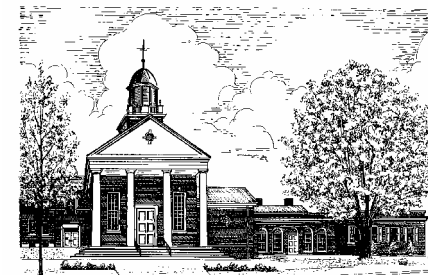


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## *The Good News*

### **Let Us Be Thankful!**

*God our maker does provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Let us give thanks for God's generous spirit acting in us!*

The last of the brilliant red and orange color lingers on the trees outside our windows. And although there still is the call of summer insects when I leave the church in the evening, there is a nip in the air by morning. We are well into the fall season, and the holidays are just around the corner.

We begin November by remembering, in the context of worship, our loved ones who have died in the past year and celebrating, over lunch, our longest and newest members. The next week, we will welcome our Confirmation Class into membership and meet with candidates for the Search Committee – whose names will be presented to the congregation for approval on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, this year. Read all about these activities and events – and much more -- inside this newsletter.

Throughout November we will be tallying your pledges for 2010, having faith that you will bless us – and yourself – with your gifts for this congregation that will enable us to move into the future. We trust that you have enjoyed receiving the colorful flyers that Cindy Cornell has designed and Alan Birch has produced. You may print out the pledge cards and fill them in – or pick up pledge cards when you come to church on All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have envelopes in the pews in which you may place your cards before you are invited to come forward to place them on the altar.

In thanksgiving for all of you!  
*Reverend Betsy*



*Staff at Edgewood Congregational Church*

*Interim Pastor: Rev. Betsy Garland  
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Muoio  
Secretary: Wendy Sullivan*



Our mission emphasis for the month of November will be to put together Thanksgiving Baskets for the hungry in our neighborhood. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Donations received in our monthly mission envelope will be used to purchase additional food items and gift cards.

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Join us after the worship service on Sunday, November 22nd as we decorate our sanctuary for the Advent Season.



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The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Tuesday** this year, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church on Ocean Avenue. We have scheduled it for the Tuesday so that people who travel on Wednesday will be able to participate. Put the date on your calendar now, and call Wendy if you would like to carpool from Edgewood Church.

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**UCC Church Vandalized Again**

Twice in the past month, our sister church in Slatersville has been vandalized with swastika, upside-down cross, racial epithets, and threats to burn the building down. In support, the Reverend Eileen Morris received more than 100 emails not only from friends in the Christian community but also from other faith traditions. At least a dozen representatives from other congregations worshiped with them on October 25 as well as Attorney General Patrick Lynch and Special Assistant Attorney General Tom Palombo. Ken and Merry Scarborough represented Edgewood at the service. In her sermon, Pastor Morris reaffirmed the church's commitment to ministry. Please continue to pray for this United Church of Christ congregation.

# Christmas Cookies



## Coming in December!

Bakers needed for our annual **Christmas Cookie Walk & Christmas Decorations Bazaar (new!)**

Look for sign up sheets in church the second week of November. Please help by:

- Baking one or more batches of your favorite Christmas cookies
- Donating new or gently used Christmas ornaments and decorations
- Helping to set-up and staff the cookie sale and bazaar
- Making phone calls
- Boxing cookies etc.

Questions: See Pat Kohler or Carol Carson

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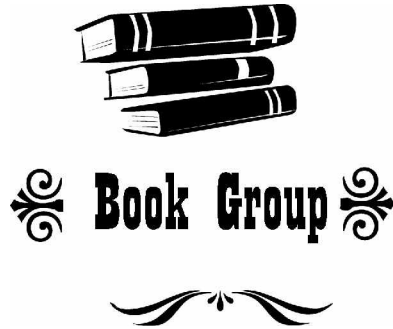
We now have speakers in the back of the church as well as the front, thanks to a generous donation. The installers did the work for next to nothing, allowing us to get higher quality speakers.

We have noticed those who sit in the back smiling and nodding more! You can even hear Rev. Betsy speaking softly during Sermon in a Sack!

Although we would like everyone to sit up front, we want everyone to hear clearly, no matter where they sit.

If anyone would like to make another donation for the PA system, a better amplifier that can be "faded" back to front for better balance and equalized for better tones would be the next upgrade to give the system exceptional sound.

Our first meeting for the book group will be Monday, November 16th at 7pm. in the Smith Room. Meetings will be held monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month.



