



Edgewood's Leadership Board Candidates for 2012

Margaret Acello

Dave Boyer

Jean Brick

Peter Elia

Sandy Hill

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Please read over this packet of information on our 6 candidates for the 4 Leadership Board positions. Election of these and other leaders will take place on Sunday, Feb 5.

Margaret Acello



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

John and I have attended Edgewood for 39 years. We currently worship at the 11:15 service. Over those years I have participated in many areas of Christian Education ministry – as a Sunday School teacher, as Skituations director and as a Teen Ministries Director with John. I have also served for several years as a delegate to Annual Conference and currently serve on the Leadership Board and the Personnel Committee.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

Edgewood was the first stop in our search for a church home. After one Sunday here, we looked no further. The preaching was powerful and challenging. The people were warm, welcoming and transparent. And I was better equipped for service because I had worshipped here. All of that is still true.

3. What do you do for a living?

I teach Universal Pre-Kindergarten at East Rochester Elementary School.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

I love to read, especially history. I also enjoy baking, watching hockey and soccer, doing sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, and walking.

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

I love the direction Edgewood is moving. Our ministry of sending people, talents and finances to those in need of support and encouragement is surely consistent with God's call on our hearts. My vision is that the outreach and influence of this loving, sending congregation will grow more and more. May we continue to hold our blessings in an open hand, ready to respond quickly, joyfully and generously as opportunities to serve others are made known. May Jesus shine in all we do, here at home and around the world.

Dave Boyer



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

Why Edgewood Free Methodist church for Dave and Carol Boyer? Back in the early 1990's along with our close friends, Barb and Leo Holmstead, we started attending Edgewood. We were immediately drawn to the friendly people we encountered as we visited. We soon found out about Edgewood's programs serving the congregation and the community. We decided to become members of the congregation in our first year of attendance and we continue to grow along with the church.

I have had the privilege of serving at Edgewood as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the nominating committee for a term, a current member of the mission's committee, a Scripture reader in the Sunday services, a host along with Carol of a home Life group, and presently provide the leadership for the men's prayer breakfast.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

In my opinion Edgewood is a church that preaches, teaches, and follows through action God's Word. It is a place to grow spiritually by study, service and prayer. These core values continue to draw us to this place plus the many Christian relationships we have developed over the years.

3. What do you do for a living?

When I retired from the chemical manufacturing business as a chemical engineer in 2003, I started teaching at MCC as an adjunct professor of Chemistry. I continue to do so and enjoy the contact with the youth and helping them learn the subject matter.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

Our collective interest centers on the church and our extended family with 2 elderly Moms and 5 grandkids of which 4 are in Pittsburgh PA and 1 in Fort Collins, CO. I personally enjoy traveling, gardening, cooking/eating, teaching and reading.

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

As Edgewood hones its Vision, I would envision the church to be known as a congregation who has a passion for sharing the Gospel with the un-churched and an organization that continues to serve the needs of the disadvantaged locally, national and international.

Jean Brick



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

Don and I have attended Edgewood for about 8 years and regularly worship at the 11:15 service. I am the church librarian and I also serve in Higher Grounds and Wee Care.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

Edgewood is a very warm and healing place and that is what we needed after leaving a very difficult church situation. We searched for more than 2 years and this was the first church that felt like it could be a home, a family and a place where we could grow and serve. That is what it has become.

3. What do you do for a living?

I am a retired teacher, having taught preschool, kindergarten, and second grade over more than 30 years.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

I love being available for my grandchildren and I spend time with them every week. We are very blessed to have all 3 of our married children living within a ten minute drive. I like to read and garden and I also enjoy traveling, crossword puzzles and soccer.

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

I support our decision to stay where God has planted us. I am excited by the increased focus on outreach and compassion ministry. Edgewood has always been a strong mission church but now we are bringing our mission statement to life in many different places as we attempt to reach our community and neighborhoods with the message of Christ. My vision is that we will be like the tree planted by the water and experience the joy of a great harvest of fruit to the glory of God.

