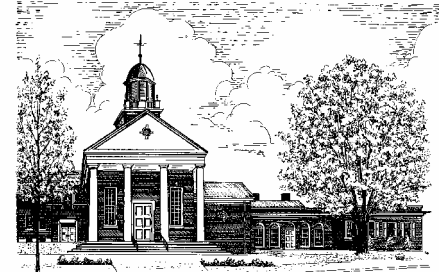


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Good News

April 2009

Dear Friends:

Holy Week will be upon us just as you open up your newsletter, and there is nothing else like it in the Christian calendar! We will run the gamut of human emotions – from excitement; to gathering darkness and despair; to fear and pain and regret; to grief, bewilderment and loss; and finally the joy of an empty tomb!

On Palm Sunday we will wave palms to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and experience a Passion Play put on by members of the congregation. On Maundy Thursday we will have our traditional Service of Tenebrae with Holy Communion and the option of being anointed with Holy Oil. On Good Friday we will join the community at the Church of the Transfiguration to remember Jesus on the cross. On Easter morning we will join the First Congregational Church in Oakland Beach for a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. on the beach with a boat, bonfire, music and a communion of fish and bread. Then, back home at Edgewood, our Easter Service will be held at 10 a.m. – with a surprise for the children in the Sermon in a Sack – followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn.

Please plan to take advantage of as many of these services as you can. To fully appreciate the resurrection, we need to experience the ups and downs in the week that precedes it. My prayer for us is that we may know the risen Christ this Easter season!

Easter Joy and Blessings,
Reverend Betsy



*Staff at Edgewood Congregational Church
Interim Pastor: Rev. Betsy Aldrich Garland
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Farrell Muoio
Secretary: Wendy Sullivan*



If you would like to purchase potted Spring flowers to decorate the altar for our Easter worship service (a beautiful symbol of life made anew). Please fill out the form below and return to the church office by April 5th. Tulips, lilies, hyacinths and/or daffodils may be purchased in memory or honor of someone.

In addition, we are also looking for volunteers to help deliver the flowers after our Sunday Easter Service to church members in need of a little TLC. It's a great way to spread the love and hope of Easter!

The cost per plant is \$10.00

Please order:

Easter Lily _____ Tulips _____ Daffodils _____ Hyacinths _____

Given by: _____

Dedication to read

In loving of: _____

In celebration of: _____

- I will take plant home after the service
- Give my plant to a shut-in.
- I can deliver a plant (s) to shut-in (s).

Thank you for making our Sanctuary beautiful for Easter!



For Hunger & Homelessness
Friday, April 10th
Tell Hunger to Take a Walk!

Walkers “step out” from area churches around Providence and walk 10 kilometers (6 miles) to converge on the State House, arriving from many directions. After a rally to hear how they are helping to stamp out hunger and homelessness, walkers are transported back to their stepping out sites (and their cars). As an alternative, there is a short walk in downtown Providence as well as a 10 mile walk on the bike path in Coventry.

A team from Edgewood Church plans to walk starting from Calvary Baptist Church at 747 Broad Street, Providence. The walk begins at 9:00am. Sponsor forms can be found in the narthex or donations can be given by using your April Mission envelope. Funds raised will go towards local organizations such as Amos House, Crossroads, RI Family Shelter and more.



Update on Mission Giving for:

January -South Providence Neighborhood Ministries
Our sponsored team of three from Edgewood (Fred Fullerton, Christine Rockwell and Merry Scarborough) proudly represented us at their annual spelling bee and won second place. A contribution of \$200.00 was made to SPMN.

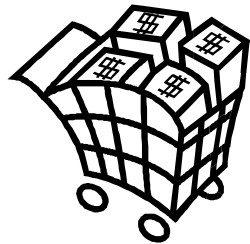
February – Souper Bowl of Giving; \$519.00 was collected as well as an extra generous delivery to the food pantry from the donations received at the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner.





The receipt Rewards program from Shaw's Supermarkets that Edgewood Church has been participating in for the last two years is changing. *No more register receipts.* Just use your Shaw's Card on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and your purchases will automatically be tracked. It will now be

easier than ever to save money for ECC. Last year we collected over \$1000.00 from this program.



