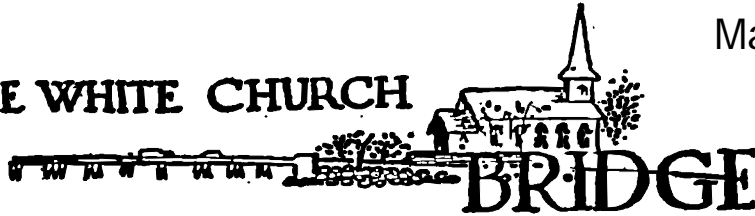


March 2007

# THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I like Lent. I know that seems like an odd statement to make about a season that is supposed to be one where the music is in a minor key, the themes filled with talk of penance and deep reflection on the meaning of life, and many give up chocolate. I don't like morbidity but I like Lent.

Lent is more of a church season than Advent, at least to me. Christmas seems to crash upon us whereas Easter comes more intentionally. The Christmas season is overwhelmed by our culture whereas the Easter season is somehow a bit gentler.

Having said that, Lent tends to come during the time of year that is busiest for me – committees/teams are cranking out programs, Confirmation is coming to a head, the annual meeting is on the horizon, and this year cottage meetings continue to happen. But perhaps that makes intentional reflection all the more valuable and meaningful.

Other than offering a few special things, I can't make Lent meaningful for you – you have to do that yourself. You can sing "Kyrie" in worship instead of "Gloria" and say a "Prayer of Confession" instead of "Invocation" and think about why; you can use the weekly scripture reading and pray about what it might mean in your own life; you can come to one of the special services offered during the season and allow it to touch you differently – but they are all things you must do.

Or you can let Lent be simply a churchy word that means "get winter over so spring can come."

If you choose the former and want some more resources, be in touch. Whatever you do, please know you will all be in my Lenten prayers...and one definition of "spring" is "Easter."

God's blessing,

## Sunday Services in March



March 4	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
March 11	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School Lenten Craft Fair
March 18	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Bells, Church School
March 25	10 a.m.	Worship Service, Church School

*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8*

*Child Care Available*

*Handicapped Accessible*



## Holy Week Services

As Lent continues, please make a note of these special services that will take place during Holy Week. All are welcome to attend. More details will appear in the *April Bridge*.

<b>Palm Sunday, April 1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Worship Service with Communion and Presentation of Symbols
<b>Monday thru Friday, April 2 - 6</b>	<b>7:00—7:20 a.m.</b>	Reflection Time in the Sanctuary. Start off each day of this special week with the setting of the daily theme and prayer time. Come on your way to work or school, Jeff's famous strong coffee will be provided. All are welcome.
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 5</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Seder Meal (see page 4) Service of Tenebrae (see page 4)
<b>Good Friday, April 6</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Sponsored by the Barrington Clergy Association.
<b>Easter Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>Sunrise</b> <b>9:15 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	Ecumenical Sunrise Worship Service at Osamequin Point. Sponsored by the Barrington Clergy Association. Identical services in our sanctuary (with the children singing at the 9:15 service) and the adult choir at both services). Coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall between services.

## Cottage Meetings Update

We are almost half way through the process of cottage meetings and they are going very well. These are in-home gatherings of about a dozen people each to talk about the hopes and dreams of our church family for the next several years. Some wonderful sharing has been taking place along with opportunities to reflect back on what has been valuable and look forward with exciting vision about what can be.

There are just a couple openings left so please call the church office to reserve a spot. YOUR voice is important!

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.



Saturday night, March 10<sup>th</sup>

## Pew Pads

At the edge of each row of pews in our sanctuary are “pew pads” that are a very valuable resource for all of us. They are to be passed during the offering along your pew and back. They are a chance for you to see who is worshipping with you each week and to pass messages along to Jeff and the church office: a change of address, giving us your email address, sign up for a church activity, request a visit, etc.



The idea is that you don't need to fill in all the info if you are a regular and if you are taking up a whole pew as a family and obviously know yourselves... unless you have information to share. Also, the pads do not cross the aisles. The smaller side pews have their own pad and the center pew has a pad that goes across itself and back again.

The ushers collect the top sheets from the pads following the service and leave them on Jeff's desk for his action on Monday mornings. Thank you for your patience as we figure out this process. It is being used all over the country so I am sure we will catch on soon. J



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**

**Tenebrae Service**

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

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



**The Chancel Ministry Team will start taking  
orders for Easter flowers the second Sunday  
in March.**

**Watch the weekly announcements for  
details and an order form, or check the  
church website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) after  
March 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICES



7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Riverside Congregational Church, UCC 15 Oak Avenue (corner Bullock's Pt. Ave.)