The book to be discussed on the 16th is Ishmael by Daniel Quinn. 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

## *Our Church Family*

### **Remember our homebound...**

Patricia Conklin, Nelsie Eckloff, Hope Fairbanks,  
Louise Harrington and Betty Rasmussen

### **Keep in our prayers...**

Joyce McGee – recovering from knee surgery

### **Baptisms...**

Evelyn Mary David – September 13th

Julia Anne David – September 13th

Javien William David - September 13<sup>th</sup>

Brianna Mia DeCarvalho – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Monjane Patry – September 27<sup>th</sup>

## **EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** **Deacons Meeting    Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**Present:** Alan Birch, Carol Carson, Cindy Cornell, Fred Fullerton, Betsy Garland, Pat Kohler, Jen Smith, Wendy Sullivan. *Unable to attend:* Alan Chamberlin, ID Kuti, Pete Maroni, Merry Scarborough.

The meeting was opened at 7:05 by Presiding Deacon Fred Fullerton, and members shared ways in which God is acting in their lives.

**Finances:** Treasurer Wendy Sullivan distributed the September statement, showing a balance on hand of \$392 but with unpaid payroll obligations. It was agreed to . . .

(1) authorize Wendy to transfer \$2,000 from the General Savings (which has a balance of \$6,645),

(2) distribute an abbreviated report to the congregation (in the November newsletter), and  
(3) send out third quarter statements (for which Pat Kohler will write the cover letter).

There also was discussion about various fundraising options which will be explored.

**Stewardship Campaign:** Cindy Cornell reviewed the campaign methodology which includes an electronic mailing for the first time with the flyer created by Cindy for electronic distribution and printed by Alan Birch for those who are not online. A message, to be presented by Cindy to the congregation on Sunday, was crafted regarding the urgency of the pledge campaign for our ability to call a new settled minister. Next week, the deacons will call every member to remind them of pledge Sunday and invite them to the luncheon. Wendy will provide a call list to each deacon.

**Speaker System:** Alan Birch received positive response to the installation of the new speaker system in the sanctuary by Communication Unlimited, funded by a donation from a member of the congregation.

### **All Saints Day, November 1:**

**A. Memorials:** Betsy Garland read a list of people deceased in the past year and noted that she intends to remember not only members who have died but also family of members to which the deacons were able to add more names.

**B. Luncheon:** Several caterers were proposed: Greenhouse Caterers, Morins, and More Than a Meal at Amos House. It was agreed to order for 65 people and to leave it to Wendy's discretion about menu and cost.

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**C. Recognitions:** Longest members (Betsy and Wendy proposed all those who joined before 1970, which is 25) and newest members (those joining since last November, which is 11).

**Transition Team:** Fred reported on the self-study data being collected for the church profile through surveys, cottage meetings, and bulletin inserts.

**Deacon of the Day:** 10/25 Pat, 11/01 Wendy, 11/08 Jen, 11/15 Fred, 11/22 Alan, 11/29 ID.

**Peace Garden:** Pat reported that the ground along the sidewalk was prepared last Saturday, and Kathy Schnabel was able to buy discounted perennials and has been planting them. The team working on the garden is rapidly turning into Edgewood's "garden club" with ideas for further work. We have received good response from the neighborhood, including a donation left next to the pole.

**Christian Education/Youth Group:** In response to Dave Stachkunas' question about which parents of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students might be approached to serve as Youth Group Leaders, the deacons proposed, from Dave's list, Paul or Debby Bayne, Kathy or Mark Schnabel, and/or Ken Scarborough. (Dave had also provided a purpose statement and job description for review.)

**Fall Missions:** Carol Carson confirmed that we will continue the tradition of preparing Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed at Church of the Transfiguration and that we will again invite people to take Christmas Tree names and purchase gifts for children through a local group home.

**Pilgrimage for Peace:** Betsy reported on her efforts to promote our Potluck Supper on Saturday, October 24, 6 p.m., through the Council of Churches, RI Conference, Cranston Herald, and emails and phone calls to area churches. Carol, Jen, and Pat will help set up Saturday afternoon.

**Sexton:** The question of hiring a part-time sexton (in lieu of the cleaning company) who would be responsible for outside cleanup as well as inside cleaning and maintenance was opened again. We will consult with Alan Chamberlin, Property Deacon, and Pat Fiske about a possible candidate.

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**Interim Minister's Report:** Betsy referenced her report and asked for feedback of these items:

- Approved reinstatement of membership of Priscilla Samways.
- Approved Interim Ministry Network training November 16-20 (if not offered early 2010).
- Affirmed Thanksgiving Eve service to be held on *Tuesday* evening at Trinity Episcopal.
- Affirmed Conference Minister Chuck Barnes to preach at Edgewood Church on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Removed Bary Fleet and David Poole from Edgewood Church's membership. Approved Betsy's emailing three families (Lizzarraga, Hamilton, Lowell) regarding transfer of their membership status. Agreed to wait until the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign before sending letters of inquiry to additional members who have not attended or supported us.

