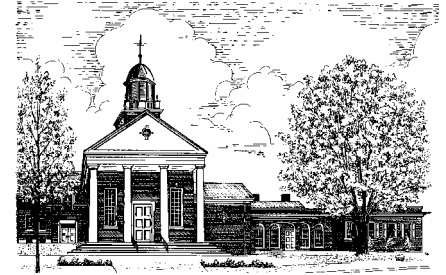


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The Good News

Take a World-wide View

*We walk for the children, and for our children's children.
We walk for the little ones, the weak and the small.
We walk now together to gather our courage
To imagine a future of life for us all.
We Walk for the Children* by Newell Hendricks

Dear Friends,

This October we will have two opportunities to reflect on the world community and our place in it – World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate in a special communion service on October 4th, and the Peace Pilgrimage which is coming to Edgewood Church on Saturday, October 24th when we will have a potluck supper and conversation with the walkers. Both are opportunities for us to remember that we are not alone, that God is working with and through the faithful across the world.

On Sunday, we will offer communion in the four corners of the sanctuary, breaking bread from different parts of the world. There will be special prayers to remind us that, even though the Christian community is diverse, when we break the bread and drink the wine, we are one body in Christ. Plan to worship with us this Sunday. And remember your Neighbors in Need offering that we will initiate that day goes to serve people not only in this country but around the world.

Much is happening this fall at Edgewood Church – Bible Studies, analysis and integration of data, and the drafting of the church profile. Shortly, the Deacons will be preparing to present a Search Committee to the congregation for your endorsement, and you will have an opportunity to comment on the draft of the profile. The pace is quickening as we prepare collectively for our future.

On a personal note, thank you all for the flowers and cards celebrating my 70th birthday. I'm not sure how I got to be this age – but I have loved celebrating it with you!

October blessings, *Reverend Betsy*



Staff at Edgewood Congregational Church

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

TRANSITION TEAM SURVEY

You recently were asked to complete two forms, one of which was a survey for a “Minister’s Gifts/Qualities”. We asked you to identify the 12 items from a list of 45 that are the most important aspects of Edgewood’s ministry at this time. Listed below are the 12 areas that you selected and will be included to develop our church profile:

- #1 is an effective preacher/speaker
- #5 is effective in planning and leading worship
- #9 is a helpful counselor
- #10 ministers effectively to people in crisis situations
- #11 makes pastoral calls on people in hospitals and nursing homes and those confined to their homes
- #14 is effective in working with children
- #23 works regularly at bringing new members into the church
- #28 is a person of faith
- #31 is effective in working with youth
- #35 encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives
- #38 is mature and emotionally secure
- #42 is a compassionate and care person

Thank you to all who participated; your response will prove invaluable as we move forward in the search process.

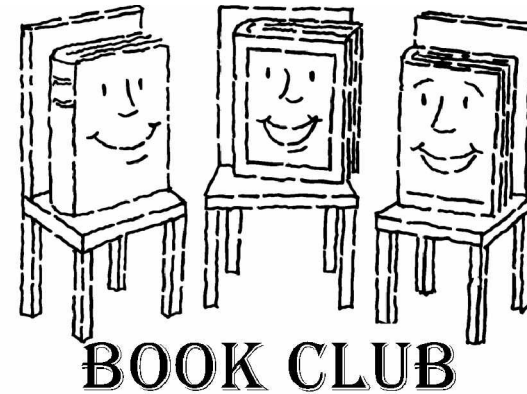
Jack Falk
For the Edgewood Congregational Church Transition Team

Cottage Meetings



A Big Success

More than 30 people attended one of our five Cottage Meetings and had an opportunity to share what Edgewood Church means to them and to discuss trends in the church and the neighborhood. The perspectives generated have helped us not only to answer the questions in our church profile that will go to ministerial candidates, but they also have provided a place for honest discussion and have given rise to suggestions for new small groups – e.g., a book group and a women’s fellowship group. Their ideas also will help us develop a way to reach out to the larger community. Many thanks to those of you who participated!



As a result of conversations from both the cottage meetings and the “Gifts Discovery Course” held in the spring, it appears that many people are interested in starting a book club here at Edgewood Church.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office via e-mail or phone and let us know if you would prefer afternoon, evening (or both).

