

November 2007

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Kathleen and I want to thank all of you who kept me in prayers, cards, food and company during my recent recuperation. It was nice to have so many of you at the house as well. My foot is healing on schedule and I will be running around soon. As you might imagine, I will be so glad to put the crutches away!

So many face much greater challenges than I have, that is for sure. It has been a humbling experience to be so dependent upon others, so limited in what I can do. But the way people have stepped up to the plate to lead worship, to tend to the many needs and requests that come to the church speaks to the depth of commitment so many have to our church family. Kathleen and I continue to be amazed and gratified by the caring for each other we witness all the time here.

And I hope you all appreciate as much as I do your church staff who sometimes make me wonder if I need to be around the place at all!

As we enter the holiday season I wish you all good health, of course. This can be a stressful time of year. Please take care of yourselves. Find time to put your feet up (without the doctor requiring it!). May you add some extra gentleness to your life in these next two months. We can all use it – the world can use it!

You bless us greatly – may God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff', is located at the bottom right of the page.

Sunday Services



- November 4 10 a.m. *All Saints' Sunday and Dedication Sunday* (see pages 4 and 5)
Worship Service with Communion, Church School
- November 11 10 a.m. *Veteran's Day*
Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir,
Church School
- November 18 10 a.m. All Family Worship Service with Bells (see page 6)
Nursery Care only (No Church School)
- November 25 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Child Care Available

Handicapped Accessible

Please note that the day of the service has been changed from previous years

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

MONDAY, November 19th

at 7:30 p.m.

at Temple Habonim,

165 New Meadow Road, Barrington



Mark your calendars for this important community service to which all are invited. By moving the service from Thanksgiving Eve, it is hoped that more people will be able to attend this service which is sponsored by the Barrington Clergy Association.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 3rd.

Enjoy your extra hour of sleep before coming to church the next morning for a very busy Sunday (see pages 4, 5 & 6)!

What's Happening on Sunday, October 28th, 2007

- Children grades 5 and under are invited to come to church dressed in their **Halloween costumes**
- Worship Service at 10 a.m. with the **Ms. Susan Sanders preaching** (the service will be shorter than usual)
- **Church school will start at 10 a.m.** and then all of the children and church school teachers will come into church around 10:45 a.m. to watch a **DVD presentation from Rev. Elizabeth Barnum**, candidate for Associate Minister.
- After watching the DVD there will be a **Special Congregational Meeting** to act upon the recommendation of the Search Committee to accept Rev. Barnum as our next Associate Minister
- The Congregational Meeting is expected to be over around the time the service would normally end so everyone can go over to coffee hour as usual
- At coffee hour, the Jr PF will host their **Halloween Spooktacular and Costume Contest**. All are invited and there will be a costume contest for children up to Grade 5; pumpkin painting, Halloween crafts and more!

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- At **3 p.m.** the choirs of BCCUCC and South Dartmouth Congregational Church will sing the **Fauré Requiem** in the sanctuary of Barrington Congregational Church. All are invited to this free concert.
- Following the concert all are invited to a **reception** in Fellowship Hall hosted by the choirs and music ministry team of BCCUCC.



Thank you to all who supported the two fund raisers in October. (see article on page 14)

The next **all-group meeting** (adults going on the trip also) will be **Sunday, November 18,** from **7-8:30 PM** at the church.

It will be a session devoted to learning more about the work we will be doing and some group building fun. If you are not able to be there please be sure to let Jeff know ahead of time.

As of this writing the youth portion of the trip is full and we have a youth waiting list. We have openings for 2 more adults and are in particular need of people with carpentry skills. Please contact Jeff if you are interested.

A lot is happening at BCCUCC on Sunday, November 4th.....



All **men** are invited to the **library** from **8:45-9:45 a.m.** on **Sunday, November 4** to chat informally about issues that relate to men's lives and faith.

The agenda will be kept loose. Jeff will kick off the discussion and provide strong coffee.



A CHANGE TO COMMUNION

To ensure the teachers and children have plenty of time for their lessons, the Deacons together with the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team are experimenting with the way we receive communion as families.

On **Sunday, November 4th**, the children will come to church with their families at **10 a.m.** as on a regular Sunday. Communion will be served early in the service and then the teachers and children will leave for church school around the usual time.

Thank you for your patience as we strive to improve the way we welcome children in our church.



Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 4th

Pledge packets were mailed to the congregation the week of October 22nd. A brochure about the candidate for Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Barnum, was also included with the packet. Additional packets will be available on the Vestry Table or from the Church Office.

Please plan to bring your completed pledge form to the **November 4th** worship service, when pledges will be brought forward and dedicated. Or you may mail your pledge form to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

We urge you to give serious and prayerful thought to how you can put your faith into action by financially supporting your church as it grows into the future.

*Your Stewardship Team: Ron House, Dick McWhirter, Mike Servant,
Pat Stoddard, Sam Sylvester*

**PUTTING
OUR FAITH**



**INTO
ACTION**



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

During the worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 4th, we will toll the bell and remember by name our loved ones who have died since last All Saints' Day. The congregation is asked to please submit names *ahead of time* by contacting the church office at 246-0111 or bccucc@fullchannel.net, no later than noon on Friday, November 2nd.

In addition, the Rev. Jeff Larsen invites the congregation to bring photos to the worship service, with some identification attached, of those whom they want to remember who have died at anytime (not just in the past year). A table will be set up in Fellowship Hall so that after the service they can be placed for viewing during coffee hour.

Interested in learning more about our church, or maybe even thinking about becoming a member?

Please join Jeff and the Deacons at our

“CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR CHURCH”

after church on **Sunday, November 4th**

from **11:20 a.m.—12:15 p.m.** in the library.



This informational session is open to all who are new to our church family (as well as to anyone who may have been coming for some time but would like to learn more) – to help you understand a little more about our history, why we do things the way we do, and why we would really like you to be part of this community. It is a wonderful chance to meet other new faces. Please come!

The session will also serve as preparation for anyone who wants to officially become a member of this church on New Member Sunday, December 2nd at our 10 a.m. service. *Please note that attendance at the “Conversations” in no way commits you to becoming a member, although we’d love it if you did choose to officially become a part of our church family.*

Please let the church office know if you plan to attend by calling or e-mailing us at 246-0111 or bccucc@fullchannel.net. Child care can be arranged if you let us know you need it when you call the office. The session will be very informal so older children are welcome to sit in.

So whether you’re just interested in learning more about us or you know that you’d like to become a member of our church, we invite you to attend this session.

The **Junior Pilgrim Fellowship** will be holding a **BAKE SALE**
on **Sunday, November 4th**

during coffee hour to raise money for

Operation Christmas Child (see page 7 for details)

Please support them in their efforts by purchasing items.

Donations of baked goods to sell would be most welcome. Please contact Leslie Peck at 245-1820.



Have you registered your child for Church School?

New registration forms must be filled out each year in order to comply with our Safe Church policy. There are still some children who have not yet been registered! Parents - please fill out a registration form if you haven't yet done so. Forms are available in the church school classrooms. Thank you.

The theme for Church School and Faithworks in November is

“Welcoming Jesus”

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Thanks to the following people who will be involved with teaching this month:

Cheryl Muth
Francis Seader
Bill and Mary DeWitt
Lauren Browning
Sharon Sylvester
Haley Cook
Betsy Restituyo
Mary Louise Gamache
Sandy Miniati
Kate Burgess
Katrina Swihart
Lynne Lehman
Drew Todd



All Church Family Worship Service

Sunday, November 18th

All children, other than the youngest in our nursery room, are invited to attend church with their whole family where the service will be geared to the many age groups.

These special family services give us the opportunity to teach our children more about the importance of worship, respect for how to act in the sanctuary and allow families to sit together in the pews.

Junior PF schedule

All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to participate

Sunday, November 4 - Jr. PF Bake Sale for Operation Christmas Child following service in Fellowship Hall. Donations are greatly appreciated. If you're interested in baking, please call Leslie Peck at 245-1820.



Sunday, November 18 – Jr. PF Trip to Lazer Gate in Fall River. Leaving BCCUCC at 5 pm, returning approximately 8 pm. Jr. PFers, please RSVP by November 12th – call Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or email PeckMarketing@cox.net.



Pizza will be served between games and chaperones are needed, please let Leslie know if you're interested. Approximate cost will be \$15 per person.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2007

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. We at BCCUCC have participated in this project for a number of years.