**Budget for 2010:** A first draft of the 2010 budget, compiled by an *ad hoc* Finance Committee (Herb Alexander, Jack Falk, Jane Levesque, Wendy, and Betsy) was distributed. Projected income of \$110,750 includes a "safe" estimate of \$90,000 in pledges. Projected expense of \$156,513 is based on Conference salary guidelines and actual experience in non-staff costs. The Pastor was budgeted at the current Interim Minister's level with the understanding that that salary would need to be increased for a new settled minister with more experience. A \$10,000 line item was added for the Search Committee, not only for its expenses but also to supplement the package for a new settled minister. There was also some discussion about Edgewood's size and the implications for the pastor's salary.

**Search Committee:** Fred proposed that we first set a number of members to serve on the Search Committee, suggesting an uneven number of 7 or 9. Doris Poisson's name was added to the list of 13, making it 14, of potential people suggested or volunteering to serve on a search committee. It was agreed that the first three – Ken Scarborough, Dave Stachkunas, and Don Fowler – would serve, based on their experience and willingness. To make up the balance of the committee, it was agreed that we would invite the others listed, to a meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> to hear about the requirements and to decide on their ability to participate, based on the expected work and timeline. Candidates then would be proposed to the congregation on November 15<sup>th</sup> for confirmation (keeping open the option of a nominee from the floor).

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

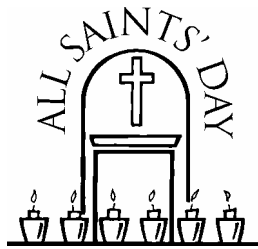
Rev. Betsy Aldrich Garland, Clerk *protem*

## Search Committee Being Formed



**PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

Fifteen people have volunteered, or been nominated, to serve on our Search Committee for a new settled minister. At the invitation of the Deacons, they are invited to meet after church on Sunday, November 8, to discuss the work of a Search Committee and the commitment involved. Out of those 15, we will need seven to nine. Those candidates are, in the order they volunteered or were proposed, Ken Scarborough, Dave Stachkunas, Don Fowler, Paula Wroe, Kristin David, Jane Levesque, Barbara Brooks, Stella Martin, Antonia Kuti, John or Christine Rockwell, Kent Reynolds, Kathy or Mark Schnabel, Jim Edwards, Doris Poisson, and Jen Smith. (Fred Fullerton also was proposed but has declined to serve because of his unsettled employment situation.) A packet of materials is being prepared right now for each of these people to form the basis for their discussion.



## **Remember our "Saints" on November 1<sup>st</sup>**

*We gather here as God's people, conscious of others who have died and of the frailty of our own existence. We come to comfort and support one another in our common loss*

On the first Sunday in November – All Saints Day – Edgewood Church will remember, with thanksgiving, those who have died in the past year. Among those for whom we will light candles are not only a member, but also spouses, siblings, parents, and grandparents. Plan to be in worship this coming Sunday to hear these names read and the family members recognized.

Following the service, we will gather for a luncheon by Morin's Fine Catering and recognize our longest members and our newest, those who have joined in the last year. Our longest member is Louise Hintze (whose records were lost in the fire), followed by Barbara Abram, Arthur Carter, Jr., Elizabeth Rasmussen, Betty True, Herbert Alexander, Patricia Conklin, Louise Harrington, Doris MacDonald, James Hummel, Herbert Reid, Judy Dewey, Nelsine Eckloff, Margaret Thielsch, Hope Fairbanks, Lois Goff, Vernon Goff, Richard Andrews, Donald Fowler, Joyce Fowler, Jack Falk, Joyce Falk, Carol Cornell, Alice Laurenson, and Hope King.

Our newest members are Alan Birch, Bill Maude, Katie Lizarraga, Tony Lizarraga, Kent Reynolds, Shana Reynolds, James Edwards, Mabel Trahan, Robyn Gagnon, Tracey Gagnon, and Priscilla Samways (reinstated).



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. Last year we collected over \$1000.00 from this program.

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.

