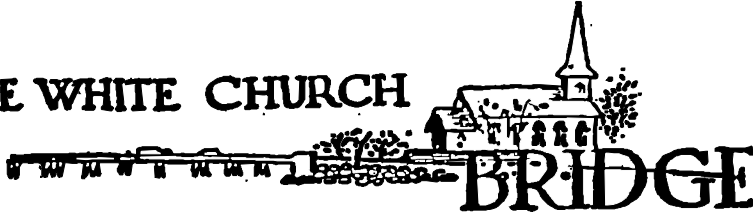


April 2007

# THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I like April because, for me, there are 3 “High Holy Days” in it. There is, of course, Easter, April 8, which I am assuming needs no explanation. But then there is Patriot’s Day, April 19. Now, if you are not from MA you have no appreciation of Patriot’s Day, but let me tell you that if there wasn’t a Patriot’s Day we would still all be saying, “God save the Queen.”

I grew up in Lexington, MA so I have to keep reminding myself that Easter should be first on the list of Holy Days!

But then there is the third one: Opening Day. On April 2, 1:05 PM, the first pitch will be thrown at Yankee Stadium. If you are in management you don’t want to know the financial cost to American productivity on Opening Day – how big business has failed to force Opening Day onto a Sunday I do not know.

To prepare myself for Opening Day I will simply wait – the season is long enough as it is without getting too cranked up with spring training games. To prepare for Patriot’s Day I will simply offer suggestions as to where to park if any of you want to go see the actual re-enactment on the Lexington green at 6:00 AM (and a free lecture as to why Lexington is more important than Concord).

But to prepare for Easter I will take Holy Week very seriously. I will be in the sanctuary at 7 AM Monday – Friday with coffee and a brief reflection to start our day; I will participate in the Seder Meal and Deacons’ Tenebrae Service with you Maundy Thursday; I will be with you at St. John’s at noon on Good Friday; I will wait for the sun to rise over the Cove at 6:15 Easter morning and will lead worship at 9:15 & 11:00 AM. I will be ready for Easter and invite you to join with me in the preparations.

April is a busy month – but THE most important day for us as Christians is Easter. It gives us perspective for the rest of the year. Bring your friends and worship with us. I look forward to seeing you in church.

The peace of Christ to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Jeff'.

## Sunday Services in April



April 1 10 a.m. **PALM / PASSION SUNDAY** (see page 4)  
Worship Service with Communion & Presentation of Symbols,  
Palm Procession and Church School for preK-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade only

*See pages 4-5 for a full listing of all the services and events during Holy Week*

April 8 **EASTER**  
6 a.m. Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, Osamequin Point  
9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir,  
Adult choir and brass  
11 a.m. Worship Service with adult choir and brass

EASTER SUNDAY NURSERY CARE AND ACTIVITIES: (see page 5 for more details)

9:15 a.m. only - Nursery Care for infants and toddlers.

- Easter Activities for 3-5 year olds in Room 2 from 9:15 a.m.

- Easter Activities for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Fellowship Hall  
following the Children's message.

April 15 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells, Church School

April 22 10 a.m. Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Church School

April 29 10 a.m. *Confirmation Sunday*  
Worship Service with Confirmation, Church School

*Church School for Pre-School though Grade 8*

*Handicapped Accessible*

*Nursery Care Available*

**Parents of young children are reminded that if they need to leave the service with their child,  
the service can still be heard via loud speaker in the Vestry below the Sanctuary.**



The UCC has produced an Easter Worship Special "Joy Dawned Again" to be aired on ABC-TV. Check your local listings for time and channel or visit the "Joy Dawned Again" website at [www.UCC.org/joydawnedagain](http://www.UCC.org/joydawnedagain) for the schedule which will be posted during Holy Week. The service includes a welcoming message by President John Thomas honoring the UCC's 50 years of history.

# 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>



Have you signed up yet?

It's not too late to join us after church in Fellowship Hall.  
Sign up at coffee hour or call the church office (246-0111)

The ladies will cook as they would have 200 years ago.

Menu: roasted chicken, ham, potatoes, salad, corn bread and delicious "Scripture Cake" for desert - a recipe taken right from verses from the Bible! A vegetarian dish will also be offered.

Van Edwards will present some history about our church building and lunch will follow.

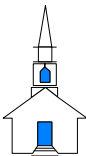
Children will have the opportunity to decorate wooden churches and child care for under three will be provided.

Cat's Meow churches will also be for sale (see below).

**All are welcome!**



The Cat's Meow wooden replicas of the church are once again available for purchase either at coffee hour or from the church office. Cost \$20 each. Proceeds will go to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund.



## Do You Remember?

We're still looking for moments of history from all of our church family. Do you remember something about our sanctuary or church that you would like to share? Please jot down what you'd like to tell us and either place it in the basket on the vestry table or e-mail it to Marion Fodor at [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net). We could have some fun reminiscing together! All ages are welcome to contribute.

