



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. Marilyn B. Kendrix, Transitional Conference Minister

Conference Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

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Visit Our Website



Check out our website at www.edgewoodchurchri.org, especially the *Calendar* section. There you'll find everything that's scheduled for the church.

Need to contact the office? To send information or questions to Jerry in the church office, send it to office@edgewoodchurchri.org.

Lydia's Closet



The thrift shop is open on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have a free Saturday, come by to help out and meet people. Also, help is always needed for sorting items. Thanks!

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

The Thrift Shop is in need of household items in good/like-new condition such as pans, bakeware, dishes, kitchen gadgets, yard tools, small appliances, small furniture such as bookcases, side tables, and plant stands, decorations, knick knacks, collectibles, etc. Jewelry, pocketbooks, and shoes are always hot items.

Please be sure to like/friend us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EdgewoodCongregationalThriftShop/>

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, the explanation for the dedication, and the date of dedication. Contact Jerry at the office by calling or emailing him at 461-344 office@edgewoodchurchri.org.

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. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to everyone who brings in goodies for the coffee hour! For those homemade treats, you may want to share the recipe for a church cookbook that Dee Dee Kiehl is putting together.

Welcome to the Conference Office



The RI Conference has moved into Edgewood Church. Let's give them a big welcome by attending the service that will be on **September 30 at 4:30**. We especially welcome Rev. Marilyn B. Hendrix who is the new transitional conference minister.

Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat

Day and Overnight Camping at Irons Homestead

Check out the many great opportunities for children ages 6 – 18 being offered at Irons Homestead this summer.

Each week of camp includes all the traditional camp activities of swimming, music, games, crafts, campfire, etc. with each week having a special theme with its own unique quality activities.



Volunteer Service Opportunities

Irons Homestead has several volunteer service opportunities available for individuals and groups. Volunteers for Summer Camp will support the paid staff on a weekly or daily basis and/or bring their unique skill to a theme week. Check out www.IronsHomestead.org for weekly themes.

Work crews are needed to:

Reroof the Pavilion; reroof the garage; build a tent platform; build bunkbeds; build gaga pits; put up the tents for summer camp; build a lifeguard building at the waterfront; licensed plumber to do a few minor projects.

For pictures and more details about these projects check out: www.IronsHomestead.org - volunteer opportunities.

To volunteer, email Jennifer Geary at IronsHomestead@ricucc.org or call 401-710-9478.

Pasta Event - Defenders of Animals



Defenders of Animals is sponsoring a pasta event on Saturday, September 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds for this go to the wonderful work that Defenders of Animals organization does. Their mission is to defend the inalienable rights of both companion animals and wildlife through education, legal, and legislative activism.

Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop



Cub Scout Pack 22 and Boy Scout Troop 22 are always looking for new members. 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.



New Worship Format Update!



We continue to have our summer format worship format. Have you experienced worship at ECC over the last few months? If so, you have been part of some amazing moments! If not, come see how we are worshipping God in some unique and powerful ways!

In addition to Rev. Nancy Soukup, we have members of ECC leading the services. Come and learn about the many ways in which God is at work in our local community and how each of us can contribute.

Our new service, Manna: **Feeding the Body + Feeding the Spirit** monthly worship program is in full swing! This short, casual worship service in Fellowship Hall is combined with a delicious **breakfast** once a month. So many people have been involved in this; from cooking and setting up, to leading worship, to obtaining donations from the community, to inviting those who may be lonely to be our guests. From 9 a.m. (or earlier for some!), the kitchen and hall are abuzz preparing food and worship. Comments have been so positive; many who thought they would only enjoy worship in the sanctuary are realizing that a more **casual, intimate** environment can be meaningful as well! Don't worry, though; our beloved **Brenda and ECC choir** still play and sing during these services!

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.

Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wednesdays..... 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon

Tuesdays..... 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays..... 7:30 p.m.

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 particularly needed are small jars of jellies and canned vegetables. Always needed are: boxed pastas such as elbow, ziti, shells, etc.; canned fruit and vegetables; tomato paste, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce; 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.*”

Thinking of you

Art Carter -----at Cherry Hill Manor
Joe DiCiccio -----home in Warwick
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



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 coffee donation. Instructions are located here http://www.ucc.org/justice_coffee-project_holy-joes-cafe (please note that the address to donate money directly is no longer valid) 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.