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Visit www.ucc.org for more information. Donations can be given by using your monthly mission envelope found in your offering envelope box.



Spend Time in Bible Study This Fall

Bible Studies have been scheduled for three Monday evenings, 7 to 8:15 p.m., at the church – October 5, 12, and 19th. (If the 12th does not work for participants because of the holiday, we will go one week later to October 26.) Bible Studies also will be offered on three Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. at the church – October 6, 13 and 20th. We will address such questions as, “Who and Where We Were,” “Who and Where We Are Now,” and “Who We Can Become and Where We Can Go” in the context of people in the Bible who asked themselves the same questions. An interim period can be confusing and complex in a congregation – not to mention the time of uncertainty that led up to the interim period. This is an opportunity to take time to reflect on how to live faithfully as the Body of Christ during this interim period.

All we are saying . . . is give peace a plant!



ECC Peace Garden Planting
Sunday, October 18, 2009
(rain date October 25, 2009)

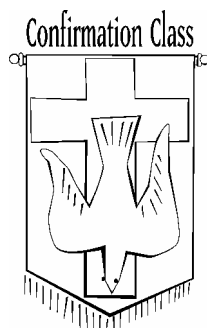


Now is the perfect time to dig up and separate perennial flowers and shrubs. The next phase of our peace garden includes creating a shrub/flower bed along the sidewalk closest to Arnold Street. This planted area will serve as a buffer between our peace garden and our hectic world . . . and will be planted with bulbs and clippings from ECC church members' gardens.

So that we can do a little designing of the bed, please let us know if you can contribute a garden clipping on October 18th (rain date October 25th). We need to know what you would like to bring and the quantity. Please contact Pat Kohler at 461-9612 or contact the church office. Thank you!**

Thank you from the Peace Garden Committee: Pat Kohler, Bill Maude, Kent Reynolds, Christine Rockwell, Megan Scarborough, Kathy Schnabel

**** Note that due to space limitations, we may not be able to accept all plants offered.**



Welcome to Confirmation Class

Isn't it wonderful to have our young people attending worship and assisting with the service this fall? Our Confirmation Class is meeting weekly and discussing the big issues of Christian faith in preparation for joining Edgewood Church on November 8th. In addition, two special events will mark the time – supper with the ecumenical Peace Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 24, here at Edgewood, and a RI Conference UCC Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, November 1, at Irons Homestead.

Many thanks to Alan Chamberlin for another successful Golf Tournament that was held on Sunday, September 13th at the Cranston Country Club; 46 golfers participated and many more attended the dinner. A profit of over \$1500.00 was made.

Congratulations to Tim Falk (son of Jack and Joyce Falk) who was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Tim received a check for \$538.00.

There were dozens of raffle prizes donated by area stores and vendors. Thanks to our neighbor Nick Scalera who worked tirelessly on obtaining these as well as some of the tee sponsors.



Making the “Cranston’s Most Wanted” List

In a weak moment, Rev. Betsy agreed to be arrested and locked up to raise money for children who have Muscular Dystrophy. She will be picked up by the police and hauled off to the “jailhouse” at Chelo’s in Cranston on Thursday, November 5, at 11 a.m. In order to be freed, she needs to raise bail. When she inquired who had nominated her for this “honor,” she was told that he/she was in the Witness Protection Program and names could not be released. Perhaps it was you? You can contribute to Betsy’s bail by sending a donation to the church marked MDA or donate online at <https://www.joinmda.org/ricranston09/bgarland>. With your help, she won’t be locked up for good – but together you will be *doing* good for children with MD.

Keep Up with the Bulletin Inserts

Worshippers have received brightly colored inserts in their bulletins this fall, asking for their perspectives on five different questions in the church profile. Some of them have filled them out and put them in the offering plate. Others have taken them home to bring back the following Sunday. If you have not been in church, you may call the church office to receive them in the mail – or email your response to the questions to the office. Wendy will turn them over to the Transition Team. Here are the five questions for your consideration:

1. Identify the three most important faith experiences or events in the history of this church and the year each took place.
2. Identify the most *challenging* faith experience or event in the life of the church in the last three years and what we learned from it.
3. What is God calling this church to do or become over the next five years?
4. Describe how you expect the minister we are seeking to help us reach our goals.
5. Choose the statement that most accurately describes the theological/faith stance of our church:
 - a. We tend to be theologically conservative.
 - b. We tend to be theologically moderate to conservative.
 - c. We tend to be theologically moderate.
 - d. We tend to be theologically moderate to liberal.
 - e. We tend to be theologically liberal.
 - f. We tend to be quite diverse theologically.