*Wanted—another handbell ringer to join our talented team.*

# Holy Week

## PALM / PASSION SUNDAY— APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>



Holy Week begins with the **Palm Sunday Service** at **10:00 a.m.** at the beginning of which palms will be distributed to the congregation. As in previous years, this special service will feature a series of readings and symbols to mark Jesus' last week of life.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** All children from *pre-K through 3rd Grade* are asked to *meet in their classrooms before worship* where they will be given palms to carry. They will process into the sanctuary as a class at the beginning of the worship service carrying their palms. They will then leave and return to their classrooms for an extended church school class. Youth in grades 4 - 8 are asked to sit with their parents for the worship service.

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## HOLY WEEK MORNING REFLECTIONS MONDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> — FRIDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

Jeff Larsen will be in the sanctuary at **7:00 a.m.** each morning with coffee, prayer and a brief reflection to start the day. All are welcome to come on their way to work or school (see page 6 for more details).

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

There will be a **Seder Dinner** beginning **promptly at 6:00 p.m.** in the vestry, followed by a **Service of Tenebrae** at **7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

A **Seder Dinner** is the traditional Jewish Passover meal that commemorates the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. It was a Seder dinner that Jesus was celebrating with his disciples at the Last Supper. This Passover meal was the turning point between Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and his death on the cross on Good Friday (see page 6 for more details).



Afterward at the **Tenebrae Service**, the deacons and clergy will lead worship in which the story of Jesus' passion and suffering will be read, with candles extinguished one by one. There will be music at the service and the choir will sing.

Both the Seder Dinner and the Tenebrae Service are wonderful events, and every year those who come are full of gratitude for the depth and joy of the evening. Deepen your experience of the resurrection this year by living through the passion and death of Christ. Children are encouraged to attend both events with their families.

## GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

The Barrington clergy will participate in an **Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Noon** at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 191 County Road, Barrington. All are welcome.



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## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES—APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>



Easter Sunday begins with a **6:00 a.m. Sunrise Ecumenical Communion Service at Osamequin Point**, sponsored by several of the Barrington churches. All are invited.

At **9:15 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** there will be **Worship Services** in the sanctuary of BCCUCC, featuring preaching by the Rev. Jeffrey Larsen, a children's message, and music from the organ, brass and the church's adult choir at both services. The Sing and Celebrate children's choir will also sing at the 9:15 a.m. service only.



### What Parents Need to Know About Easter Sunday

#### 9:15 a.m. service

The Easter Activity during the service will be an Easter Egg hunt for children age 3-3rd grade. Children are invited to bring a small basket for collecting eggs. Weather permitting, some of this will be outside so please have your child dress appropriately.

- Nursery care is available.
- 3 & 4 year olds go directly to their classroom at 9:15 and will also participate in the Easter egg hunt.
- K—3<sup>rd</sup> grade go to the service with their parents, participate in the children's message, and then leave the service to go to Fellowship Hall for the Easter Egg hunt.
- 4<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade go to the service with their parents, are welcome to participate in the children's message, and are asked to remain for the rest of the service.



#### 11:00 a.m. service

- No Nursery care or other special classes for children during the 11:00 a.m. service.

*Please note that all children, regardless of age, are welcome to be with their parents in church for the entire service. If a parent needs to leave the service with their child, the service can still be heard via loudspeaker in the vestry beneath the sanctuary.*



All are invited to the annual

## Seder Dinner

on **Maundy, Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** at **6 p.m.** in the **Vestry.**

### WHAT IS A SEDER ?

A Seder is the traditional Passover week dinner celebrated by the Jews since the Exodus from Egypt. It is the Hebrew Thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for deliverance and redemption. The Last Supper, hosted by Jesus for His disciples, was a Seder meal. And it was at this Seder that Jesus asked all of us to *do this in remembrance of Him.*

The Haggadah is the order of service for the Seder dinner in which the story of the Exodus is recounted and reenacted through prayer and ritual, that includes the eating of special traditional foods, each with it's own historical significance. Many Christian churches now hold Seders during Holy Week as a reminder of Jesus' Last Supper. All are invited to participate in this very special ceremony. Children are encouraged to attend with their families.

### Volunteers needed

Lynn Blanchard-Caesar and Marilyn Packard-Luther will once again be organizing the Seder dinner and they need some volunteers to help with the food preparation - Matzo ball soup and latkes (potato pancakes) - as well as volunteers to help with the clean up afterwards. If you would like to volunteer to cook, clean up, or you have questions about the dinner, please call either Marilyn at 246-1611 or Lynn at 245-5494. Recipes will be provided for those who need them.



**Following the Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a**



**at 7:30 pm. in the Sanctuary.**

**Also known as the Service of Darkness, this communion service includes the reading of the story of Jesus' passion and suffering, as candles are extinguished one by one until the church is in darkness. All are invited.**

### **Holy Week Early Morning Reflections**

All are invited to join the Rev. Jeff Larsen in the sanctuary each morning of Holy Week

**Monday-Friday, April 2-6,**

**from 7:00 — 7:20 a.m.**

Jeff will give a reflection on the theme of the day, offer prayers, and provide his famous strong coffee! You are welcome to stop by on your way to work or school.

