

May 2007

**THE WHITE CHURCH**



**BRIDGE**

Dear Friends,

As I am sitting writing this I am keeping one eye on the news reports coming in of the shooting at Virginia Tech. Such an incredible tragedy! I think back on the innocence of my days in college and the security I felt as a parent with my kids going off to college not too long ago. I assumed safety for them; I delighted in thinking about the opportunity they were having at becoming more independent and adult in a wonderful environment; I hoped they wouldn't make foolish choices on weekends but completely trusted the dorms, cafeterias and classrooms as places where good things happen.

Every day our innocence gets hacked away at someplace. Even in the church – we have to be vigilant in our classrooms about who is supervising the children, we have to train ushers in emergency procedures, we have to carry insurance to cover contingencies we wish we didn't even have to think about.

Where are the safe places? Some find safety behind a variety of bolts and locks on their doors, others find it in keeping a gun. Others put their trust in prayer. Personally, while I have tended toward the latter, I also believe in thoughtful living – making intelligent choices about there I go and when I go there. But as today's headlines illustrate, you just never know.

Certainly all our prayers go out to the Virginia Tech community. But I add another prayer: that the responses to the headlines be thoughtful and faithful. The escalation of fear and anger, that seems to be a more and more common response in our society, has to stop somewhere! I don't chose to have a gun and I have no idea at all why we think there is some "right" for everyone to have one, but even having that discussion today raises angers.

Overcoming violence in the world starts within our own souls, one person at a time, one relationship at a time. Until enough individuals bring their own tempers and responses under control there is little chance of changing headlines. I am actually optimistic about it...but days like today make even me wonder.

My prayers are also with you – that you don't give up hope.



## Sunday Services in May



- May 6                      *New Member Sunday*  
10 a.m.    Worship Service with Communion, Church School
- May 13                    10 a.m.    *Mothers' Day*  
Worship Service led by the Mission Trip youth, with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School
- May 20                    *Music Celebration Sunday*  
10 a.m.    Worship Service with Bells and Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School
- May 27                    10 a.m.    Worship Service, Faith and Fun for age 3—3rd Grade

*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8*

*Child Care Available*

*Handicapped Accessible*



### Reminder

The worship service on **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 10 a.m. will include confirmation. Fourteen of our youth are expected to be confirmed at the service. The congregation is warmly invited to attend in support of the confirmands as they affirm their baptismal vows, and welcome them into membership of our church.

The 8th 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.

A new **silver communion paten** was recently purchased with memorial money given in memory of Herb Wuth. We were in need of an additional silver paten (plate) for use at communion services. The style of paten was chosen by his daughter, Barbara, and inscribed in memory of Herbert M. Wuth. The new paten was used for the first time at the communion service on Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to the church in memory of Herb — your donations made this beautiful gift possible.



## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on

**SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2007** in the Sanctuary **immediately after worship.**

The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To receive annual reports of all officers and ministry teams. To hear reports from the recent Cottage Meetings and the Associate Minister Search Committee. There will also be a discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE III: To elect officers, delegates, and ministry team members.

ARTICLE IV: To receive an update from the Fire Safety sub-committee. To seek consensus from the congregation on which option to pursue for a safe emergency exit from the sanctuary. Possible funding scenarios will be discussed.

ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: **Barbara Wuth** Clerk

### **A message from the *Pastor Parish Relations Team***

We meet with Jeff on a regular basis and did you know....

Jeff spends countless hours preparing for our dynamic, creative, faithful weekly worship services, he encouraged the "Cottage Meeting" process through various stages, he works directly with ministry teams, and that's not all...Jeff compassionately tends to the pastoral needs of our congregants.

Please know you have a place to share concerns with the *PPR Team*. Our next meeting will be June 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact any member of the Ministry Team at anytime.

Phyllis Buckley	245-1098
Moyne Cabbage	245-4641
Lynne Lehman	289-0101
Helen MacDonald	437-0254 co-chair
Jim McCartney	245-3288 co-chair

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
at the 10:00 a.m.  
service we hope to  
receive new members  
into this church.  
Please join us and  
welcome those who  
become  
members.**



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 ABOUT OUR CHURCH

**Sunday, April 29** following worship, **11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in attending it is helpful, but not necessary, for you to call the church office ahead of time (246-0111) to let us know you are coming so that we can plan accordingly. Child care will be provided if you let us know you need it. All are invited to this very informal session.