Peter Elia



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

For about 8 years, Sue and I have attended Edgewood with our two boys Ryan and Jordan. Over the years, we have attended the 9:30 and 11:15 services. I have attended and helped with Alpha; taught Sunday School, and participated in various bible studies. For the past 3 years, I have been a member of the Facilities Committee. I chaired the Facilities Committee for 1 year and helped coordinate building improvements at Edgewood and Honeoye Falls Campus Locations.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

The people, the sermons, and the beliefs - the Bible based teachings

When we first came to Edgewood, we felt very welcomed. There were so many programs and activities to get involved in. We see a large amount of care and effort put into the Children's Ministries. The teaching programs are big draw for our boys and us.

3. What do you do for a living?

I am the Sales Manager for Advance Circuit Technology in Rochester NY.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

Woodworking, Skiing, Running, spending time with my family

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

I would like to see Edgewood realize its construction plans for renovation. I believe that making our church building more usable and welcoming to existing and new attenders would be a positive step for the church.

Also, I would like to see Edgewood continue to be more involved in local missions so that we can help our neighbors and the people within our local community find their way home.

I feel that our church is alive with the Holy Spirit and will continue to build a strong community of believers. We all have our own visions for what the Church should be and look like based on our own experiences and current situation. Because of this human factor, I believe that in prayer, we should always and constantly seek His will for Edgewood and our own daily walk so that we can effectively spread the Good News of Jesus.

Sandy Hill



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

I have attended Edgewood since the fall of 1974. One of my friends cared for Don Deyle when he was in the hospital. After that, I came along when Don & Jean would bring University of Rochester students to Edgewood on Sundays.

I have served as a Sunday school teacher, helper and youth group advisor, organized nursery workers, served on the committee to find a replacement assistant pastor for Pastor Brent and currently serve at the Welcome Center and on the Missions Committee.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

In 1974, I was drawn to Edgewood by the caring people who lived their faith in Christ. Praying at the altar during services was an inspiring tradition (and still is!). After 38 years I am still drawn to Edgewood by the caring people who live their faith in Christ. Twenty-eight years ago, I had a brain tumor that required 13 hours of surgery. Edgewood sent Pastor Russell & Stella Elder to Boston to be with us and after our return to Rochester, cared for Robert, Elaine and me for almost a month. Edgewood has nurtured the hearts of my family to serve in places like Chili, Honduras, Haiti and Cambodia. God has called me to Edgewood.

3. What do you do for a living?

I teach middle school mathematics. I enjoy the challenge of sharing my love of mathematics with this age group.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy gardening, reading and being mom to four wonderful young adults.

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

My vision for Edgewood is that we continue to nurture our children and youth into believers of Christ. As a community we reach out to those who need Christ in Brighton and the Rochester area and continue to participate in missions worldwide. Serving others is as important to our Christian walk and the work Christ is doing in our lives as it is to those we serve. Seeing Christ in our actions and lives is the best way to draw others to faith in Christ.

Norman Leenhouts



1. How long have you attended Edgewood? What areas of worship or service have you participated in previously or currently?

I have attended Edgewood for nine years. I participate in the Men's Prayer Breakfast and Monday night prayer meeting, and I have been on the Leadership Board, where I have served as Chairman since last January. At the national level, I am a member of the Board of Administration. Previously I served as a Board member and Chairman of the Free Methodist Foundation. I have been a member of the Roberts Wesleyan College Board for over 20 years, and have served on the Board of Northeastern Seminary since its inception.

2. What do you like about Edgewood? What made you choose Edgewood for your church home?

Edgewood offers a wide variety of exciting ministry opportunities and services. The preaching and teaching are excellent. The outreach to local and foreign missions is impressive. It has also been easy to make friends in the congregation.

3. What do you do for a living?

I serve as Chairman of the Board of Broadstone Real Estate, a family business that manages commercial properties, and Chairman of Broadstone Net Lease, a real estate investment trust that invests in real estate.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy playing golf, gardening, fishing, traveling, and family gatherings.

5. What is your vision for Edgewood in the next few years?

I am enthusiastic and supportive of Pastor Doug's vision, which emphasizes prayer, evangelism, and compassion ministries. I think that this focus will deepen our walk with Jesus and expand our ministry.