## Cottage Meetings Update

Many, many thanks to all of you who were able to participate in one of our Cottage Meetings. Officially there were 12 meetings in people's homes and at the church. The Deacons also had an informal meeting, the youth had some input and one or two folks submitted their ideas in writing. We have been able to hear directly from about 140 people in our church family expressing their hopes and dreams about where our church will be focusing our efforts in the next several years.

Your Church Council will be reviewing all the results and setting in motion a search committee to seek additional staffing to assist in the implementation of the top priorities. They will be bringing to you their recommendations for your endorsement. We will make available through next month's *Bridge* a copy of those results so you can all see the scope of concern and hope from our church family.

★ Thank You! ★  
★ THANK YOU! ★

...to everyone who helped with the Church School Lenten Craft Fair: Carol Strakosch, Debbi Summers and family, Laura Ward, Mary DeWitt, Kristen Westmoreland, Allie Jean, Marion Fodor, Nancy Martin, and especially Nancy Speed for her generous donation of the crafts. Good fun was had by all!

...to the March FAITHWorks Disciples: Laura Ward, Nancy Speed, Cheryl Muth, Nancy Martin, and Van Edwards

...to our custodians for all of the snow removal they did this winter, ensuring safe footing for all who came in and out of our buildings during bad weather

...to the anonymous person who came in early and shoveled some of the recent snow, and to the Boy Scouts of Troop 6 who came in later and assisted the custodians in removing the remainder of the snow. Your efforts were much appreciated

...to all of the hosts, facilitators and scribes for the cottage meetings, and to everyone who participated

...to David Speed for donating a new mixer and microphone, and to Steve Berenback for donating a new boom stand for the sound system in Fellowship Hall

...and to everyone who supported the Senior PF in their Pasta Dinner fundraiser.



Confirmation is an important milestone in the life of a Christian. The service of confirmation is not only a time for this year's confirmands to affirm their baptismal vows, but it is also an opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to Christ and the church. Please join us for worship on

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.**

as we celebrate the young people who are being confirmed and welcome them into membership in our church.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will assist with ushering that day and will remain in worship for the entire service. There will be church school as usual for preK-7<sup>th</sup> grade.

For those who are new to our church family and would like to learn more about why we do things the way we do here, and/or are considering becoming a member of our church family, you are all cordially invited to attend

### **Conversations**

**on Sunday, April 29**

**following worship, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Child care will be provided if you call the church office and let us know you would like it. All are invited to this very informal session.



**The Rev.**

**David Shire**

will preach and lead  
worship on

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

as Jeff will be away  
with the Senior PF on  
their Mission Trip.



### **Let it shine.....the UCC at 50 years**

Join Helen Schall and Bev Travers for a series of short meditations celebrating **50 years of The United Church of Christ: "Shine, God's People"**.

The series will begin the first Sunday after Easter and run for five weeks from **April 15 — May 13**.

Each session will be held from **8:45 am- 9:45 am** in the **church library**. You need not attend all of the sessions to participate. **More to come!**

*You Are Invited...*

**EVENT: The Inaugural Regina F. Berenback Memorial Lecture  
for Social Action and Justice**

**WHEN: Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**

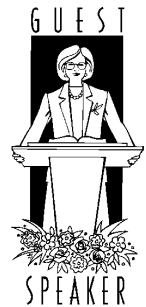
**WHERE: Fellowship Hall, Barrington Congregational Church, UCC**

**SPONSOR: The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team**

**GUEST SPEAKER: The Honorable Elizabeth Roberts,  
Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor**

**ADMISSION: Free and open to the public**

**Elizabeth Roberts** has spent over a decade distinguishing herself as one of Rhode Island's most respected advocates for quality, affordable healthcare for every family and has built a statewide reputation for being a tireless leader on health and medical issues. Roberts currently chairs the Long Term Care Coordinating Council and has been designated the chair of a joint legislative task force, the focus of which will be the recently enacted Massachusetts Universal Health Care Reform Plan. She recently stepped into a national leadership role on the universal health coverage debate at her first meeting of the National Lieutenant Governors' Association (NLGA) in Washington, DC. where she was the only freshman lieutenant governor chosen to lead a policy session.



Please come out and support this event. The Lieutenant Governor is a major public figure to have at our church, and she is an excellent public speaker. Also, we expect this lecture to become an annual event in the life of the church.

**Have You made a Pledge for 2007?**

It's never too late to make a pledge to the church — that can be paid over the remainder of the year — and it can be for any amount, large or small. The church uses the income from pledges to pay its bills, fund programs, give money to missions, and pay the staff. Pledge forms are available on the vestry table, or contact the financial secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 for more details. Thank you.

