



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 *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 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 **December 17th**. 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, the explanation for the dedication, and the date of dedication. You can either 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.

Sunshine Committee



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

Holiday Festival



Join us for our annual Holiday Festival of the Arts on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 to 1:00. Vendors will be providing many types of items to purchase including a variety of arts, crafts, gifts, collectibles, greens, jewelry, ornaments, fudge, and more. We will have raffles and our thrift shop will be open. For more information please email office@edgewoodchurchri.org or patkohler1@hotmail.com.

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 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.



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.
- 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.”*

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 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



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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, 1/2 of the loose currency in the collection for the last Sunday of the month is donated to Holy Joe's Café.