Those interested in becoming a member will have the opportunity to officially join the church the following week, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at our 10 a.m. service. Please note that although we would love you become a member, there is no commitment to do so by attending this session.



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

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

The series continues on Sunday mornings through **May 13**. Each session is being held from **8:45 am- 9:45 am** in the **church library**. You need not attend all of the sessions to participate. All are welcome.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTED

At a special congregational meeting held after worship on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the following church members were appointed to serve on the **Search Committee for a new Associate Minister**:

Dick Almquist, Jasmine Arnold (youth), Eileen Dennis, Kim Godfrey, Lynn Hoy, Rev. Jeff Larsen, Zachary Luther (youth), Fred MacDonald (chair), Andrew Porter, Sharon Sylvester, and Laura Ward.

They have been charged to find an associate minister using the results of the recent cottage meetings along with the recommendations of the Senior Minister. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their work.



## “Jeff’s Weekly” is on our website

A new page has been added to the church website. Called “Jeff’s Weekly” it contains the e-mail that Jeff sends out each week in which he often refers to the scripture for the upcoming Sunday’s worship service and gives some food for thought.

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

Also on our website is our monthly newsletter, *The Bridge*, the weekly announcements page from the Sunday bulletin, and on the “Information for Church Members” page can be found our church

*By-Laws* and the *2006 Annual Report*.

The on-line calendar that is accessible from the website is constantly being updated. A preview of the next 7 days events from the calendar also appears on the home page.



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



## Do you have photos?

Did you take pictures of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, or of the sanctuary decorated for Easter, or of some other recent church event? If so and you’d be willing to share your pictures with others, please either e-mail them to us at the church office [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net), or stop by with the photos and we can scan them into the computer. The best will get posted to the website.

## “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.



## “Women in the Bible”

will meet on **Thursdays, May 3 and 17**  
from **10:30 a.m.—Noon in Room 6.**

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 as new women are always welcome. Please bring a bible.

For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299.



## DEACONS FOR MAY

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

*If you cannot reach Jeff (401 247-1787 home)  
please call on one of the deacons.*



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

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### The Third Friday Bridge

Group will meet on

**Friday, May 18<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.

## CHURCH ATTENDANC E

March 25 – 205

April 1 – 202

April 5 – 74  
Tenebrae

April 8 – 463  
Easter

April 15 – 151

## Adult Reading Circle

next meets on

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**



They will discuss the book

**After This**

by Alice McDermott

In her sixth and most commanding novel, National Book Award-winning McDermott continues to till her verdant fictional home ground, Irish-Catholic family life on Long Island, in an extraordinarily refined through-the-decades family saga.



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

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

at **15 Point Road Restaurant, Portsmouth**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** — please call either Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 by Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, to reserve your place and to make car pooling arrangements if needed.

***New diners are always welcome  
— either singles or couples!***



Make a note to join us on ...

## *Music Celebration Sunday*

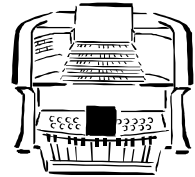
May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Please join us for a special service to lift up and express our thanks for the role of music in the worship life of this church. All those regularly involved in music ministry will participate with special music including:

The Adult Vocal Choir     -     The White Church Ringers  
The Sing and Celebrate Choir     -     The Brass Group

### ***Did You Know . . . that our Organ is 10 years old?***

Installation of our Rodgers combination pipe and electronic organ was completed 10 years ago in the spring of 1997. The congregation very generously funded its purchase as part of a Capital Campaign Drive for the Conference. The cost was \$120,000!



During worship on May 6<sup>th</sup>, our organist, Marina Zabinski, will play a special medley of pieces to commemorate this special anniversary.



### Local Handbell Concerts

**Saturday, April 28, 7:30 PM,**  
St. Ann Cultural Center, Woonsocket

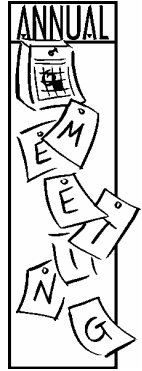
The Rhode Island Invitational Handbell Concert with six local choirs ringing individually and together. This is a free concert with a good will offering.

See the bulletin board outside the office for more details.

