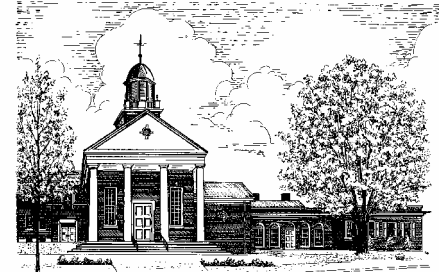


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Good News

Dear Friends:

March 2009

This March during Lent, I will lead my gifts course, “Discovering Your Place in the Church and the World,” on five Monday nights – March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 – from 7 to 8:30. Each session will include Biblical reflection, discussion, prayer time, and individual and group activities which will help you to become more self-aware; uncover your unique combination of skills, qualities, and passions; and develop an understanding of and appreciation for your own giftedness. At these sessions, I find that people come alive, laugh a lot, wonder (at themselves and each other), and are sometimes moved to tears.

At the end of the course, you will have not only a relationship-based appreciation for how special you are but also a foundation for building on your own strengths – at home, at work, at church, and at play. You also will have a context for identifying and choosing your own volunteer ministries that are intentional, joyful, fulfilling, and responsive to a needy world. This will not be about fitting you into the church but rather fitting the church around *you!*

I will provide you with a personal Discovery Book – with inventories, reflection questions, bibliographies, and other materials – that is yours to keep and use as you continue to ask for yourself, “What in God’s name *am* I doing?” So that I will have enough books ready, please let Wendy or me know that you plan to attend. I’d love to have 12 of us!

Betsy Aldrich Garland



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

Meet our
New
Members



On Sunday, February 22, Edgewood Church welcomed four new members.

Alan Birch, Technology Coordinator for the RI Parent Information Network, comes to us as a transfer from Woodridge Congregational Church.

Katie and Tony Lizarraga come to us as transfers from St. Edmund's Episcopal Church in San Marino, CA., and First Centenary United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, TN, respectively. Katie is a homemaker, busy with Abigail

whom we baptized in December; Tony is a Resident Physician at the Miriam Hospital.

Bill Maude comes on transfer from St. Michaels of Angels Episcopal Church in East Providence. Bill, who is Jillian Proulx's godfather, works in the Property and Maintenance Department at *The Providence Journal*.

Please take time to welcome these new people to our congregation!

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Jim Hummel is at Kent Hospital and will be having gall bladder surgery on Tuesday, February 24th. Please keep him in your prayers.

The David twins are home from the premie nursery and are doing well and gaining weight. Please keep Renee and Kristin in your prayers. If you can contribute a meal for the family on a Wednesday or a Saturday evening (by 5 or 5:30), please contact Pat Kohler at 461-9612. We will keep you up-to-date on what else we can do for the family after the first few weeks of settling in.

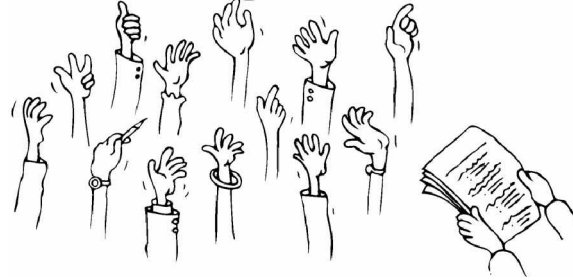


Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Congratulations to Caren and Tony Almada on the birth of their daughter Madison Lucia who was born on January 17th. Madison who weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz at birth is the little sister of Marcus and granddaughter of Carolyn and Don Josephson.

Planning Meeting Held



Deacons and others from the congregation gathered after church on February 22 to plan for the year. In addition to such standard calendar items as a spring Cleanup/Work Day, May Breakfast, Children's Sunday in June and Rally Day in September, and the Golf Tournament, we identified a number of other potential programs and needs. Two ideas that generated a lot of discussion are the creation of a Peace Garden and a Service Auction. We also listed the need to provide programs for adults – how about a Monthly Outing Group? – and strategies to reach out

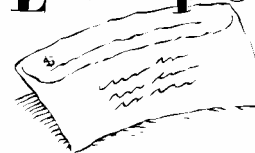
to visitors, shut-ins, and the neighborhood. More information will be forthcoming – and there will be lots of ways you can get involved and help to shape Edgewood's future!



One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and

response. Donations can be given by using the enclosed envelope or your March Mission envelope found in your offering box.

