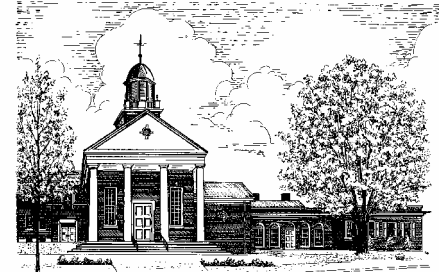


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## *The Good News*

### **September's New Beginnings**

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in  
the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Psalm 43:19*

I love September. The summer humidity gives way to cooler mornings. Children in new backpacks gather at school bus stops. The Sunday School “rallies” and church meetings are scheduled. Our program calendar begins to fill up. And our Jewish neighbors celebrate the beginning of *their* new year, Rosh Hashanah, and our Muslim friends, the end of Ramadan, Id al-Fitr. September is a time of new beginnings.

In addition, this month the Transition Team will hold five Cottage Meetings, present a synopsis of our 100+ years of history, and tally the results of our congregational surveys. Later we will host Bible Studies for the transitional journey and work on questions of organizational structure. Read all about these things inside this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you who are current in paying your pledge for 2009. It is important for the church to stand on a firm financial footing in order to be ready – and able – to call a settled minister. September is a good time to catch up, if you are behind, and to make an additional gift if you are able. .

September blessings,  
*Reverend Betsy*

**September**

*Staff at Edgewood Congregational Church*

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



***We welcome back all children  
to Sunday School on Sunday,  
September 13th***

Registration forms will be made available soon. Please be sure to fill one out for each child in your family. Any questions regarding our Sunday School program can be directed to our Superintendent of Sunday School, Jametta Alston at 941-9595.

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***Confirmation  
Class***



In preparation for joining the church on November 8<sup>th</sup>, our Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays at 5 p.m., beginning on September 13. At least 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. In addition, our young people will be encouraged to attend worship to prepare them to discuss what worship is and why we do what we do on Sunday mornings. Other topics will include looking at the Bible (a companion, not a rule book) with critical eyes, what communion and baptism are all about, how the church got started, and what other faith traditions mean for us.

The class already has attended some community events, such as “But for the Grace” about hunger in March, walked in the Good Friday Walk in April, helped weed the grounds at the church in July, and participated in dedicating the Peace Pole in August. At a meeting in June we identified other potential activities for our time together – which may well last beyond November. Let us prepare as a whole church to welcome these young people preparing to take their place as adults at Edgewood Church!

***Our Church Family***



We extend our sympathy to the family of longtime member Earl Harrington who passed away on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Earl joined our congregation 55 years ago. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Louise and their children Earl, Linda, Cynthia, Deborah, and Anne, twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held here on July 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Gerald Manuel Gagnon and Sadie Helena Gagnon were baptized by Rev. Garland on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Gerald and Sadie are the twins of Robyn and Tracy Gagnon and were born on March 10, 2009.*



**Welcome  
Our New  
Members**

Welcome to our newest members Robyn and Tracy Gagnon who joined our congregation on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Robyn and Tracy reside in Rumford with their twins Sadie and Gerald.

Thanks to your very generous donations, Edgewood Church has been able to support the following missions:

March – One Great Hour of Sharing \$360.10

April – Good Friday Hunger Walk \$330.10

May – Ecumenical Food Pantry \$101.10

June – Strengthen the Church \$164.10

July – Middleboro Mass. Church Fire  
\$237.00

(to purchase new hymnals)

August – Back to School Supplies \$330.10

(In addition to numerous supplies)



**HOME ENERGY  
ASSISTANCE**

The September Mission emphasis will be the Ecumenical Energy Fund. Families living in the 02905 zip code area and those recommended by the area churches can receive assistance with their energy bills. Last year over 56 families (20 more than the previous year) received help from this fund. Donations can be given by using your September Mission envelope provided in your offering envelope box.



## Sign Up for a Cottage Meeting

Want to chat with a few other members about what Edgewood Church means to you, about what we are like and want to become, about trends in the church and the neighborhood? Then plan to attend one of the five Cottage Meetings being scheduled in September. This is one of the ways your experience and ideas will help us shape the church profile for the search process for a new settled minister. We are planning on having just 8 to 10 people at each meeting, so the gatherings will be cozy. They are scheduled as follows:

1. **Thursday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m. (Governor Francis Farms)**  
at the home of Jack and Joyce Falk,  
160 Weetamoe Drive, Warwick.
2. **Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. (Conimicut)**  
at the home of Alan and Nancy Chamberlin,  
37 Foxcroft Avenue, Warwick.
3. **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. (Edgewood)**  
at the home of Judy Dewey,  
80 Lyndon Road, Cranston.
4. **Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. (Edgewood)**  
at the home of Carol Carson,  
83 Wheeler Avenue, Cranston.
5. **Sunday, Sept. 27, Noon (After Church)**

Speak to the host of the one you would like to attend – or leave a message at the church – so we will know how many to expect at each meeting.