**Sunday, July 1, 3:00 PM,**

The Ryan Center at URI: Area I Festival/Conference Free Concert.  
Come see and hear 800-900 handbell ringers, including our own White Church Ringers – it will be an experience you'll never forget!

All are invited to attend the  
**Annual Meeting**  
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on  
**SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**  
immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.



It will be an especially important meeting this year and all church members are encouraged to attend. In addition to the regular business, there will be an updated report given on our church's Fire Code compliance. At the meeting the congregation will be asked to support one of the presented options for a new fire escape from the Sanctuary, subject to final proposals from contractors and adequate funding. Possible funding scenarios will also be discussed.

The annual meeting will also include a summary of the recent cottage meetings as well as some recommendations stemming from those meetings. There will be a brief report from the Associate Minister Search Committee. The Capital Improvement Fund will also be discussed. Church members are encouraged to make every effort to attend this very important meeting. *Child care will be provided.*

Coffee hour will take place in the vestry after the Annual Meeting has finished.

### **Changes in the Distribution of the BCCUUC Annual Report**

In an effort to be better stewards of both our finances and resources, and to take advantage of the improvements in electronic communications here at the church, ***the annual report will not be mailed out this year.*** Instead, the 2007 Annual Report will be posted on our website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) where anyone with internet access can read it and print out either all or part of it as desired. The personal information (addresses and phone numbers) of the church officers and ministry team members will not be included in the report this year.

We realize that there are church members without computer access to the web, and for those people **we will print out some copies and make them available for pick up** here at the church (from the vestry table or from the rack outside the church office). However, if it is impossible for you to get to church to pick up a copy, please call the church office at 246-0111 and we will mail you one.

The report is expected to be available by the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> and a notice will be put in both the weekly announcements and on the home page of the website to let the congregation know when it is ready.

The church council approved this change at their April meeting and we appreciate the congregation's willingness to adapt to this new method of distribution.

## BCCUCC FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM—STATUS REPORT

### Work completed

- Fire alarm system installed in the Church and Education buildings with direct connection to the Fire Department. Cost \$44,500
- Fireproof walls installed as needed in classrooms. Cost \$3,000.
- Design work on future projects. Cost \$3,500

### Work scheduled for 2007

- New handrails at exits from Church and Education building and “panic bars” as needed on doors. Cost estimated at \$20,000.
- Additional design work on future projects. Cost estimated at \$5,000

### Funding status

- Donations to date are \$58,500, spending \$51,000, \$7,500 available. Will need to borrow from other BCCUCC funds to complete the 2007 work.

### **What’s left—the biggest single project—safe exit from the church building**

- The current fire escape at the back of the church does not meet code (old or new) and is not considered safe. You are invited to look out the fire escape door and see for yourself. Don’t step on the fire escape.

### The Plan

- Building & Grounds Ministry Team is getting designs and cost estimates on two options—a replacement outside fire escape and an inside stair tower.
- The inside option will affect the Vestry kitchen and Music Director’s office. Work is needed to make those rooms usable and allow for music storage.
- Details of the options, the costs and pros and cons of each will be communicated to the congregation.
- At the Annual Meeting in May the congregation will be asked to support one option, subject to final proposals from contractors and adequate funding. Possible funding scenarios will be discussed.
- After these cost proposals are received funding recommendations will be made to the congregation.

### Construction

- Targeted for 2008—dependent on the status of fire-code revisions, fund-raising and availability of contractors.

*Your Fire Safety project team-Paul Dennis, Caroline Halliwell, Dick McWhirter*

FAITHWorks



May's theme is

***The Rich Young Man***

The disciples in May are:

Andrew & Camilla Hemingway,  
Nancy Speed,  
Bill and Mary DeWitt.

To Parents of Pre-K - 3rd Graders...

Please remind your children to remain in their classrooms until you arrive to take them to coffee hour or choir. There is a lot of activity in the hallway following worship and we want to be sure that we can account for all of the children.



PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE for **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior PF 4:30 — 6:30 p.m. Pizza and a Movie.** Meet in the Library to watch *The Nativity Story*. Please bring \$3 to cover costs.

**Senior PF 4:30—6 p.m.** Meet in Fellowship Hall to prepare for the service on May 13<sup>th</sup> when the Mission Trip youth will lead worship.