## DEACONS FOR APRIL

Doug Roach (star deacon), Van Edwards,  
Lorraine Keeney, Jim McCartney,  
Lois McCartney, and Mary Lou Slicker.

*If you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787 home)  
please call on one of the deacons.*



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the May Bridge will be

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

March 4 – 232

March 11 – 185

March 18 – 256



**Dine-Out  
Group**  
will not meet  
in April.

The **Third Friday Bridge**  
Group will meet on  
**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7 PM** in the **Vestry**.



Come enjoy an evening of cards, fellowship, refreshments and prizes. All bridge players are invited, and need not have a partner to enjoy this fun evening. For further information contact Sheila Hutton at 245-4941.

Are you a  
potential  
ringer for  
our newly  
refurbished,  
bright and  
beautiful  
handbells?



## Adult Reading Circle

next meets on  
**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:30 p.m.**  
at **The Coffee Depot**  
**501 Main Street, Warren.**

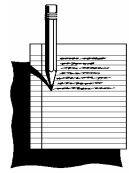
**All are welcome!**



They will discuss the book  
**The Known World**  
by **Edward P. Jones**

Set in Manchester County, Virginia, 20 years before the Civil War began, Edward P. Jones's debut novel, **The Known World**, is a masterpiece of overlapping plot lines, time shifts, and heartbreaking details of life under slavery.

## ANNUAL REPORTS due APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>



The leaders of the various ministry teams, together with the church officers are reminded that they need to submit a report for inclusion in the Church's 2007 Annual Report. The **deadline for submitting reports** is **Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. In addition to a summary of the past year's activities, reports should also include a summary of the goals for the upcoming church year.

If possible, please submit your report by e-mail *as an attachment* to the church office at [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net). However, reports are accepted in any form.

We ask that you please respect the deadline and submit your report on time, as the final report needs to be distributed in advance of the Annual Meeting that will take place on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

*New this year: The 2006 Annual Report is now available on the church website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under the 'Information for Church Members' link.*

### Financial Structure at BCCUCC

The Finance Ministry Team believes that providing some detail about our financial systems is helpful to our members. Written approval for all expenditures is required from the appropriate Ministry Team leader, staff member or church officer. No one can authorize reimbursement to themselves for a church related purchase; another signature must be obtained.

Our Financial Secretary, who is also chair of a team, no longer signs off on any team expenditures, as that would be a potential conflict of interest. Our Financial Secretary generates the checks, but does not sign them; our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have signing authority. The Financial Secretary performs monthly bank account reconciliations, in conjunction with the Treasurer. We have two small groups of people who count the weekly offering, and do so as a group to ensure accountability.

Monthly financial reports are issued to several Ministry Teams, as well as to the Treasurer, so they can track expenses and also observe and question any apparent irregularities. A monthly financial report is prepared by the Treasurer for Church Council's review. Also, we have an audit performed on our financial records and systems at the end of each calendar year. The Finance Ministry Team can not give absolute assurance that there will never be a problem, but we believe we have a system of checks and balances that provides reasonable assurance that our monies are used and accounted for in an appropriate manner.

The calendar for April 2007 as it appeared on page 12 and 13 of the newsletter can be found in a separate document on the calendar page of the website.

In addition, there is a new, on-line calendar that is constantly updated. It is accessible either through the home page of the website or from the calendar page.

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From your Social Action and Justice Ministry Team....

## Humane Borders

The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team is beginning a partnership with Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Sarhuarita, Arizona.

Following Rev. Delle McCormick's recent presentation at BCCUCC on *The Face of Immigration*, we decided to contact the minister at Good Shepherd, Randy Mayer, (who is a former associate minister at Newman Congregational Church, UCC) to see how we could help them in their participation with Humane Borders. Humane Borders, motivated by faith, offers humanitarian assistance to those in need through more than 70 emergency water stations on and near the border. Randy, along with members of the congregation, has taken responsibility to maintain several water stations in their area.

Randy informs us that a typical "water run" into the desert costs about \$20.00.

The immigration issue sometimes seems far away to us here in Rhode Island. But the fact is that people are dying in the desert. You will be seeing plastic water jugs around the church in the months to come. We are hoping that you will fill them with your loose change and bills to help Good Shepherd Church in its humanitarian aid.

For more information on Humane Borders, go to [www.humaneborders.org](http://www.humaneborders.org).

## Good News for GreenStart Users

Your GreenStart payments are now tax deductible! If you itemize your taxes, you can deduct GreenStart payments as a charitable contribution. Those who were signed up in the last tax year of 2006, should have received a statement from People's Power and Light. This deduction will continue, so please consider signing on with GreenStart. For every family that joins and gives BCCUCC as a referral, the church will receive a \$10.00 rebate for each of the next 3 years.



## WANTED - Serviceable Used Men's Clothing

for The George Hunt Help Center, Matthewson Street, Providence

This is an inner city drop in center where the homeless can drop in for relief from the street and a cup of coffee. Their need for used, casual men's clothing always exceeds their supply. If you can help, please bring the clothes and *leave them in the collection box in the Vestry*. Our friends at St. John's Episcopal Church have asked for our assistance in helping this worthwhile organization. Thank you!