Taizé is a service of prayer and meditation through music and candlelight that was begun by an ecumenical community of brothers in Taizé, France, and is celebrated throughout the world. *Call the Riverside Church Office for more information: 433-2039.*

## Senior PF Mission Trip

**It's not too late to sign up !**



The Senior PF Mission Trip this year will be a weekend trip - **Friday to Sunday, April 20-22** - to **New York City** to attend "Nightwatch" which is a program run by St. John the Divine. This is an experience for youth (and there will be several other groups meeting with us) to experience the church in the city, be challenged to share and learn about their faith, and to interact with youth and adults from a variety of other places.

**There are still a few spaces available, and the trip has been opened up to friends of participants. Trip information and permission forms are available on the vestry table. If you are interested in going, please complete and return a permission slip to the church office *as soon as possible*. Thank you.**

## Junior Pilgrim Fellowship

Sunday, March 11 4:30—6 p.m. Meet with Rev. Jeff Larsen in the Library

Sunday, March 18 10 a.m. Assist with Sunday worship service

The Jr PF activity for March is assisting Jeff with the service on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will learn from Jeff at our meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> about the significance of each part of the service and how it all comes together. The Jr. PF members will be involved in the ushering, scripture reading, children's message and other parts of the worship service. This will be a great experience to work closely with our new minister and gain an understanding of all the preparation and thought that goes into each Sunday's service.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

Class session: **Sunday, March 11**, 11:15-12:00, Room 6: we will talk about your interviews with a church member who has been around here a long time, about our church's history, and we will begin a timeline.



Class session: **Sunday, March 25**, 11:15-12:00, Room 9, to begin creation of our faith statement and preparations for Confirmation Sunday, which is April 29.

*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.

## FAITHWorks



March's theme is

### *The Last Supper*

March disciples are:

Laura Ward,  
Nancy Speed,  
Cheryl Muth,  
Nancy Martin  
and Van Edwards.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

January 28 – 184  
February 4 – 193  
February 11 – 258  
February 18 – 148  
February 25 – 181

## “Women in the Bible”

continues to meet on alternate  
Thursdays

from **10:30 a.m.—Noon**

in **Room 6**

and will meet on **March 1 and 15**



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.*

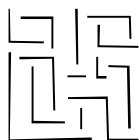
## Update on the Bells



All of our handbells have been back to the manufacturer in Pennsylvania for a ten-year “tune-up”. They have been returned to us bright and shiny, with all new internal parts and new handles. They look and sound brand new. The congregation will get to see and hear them on our regular bell Sunday, March 18. The ringers are quite excited about them.

Meanwhile, we’re still looking for another ringer – either long- or short-term. We’d love to find someone like Susan Roach, who has joined us this year and has been a wonderful addition to the choir. However, until we find him (or her), hopefully there is someone who reads music well and can make a commitment for a month or two. We are very appreciative of Diane Henderson’s willingness to fill in. Diane was one of our original bell choir members, but now attends the Baptist Church. Diane comes to all our rehearsals and substitutes whenever we need her. What a treasure she is!

Speak to Barbara Ward or to any bell ringer if you are interested in talking about it, trying it out, or coming to a rehearsal. You will get a warm welcome!



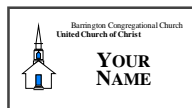
## Labyrinth Walk

Women of the UCC kindly invite you to take a Labyrinth walk with them on **Sunday, March 11, 2007** at the **Seekonk Congregational Church**.

Registration will be at 5 p.m. followed by a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth at 6:30 p.m. Call Rose Desilus at 401-397-8644 to make a reservation.

## Is this a Ministry for You?

Additional volunteers are need to help keep the pew racks tidy. The time commitment is just a couple of hours once every few weeks, during which you would restock and tidy the contents of the pew racks in the church. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 246-0111.



**Please remember to wear your nametag on Sunday— not only to worship but also to coffee hour.**

To encourage you to wear your nametag over to coffee hour, there are baskets near the exits from Fellowship Hall for you to drop your nametag in when you leave – it will then magically reappear on the rack in the vestry the next Sunday!

If you need a nametag, please contact the church office and we’ll be happy to make one for you.

BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Minutes of the **ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

held JANUARY 28, 2007

Moderator Tom Strolla welcomed everyone and offered a prayer before calling the meeting to order at 11:05AM.

**Article II:** Tom Colby reviewed the pledging and offered an overview of line items that were particularly noteworthy or where significant changes had been made.