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## Treasurer's Report January 1 – September 30



<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$69,616.65	\$78,122.97
Plate	3,381.69	5,249.97
Other Income	<u>46,188.33</u>	<u>47,576.64</u>
Total	\$119,186.67	\$130,949.58
<u>Expenses</u>	118,795.14	128,393.38
<u>Net Income</u>	391.53	



## Youth Group Being Organized

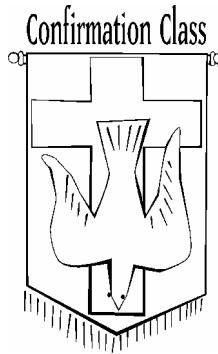
With the initiative of Dave Stachkunas, parents of middle school-age children are discussing starting a youth group. Its purpose is to provide a place where Christian teachings and values and explicit and practiced in a caring environment where youth can make friends, develop leadership

skills, serve others, and have fun. It would be open to neighborhood youngsters as well as members. Right now, we are recruiting leaders. If you would like to know more or would like to help, call Dave at 467-4096 or the church office.

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## Confirmation Class to Join November 8<sup>th</sup>

Four of our young people will be confirmed at the Sunday morning service on November 8<sup>th</sup>. They are Theresa Alston, Alex Martin, Jillian Proulx, and Sean Sullivan. They have been meeting weekly this fall to discuss the great questions of the Christian faith and are ready to make a commitment to Edgewood Church. Plan to attend to give them your support and encouragement.



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## Do You Knit?

Chaplain Carol Huff of the Scandinavian Home has inquired about our interest in participating in a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Those who knit or crochet would meet regularly, at Edgewood Church and/or the Scandinavian Home, while working on shawls and lap warmers, weaving love into every stitch. Perhaps, too, these homemade items might be blessed at a Sunday worship service before being presented to nursing home residents or shut-ins. For more information, speak to Rev. Betsy or call the church office.



## A Great Evening with the Peace Pilgrims

Twenty adults and children turned out for our potluck supper with the Peace Pilgrims on Saturday evening, October 24. We chatted with them over dinner and then shared stories of our faith journeys, read together Mary Oliver's poem "Wage Peace," and sang a song written for the occasion, "We Walk for the Children." The next morning, we found this note, "Many thanks for your warm hospitality and joyful gathering. We'll treasure our memory of this stop and enjoy Mary Oliver over again! We are leaving a sampler that we received at the first stop of this year's Pilgrimage and feel it is fitting that it stay with the last. Every person here is wished peace from the grateful peace walkers." The sampler, stitched by members of All Souls Unitarian Universalist congregation in Connecticut, reads, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this evening so memorable.



## Peace Garden Attracting Attention!

Now that our peace pole is surrounded by new shrubs and plants, it is attracting even more attention in the neighborhood. Pat Kohler, Bill Maude, Christine Rockwell, and Kathy Schnabel turned over the soil in mid-October, and Kathy Schnabel bought perennials at a huge end-of-the-season discount and planted them last week. Dave Stachkunas, Pat, and Kathy donated plants from their own gardens. And Bill and Tommy Ey took the old sod away. Now we want to add benches to make a peaceful spot for members and neighbors to linger and reflect and a memorial sign to acknowledge those who have contributed. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time; gifts of all amounts are welcome.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2009</h1>						
1 <b>All Saints Day</b> 10am Communion Worship <b>11am Catered Lunch</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship 11am Fellowship	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 7pm AA <b>7pm Deacons Meeting</b>	12	13	14 Autumnal Meeting of the RICUCC at Four Corners Community Chapel
15 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship 11am Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Reign of Christ 10am Worship 11am Fellowship <b>Decorate Sanctuary For Advent</b>	23	24 <b>Community Thanksgiving Service @7pm At Trinity Church</b>	25 7pm AA	26 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	27	28
29 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  10am Worship 11am Fellowship	30					

- 11/01 Vanessa Conti
- 11/11 Margaret Kuti
- 11/14 Arthur Carter, Jr.
- 11/15 Carol Cornell
- 11/16 Gretchen Hyssong
- 11/19 Gail Meglio
- 11/19 Carrie Meglio
- 11/21 Donald Benson
- 11/23 James Brooks
- 11/24 Martha Mantaian
- 11/24 Charles Lord
- 11/24 Sharon Teague
- 11/25 Evelyn Ranone
- 11/26 Mark Marutiak
- 11/27 Diane Rocha
- 11/28 Betty True
- 11/30 Robert Harkins

**Happy Birthday Kids**

- 11/11 Ryan Rocha
- 11/12 Laura Giarrusso
- 11/15 Abigail Correia
- 11/22 Emma Maroni
- 11/25 David Scarborough

**Happy Anniversary**

- 11/04 Kathy & Mark Schnabel
- 11/14 Gail & Stephen Meglio
- 11/20 Joyce & Donald Fowler