



# 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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## November 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



The thrift shop is open on Saturdays and the hours are 10 a.m. to noon. If you have a free Saturday, come by and 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.

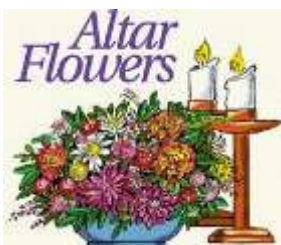
### Taizé Service



The next Taizé service will be **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Join Michael Carey Ruo at 6:00 p.m. for this special service that consists of prayer, music, and meditation.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world.

### 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.

### Tightening the Belt



As many of you know, we are trying to reduce our expenses in any way we can. So, one of the things we would like to change is our landscaper and snow plower. If anyone can do these things or know of someone who can help us out, call the office.

## Sunshine Committee



A Sunshine Committee is being formed. Anyone who would like to be on the committee should speak to Cindy Cornell.

## Hurricane Clean-up Buckets



Thank you to all who contributed for the clean-up buckets. These essential items will make it to the people affected by the hurricane so that they can renew their homes.

As you can see in this picture, the boys put together the items for the buckets. A big thank you to them!

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



The Cranston Clergy Association is sponsoring an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., hosted this year by St. David's on the Hill Episcopal Church, 200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, Cranston.

Attendees are asked to bring new white socks, undergarments, winter gloves, hats, and scarves for men or women. There will also be a freewill offering to be presented to Loaves and Fishes, RI. All gifts go to support their work for those in need.

## Providence Rescue Mission



The Providence Rescue Mission is having its annual Thanksgiving food drive. Donations are being accepted from now until November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Items being accepted are: fresh or frozen turkeys, stuffing mixes, peanut butter, jelly, rice, potatoes, beans, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned vegetables, soup, juice, powdered milk, grocery store gift cards, and monetary donations.

"We express our thanks to everyone who helped us in the last Thanksgiving season! Your contributions helped feed over 60,000 meals to over 1,500 families in our community and beyond!"

Donations can be brought to: Providence Rescue Mission, 627 Cranston Street, Providence, RI 02907

## Next Door Community



Next Door Edgewood is an online community bulletin board for the Edgewood/Pawtuxet area and beyond. Neighbors communicate with each other on local issues, events, and recommendations for a variety of services.

It is an excellent place to offer your services or request services. Everything from finding a reliable plumber to selling items, announcing yard sales, giving away things. You name it.

It's free to sign up. The link is <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/edgewoodri--cranston--ri/>

## 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.

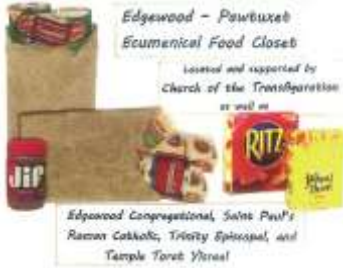
## Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop



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](mailto:paulkelley14@msn.com).



## Food Closet



A message from the Edgewood-Pawtuxet Food Closet:

"Dear Friends of the Food Closet, thank you so much for your continued supports. On this past Tuesday, Carol brought to us your donations of 149 items weighing 136.2 pounds. Out of this wonderful gift, only 2 items were out of date and needed to be thrown away! You came through with our request for fruit with an astonishing 21 cans! It took about an hour to weigh, check the dates, and put the items on our shelves! (Plus, I almost forgot to add the 38 cans of fruit that came packaged in small groups!) This was an incredible donation! We thank you, again! We also thank Carol for all of her efforts getting these gifts to us! Sincerely, Nancy B. Page, Director"

**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.

**\*\*\*Canned fruit is still needed. The food pantry is very low on this item\*\*\***

**Items that are always needed are:**

- boxed pastas such as elbow, ziti, shells, etc.**
- 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."

## Census Jobs



The U.S. Census is currently conducting a hiring campaign through the end of December for individuals from Edgewood and the surrounding Providence County communities. These are temporary, intermittent jobs which will begin in the spring of 2018. I have attached an informational poster on the types of jobs and the expected rates of pay.

Go to [www.census.gov/2018jobs](http://www.census.gov/2018jobs) or call 1-866-593-6155.

## 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, ½ of the loose currency in the collection for the last Sunday of the month is donated to Holy Joe's Café.