## ***Transition Team Survey***

By now you have received a survey consisting of a cover letter and 2 forms that will provide the church with information that will assist in the selection process for candidates for Pastor of Edgewood Congregational Church. The “Transition Team Family Survey” is self explanatory and one form is included in each mailing.

Please note that a “Transition Team Survey for a Ministers Gifts/Qualities” is included for each adult member in the household. If a young adult in your household is a church member, they will have received their own form to be completed.

If you have any questions, please call me at 463-8336 or the church office at 461-1344. Your cooperation in completing and returning the form(s) promptly will be greatly appreciated.

Jack Falk For the Edgewood Congregational Church Transition Team  
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## ***History Forum***

### ***Edgewood Congregational Church – Then and Now***

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we invite you to join us during coffee hour and have a look at a Time Line of the history of our church and its 16 pastors. The Transition Team is trying to learn more about our past to help our next pastor as we all move into our future. Here are some great beginning facts:

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| November 1891:    | A small group of people joined together to hold the first service at the Casino Hall on Shaw Avenue. A collection of \$4.49 was received.   |
| March 1892:       | The society makes a down payment for the lot on the corner of Broad and Arnold Avenues.   |
| November 5, 1894: | Edgewood Congregational Church was recognized by the RI Conference. Original membership numbered 31, who all joined on that date. A fundraiser was begun to finance construction. Coupons were sold for .14 cents each. A few people bought a whole book of 500 coupons for \$70.00 |

Take a look at the Time Line and help us add some new facts. It has brought back many memories for some of the older members and should be interesting for newer members to see where our church came from.



## **Edgewood Congregational Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

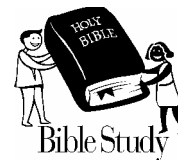
Information packages have been made available and in them you will find 50/50 raffle tickets, a registration form for golfers and dinner guests as well as sample letters to help obtain tee sponsors and raffle donations. Please remember that if you can't join us for golf or dinner, please help by making this event a success for your church by selling the 50/50 raffle tickets and by obtaining donations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 461-1344.

## **Make Time for the Peace Pole**



Take some time to “visit” our new Peace Pole when you come to church or walk through our grounds. Feel the beautiful wood, made to last, and trace the languages carved into it. Offer a prayer for peace – in your life, in Edgewood Church’s life, in the community, in the world. And, if you haven’t already done so, make a contribution towards the pole – and the benches and garden that we will add around the pole when we have the funds. Bring your family and friends to see the pole. In “planting” a peace pole we have joined hands with people all across the world who are praying for peace. “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with [all of us at Edgewood Church]!”

## **Spend Time in Bible Study This Fall**



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. Yes, we need information – and we will be plying you with surveys and questionnaires and discussions this fall – but we also need to take time to reflect on how to live faithfully as the Body of Christ during this time. In short sessions easy to fit into your busy schedules, we will offer several series of three one-hour Bible studies – at the church or in someone’s home, if you wish. 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. Watch for more information and a schedule.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2009</h1>						
		1 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	2 7pm AA	3 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon	4	5
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	7	8 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	9 7pm AA 7pm Deacons Meeting	10 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon Cottage Meeting at the Falk's 2pm	11	12
13 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 1pm Golf Tournament	14 Cottage Meeting at the Chamberlin's 7pm	15 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	16 7pm AA Cottage Meeting at Judy Dewey's 2pm	17 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon	18	19
20 16th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and History Forum	21	22 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	23 7pm AA	24 10am AI-Anon 7pm AI-Anon Cottage Meeting at Carol Carson's 7pm	25	26
27 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Noon - Cottage Meeting	28	29 10am AI-Anon 7pm AA	30 7pm AA			

- September 1 Josh Kohler
- September 3 Nelsie Eckloff
- September 7 Sheila Maguire
- September 11 Theresa Alston
- September 13 Paul Bayne
- September 15 Jack Falk
- September 16 Thompson Kuti
- September 16 John Proulx
- September 17 Robert Ronzio
- September 20 Susan Neary
- September 20 Fred Fullerton
- September 22 James Hummel
- September 25 Christopher Conti
- September 27 Merry Scarborough
- September 27 Renee David
- September 29 Leslie McCrea

***The Birthday Kids***

- September 1 Justin Neary
  - September 3 Grace Maguire
  - September 12 Kylee Harkins
  - September 12 Skye Idskou
  - September 30 Francesca Maroni
- Anniversaries***
- September 1 Judy & David Pelkey
  - September 8 Sarah & Paul Giroux
  - September 8 Catherine Ady & Bill Bell
  - September 10 Patricia & Paul Giarrusso
  - September 12 Dave & Jane Levesque
  - September 14 John & Christine Rockwell
  - September 21 Robyn & Tracy Gagnon
  - September 24 Kathryn & Joel Hamilton
  - September 28 Barbara & Dudley