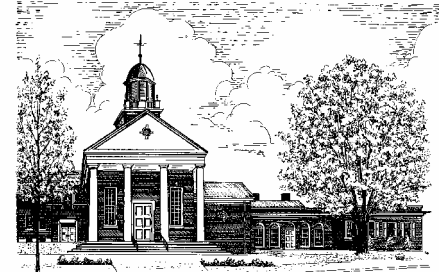


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Good News

Ordination Scheduled for May 3 at Beneficent Church

The spirit of God is upon me . . . to bring good news . . .
Isaiah 61:1

This is a wondrous blessing for me! Never had I expected that I would fulfill a dream that I have held for more than 50 years. But in God's good time – and with the Call extended to me by Edgewood Congregational Church to be your Interim Minister – I will be ordained at Beneficent Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 3 p.m.

Everyone at Edgewood Church is invited to attend. Deacon Merry Scarborough will speak briefly on behalf of Edgewood and in affirmation of your Call to me. (You might send Merry suggestions for her remarks.)

I plan to be with you in the pulpit at Edgewood that morning as usual and will take the opportunity to share with you some of my life journey leading to this day.

Beneficent is located at 300 Weybosset Street in downtown Providence. Off street parking in the church lot will be available to those who come early. (As you come down Broad Street, turn right onto Chestnut, between Beneficent House and the Church, and then take a quick left into the lot.)

Thanks and blessings on you all for your warm welcome of my ministry!

Betsy

Rev. Betsy Aldrich Garland



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

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 conations of decorative small planters are needed for the centerpieces. Sign up sheets are available for these and other opportunities to serve.

Our Church Family



the family of Shirley Weeden who passed away on April 2, 2009 in Florida. Shirley was a former teacher at the Edgewood Cong. Church Pre-school and an active member of the church ladies group.

Alice Billings Baptized on April 19

Alice Braner Billings, Matthew and Tiffany's daughter and Emmett's little sister, was baptized by Reverend Betsy on April 19th in the presence of her proud grandparents and the Edgewood congregation. The Billings live on Malvern Avenue, off Park. Matt is an administrator with Volunteers in Providence Schools and Tiffany is a teacher. Please welcome these parents and two beautiful children into our extended Edgewood family.



Congratulations to John and Brianne DeRosa on the birth of their son Patrick who was born on March 21st.

Ground Broken for Peace Garden



Creator God, we ask your blessing on this project to create a Peace Garden as a humble response to your love. Be in our planning, be in our building, be in our planting. Make us tillers and keepers and peace-makers and hope-bringers. We pray in the name of the One who made love tangible. Amen.

At the end of the worship service on April 19th, the congregation filed out to the side yard and broke ground for a Peace Garden in the section of the lawn in front of the ramp. In advance, Alan Chamberlin had marked the spot between the trees, and, as we assembled, Bill Maude and ID Kuti dug into the soil with their shovels while Alan Birch snapped photos.

We are planning to purchase a peace pole that will have inscribed the words, “May peace prevail on earth,” in English on one side and are gathering suggestions for languages for the other three sides. Churches often choose languages that reflect their church’s history or their neighborhood. In addition, we envision a bench or two and some plantings to create a peaceful place for people to sit and reflect. If you would like to help, contact Pat Kohler at 461-9612 or call the church office. We plan to dedicate the Peace Garden sometime this summer.

A Big Thank You to Our Clean Up Crew!

More than a dozen capable and industrious workers remained after church on April 19th to rake and mow our grounds and weed our gardens as the first step in sprucing up Edgewood Church for the spring. We extend a big thank you to Carol Carson, Alan Chamberlin, Chris Conti, Judy Dewey, Jim Edwards, Jack Falk, Pat Kohler, ID Kuti, Peter Maroni and Leslie McCrea and their children, Kent Reynolds, Kathy and Mark Schnabel, and Jen Smith. It’s true: Many hands do make light work!

New Church Emails Conform to Website

With the help of our webmaster Fred Fullerton, we are setting up new email accounts to conform better to our website. Wendy’s new email will be Office@worshipatedgewood.org, and Reverend Betsy’s will be BGarland@worshipatedgewood.org. These changes will centralize our electronic communications and make it easier for people to find us. Give us a few days to get everything set up – and then send us an email!

Betsy Away for Interim Ministry Training

The second week in May, Betsy will be in Los Angeles for Interim Ministry Training. The Reverend Beverley Edwards has agreed to be “on call” in the event of an emergency. She may be reached at 401-861-2144, or leave a message on the church answering service for Wendy to call Beverley.