How to enroll your Shaw's Reward Card:

- Go to www.shaws.com
- Click on **Community Rewards**
- Click on **Shoppers Login or Register your Shaw's Rewards Card** link
- Once you've logged in, click **Sign Me Up**
- Use your Shaw's Rewards Card to sign up for the program
- Enter Edgewood Church's Identification Number **#49001018313** to start contributing

It's that easy! Remember to ask your friends, family and co-workers to sign up too!

If you don't have computer access, simply fill out the bottom portion of this insert with your Card number and telephone number and return to the church office and we'll be happy to get your card registered for you.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Shaw's Rewards Card Number: _____

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



April 5th Palm Sunday
10:00am *Worship Service*

April 9th Holy Thursday
7:00 pm *Service of Tenebrae*
Holy Communion

April 10th Good Friday
12:00 noon *Ecumenical*
Community Service at
The Church of the Transfiguration
1665 Broad Street, Cranston, RI

April 12th Easter Sunday
7:00am *Sunrise Service at*
Oakland Beach
10:00am *Worship Service and*
Easter Egg Hunt



May Breakfast

Saturday, May 9th
Serving from 7 am to 11 am

Invite your friends and family to the
Annual May Breakfast at
Edgewood Church

MENU:

Sausage, scrambled eggs, Johnny cakes, pancakes,
Home fries, apple pie, juice and coffee

Donation:

\$6.00 adults
\$5.00 seniors

\$3.00 children age 10 & under
Children under 3 – Free

For reservations please call the church office at 461-1344

Donations of homemade, individually wrapped fudge are needed for the May baskets and donations of decorative small planters are needed for the centerpieces. A sign up sheet will be available soon for these and other opportunities to serve.



Our Confirmation Class attended “But For The Grace” at Beneficent Church in downtown Providence on March 18 to learn about hunger in Rhode Island. They also will be walking to raise funds to help hungry and homeless people on Good Friday. These are just two group activities to whet their appetites for learning more about what church membership means and to gain some experience as a class about our responsibility to live our faith in the world.

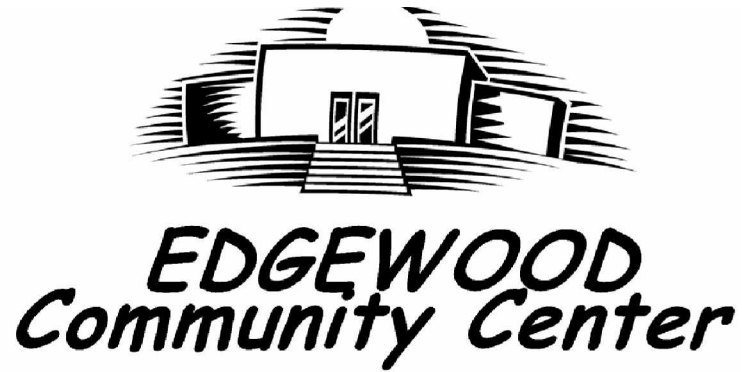
Once Reverend Betsy is full-time as our Interim Minister in May, she will begin meeting regularly with the class, probably late Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 until school is out, and then resuming in September. During the summer, the class will have opportunities to help with Vacation Bible School and planning for the Edgewood Center – and maybe a field trip. Confirmation Sunday will be on Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday in October.

Classes will cover such topics as “The Rapids of Baptism,” “The Wows of Worship,” “The Bible, a Companion, Not a Rule Book,” “Church History, Not Always Pretty,” and “Other Faith Traditions,” to name just a few. If you know a teenager who would benefit from being part of this class, speak to Reverend Betsy – or email her at BAGarland@cox.net.



