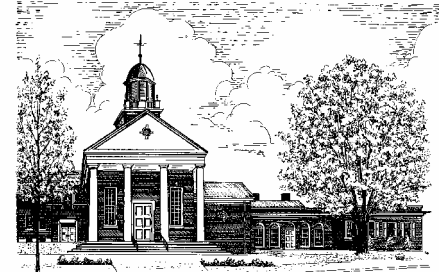


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## *The Good News*

### **Companions on the Lenten Journey**

*Holy One, be among us—day and night, hill and valley, sure-path and stumbling.  
Bless us that we may be blessers. Guide us that we may venture forth with courage.  
Keep us as we come in to worship and as we go out to serve you in the world. Amen.*

-Maren Tirabassi

Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, we, too, during Lent, spend 40 days discerning God's call upon our lives. At Edgewood Church we offer a variety of ways to open up to God and each other. In addition to our Sunday morning services, we will host a special healing service on Tuesday evening, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. This is part of a series of healing services sponsored by the Cranston Clergy Association. A list of the nine being offered is enclosed.

Also, we are offering our "What in God's Name Are You Doing!" gifts discovery course again on four Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and a special study, "Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible," on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Read more about these in the enclosed Lenten Program of Services & Studies.

Finally, work continues on the education building. Repairs have been made on the roof. Alan Chamberlin and Laura Webb have spent hours painting and repairing the windows. Pretty soon we will tap those of you who have offered to paint walls. At the same time, we are in conversation with the Riverside Congregational Church, the folks who are expanding their After-School with the Arts program to include us. Right now we are writing proposals for funding to implement the program here. Laura Webb has already submitted an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for staff and music and art teachers' salaries in preparation for launching our program in September. Looking ahead, we plan to hold a concert here on Sunday afternoon, April 11, to showcase what some of their children are doing and to raise donations for our program. We will continue to keep you informed and encourage your participation along the way.

See You in Church! *Reverend Betsy*

**MARCH**

*Staff at Edgewood Congregational Church*

*Interim Pastor: Rev. Betsy Garland*  
*Organist/Choir Director: Brenda 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 with payment and return to the church office by March 28th. Tulips, lilies, hyacinths and/or daffodils may be purchased in memory of or in 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!

## March Volunteers

	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
03/07	Patti Wohl	Open
03/14	Alan Birch	Open
03/21	Don Benson	Don Benson
03/28	Joyce Fowler	Open
	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Altar Flower Sponsor</u>
03/07	Open	Jane & Dave Levesque
03/14	Kathy Schnabel	Mark & Kathy Schnabel
03/21	Open	Pat Kohler
03/28	Open	Judy Dewey



### Book Group



Our next meeting for the book group will be Monday, March 15th at 7pm in the Smith Room. Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month.

The book to be discussed on the 15<sup>th</sup> is Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. There are many copies available thru the Cranston Public Library system, although you will have to request them to be sent from other libraries in RI.

At this meeting we will also announce the next selection. Each member will have a chance to choose a book. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Levesque at 615-3080.

### Sermons Available

If you are interested in taking a second look at any of Reverend Betsy’s Sunday sermons, they are available in booklet form on the windowsill at the back of the sanctuary, as well as on our website. Help yourself – and take one or two for people you’d like to encourage in their faith journeys. Betsy often takes them to shut-ins who cannot come to church and who do not have internet access. She also is always interested and willing to discuss them with you.

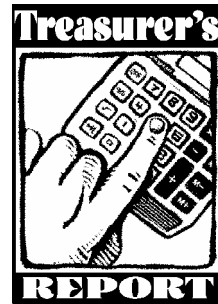


### Annual Good Friday Walk

Good Friday this year falls on April 2, and we hope to gather a group to walk from Edgewood Church. There are multiple Stepping Out Sites for the 6 kilometer walk to the State House. Funds raised will go to more than 30 organizations that are working hard to help hungry and homeless people. Watch for more information. Sponsor sheets will be available in the back of the sanctuary.