All of these self-study efforts will help to make our profile an accurate reflection of Edgewood Church. Everyone will have an opportunity to see how all of our data has shaped the profile as soon as a draft is available later this fall.

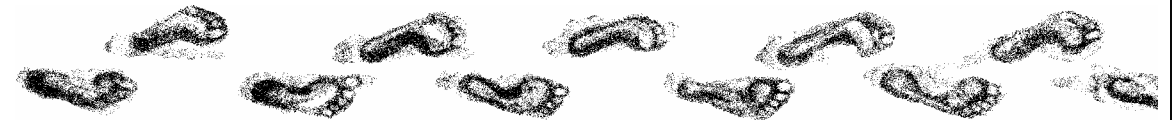
A “Sister Act” at Edgewood?

Participants at one of the Cottage Meetings proposed forming a women’s gathering. If you would be interested in helping to plan for a small group that would meet regularly, join us at a table during coffee fellowship after church on Sunday, October 4, to discuss what we would call it, when we would meet, and the range of activities we might consider.

Combine Chocolate & Mission for a Big Delight

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries will hold its annual Chocoholic Frolic and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 17, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Canonicus Conference Center in Exeter. In addition to enjoying many chocolate delights, attendees will be able to visit with old friends and do their Christmas shopping at the silent auction which will feature a week at summer camp, gift baskets, sports tickets, restaurant certificates, and MUCH MORE. Local churches also are asked to contribute finger foods – brownies, chocolate cupcakes, chocolate chip cookies, etc. Rev. Betsy will be attending (she has been asked to offer the invocation) and can take up to four more people in her car. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds benefit SPMN’s mission work in South Providence. If you would be willing to bake or would like to attend, speak to Betsy or call the church office.

Pilgrimage for Peace 2009 Coming to Edgewood



Right now a number of people concerned about creating a world of peace, justice, and the care of creation are walking for 1,000 miles through New England, spending their last evening at Edgewood Church on **Saturday, October 24**. Along the way, these ecumenical and interfaith walkers of all denominations stop at schools and colleges and churches and synagogues to talk with people about building peace in our world. Often local folks will join in the Walk for a mile or two.

Here at Edgewood, we are planning a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and will invite not only Edgewood members but also people from our sister churches in Edgewood. Plan to come and bring your whole family. If you can help with publicity and / or setting up for the supper, please speak to Rev. Betsy or call the church office.



10/03 Laura Webb
 10/04 Matthew Phok
 10/05 Alan Chamberlin
 10/10 Don Crout
 10/13 Jennifer Smith
 10/15 Dave Levesque
 10/16 Debby Bayne
 10/16 Bethany Cosmo
 10/18 Andrew Abram
 10/19 Robert Wroe
 10/21 Anthonia Kuti
 10/23 Joyce Fowler
 10/26 Mark Schnabel
 10/29 Dudley Harkins
 10/31 Barbara Abram
 10/31 Jametta Alston
 10/31 Joy Hyssong

Happy Birthday Kids!

10/01 Riley Giroux
 10/03 Noah Rocha
 10/09 Shelby Budihas
 10/10 William Coulam
 10/10 Gabriel Stone
 10/19 Ryan Bayne
 10/25 Kaitlyn Idskou

Happy Anniversary

10/02 Brianne & John DeRosa
 10/03 Melissa & Richard Andrews
 10/03 Vernon & Lois Goff
 10/05 Katarzyna & Glenn Surabian
 10/23 Kristen & Matthew Stone
 10/29 Barbara & James Brooks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	12 7pm Bible Study Columbus Day (office closed)	13 10am AI-Anon 2pm Bible Study 7pm AA	14 7pm AA 7pm Deacons Meeting	15 10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon	16 6pm Girl Scouts	17 South Providence Neighborhood Ministries Chocoholic Frolic
18 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Peace Garden Planting	19 7pm Bible Study	20 10am AI-Anon 2pm Bible Study 7pm AA	21 7pm AA	22 10am AI-Anon 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm AI-Anon	23	24 Pilgrimage for Peace
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