## Christian Community Soup Kitchen seeks donations

Our church rotates with seven other churches to provide a meal on Saturdays at the soup kitchen located at the Hispanic Evangelical UCC in Pawtucket. The various ministry teams take turns doing this, but additional volunteers are always welcome to provide the food and/or go help serve. Food is prepared ahead of time and taken to the soup kitchen for serving.



The organizers of the soup kitchen have asked the participating churches to assist them by making donations of the following items:

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|--|--|
| Regular Coffee                               | Napkins  |
| Powdered drink (ie. Ice tea & lemonade)      | Paper towels   |
| Sugar packets                                | Salt & pepper packets                                    |
| Sugar 22 oz. Containers                      | Disposable Salt & pepper shaker sets                     |
| (self pouring found at Sam's or BJ's)        | Quart size "Ziploc" bags                                 |
| Non-dairy creamer                            | Gallon Size "Ziploc" bags                                |
| Forks - plastic                              | Serving Spoons   |
| Knives - plastic                             | Crock Pots   |
| Spoons - plastic                             | Electric Heating/Warming Trays                           |
| Heavyweight paper or styrofoam dinner plates | Large juice cooler with lid (to hold at least 4 gallons) |
| Heavyweight paper or styrofoam bowls         | Sturdy extension cords                                   |
| 8 oz. hot cups                               |  |
| 6 - 8 oz. Cold cups                          |  |

If you can help by donating any of these items, please place them in the basket in Fellowship Hall, or you may take them directly to the soup kitchen. To volunteer or to answer questions about the soup kitchen, please contact our coordinator, Lorraine Keeney at 245-3660 or [LKeeney@uri.edu](mailto:LKeeney@uri.edu)

## Swing a hammer for Habitat for Humanity!



If you are a novice wanting to learn handyman (or handywoman) basics or an expert willing to share your skills, Habitat gives you the chance to help others out of sub-standard housing and the chance to swing a hammer or wield a paintbrush. We will be sending a work party to the Providence Habitat affiliate on Saturday morning, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Francis Seader (401) 474 3853 or [seader@cox.net](mailto:seader@cox.net). A typical work party starts on site at 8:30 a.m. and usually finishes up mid-afternoon. If you want more information about Habitat Providence, their web site is:

<http://www.habitatprov.org>



## Senior PF Mission Trip

Fourteen youth will be leaving for the Senior PF Mission Trip to New York City on Friday, April 20 and will return on Sunday, April 22. Accompanying the youth will be Jeff and Kathleen Larsen, Susan and Francis Seader, and Kim Godfrey.



Their mission trip will be to participate in “Nightwatch” which is a program run by the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. They will interact with youth and adults from a variety of other places, experience the church in the city, participate in a number of mission activities, and be challenged to share and learn about their faith.

The youth going on the mission trip are: Jasmine and Zachary Arnold, Becky Bracken, Cassie Dana, Meagan Gamache, Megan Hoyt, Alli Jean, Hannah Jenkins, Zachary Luther, Stephanie Randazzo, Courtney Selvage, Terri Strickland, Helen Ward, and Ben White.

We ask that you keep those going on the mission trip in your prayers.



## Pasta Dinner Thanks

The Senior PF extends their heartfelt thanks to all the congregation for their attendance at and support of the Pasta Dinner fundraiser on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Most importantly, it was a wonderful time for members and friends of all ages to be together in fellowship. With your help and support, over \$1700 was raised for the Senior PF Mission Trip to New York City in April! (see related article above).

The fundraiser was ably organized and led by Liz White, Laura Ward and Jean Arnold. Special thanks to Shaw’s Supermarket for donating the bread, everyone who donated desserts, Lisa Browning and Carol Strakosch for set-up and decorating help, Kathleen Larsen for help with cooking, and to the Senior PF youth and their parents who served and cleared the tables.

Pictures from the pasta dinner can be viewed at our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under the ‘View Recent Photos’ link.

We are putting photos from church events up on our church website. If for any reason you do not wish any photo of yourself or a member of your family to appear on our website, you must let the church office know in writing. We will then do our best not to include such pictures.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

We are in the final weeks prior to Confirmation Sunday, April 29. Students are working with Jeff via email on their statement of faith to be used on April 29 and should be working with their parents on the baptism worksheet.

Prior to worship on April 29 there will be a breakfast for all class members and their families at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Membership Ministry Team.

## FAITHWorks



April's theme is

*Jonah*

April disciples are:

Lynn Blanchard Caesar,  
Debbi Summers,  
Betsy Restituyo,  
Greg Voigt,  
and Eileen Dennis.

There will be no  
FAITHWorks on  
April 1 or 8.