This year PF is challenging themselves to create 30 shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts for children. Operation Christmas Child will take care of delivering them; all we have to do is fill them with small items such as stuffed animals, match box cars, crayons, school supplies, toothpaste etc. For a full list of suggested gifts, check out the Operation Christmas Child website at www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC

Parents of Jr. PFers are asked to please help your kid to fill a shoe box. Sr. PF will be asked to partner with each other and fill additional boxes. Others from the congregation are also invited to fill a shoebox to help them meet their target. When choosing gifts for inclusion, please consider whether it will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) and then mark that on the box. The wrapped, filled boxes (box and lid wrapped separately, please) need to be dropped off at church by **Sunday, November 18** in time to be delivered to the collection site.

Jr. PF will be holding a bake sale on November 4th to help raise money for shipping costs (\$7 per box). See page 6 for how you can help with the bake sale.

If you have any questions, please call Susan or Francis Seader at home 245-5679 or on Francis's cell at 474-3853.

Do you have children in your family? Are they in grades 1-6?
Do they like to ...sing?

- ...play chimes?
- ...use rhythm instruments?
- ...experiment with boomwhackers?
- ...have fun?



If you answered yes to at least some of these questions, he/she (or they) should try the Sing and Celebrate Choir.

The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings right after church school in Room 6 and sings in the church service once a month, usually the second Sunday.

Come and try us out! We're very friendly!

Information - Barbara Ward (245-7183), Betsy Restituyo (245-3566), or talk to one of the children now in the choir.

Confirmation Class UPDATE



Members of the 9th grade Confirmation Class continue to work on three projects that they should have completed before the next session:

- interviewing a church member about what that person thinks Matthew 25: 31-46 means for our church family and for them as an individual;
- attend another church/temple in the area to see how that religious family tries to serve God in the world;
- come up with 5 suggestions about how our church can better live out that scripture passage.

The next class session is **Sunday, November 18, 11:20 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in Room 8.**

If you're a 9th grader and are interested in joining the Confirmation Class contact Jeff Larsen a.s.a.p. at 246-0111 or jeffbuccucc@fullchannel.net.



The PF youth are in need of **empty shoe boxes** for *Operation Christmas Child*. If you have any, please drop them off in Room 6. Deadline for receipt of boxes is Sunday, November 4th. Thank you.

Help needed to finish construction project



Now that the major work of the construction has been completed, it's up to the congregation to finish the project. A small but dedicated group of volunteers has been working hard on some of the much needed finish work. The music office and kitchen have been stripped of the old wallpaper and the music office has been painted. The old cabinets from the vestry kitchen have been removed and new wallboard put up where the lathes were exposed.

The turn-out of volunteers to help has been disappointing so far. **L** A lot more work needs to be done and the same few people can't be expected to do it all!! Please consider if you can help—these are all projects that would go much faster with more people helping—after all, many hands make light work!! If you can help with any of the following please volunteer, even if only for an hour or two:

- clean
- wash and prep walls / window frames for painting
- paint walls and trim
- install cabinets in the vestry kitchen and new sacristy
- other miscellaneous tasks!

The Deacons are anxious to have the new sacristy finished so that they can serve communion in the traditional way (currently the only sink in the building is in the vestry bathroom); the Chancel Team would like to have the vestry kitchen finished so they have somewhere to do their work with the altar flowers; and the Music Team is anxious to get the music office sorted out and usable as an office again. Currently the vestry is acting as a storage space for all of the items taken out from the old music office, sacristy and kitchen and the vocal and bell choirs rehearse in the midst of it all! The choirs look forward to the space being cleared and having access to their robes and music without having to maneuver around all the stuff that is being stored there.



So help us get the church building up and running properly again, by volunteering to help. Volunteers should call Paul Dennis at his home (245-6296). Or call the church office to find out when the next "Work Night" has been scheduled. Thank you.



Deadline for the December/January *Bridge*

The combined December and January *Bridge* will be mailed out just before Thanksgiving. All material for inclusion will need to be in the church office by **Tuesday, November 13**. Information will need to be submitted for events happening in both December and January by that date. Thank you.

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

Achina Stein (star deacon), Chris Brady,
Bill DeWitt, Marshall Hoyler, Susan Seader,
Achina Stein, and Beverly Travers

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

September 30 – 207

October 7 – 140

October 14 – 141

October 21 – 186

The **Third Friday Bridge** Group
will meet on



Friday, November 16th
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.

“Women in the Bible”

will meet on **Thursdays,**
November 1st and 15th

from **10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**
(note the earlier times)

in **Room 6**



This women’s group has chosen two new books to study this year and welcomes new participants.