The Budget only reflects five months of expenses for an Associate Minister, Christian Ed.'s budget remains unchanged and the Nathaniel Road parsonage is rented for the next six months.

The floor was then opened for discussion. It was pointed out that a deficit is expected next year as we should have an Associate Minister and consequently, the Nathaniel Rd. Parsonage would not be rented.

\$6K of the surplus from the 2006 Budget will go to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) as agreed upon by the congregation at our May 21, 2006 meeting.

Richard McWhirter requested that a 3-5 year Capital Plan be presented at the May Annual Meeting. We need to know if the \$24K budgeted is adequate and if not, we should know what we face in the 2008 budget - given that there is already a built-in deficit of approximately \$45,000 in the 2007 budget. This is taking into account non-fire code regulation expenses. We are going to have significant expenses (for example: meeting the new fire code regulations) and we do need to plan for them and identify our priorities, especially with regards to missions.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a move was made to pass the Budget as presented. It was seconded and passed without objection.

**Article III:** No other business was brought before the meeting.

**Article IV:** The meeting was adjourned with thanks to everyone for their attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Barbara Wuth, Clerk*

**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.

## 200th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>



Come join us on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Church building.

Following worship we will have a brief historical presentation in Fellowship Hall followed by lunch.

Children will participate in a special activity in the vestry and then join their family for lunch. Babysitting will be provided for children under age three.

Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, food and some "facts" that you might not know about our history. It promises to be a wonderful day.

***Please sign up by March 26<sup>th</sup> either at coffee hour or contact the church office at 246-0111 or [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net) to reserve your place at the luncheon.***

### Do You Remember?

We're 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.



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.



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

Our church website now has 17 main web pages and links to other pages within our website, plus links to a number of other websites. It is a useful resource for church members with computers—providing easy access to find out what's happening at church both from the website itself and from the on-line calendar. A number of other resources for church members will also soon be posted on our newest page "Information for Church Members". Feedback is welcomed.

The calendar for March 2007 as it appeared on page 10 and 11 of the newsletter can be found as a separate document on the calendar page of the website.

In addition, there is a new, on-line church 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 the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team....

### Information on Sustainability

At the event held at BCCUCC on February 15<sup>th</sup>, one of the many things Sarah James talked about was CSAs. (Community Supported Agriculture). There are several farms in Rhode Island that are a part of this sustainability movement. The following definition of CSA is from the website, [www.farmfreshri.org/food/csa.php](http://www.farmfreshri.org/food/csa.php):



"In basic terms, Community Supported Agriculture consists of a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm operation so that the farmland becomes, either legally or spiritually, the community's farm, with the growers and consumers providing mutual support and sharing the risks and benefits of food production. Typically, members or "share-holders" of the farm or garden pledge in advance to cover the anticipated costs of the farm operation and farmer's salary. In return, they receive shares in the farm's bounty throughout the growing season, as well as satisfaction gained from reconnecting to the land and participating directly in food production. Members also share in the risks of farming, including poor harvests due to unfavorable weather or pests. By direct sales to community members, who have provided the farmer with working capital in advance, growers receive better prices for their crops, gain some financial security, and are relieved of much of the burden of marketing."

If you are interested in finding more information on these farms and this movement, please visit this website. Manic Organic is hoping to have a delivery station in Barrington this summer.



### CANNED GOODS for TAP IN

Many thanks to everyone who made a donation to our canned food drive — the grocery cart was filled and the items have now been delivered to Tap-In.

The Shaw's grocery cart will remain in the vestry hallway through March for your continuing donations of canned goods. In addition, the children are invited to bring canned goods to church school and deposit them in the special child-sized grocery cart located in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall.

*It is very important that **canned goods only** be donated.  
Cereals, rice or other boxed goods attract rodents into the church building!*

To mark the fourth anniversary of the start of the American invasion of Iraq, the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team will sponsor

A Return to New England Democracy -



**A Forum on Iraq**  
on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**



in **Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC.**

The program has been created by the East Bay Citizens for Democracy.

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN IRAQ FROM A GROUP OF EXPERTS.

The program, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. will feature **Dr. Michael Jackson**, a professor at Brown University and Stonehill College, who will give an overview of Iraq's history, culture and religions and an assessment of Iran's role in the region, and **Senator Sheldon Whitehouse** who will speak on how the US Senate is dealing with the divisions over the President's plan for "the surge."

In a later segment, **Dr. Don Daniel**, a recent Special Advisor to the Chairman of the National Intelligence Council and former professor at the Naval War College, presently teaching at Georgetown, will talk about the military situation—the options and ramifications. Following his presentation, former army officer **Sean Gilfillan**, who served for 18 months in Operation Iraqi Freedom and who is co-founder of *To the Fallen* Records, will share his experience in Iraq and share music written by soldiers on the ground.