*Calling all teachers and aides, disciples and shepherds  
(Grades 1-8) past, present and future. You are  
invited to a .....*



## Teacher Rally

Sunday, April 15th

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Vestry

Rev. Jeff Larsen invites everyone who is currently involved with church school or Faithworks, has been involved in the past or may be interested in the future — to please come to this very important gathering to review this past year and to brainstorm for the future.

Childcare will be provided.

Pilgrim Fellowship Schedule for Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30 — 6 p.m.

Junior PF meet in the Library to fill Easter eggs for the Activity on Easter Sunday.

Senior PF meet in Fellowship Hall for a Mission Trip Informational Meeting. Those going on the trip are expected to attend together with a parent. Bring your completed forms from the mailing you received.



## “Women in the Bible”

continues to meet on alternate Thursdays  
from **10:30 a.m.—Noon**  
in **Room 6**

and will meet on **April 5 and 19**

This group is open to any woman who wants to learn more about the women in the Bible and hear how God speaks to us through these women’s stories. You needn’t be a member of this church to participate so feel free to invite friends. Please bring a bible.

*For more information contact  
Carol Louttit at 245-2299.*



**Murphy the church dog needs a home for the weekend that Kathleen and Jeff are with the Senior PF group in NYC (April 20-22). If there is a wonderful family who would be interested in adopting Murphy for the weekend that would be a great help. He loves kids and loves to run and play and swim and eat.**

**He is a huge lovable Labradoodle who does not shed and is hypoallergenic. If you can help us out, please let Jeff know in the church office. Thanks.**

**PS: If you would like to interview him (Murphy, not Jeff) he can be found in the church office most afternoons.**

## RHODE ISLAND INVITATIONAL HANDBELL CONCERT

**Saturday, April 28, 2007 7:30pm**

**St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center**  
82 Cumberland Street, Woonsocket, RI

Handbell music provided by the following groups:

Concert Handbell Ringers, Wheeler School, Providence, RI  
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Pawtucket, RI  
Jubellation, Calvin Church, Lincoln, RI  
Jubilate Ringers, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, E. Greenwich, RI  
Air Station Otis ANG, Cape Cod, MA  
Handbell Harmonies, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Holliston, MA

Guest conductor: Daniel K. Moore

Good will offering to benefit St. Ann Cultural Center

**Directions:** Rt. 95 North to Route 146 North (7.8 miles) to Route 295 South (1/2 mile) to RI Rt. 99 North. After 3 miles, left on RI Rt. 122; after 1.5 miles, left on Cumberland Street (RI Rt. 126).

Call 245-7183 (Barbara Ward) for information on how to learn handbell ringing.

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team is looking for help with several maintenance and clean-up projects on their

## **CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please contact Paul Dennis (245-6296) or any other B&G member to sign up, or leave a message in the church office (246-0111).



**The Women of the Rhode Island Conference invite you to a  
one day retreat**



**Embracing God's Light with Prayer Beads**

**on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Irons Homestead.**

This retreat will be lead by the Rev. Jenny Cook and Dr. Jan Cannon.

The registration fee of \$50.00 includes materials, a light breakfast and lunch.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the day ends at 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 to register.

**Nancy Martin introduces.....**

**Sweat Your Prayers: The Five Rhythms of the Soul**

by Gabrielle Roth



Come to dance in whatever allows your spirit and body optimal fluidity and expression. Gabrielle Roth discovered that the body can't lie; put it in motion and the truth kicks in.

Experience the energy in each pattern—feminine in flowing, masculine in staccato, the blending of both in chaos, lightening in the aftermath in lyrical, and distillation of movement in stillness—a delving into our shadow sides in order to transform our negativity to creativity.

Let us come together on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30—11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**, so we can each discover our own unique dance form using every part of our body, from the inside out.

Please contact Nancy Martin at 273-1078 regarding your interest and availability.

All are invited to the 48<sup>th</sup> annual...

## Ecumenical Communion Fellowship Breakfast

sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 7 - 9 a.m.**

**Venus De Milo Restaurant, Route 6, Swansea, MA**

**Keynote Speaker: Paul Burton**



Paul Burton is a new general assignment reporter for WBZ-TV and TV38 News in Boston who worked previously at WLNE-TV in Providence. He earned degrees in Communications and Journalism and is currently working on his doctorate in ministry at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He had a successful career as an athlete and was a member of the Seattle Seahawks. Paul also serves as associate pastor at Tremont Temple Baptist Church.

*The breakfast is for lay men, women, youth and pastors*

**Tickets cost \$12 and reservations are required**

Reservations and payment must be in the church office **by Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note that **checks should be made payable to "The RI State Council of Churches"**.



### Our Church Website is Expanding

You can now find our church *By-Laws* and the *2006 Annual Report* on the "Information for Church Members" page of the website, and there are new pictures on the "View Recent Photos" page. The home page also has a preview of the next 7 days which is part of our on-line church calendar that can be constantly updated.