*Junior PF is open to youth in grades 6-8. For more info. call Camilla Hemingway at 245-0300.  
Senior PF is open to youth in grades 9-12. For more info. call Kim Godfrey at 245-3924.  
New participants are always welcome at either Junior or Senior PF.*



**FAITH and FUN !**

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
for age 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

On May 27, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, Church School children ages three through 3rd grade will participate in a Faith and Fun activity. These younger children will attend worship and leave after the children's sermon, while the older children (grades 4 and up) are asked to remain in worship for the entire service.

Please allow your child to wear play clothes as, weather permitting, we will be doing outdoor activities. If it is raining, we will do our activities in Fellowship Hall and the classrooms. ***If you would like to help with Faith and Fun activities, please contact Andrea Bullard at 247-9050.***

Mark your calendar....

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**at 10:00 a.m.**

**Celebration Sunday  
&**



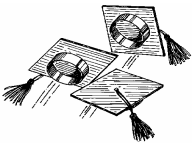
All are invited.

**Kathleen Lynne Fodor  
(KLF) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team announces that applications for the Kathleen L. Fodor (KLF) Memorial Scholarship are available to members of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, who are pursuing education or training beyond high school. Two \$400 scholarships will be awarded this year. Selection will be made by random drawing, and announced on Celebration Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Graduating seniors, as well as those students presently attending a secondary or graduate school, who have completed the confirmation process, and are currently a member of Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C., may apply. Students who applied previously are welcome to apply again. Applications may be found on the table in the church vestry, from the rack outside the church office, or you can download it from the 'Information for Church Members' page of the church website. **The deadline is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.** We encourage all who are eligible to apply. Questions? Call Andrea Bullard at (401) 247-9050.

These scholarships are made possible through donations by family and friends of Kate. We thank them greatly.



**Attention All Graduates !**

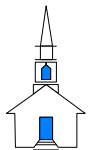
Each year we publish the names of high school graduates together with the names of other graduates (from college, etc.) in the June *Bridge*. In order to do this ***we need their names!*** If a member of your family is graduating this spring, please call the church office (246-0111) or e-mail us at [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net) and let us know their name, from what school/college they are graduating, and, if they plan to continue their education, at what institution. In order to be included in the June *Bridge*, **information must be in the church office by May 17<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you.

Mark your calendars for  
**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

when the worship service will be led by the youth who went on the Mission Trip to St. John the Divine in New York City.



The Cat's Meow wooden replicas of the church are still available for purchase from the church office. Cost \$20 each.



The calendar for May 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.

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

This year, Bread for the World's Offering of Letters, SEEDS of CHANGE, supports much-needed improvements in the farm bill. The U.S. Congress will reauthorize the farm bill - something that happens only every five years.



This piece of legislation is one of the most far-reaching sets of laws in our country and touches us all. It has an impact on everything from energy to soil conservation, from cash payments for farmers to the Food Stamp program.

The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team will provide more information on how we can write to our congressional leaders to ask their support in improving farm policies to create a fair and just system for farmers in the United States and farmers in developing countries who are also working hard to support their families. We will have this offering of letters in conjunction with a new drive to support Tap-in which reaches out to the hungry in our area. (see article below). To find out more about Bread for the World check out their website at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)



**Bread for the World**  
*Seeking Justice. Ending Hunger.*

## Food collection continues for those in need

As you may have noticed our shopping cart has left the church. Thank you to everyone who helped fill it with canned goods. Your donations were much appreciated.

We still want to support TAPIN in every way we can, so the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team is encouraging you to continue to bring **canned goods** and place them in the covered bin **located in the vestry hallway**. Our team members will take the food to TAPIN for you.

Hunger persists in this community and it is evident at TAPIN. Your donations make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. Please continue to fill the bins so that we as a church can do our part to help keep the shelves from going bare.

TAPIN is a wonderful resource for the less fortunate of the East Bay. Other ways you can support them is by volunteering to drive, spending a morning working in the office, bringing furniture, household items or children's clothing to be recycled, or by donations of money or gift cards. Everything donated helps the running of this fine non-profit organization. For more information about TAPIN or to volunteer call at 247-1444.



**Reminder**

All are invited to .....