There will be opportunity for those attending to share their ideas about what they see as the next steps our country should be taking in the Middle East.

Pizza and coffee and soft drinks will be available for those who wish to stay for discussions and live music.

*This forum is designed to bring together the East Bay community to discuss the Iraq war using the honored tradition from our past where citizens gathered together in town centers to hear speakers talk about issues of national concern. The program on March 18<sup>th</sup> will be an excellent opportunity for people from the East Bay to gain in-depth information about Iraq and the complexities of the US mission there.*

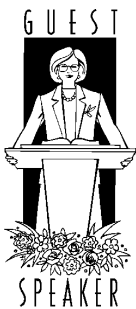
For more information, contact Ann Wood at 247-2325.

The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team announces the Inaugural

**Regina F. Berenback Memorial Lecture  
for Social Action and Justice**

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

The lecture will be held in Fellowship Hall of our church.



We are thrilled to have newly-elected **Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts** as the guest speaker. Her topic will be health care, a subject in which she is well-versed. Future announcements will contain the specific lecture topic.

We hope you will turn out to 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.

Most church members will remember that Regina passed away in April 2006 at the age of 53 from cancer. The event is supported through contributions made to the church in Regina's memory. These contributions have been pooled into a fund set up for the use of the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team to sponsor this annual lecture. Regina headed the Ministry Team in the last years of her life and its work was quite meaningful to her. Contributions to the fund are always welcome and are made out to the church, with the memo line marked "Regina Berenback Fund". Of course all contributions are tax-deductible.

**Church Calendar on the web**

Our church calendar is available through the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). It is constantly updated and changed as needed, and is accessible from any computer with internet access. Just go to the church website, click on the calendar link and then click on the link to the new church calendar that's listed on the calendar page. The calendar not only shows you an up-to date listing of what's happening by the month, but also by the week or by the day. And for each event additional information can be added that people may need to know. You can even have the calendar send you an e-mail reminder of an upcoming church event so you won't forget it! A preview calendar of the next 7 days has recently been added to the home page and a link to the new calendar is also found there.



*Please be sure to contact the church office with additions/changes for the calendar.*

# ★ Thank You! ★ ★ THANK YOU! ★

...to the many people who helped feed over 50 hungry people on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Community Soup Kitchen located at the Hispanic Evangelical UCC in Central Falls. Thanks to Dick Almquist; Steve Berenback; Deborah Clarke; Pat Cordeiro; Marilyn Darling; Steve Fodor; MaryLouise Gamache; Dave and Pat Gregory; Bob Kaloostian; John Loerke; Larry Norton; Bethia Rosner; Pat Rude; Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker; Achina, Matthew, Alex, Markus and Tara Stein; Leslie Strolla; and Sue Terhune

...to Lorraine Keeney, who coordinates BCCUCC's participation in the Community Soup Kitchen

...to all the Valentine makers on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> — children, adults and parent helpers. About 15 Valentines were sent to the church homebound and those who needed a little "hug" from the church family. A big thank you to all who helped

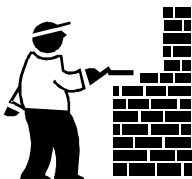
...to February's FaithWorks disciples: Liz White, Matt Stein, Greg Voigt and Katrina Swihart; and to Carol Strakosch for bringing in the arches to make the catacombs.

...to the Junior PF, their parents and leaders for organizing the *Bake Sale for Hunger* on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and to everyone who brought in baked goods to be sold or who purchased them. BOW raised over \$2,000 from the bake sales at the various participating Barrington churches, \$202.75 of which came from BCCUCC's bake sale. One third of the proceeds will go to Tap-In, one third to the RI Community Food Bank, and one third to Ox-Fam.

...to everyone who donated canned food for the Tap-In Food Drive. We will continue the collection through the month of March (see page 12).

Thank you for your ministry

## Chimney Work to be Done



The chimney on the end wall of the church library is in need of attention to make it safe. Church Council recently approved work to be done that will render the fireplace inoperable. If anyone has any questions or comments please direct them to Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or [wrbtwks@aol.com](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com)



The Dine-Out Group invites you to join them for dinner on

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

when they will eat at

Audrey's Restaurant (Johnson and Wales Inn)  
213 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk.

Contact Sue Black at 245-2772 by March 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot and for carpooling arrangements.

*All are welcome — both singles and couples.*

*Come on out!*

The Third Friday Bridge Group will meet on Friday, March 16<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.