Offering Envelopes



INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONTHLY MISSION ENVELOPES

The company that provided your box of offering envelopes for 2009, labeled the monthly mission envelope in error. It is entitled "State Mission Offering". Please continue to use this envelope for your monthly mission offering. The amount that you give will be used to support the mission as designated by our Mission Committee. The church has received a credit for this printing error.

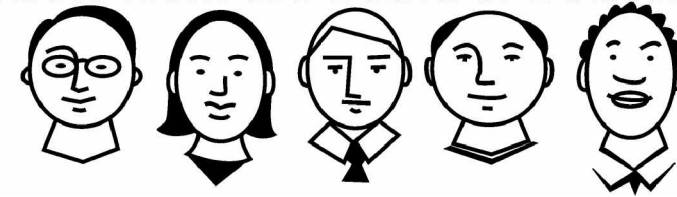


Plan now to walk on Good Friday, April 10, to raise funds to assist organizations that are working to help hungry and homeless people. Hundreds of men, women and children will step out from one of a number of Stepping Out Sites for a 10 kilometer (6 miles) walk to the State House. Funds raised from pledges will go to more than 30 different organizations, such as Amos House, Crossroads, Project Outreach at Open Table of Christ UM Church, and local church soup kitchens. This will be the 31st Walk in Rhode Island. Sponsor Sheets will be available soon.

“But for the Grace” to be Offered March 18

Take advantage of a great piece of theater about the plight of Rhode Island’s hungry to be performed at Beneficent Church on Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. Written by David Eliet and performed as a one-man show by Bob Jaffe, “But for the Grace” presents 10 characters as diverse as a 7 year-old boy embarrassed by poverty and a widowed immigrant woman. Tickets for a suggested donation of \$20 (or whatever you can afford) will help to defray the expenses of the Good Friday Walk. Speak to Betsy Garland for more information or to reserve a ticket.

A note from the Board of Deacons



As we approach the closing time of Bary’s three month leave of absence, we’ve now come to the closing process.

We have a fairly clear sense of how things are going and are proceeding gently and considering the feeling of all members of Edgewood Congregational Church.

Right now, the Board of Deacons is having structured conversations with Bary and the conference Committee of Church and Ministry in order to make some clear decisions which we will then communicate with you.



The RI Conference Outdoor Ministry Committee is offering the following camps this summer:

Grandparents Camp July 31 - August 2
Led by Pat Fiske. Spend time with your grandchildren away from video games, television and busy schedules.

Family Camp August 7 – August 9
Led by Dave Ouellette. Sleep as a family in tents or in the lodge and enjoy some good old camping fun.

Youth Adventure August 10 – August 12
Led by Rich McKay. Enjoy boating, ropes and teamwork.

Youth Music/Arts Camp August 17 – August 21
Led in part by Scott Bento. Use your God given gifts to imagine, create and have lots of fun.



March 3 Pat Fiske
 March 5 Stephen Meglio
 March 6 Brenda Muoio
 March 11 Bill Wiesendanger
 March 14 Leslie Pires
 March 14 Jose Quero
 March 16 Deborah Martini
 March 18 Andrea Cornell
 March 18 Andrew Abram, II
 March 20 Doris Poisson
 March 20 Wayne Webb
 March 21 Brianne DeRosa
 March 22 Pat Kohler
 March 22 Jacob Ey
 March 24 Kathy Idskou
 March 25 Susan Idskou
 March 25 Rachel Hyssong
 March 25 Heidi Quero
 March 26 Catherine Ady
 March 26 Pam Lowell
 March 27 Jane Levesque
 March 31 Travis Abram

Happy Birthday Kids!

March 6 Joshua Cornell
 March 14 Troy Schnabel
 March 18 Owen Coulam
 March 18 Olivia Hamilton
 March 21 Miles Hamilton
 March 24 Javien David

Happy Anniversary!

March 3 Renee & Kristin David
 March 27 Peter Maroni and Leslie McCrea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 1 st Sunday in Lent 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	2 7pm Bible Study	3 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	4 3pm Girl Scouts 7pm AA	5 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 6pm Girl Scouts	7
8 2 nd Sunday in Lent 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	9 7pm Bible Study	10 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	11 9am New Roots 3pm Girl Scouts 7pm AA 7pm Deacons Meeting	12 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6pm Girl Scouts	14
15 3 rd Sunday in Lent 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	16 7pm Bible Study	17 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	18 3pm Girl Scouts 7pm AA	19 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	20 6pm Girl Scouts	21
22 4 th Sunday in Lent 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	23 7pm Bible Study	24 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	25 3pm Girl Scouts 7pm AA	26 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon 7pm Choir Rehearsal	27 6pm Girl Scouts	28
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