**[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)**

Check it out next time you're on the internet! [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)



### "E"NNOUNCEMENTS

A shortened form of the weekly announcements is now being emailed to those church members that have email addresses on file with the office. If a mid-week reminder of what's coming up at BCCUCC in the next 10 days or so interests you, please provide the office with your email address so you can be included.

Our church member "handyman" has helped out a number of church members and continues to donate his services by doing odd jobs around the house or yard. Church members that are in need, either financially or physically, are welcome to call the church office at 246-0111 for more information.

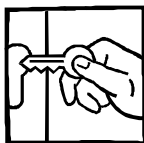


**Please remember to wear your nametag on Sundays  
—both for worship and at coffee hour.**



If you need a nametag, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to make one for you—pin, clip or hanging style. Newly made nametags are put (in alphabetical order) on the racks in the vestry for you to pick up. Please make sure that there isn't one for you there before requesting a new one.

A new lock was recently installed on the exterior door to the Education building near the office. Should you have any problems gaining entry with your key, please use a different entrance and then let the church office know that your key no longer works in that lock.



**Read the *Bridge* on-line and save the church some money.**  
Contact us at 246-0111 or [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net).



Still looking—looking—looking for one new handbell ringer, long- or short-term.  
Could it be you?

Dishes belonging to church members are once again accumulating in the education building kitchen. If you think one may be yours, please be sure to claim it from the top of the microwave by the back door. Dishes not claimed will be disposed of.



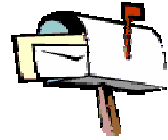
Please help us with our efforts to recycle by putting paper, plastic and cans in the appropriate recycling bins—making sure not to put non-recyclable materials in with them. Also please continue to bring used inkjet cartridges into the church office as we get paid to recycle them. Thank you.

**St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Rd, Barrington, is hosting  
An Evening with Friends, Fellowship, Food and Wine**

on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** All proceeds to benefit St. John's Outreach. Eight different wines will be sampled, each complemented by an appropriate food. The evening will also include the history and descriptions of each of the wines and there will be opportunities to ask questions of a recognized wine expert.

Tickets are \$30 per individual or \$50 per couple and ***prepaid reservations are required.*** Tickets and more information are available by contacting St. John's Church Office (245-4065) or Mary Hood (245-3080 [mmhood@fullchannel.net](mailto:mmhood@fullchannel.net)). ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

# Letters from our mailbox



Dear Church Family,

On a very depressing Sunday I was blessed with a visit from Sue Terhune delivering the beautiful altar flowers. Sue's smiling face and warm personality were indeed what I needed. Your prayers at church for me were being answered.

Many thanks to Sue and everyone for their prayers, cards and the enjoyable visit from the inspiring Rev. Jeff. How fortunate I am to be remembered in so many loving ways.

Warmest regards,

Vera Eaton

P.S. The flowers are still as fresh as ever.



Dear Barrington Congregational Church,

I am writing on behalf of my mom, Ruth Leland, to thank you for the gorgeous poinsettia you gave her at Christmas. She is still enjoying it.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Blessings,

Susan Quinn

Thank you so much for your participation in the BOW Bake Sale for Hunger! Together we raised close to \$2,500 for hunger relief. We look forward to more collaborations in the future.

Sincerely,

Paula Ferrato,

Secretary for Beyond Our Walls

Dear Rev. Larsen, Pat and Christine and Friends at Barrington Congregational,

Greetings from Melrosapuram, South India! We are delighted to send you our first College newsletter, featuring our hostel students. We hope you enjoy the photographs and catch our spirit! Please do reply. Hope you can print the news out and share it with the congregation.

May I request your prayers for our students as they begin their lab exams this week, and University exams on April 11<sup>th</sup>? This will be a studious Easter for them.

Thank you for your prayers for our college. The entire Ewart community joins me in wishing God's blessings for you.

I enjoy reading the newsletter online, and congratulate you on recognizing the 200th anniversary of the church building. I imagine the town of Barrington joins you in celebrating!

Peace by God's grace,

Anne M Dayanandan, Chennai, India

[anne.day@gmail.com](mailto:anne.day@gmail.com)

*A copy of the Ewart College newsletter has been posted on the notice board in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall. It can also be found on the newsletter page of our church website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)*



**Please make note of the following change in your church directory:**

Maureen Jean, Allison and Faith  
282 Burnside Avenue  
East Providence, RI 02915  
(401) 632-4437

*Please notify the church office of any changes in your contact information. Thank you.*

### **Worship Services Recorded**

The weekly worship services are once again being audio tape recorded. The tapes may be borrowed from the church office if you are interested in hearing a particular service, either because you were unable to attend or because you want to hear it again.