They will begin with reading **The Faith Club** by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. They will later read **The Dance of the Dissident Daughter** by Sue Monk Kidd. The books are available for purchase from the church office.

Questions? Contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com

At the time of writing, the editor was unaware of any plans for The **Dine-Out Group** to meet in November.



Adult Reading Circle

next meets on

Tuesday, November 27th

(note later date than usual)

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome!



They will discuss the book

The Keep

by Jennifer Egan

Egan writes the story of Danny, who arrives at a castle in Eastern Europe to help his cousin turn it into a luxury hotel and finds that the place's mysterious and bloody history is alive and at work, and so is an episode of adolescent cruelty that estranged the cousins decades before.

The December Book will be

This Boy's Life by Tobias Wolff

Copies of the complete book list for Nov 2007—Sept 2008 are available from the vestry table, the rack outside the office, or on the church website at www.bccucc.org

For more information on the group, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

Where Are the Chairs?

We are missing quite a number of **folding chairs** from Fellowship Hall. If you borrowed some for any reason and have not yet returned them, please do so a.s.a.p. — no questions asked! Thank you.

Are the Doors Locked?

Please remember to check that **all** outside doors are locked when you leave the building—especially after evening meetings. Don't assume that someone else will do it!

If you unlock a door to get in **it may remain unlocked**—so please check that you don't inadvertently leave a door unlocked. This is especially true of the new doors to the church building.

Please Turn Down the Heat

Even though many of the thermostats are set to automatically turn back down after 2 hours, we ask that you remember to turn them down as soon as you leave and also that you not turn the heat up above 68 degrees max. With heating oil at record prices, we must all do what we can to keep our fuel costs down.

GreenStart News

A reminder for those who have signed up for GreenStart or are thinking of it:

Your GreenStart payments are now tax deductible! If you itemize your taxes, you can deduct GreenStart payments as a charitable contribution. PP&L will send you information in January to use in preparation of your tax return.



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Mission Trip Fundraisers a BIG Success!!

A big THANK YOU for making the **clamboil** a success on October 13th. 64 people enjoyed dinner and the support of adults and youth was overwhelming when it came to baking, setting up, serving and cleaning up! Hope someone got some good pics! Around \$1200 was raised for the Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi next April.

It was a wonderful experience to kick off working with our youth going on our mission trip in April. Also, thanks to all who were with us in spirit and gave donations.

Steve and Marion Fodor

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A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved with **Battle of the Bands** on October 19th :

All the people that worked that evening - David Speed; Andrew, Paul and Eileen Dennis; James Steele; Nate, Laura and Bill Ward; Kathleen Larsen; Keith Strickland; Mary and Bill DeWitt; Steve and Jane Cipoletti; Lory and Charlie McCoy; Susan and Francis Seader; Susan Clemens; Linda Cook and Jean Arnold

The support staff - Christine Wallis and Pat Stoddard

The fabulously talented performers from our church - Andrew Dennis, Scott Clemens, Scott Cipoletti and Ben White

All the people that baked

Battle of the Bands netted **\$2,016!** We sold 297 tickets (3 shy of capacity), the kids were perfect, the musicians were amazing, we didn't lose power like half of Barrington did, the kids didn't mind the torrential rain..... What a great night it was! We even sold the remaining baked goods at church the following Sunday. The generous heart of our church shines so brightly on occasions like this.

The money raised will go a long way to help with the mission trip in April. We also hope that other churches will follow our lead and provide a venue for these and other musicians who just want to perform, which in turn provides a safe, substance-free place for teenagers to enjoy themselves, so desperately needed in this town.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for making Battle of the Bands a success.

Helen Ward and Lisa Browning

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Editor's note: Anyone with photos from either of these events is invited to send them to the church office so the best can be posted to the website for all to see and enjoy.

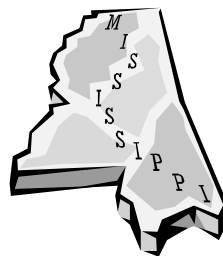
From Your Social Action and Justice Ministry Team.....

At it's last meeting, the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team decided to support the Mission Trip to the Back Bay Mission by providing informational materials that could involve the entire congregation in the trip.

The following article, which is a checklist of current facts, was taken from the fall edition of the Back Bay Mission newsletter, The Changing Tides.

