



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 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!

Lydia's Closet



The hours for the Thrift Shop are 10 a.m. to noon and will be open every Saturday. Pat Kohler and Carol Cornell will be running the shop for the summer. As Judy continues to recover from heart surgery, help is greatly appreciated. If you have a free Saturday, come by and help out to give them a break. Thank you. Also, help is always needed for sorting items.

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

Taizé Service



The next Taizé service will be on a **Saturday, September 24th**. Join Michael Carey Ruo and Steve Toro at 6:00 for this special service that 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 or 461-344.

reVisioning Process



At a meeting on July 17, with John Burnham via Skype, we set dates to begin the small groups for the revisioning process. In the meeting we determined that we would have 5 small groups with 12 members each. We will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 with a dinner each night; we will work out details for the dinner later. Small group sessions will begin at 6:30. The church will provide child care in the church nursery for those with small children. We will begin meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 and go for 6 consecutive Wednesdays, concluding on October 18.

We will have 4 small groups on Wednesday and one on Sunday following Coffee Hour for those who cannot make the Wednesday meetings. At present, those who have agreed to be small group leaders are, Michael Ruo, Ken Scarborough, and Pat Kohler

We have started signing up people for the small groups last Sunday. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Things are moving forward with the process and we will need everyone on board and helping to spread the word. If necessary, we will add additional small groups if the numbers exceed 60. We will keep the groups at 12 members per group. That number does include the leader and deputy leader.

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 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 Laursen -----assisted living at Wingate
Judy Provorse -----recovering from heart 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		Al-Anon
Sundays, 7:00 p.m.	Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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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.

Summer Concerts



There are concerts during the summer on the lawn at William Hall Library, 1825 Broad Street. These concerts are on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Get there early to get a good spot.

Cranston Senior Enrichment Center

Because the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center has many programs and events, we're including highlights from the newsletter that we receive from them.

- ❖ CPR & Other Emergencies - New CPR Techniques
Wednesday, August 23rd, 10:00 a.m.
How to perform CPR and the crucial steps we should know. There are new resuscitation guidelines—what are they and why the change? Be prepared...come to this important review of CPR techniques.
- ❖ Mayor's Picnic
Friday, August 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Brayton Avenue Park. Suggested donation is \$3
Entertainment, games, and food. Call 401-780-6134 to make reservations.
- ❖ AARP Safety Driving Course
Wednesday, August 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$15 for AARP active members, \$20 for non-members.
Come and brush up on your auto safety skills. There is NO test. At the end of the class, you will get a certificate that you can send to your insurance company to see if you qualify for a discount. There will be lunch break. If you want the meal that day, you must call to make a reservation the day before at 401-780-6134.

**Don't judge each day by the harvest you
reap but by the seeds that you plant.**

Robert Louis Stevenson