### Treasurer’s Report January 1 – January 31, 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Pledges	\$7,009.35	\$7,500.00
Plate	380.05	375.00
Other Income	<u>2,172.40</u>	<u>1,687.48</u>
Total	9,561.80	9,562.48
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	14,310.53	11,743.04
<b><u>Net Income</u></b>	<b>-4,748.73</b>	



### Stewardship Message Housecleaning

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see everything has become new!” Romans 5:17

Lent has traditionally been a time for cleaning house; in fact the practice of “Spring Cleaning” may be related to the religious practice of clearing the kitchen of fat on Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is meant to be only the beginning of a time of taking stock in every part of our lives. In Lent we are called to consider not only the excesses of our material existence that need to be purged, but also anything in our spirits or minds that needs reassessment and clearing out.

Instead of understanding Lent as a grim and joyless period, we might remember Paul’s encouragement and see Lent as a time of becoming new. As a person who has moved from one house to another often in her life, I know that before you enter the new house, you need to clean out the old one, decide what is to be kept and what is to be discarded, and discern what new items you might need to acquire for a new situation in life.

This Lent, then, we are offered the cleansing opportunity of examining our lives on every level, both material and spiritual. Where are the excesses we need to clear out? What do we need to reassess about priorities, relationships, possessions and time management in order to be ready to live into a resurrection discipleship? On Easter, when the risen Christ calls us to new life, what might be weighing us down and keeping us from responding quickly, with joy, as stewards of the good news?

*Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.*



Edgewood Church will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn after the 10am Easter worship service on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking donations of small wrapped candies as well as plastic eggs. Donations can be left on the table in the narthex. Thanks for your support!

**Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!**



Congratulations to Shana and Kent Reynolds on the birth of their son *Joseph Connor* who was born on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Joseph weighed 8 lbs. 6oz at birth, and is the little brother of Chace Joubert.

Congratulations to Carol Carson on the birth of her grandson Jackson Dietrich who was born on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Patricia Conklin  
Nelsie Eckloff  
Hope Fairbanks  
Louise Harrington  
Susan Karpovitz  
Leann Karpovitz  
Betty Rasmussen



Our sympathy is extended to Lou and Deb Martini on the loss of Lou's father, Joseph Martini who passed about on February 5<sup>th</sup> at home.



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.



**Wanted - Your Empty Printer Cartridges**

\* Most of us have inkjet printers at home or work. Next time you have an empty cartridge, don't throw it away.

\* Just put it in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box and bring it to ECC

\* We have a special recycle box in the narthex and in the office. You could even drop it off in the mail slot at the office.

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The receipt Rewards program from Shaw's Supermarkets that Edgewood Church has been participating in for the last two years has changed. *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.

How to enroll your Shaw's Reward Card:

- Go to [www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com)
- Click on **Shaws Cares – Helping Our Communities**
- Click on **Community Rewards**
- Click on **Shoppers Login or Register your Shaw's Rewards Card** link
- Enter your Rewards Card Number and Phone Number then **Login**
- 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 call the church office at 401-461-1344 with your Card number and we'll be happy to get your card registered for you.



What if Edgewood Church earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the

charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Edgewood Congregational Church as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!



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 24 Kathy Idskou  
 March 25 Susan Idskou  
 March 25 Rachel Correia  
 March 25 Heidi Quero  
 March 27 Jane Levesque  
 March 31 Travis Abram

***Happy Birthday Kids!***

March 6 Joshua Cornell  
 March 10 Sadie Gagnon  
 March 10 Gerald Gagnon  
 March 14 Troy Schnabel  
 March 18 Owen Coulam  
 March 21 Patrick DeRosa  
 March 24 Javien David  
 March 30 Benjamin Phok

***Happy Anniversary!***

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Senior High Youth Group 6pm	10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	7pm AA 7pm Christians at the Border	10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon	Prayer Shawl Meeting 6pm Girl Scouts	
7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Worship 11am Fellowship	Senior High Youth Group 6pm	10am AI-Anon 7pm AA 7pm Healing Service	7pm AA 7pm Christians at the Border	10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon	6pm Girl Scouts	
14 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Worship 11am Fellowship 3pm EGSL	Senior High Youth Group 6pm Book Group 7pm	10am AI-Anon 7pm AA 7pm EGSL	7pm AA 7pm Christians at the Border	10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon		Botham/Cabral Wedding 3:30pm
21 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Worship 11am Fellowship	Senior High Youth Group 6pm	10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	7pm AA 7pm Christians at the Border	10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon	6pm Girl Scouts	
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			
10am Worship 11am Fellowship	Senior High Youth Group 6pm	10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	7pm AA 7pm Christians at the Border			