Handicapped Parking Signs are now in place in the area inside the fenced in area at the rear of the church.

Help Launch the Edgewood Center

Last month we reported that we had submitted a proposal to New Roots Providence for technical assistance to turn our empty building in the “Edgewood Center” with programming for seniors, youth, and the larger Edgewood community. The reviewers, however, felt we needed to involve the community first before tapping New Roots’ assistance.

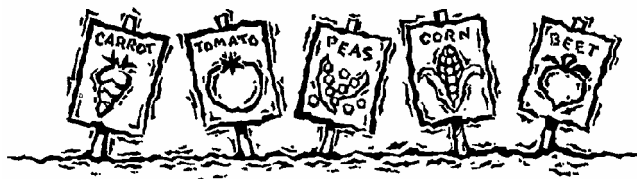
Right now we are gathering the names of people from the church who would like to help identify the next steps to move the project forward. Actions probably include a community needs assessment and maybe an informational meeting and/or focus group with our neighbors. We also are considering a foundation proposal for funding to make needed repairs and a face-lifting for the interior of the building. So far, Jametta Alston, Matt Billings, and Laura Webb have expressed an interest. If you would like to be part of this effort to get the ball rolling, call Reverend Betsy at the church office.



Save The Date and Save Your Stuff!
Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6th
8:00AM to NOON

Spring cleaning is underway, and with that comes many unwanted items. Why not donate them to the church yard sale. All donations can be dropped off at the church Monday thru Thursday, 9-12 or Sundays before or after worship. Items are being stored in the Education Building.

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:
Wednesday evening to help price and sort merchandise.
Do you have a truck? Can you help with pickups?
Show up early Saturday morning to help set up.
Get up late and help clean up!!!!
Stay all morning and be a hero!!!



Plant a Row for the Hungry

This year, why not share your backyard bounty with someone other than your next-door neighbor? Join this grassroots campaign to fight hunger by cultivating an extra row of vegetables for the food pantry. Donations can be left in the basket in the narthex.



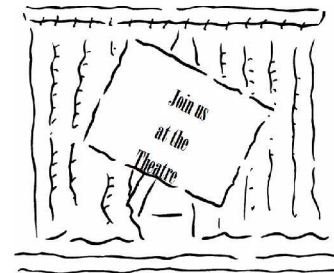
Dear Betsy,

Thank you so much for participating in the Easter Sunrise service on the beach. It was a joy to have you and members of your church joining us. As you know, this is an annual event and each year people look forward to it. And each year I hope the weather will cooperate and it won't be rainy or cold.

I'd also like to thank you for having Kent Reynolds fill in for Harry as narrator. He did a wonderful job! As I don't have an address for him, would you please tell him thank you for me? As always, the youth of our church came through for me once again and I think it's a wonderful reflection on our church.

Again, thank you for joining us on the beach and hope we can look forward to it again next year.

Sincerely,
Dianna Hall First Congregational Church of Warwick



You are invited to join us on
Sunday, May 31st at 6:30pm
For the performance of "
The Color" Purple"
at the Providence Performing Arts

Tickets have been made available to us
at 50% off the regular ticket price
and are now only \$29.50.

Contact Pat Kohler at 461-9612 or the church office if you are interested.
Tickets would make a great Mother's Day gift!



May 3 David Pelkey
 May 4 Kristin David
 May 7 Carol B. Cornell
 May 14 Arthur Laurenson
 May 16 Abigail Cornell
 May 17 Irene Abram
 May 19 Sarah Giroux
 May 20 Rebecca Budihhas
 May 25 Richard Andrews
 May 26 Susan Dean
 May 27 Joan Fullerton
 May 29 Patricia Giarrusso
 May 29 Alexandra Martin
 May 30 Allison Wroe

Happy Birthday Kids!

May 3 Luke Bayne
 May 5 John Maguire
 May 11 Alexander Phok
 May 17 Conor Lowell
 May 23 Benjamin Morris
 May 23 Nora Quero
 May 31 Anthony Merola

Happy Anniversary!

May 4 Matthew & Stacey Phok
 May 10 Ken & Sue Idskou
 May 13 Carolyn & Donald Josephson
 May 21 Tony & Caren Almada
 May 25 Andrew & Laura Coulam
 May 26 Robert & Kathy Idskou
 May 27 Ken & Merry Scarborough
 May 27 David & Vanessa Williams

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