The deacons and others met at the end of February to plan the church calendar for the year. At the same time, a number of additional items were suggested and captured for further discussion. Enclosed in your newsletter is a worksheet listing these ideas for you to study and see what interests you – what you would really like to see happen, where you could help, and who might the right person or group to take the lead. Please review it prayerfully with an eye to what is going to

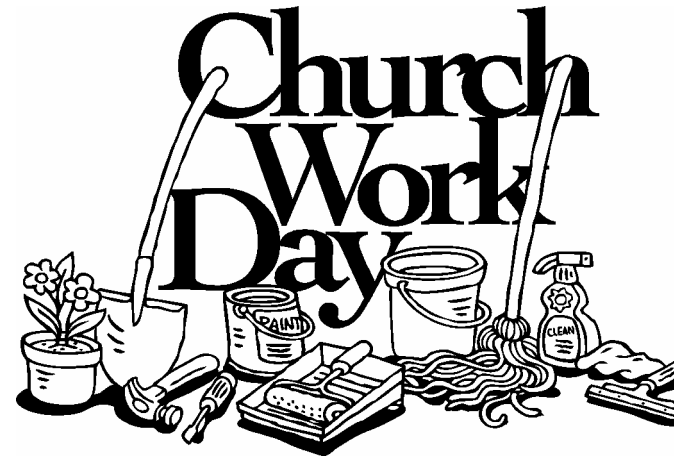
strengthen Edgewood Church and its membership. You may send your worksheet in to the office or bring it to church when you come. When we see where the energy is, we will let you know what new and exciting plans are emerging.



With the encouragement of the deacons, Edgewood Church submitted a proposal to New Roots Providence for technical assistance to turn our empty building into “The Edgewood Center.” Our cover letter reads,

Our long history of serving Edgewood and nearby Providence and Warwick positions us to build on existing relationships and capitalize on our vacant building to strengthen the community. To do this, we propose conducting both a *community* assessment – not only to identify interests and needs but also to gain support and participation – and a *building* assessment to include renovation and interior design. And, as an outcome of these activities, we anticipate attracting members of the community to serve on an Edgewood Center Advisory Board which will have a balance of church and community members as well as those served by the Center.

We had wonderful letters of support to accompany the proposal from Carol Cornell who highlighted such potential uses for the center as senior programs and swap shop; from Pat Fiske and Jametta Alston who listed programs for youth; and from Denise George, one of our user group leaders. Stand by for more information. We expect to hear in April whether we have been selected, and, if so, we will need everyone’s help to make this happen!



They came and began their work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God. Haggai 1...

What: Cleaning, yard and repair work

Who: Everyone!

When: Sunday, April 19th, after the worship service

We need workers for: Yard Work, Cleaning, repairing, organizing

This is a great time to “share some elbow grease and some fellowship” with your church family. All ages welcome!

Our Church Family



Congratulations to Andrew and Becky Budihas on the birth of their son Andrew “Drew” Edward who was born on December 8th. Drew weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz at birth and is the little brother to Shelby.



the entire Cornell family on the loss of their father Merrill Cornell who passed away on March 21st in Florida. A memorial service is scheduled here in Rhode Island on Saturday, April 4th.



Birthdays

- April 2 Russell Cornell
- April 9 Ruben Rocha
- April 11 Patricia Morin
- April 12 Jessica Sullivan
- April 13 Christine Lapierre
- April 16 Tony Lizarraga
- April 21 Carolyn Josephson
- April 24 Hope Fairbanks
- April 24 Patricia Conklin
- April 24 Ken Scarborough
- April 27 Sarah Couture
- April 30 Doris MacDonald
- April 30 Elizabeth Rasmussen
- April 30 Caren Almada
- April 30 John Rockwell



- April 1 Helena Muoio
- April 19 Hannah Rocha
- April 21 Morgan Andrews
- April 24 Hannah Maguire



- April 12 Jennifer & Jim Pierce
- April 23 David & Nikki Stachkunas
- April 24 Paula & Rob Wroe
- April 26 Alan Birch & Jeanne Giroux

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			1 7pm AA	2 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	3 6pm Girl Scouts	4
5 Palm/Passion Sunday 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	6	7 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	8 7pm AA 7pm Deacons Meeting	9 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	10 9:30am Walk for Hunger Noon - Ecumenical Good Friday Service	11
12 Easter Sunday 7am Sunrise Service 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	13	14 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	15 7pm AA	16 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	17 6pm Girl Scouts	18
19 Second Sunday of Easter 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour and Work Day	20	21 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	22 7pm AA	23 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6pm Girl Scouts	25
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