington Hall and that organization is not allowing food donations. More information will be coming.

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 or 461-344.

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.

Thinking of you

Art Carter -----at home in Cranston
Patricia Conklin -----at Elmhurst Extended Care rehab
Bert Reid -----at home in Agoura Hills, California
Betty True -----at home in Warwick
Rev. Kit Wilke -----at home in Long Beach, California



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.

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.