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.

Help pay for BCCUCC's use of Green Energy. Just by switching to using Green Energy in your home, the church will receive \$10. This helps offset the increased cost of using green energy for the church buildings. Go to [www.greenstart.net](http://www.greenstart.net) or contact National Grid.



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

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Adult Reading Circle

next meets on

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**



They will discuss the book

**My Life in France**

by Julia Child

with Alex Prud'homme.

With Julia Child's death in 2004 at age 91, her grandnephew Prud'homme (The Cell Game) completed this playful memoir of the famous chef's first, formative sojourn in France with her new husband, Paul Child, in 1949.



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

Robert and Linda Marshall  
12 Western Avenue  
Barrington RI 02806  
*phone and e-mail remain same*

Harold and Marion Gallant  
East Gate Apts. # 221  
1357 Wampanoag Trail  
East Providence RI 02915  
*change in apartment number only*

Nancy Martin  
[nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

Marina Zabinski  
[marinazab62@yahoo.com](mailto:marinazab62@yahoo.com)



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

**DEACONS FOR MARCH**

Susan Seader (star deacon),  
Chris Brady, Marshall Hoyler,  
John Muth, Achina Stein,  
and Beverly Travers.

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

On Thursday, June 21, 2007, the Freedom Schooner Amistad will leave New Haven and embark on a historic voyage that will bring the vessel to Sierra Leone, West Africa, the country of origin of the Amistad captives.

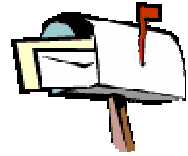


A "Bon-Voyage" Celebration to mark the start of this Atlantic Freedom Tour "Confronting the Past; Transforming the Future" will include Interfaith Worship with a blessing of the crew at a UCC church on the Green, New Haven. For more information contact Rev. Kent Siladi [kents@ctuucc.org](mailto:kents@ctuucc.org) or (203) 453-0614.



Our congregation will join with other churches and denominations throughout the United States in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering in March. Thanks to the combined efforts of the UCC Church World Service and eight other denominations, literally millions of dollars are raised and disbursed to needy people throughout the world. This fund touches the lives of refugees, disaster victims, politically suppressed societies, those suffering from human rights injustices, as well as many who suffer from chronic hunger and poverty. OGHS envelopes and leaflets about this year's campaign will be included in the Sunday worship bulletin on March 11 & 18. However, you don't need an OGHS envelope to make a donation. Checks should be made payable to Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, and please mark the memo line "OGHS". Thank you.

# Letters from our mailbox



*A thank you to the women who attended Celebration VII.....*

Dear Members of New England Women's Fellowship:

On behalf of the Justice & Witness Ministries, I want to express my sincere thanks for your generous 2006 gift of \$6,076.06 to the Neighbors In Need offering.

Your gift supports the work of the United Church of Christ with those who suffer from hunger, poverty, injustice & war. By participating in the Neighbors In Need offering, you express your commitment to the Gospel & offer a sign of God's love, healing & justice in the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Minister

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all for your many calls and cards of encouragement after my short hospital stay.

The altar flowers brought by Tom Strolla were beautiful and lasted more than a week.

My thanks to all,  
Mary Kutcher

Thank you for the lovely poinsettia given to me in my husband Doug's memory. It is quite lovely.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Eaton



Dear Jeff, Friends and Members of BCCUCC,

I would like to thank everyone for your continual prayers for my sister, Christine DesRoches, during her battle with cancer and your heartfelt sympathy upon her passing away. It was a long journey and one that I could not have done alone.

I would like to also thank you for the delivery of the most beautiful flowers I have ever received. It was a warm ray of light on a rather sad occasion.

Peace and blessings,  
Abby Randazzo



Are you willing to occasionally help out in the church office? Anyone willing to learn how to run the duplicator would be especially welcome, but volunteers to help with mailings only are also welcome to call Christine at 246-0111. Thank you.

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 [jeffbccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jeffbccucc@fullchannel.net)

## 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.

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

## 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;  
Mike D'Orlando, and Vera Eaton.

## Baptisms

**Parker William Banas**  
Son of William and Kari Banas

**For in the one spirit we were all  
baptized into one body.**

1 Corinthians 12:13



## We offer our prayers, support and sympathy to....

Abby Randazzo on the death of her sister, Christine DesRoches;  
to the family of Judy Hurst, former member, who died Feb 24;  
to the family of Lynwood G. Howard;  
and to Chris Raposa, Tot's Preschool teacher, on the death of her daughter, Kayleigh.