**The Inaugural Regina F. Berenback  
Memorial Lecture for Social Action & Justice**

that will take place on **Sunday, April 29, 2007**

at **4:00 p.m.**

in **Fellowship Hall,**  
of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

The lecture will be given by

**The Honorable Elizabeth Roberts,**  
Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

who will speak on the subject of Health Care

Admission is free and open to the public

*Sponsored by the Social Action and Justice Ministry  
Team and funded from money given to the church in  
memory of Regina F. Berenback.*

On **Saturday, May 12**, people in over  
70 countries around the world will  
celebrate

**World Fair Trade Day**

This year's theme is  
**"Kids Need Fair Trade."**

Fair trade aims to change the economic and  
social structures of our world, and empowers  
marginalized people to avoid or escape the  
poverty trap. If adults are paid a fair price for  
their work, their children are able to go to  
school and live a healthy and full life, rather  
than having to work. Fair trade not only  
benefits adults - it helps kids too! Find out  
more at the Fair Trade Resources Network at  
[www.ftrn.org](http://www.ftrn.org)

Are you purchasing Fair Trade products?

Fair Trade coffee is served at our coffee hour  
each Sunday and sold by the SA&J 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 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).

**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!



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.



**Barrington Congregational Church,  
UCC will be hosting a .....**

**Blood  
DRIVE**

**on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

We will need some servers and many bakers to provide refreshments for the blood donors. To volunteer to help, call Dave Gregory at 246-1294.



***New blood donors are always needed***

General guidelines for blood donors:

- at least 17 years old and at least 110 pounds
- no upper age limit
- diabetes and high blood pressure may not prevent you from being a blood donor
- piercings or tattoos do not prevent you from donating
- most medications are acceptable
- eat well and stay hydrated before donating
- one pint of blood can help to save three lives

***To set up an appointment to give blood  
call Dave Gregory at 246-1294.***

***However, an appointment isn't necessary.***

**Give the gift of life – give blood**

The Rhode Island Blood Center must collect 280 pints of blood daily to meet the growing demand of hospitals in Rhode Island.

*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. - Frederick Buechner*

### **WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING AND FIND FULFILLING?**

Perhaps it's teaching church school, or singing in the church choir, or campaigning for social justice issues, or keeping our church buildings in good condition, or greeting people before worship on a Sunday morning, or overseeing the finances of the church, or welcoming new members, or helping out in the nursery. These are just a few of the many different and varied opportunities for ministry at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, that you could be a part of. It all depends where "your deep gladness" lies and what your gifts and talents are.

On the other hand, perhaps you've been doing the same thing at church for years, but you'd like a change and want to try something different that might "stretch" you.

The Nominating Ministry Team is currently looking for people to serve on Ministry Teams. A number of positions will be opening up in May and they ask that you consider serving on one that interests you. You are always welcome to call and speak with the team leader and/or attend a meeting to learn more. You can also read reports from all the different ministry teams in the Annual Report which can be found on the 'Information for Church Members' page of our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

To volunteer or just learn more about what it means to serve on a ministry team, contact Greg Voigt (245-9606), Helen MacDonald (437-0254), Marion Fodor (245-2003) or Pat Rude (245-7712) from the Nominating Ministry Team.

*Please note that our church by-laws require that to officially serve on a Ministry Team, you must be a member of this church. Anyone interested in joining the church will have the opportunity to do so on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. See "Conversations" article on page 4 for details.*

### **Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Singer-songwriter and UCC minister Jerry Leggett, also known as "The Sea Wall Singer", is on a yearlong peace mission that includes stops across America.

The ***Sing Out For Peace at Noon 2007 U.S. tour*** will include stops at 50 UCC congregations to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ, and on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** the tour will be here at **BCCUCC**.

The centerpiece of the tour will be rousing, live music performed by Leggett from an intimate sound stage, a converted, tear-shaped vintage RV, that has been christened **The Peace Bubble**. For more information, check out the website [www.peacebubble.org](http://www.peacebubble.org)

## Endowment is You !

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### The 201<sup>st</sup> **ANNUAL MEETING** of **The Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ**

will take place on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

beginning with registration at 8 a.m. and ending at 3:15 p.m. after the workshops  
at **Pawtucket Congregational UCC**, 40 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI.

