



The tag line for the global Messy Church movement is “Church, but not as you know it”. If you have attended church for a long time, Messy Church may not look like church to you. At Messy Church, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts and activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible. A foundational ingredient of Messy Church is to gather around a table for a snack or meal and build relationships with each other, God, and the world.

Messy Church USA is affiliated with the international Messy Church movement, whose home is with the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Christian charity based in Oxfordshire, UK.

Messy Church started in an Anglican church near Portsmouth, UK, in 2004 and has grown into an international movement operating across a wide range of Christian denominations and traditions. It became part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) in 2006 with the publication of the first Messy Church book by founder Lucy Moore. Read more about how Messy Church began.

**Kingston Congregational Church is excited to bring this new program to Rhode Island.**

## Messy Church Values

### Christ-Centered



Messy Church is a church, not a craft club that helps people to encounter and enter into a transforming relationship with Jesus. Messy Church believes with the historic churches, in one God who is Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer (or in traditional language, Father, Son and Holy Spirit).



### All Age

Messy Church is for adults and children to enjoy together. Every element should be relevant and accessible to all ages.



### Creativity

Messy Church uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.



### Celebration

Messy Church reflects a God of joy who wants all of God’s people to have life in all its fullness.



### Hospitality

Messy Church reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside of a traditional church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe place in which to thrive. Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together- whether it’s a plate of sandwiches to share, a full course meal or pizza.