### **Can't make it to church?**

**If you are homebound, or sick for an extended period and unable to come to church, we are happy to mail you a copy of our weekly bulletin. Just call the church office at 246-0111 and we'll add your name to the list.**

## **Family Footnotes**



Mary Dewitt's brother-in-law Stan;  
Caroline Halliwell's brother Arthur;  
Susan Rotblat-Walker's dad, Stuart;  
Helen Schall's brother-in-law Calvin;  
Eileen Dennis's mother;  
Jim McCartney's sister;  
Liz White's aunt, Barbara Barnard;  
May Smith; Dick Fairfield;  
Mike D'Orlando;  
Vera Eaton; Dottie Butler;  
Bob Louttit; and May Rosenfeld.

Please inform us if either you or a church member you know is in the hospital or is in need of a pastoral visit. You can call the church office and speak with Jeff directly or leave a confidential message on his voice mail at 246-0111 ext. 103. You can also e-mail him directly at [jeffbuccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jeffbuccucc@fullchannel.net)

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request, you are invited to call Kathleen Larsen at 247-1787 or e-mail her at [KLarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:KLarsenswc@hotmail.com). Kathleen will then pass on the request to the BCCUCC E-Prayer chain. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

# Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

## 2006 Financial Statements

Overleaf are Financial Statements for Operations, Capital Improvements and Endowment Funds.

Operations Shows a surplus of \$5,731. This is after a special OCWM payment of \$6,000 based on action at the 2006 Budget Meeting. The surplus prior to this adjustment, \$11,731, is primarily due to a temporary savings in staff cost related to the interim Senior and Associate ministers.

Capital Improvements Includes significant expenditures related to the sanctuary ceiling repair, renovations at the Fireside parsonage and continued work on the fire safety program. See notes to Financial Statements for more information.

Endowment We received a significant donation from an estate and experienced solid returns on our investments, resulting, after dividends, in a 17% increase in funds.

If you have questions on the financial statements, please contact Jon Hoy or Tom Colby. If you have questions on the audit, please contact Dick McWhirter.

*Note: This report is considered part of the Annual Report normally presented to the congregation at the May Annual Meeting.*

**Barrington Congregational Church, UCC  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Pledges	350,271		
Offerings & Gifts	16,442	84,847 <small>Note A</small>	50,299
Missions-Dedicated Gifts	4,370		
Non-Missions-Dedicated Gifts	8,979		
Investments	25,396 <small>Note B</small>	863	62,945
Rentals	27,480		
Other	349		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>433,286</u>	<u>85,711</u>	<u>113,244</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Staff	253,836		
Missions	47,508		33,687
Church Life	19,986		
Buildings & Grounds	68,673		
Capital Improvement	24,000	98,413 <small>Note C</small>	
Office	13,553		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>427,555</u>	<u>98,413</u>	<u>33,687</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<u>5,731</u>	<u>-12,702</u>	<u>79,558</u>
Net Assets 12/31/05	<u>54,407</u>	<u>51,160</u>	<u>452,731</u>
<b>Net Assets 12/31/06</b>	<u><u>60,138</u></u>	<u><u>38,458</u></u>	<u><u>532,289</u></u> <small>Note D</small>

**Statement of Financial Position for the Year ended December 31, 2006**

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Investments	162,233	38,458	532,289
Receivables and Other Assets	13,970		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>176,204</u>	<u>38,458</u>	<u>532,289</u>
<b>Deferred Income &amp; Liabilities</b>			
Prepaid Pledges	42,762		
Accrued Expenses	36,029		
Funds--for designated purposes	37,275		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>116,066</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>60,138</u></u>	<u><u>38,458</u></u> <small>Note C</small>	<u><u>532,289</u></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

A. Includes \$56,922 related to fire safety program, \$24,000 transfer from Operations.

B. Includes receipts from Endowment Funds of \$21,417.

C. Includes expenses of \$39,700 for sanctuary ceiling repair, \$27,925 for Fireside renovations and \$18,544 for fire safety improvements.

D. The Endowment balance is held in various funds, the terms of which significantly restrict the Church's use of the principal balance.

**Auditor's Report**

**March 19, 2007**

**Richard McWhirter**

I have reviewed the above Operations and Capital Improvement Financial Statements with emphasis on assuring that cash balances are reconciled to the bank statements and that controls on handling cash are adequate. Additional checks were made to assure proper approval of expenditures and that income and expenses were recorded in the proper year. In my opinion the financial statements reasonably reflect operations for 2006 and the financial condition of the church at December 31, 2006. Endowment statements are based on reports from funds managers. Funds at RICUCC cannot be independently verified until the audit of RICUCC is completed later in 2007. When that audit is completed the above balances will be verified.

## 2007 Budget

Revenue:	
Pledges	344,843
Offerings & Gifts	36,100
Investments	25,000
Rentals	<u>26,500</u>
Total	<u>432,443</u>
Expenses:	
Staff	263,162
Missions	44,526
Church Life	19,475
Building & Grounds	70,065
Capital Improvement Fund	24,000
Office	<u>11,200</u>
Total	<u>432,428</u>
Change in net assets	<u><u>15</u></u>

As reported at the budget meeting in January 2007 this budget assumes hiring an Associate Minister at the end of July. This timing favorably affects the budget by about \$45,000.