The theme will be "Nurturing Future Generations Into Tomorrow's Church"

Speakers: **Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister**—UCC Minister for Youth, Young Adults and the Outdoors;  
and **Mr. Kenneth Brown**—Justice Witness Ministries: Associate for Youth/Young Adult  
Empowerment

Cost is \$18 per person for registration, lunch and workshop (\$23 after April 23)

*Delegates should have received a registration form in the mail. If for any reason you didn't receive it, we have also e-mailed it to you. The various reports and additional information will be posted on the Conference website at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) by Monday, April 23.*

*Visitors are also welcome, and anyone wishing to attend as a visitor should contact the conference office at 724-7700 to register or download the registration form from their website.*

Every month we print around 450 copies of *The Bridge*, of which almost 420 get mailed out. We are happy to mail it out to anyone who wants to read it, but don't want to be sending it to those who don't want it anymore!

We are trying to update our mailing lists so if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please let us know so that we can remove your name.

If you still want to read *The Bridge* but our willing to read it on line at our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org), please contact us at 246-0111 or [bccucc@fullchannel.net](mailto:bccucc@fullchannel.net). We will notify you by e-mail when it gets posted each month.

Your help in updating our newsletter mailing list, or willingness to read *The Bridge* on line will help save the church's resources. Thank you.

## Area I Handbell Festival/Conference

Our church belongs to the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR). Handbells were first manufactured and used in England and were brought to this country in the early 1920s by a woman from Boston. Therefore, all handbell ringing in the U.S. began in New England. It has expanded to all fifty states and most of Canada. Actually, handbells are now heard in many different countries around the world.

For ease of organizing and planning, the AGEHR is divided into twelve geographical areas. Since it all started in and around Boston, we are part of Area I. Each area has a Conference/Festival every two years. The Area I Festival will be held this year at URI from June 28—July 1. We will have four days of classes, workshops, concerts, rehearsals, and fun, all culminating in a concert open to the public at no charge. (A free-will offering is taken for the AGEHR Scholarship Fund).



800-900 ringers will all be performing on Sunday, July 1 at 3 PM in the Ryan Center. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this unique and reasonably close opportunity to hear and see the wonderful sights and sounds.

### *Biblical Sampler Quilt*

If you've been in the sanctuary recently, you will have seen the beautiful quilt hanging on the wall to the right of the altar.

Known as a *Biblical Sampler Quilt*, each quilt block represents a different story from the Bible—the guide to the right shows which they are.

Next time you're in church, take a close look at the quilt and see how the shapes in the different blocks are symbolic of the Biblical stories they represent. (A copy of the guide has been left next to the quilt to assist you.)

*The quilt was lovingly made and given to the church by Pat Humphrey. Many thanks to Pat for this most beautiful gift.*

Children of Israel Exodus 14:15- 16	Solomon's Puzzle 1 Kings 4:29- 30	Cross within a Cross Luke 23:26
Golgotha Revelation 12:7-9	David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17:4, 49	Crown of Thorns Mark 15:17-18
Garden of Eden Genesis 2:8	Jacob's Ladder Genesis 28:12	Cross and Crown Revelation 2:10
Hosanna Matthew 2:1-9	Star of the Magi Matthew 2:1-2	Joseph's Coat Genesis 37:3

## Thank You for Your Ministry...

...to the April FAITHWorks Disciples: Lynn Blanchard Caesar, Debbi Summers, Betsy Restituyo, Greg Voigt, and Eileen Dennis

...to the Junior PF for their great Easter Egg hunt. Everyone had a fun time!

...to the Chancel Ministry Team for polishing the silver before Easter

...to Frank and Vera Eaton for donating an electric warming tray for the Christian Community Soup Kitchen (as requested in the April *Bridge*)

...to everyone who helped make the 200th Anniversary Luncheon such a special event (see next page)

...to the deacons for delivering the Easter plants to our homebound, sick and recently bereaved members of the church

...to the many people who assisted with the various services of Holy Week and Easter: to the presenters of the symbols on Palm Sunday, to those who read and to the choir members who sang at the Tenebrae service, to those who played or sang for the Easter services, to the chancel ministry team for arranging the flowers, to the ushers and greeters who welcomed and seated the congregation, and to everyone else involved behind the scenes—stuffing bulletins, stocking the pew racks, running the elevator etc. Your ministry is appreciated

...to the Caesar and Luther families for once again hosting the Seder Meal that has become such a meaningful event for many people every Maundy Thursday, and to those who assisted them

