



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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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. 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

Spread the word...we have new hours! Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Come see all our items for sale.

If anyone can lend a helping hand while Judy is recovering, contact Pat.

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. Books, vinyl records, and household items are always welcomed too. Please drop off any contributions at the shop on Saturdays or at church anytime.

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 2 is Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet to be blessed. Our pets remind us that we can show unconditional love for one another just as they show unconditional love for us. After the service, there will be hot dogs and refreshments.

P.S. Defenders of Animals will be here to take pictures of your pet being blessed and those pictures are available for a \$10 donation to Defenders of Animals.

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.

Ordination



Our own Stephen Finlan will be ordained as a UCC minister on October 16, at 3:00, here at Edgewood. Join us to support Stephen. Everyone is invited for this special occasion.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner



Our spaghetti & meatball dinners have returned. Join us on **October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** for a great time to get together as a community, plus dinner’s all made! Adults: \$6.00, ages 5-12: \$3.00, under 5: free.

Tutti a tavola e mangiare!

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.”*

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
Don Fowler-----at rehab in Wingate recovering from heart surgery
Alice Laurenson -----at rehab in Wingate
Judy Provorse -----at home recovering from knee replacement
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 – 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.