...to our custodians for all the extra cleaning and other work they did to prepare the church for Easter. It was much appreciated as the sanctuary looked beautiful

...to the members of Boy Scout Troop 6 who spent time on a recent Saturday cleaning up in and around the church buildings

...to Jay Buckley for taking the recycling from the church buildings over to the recycling center each week

...to Eleanor Chisholm who faithfully comes into the office each Friday to stuff the Sunday bulletins and mail out copies to the homebound

...to Pat Humphrey for making and donating the beautiful Biblical Sampler Quilt to the church

...and to the Handbell Choir for continuing to provide beautiful music in worship, despite being short of ringers!

*Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON A SUCCESS...

...to Van Edwards who shared the history of our third church building  
...to Bethia Rosner who organized the women so efficiently  
...to all those who baked scripture cake and corn bread, who made potato casseroles, who helped set up, serve and clean up.  
...to all who sent in memories to share (they will be in coffee hours to come)  
...to Steve Fodor for cutting out the wooden churches for the children to decorate  
...to the children for sharing their art work through their drawings and painted churches  
...to Andrea Bullard for the wonderful bulletin board  
...to Jeff, Christine, Pat and the custodians for helping put it all together  
...and to Marion Fodor for all that she did to make the lunch so successful



As the children said,

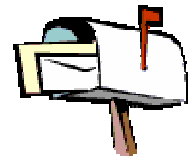
"Here is the Church, Here is the steeple, Open the doors and SEE ALL THE PEOPLE."

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, is certainly blessed with so many fine people!

### Give Pat a Break !

The handbell choir is short a ringer and as a result, Pat Stoddard has recently had to cover two parts—not an easy thing to do! Although she's doing a great job, some of the notes end up not being played (after all, she only has two hands!) Pat, Barbara Ward, and all the members of the handbell choir would love to welcome a new ringer— especially someone with the ability to read music. If you have even a passing interest and would like to learn more, Pat will be happy to talk with you (with no obligation on your part). She can be reached at the church office at 246-0111, or her home at 245-7449.

## Letters from our mailbox



Dear Friends,

I am very fortunate to have had so many kindnesses showered upon me.

Jan Cornish with her visit and generous meals; Carol Louttit for her enjoyable visit as she delivered the beautiful altar flowers which lasted more than two full weeks. Also for the lovely Easter lily delivered by Mary Lou.

Thank you so much.

Blessings to all,

Vera Eaton



Dear Church family:

I want to thank you all for the prayers, meal, visits, cards, calls, plants and flowers which I received during my absence for a hip replacement. Your support of Flo and myself are greatly appreciated.

Dick Fairfield

### 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.

### 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.



## Family Footnotes



Susan Rotblat-Walker's dad, Stuart;

Eileen Dennis's mother;

Jim McCartney's sister;

Liz White's aunt, Barbara Barnard;

Mary Louise Gamache's parents;

Marilyn Packard-Luther's mother,

Ruth Packard;

Dot Muth's daughter and John Muth's sister, Marilyn Martin;

May Smith; Mike D'Orlando;

Vera Eaton; Dottie Butler;

Bob Louttit; and Lucy Roehr;

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.

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

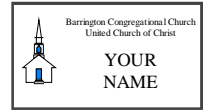


the family of May Hartmann Rosenfeld;

Jane Brell on the death of her former father-in-law, Carl Brell;

and to Francis Seader on the death of his ex-wife, Linda Seader.

**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.

Wearing your nametag makes the church more welcoming to new visitors. It also helps church members get to know each other. So please make that extra effort and wear your nametag each week. Thank you.

**Hello, I am a visitor to your church.**

You do not know why I am here. It may be as simple as a move to the area or as complicated as a personal crisis that leads me to seek strength from God. Whatever the reason, I am here. I will probably come back and worship with you next Sunday if some kind person notices me.

**Won't you please...**

- \* Smile at me when I walk in the door.
- \* Extend a warm welcome to me in the worship service.
- \* Speak to me during coffee hour.
- \* Tell me about the church and your minister.
- \* Give me information I can take home and read later.
- \* Talk to me again when I come back next Sunday.
- \* Invite me to a church event or small group.

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*The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people, ministers to one another, works for justice and peace, and renders loving service to God's world.*