Katrina + 2: The Gulf Coast of Mississippi, At a Glance

- 18,000 FEMA trailers are still in operation in the State of Mississippi.
- Affordable housing continues to be an urgent, critical as well as chronic need, which cuts across all demographic lines but most significantly impacts the very low income, elderly and disabled citizens of the Gulf Coast.
- Homeownership is becoming an increasingly unlikely opportunity for residents as wages have not increased to meet the 6.4 percent increase in the average sales price of a single family home.
- The CDBG funds released to the State of Mississippi in December 2005 (totaling 5.6 billion) are just now beginning to get into the hands of those who are eligible recipients. As of July 31, Homeowner Assistance grants have totaled \$1 billion and have been paid to 13,944 homeowners. Under Phase II of the program (which is designed for low income homeowners and released June 6, 2007), there are still 10,979 applications pending while only 575 homeowners (or five percent) have received payment. At this rate of processing (14 applications processed per business day), it will take approximately thirty-five months (almost three years) for those who are eligible to receive their recovery monies.
- The Governor's Office has yet to release any disaster recovery monies to assist those who were renters prior to Katrina.
- In Biloxi alone, The Biloxi Housing Authority lost 378 units to Katrina. To date, only 76 units are able to be occupied by Biloxi residents.
- Thanks to the many volunteers across the country who have given their time and talents to the Volunteer Rehab Program at Back Bay Mission, we have successfully rehabilitated 64 homes in the cities of Biloxi and Gulfport since Hurricane Katrina. This program serves to meet the needs of many of the most vulnerable Katrina survivors who would not otherwise be eligible for any of the other programs offered by the government.



Our youth quota for the Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission is full and there is a waiting list, but there are still two openings for adults—especially for anyone with carpentry skills.

Food Drive for TAPIN



TAPIN again needs our help!!! On November 18 the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team will sponsor a food drive to benefit the **TAPIN** food pantry.

On **November 11** we will pass out bags and ask that you return them on **November 18**. As always the bins in the back of the church are available for your **TAPIN** canned items donations. We will see that all the food is brought to **TAPIN** on Monday.

Some suggested items are:

Desert mixes, such as brownies or cookies

Soups

Peanut butter

Dish detergent

Personal products, such as toothpaste,
deodorant, shampoo

Canned veggies, (green beans, canned corn)

Coffee, tea bags

Canned gravy

Cranberry sauce

Rice and pasta

Spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes

Tuna fish or canned chicken

TAPIN, (Touch A Person in Need) is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers from our community. If you have time available and you want to help, there is always a place for one more volunteer. For information call 247-1444 between 9 am and Noon.



An additional request from TapIn

The various churches in Barrington are being asked to donate specific items for the **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** that TapIn gives out to its clients each year. BCCUCC has been asked to donate boxes of **Brownie Mix**. All donations need to be in to church by **Sunday, November 11th** and can be placed in the regular TapIn bins. Thank You.

Rhode Island Religious Coalition for Marriage Equality is holding

Media Training & Legislative Advocacy Preparation Workshops

Saturday, November 3, 2007

10:00 AM at Beneficent U.C.C.

300 Weybosset Street, Providence, RI

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

7:00 PM at Riverside U.C.C.

15 Oak Avenue, Riverside, RI

Workshops are designed to assist religious advocates with their planning and preparation for State House public testimony, media presentations and letters to the editor.

All religious voices are invited, including clergy. To register contact Rev. Gene Dyszlewski at: edyszlewki@cox.net or 433-2039.

HELP NEEDED AT THE SOUP KITCHEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS

This is a great opportunity to reflect on our blessings, to make space to be with other church members in preparing and serving a meal at the Hispanic Church in Central Falls. Meals have traditionally been a casserole, but we might prepare a special dinner for the holidays. Those who like to cook have an opportunity to be creative! (We all need to make the same recipe, however.)

Those who are serving would meet at the church by 3:15 p.m. and are back by 5:30 p.m. on **Saturday, December 29.**

If you can help in any way for December 29th (cooking, baking or serving), **please contact Lorraine Keeney at 486-3042.**

To learn more about what is involved with helping at the soup kitchen go to the 'Information for Church Members' page of our website www.bccucc.org and click on the Soup Kitchen links.



Blood DRIVE

**on Thursday, November 15th
from 2:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**at St. John's Episcopal Church
191 County Road, Barrington**

New blood donors are always needed

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

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

Haitian Hoopla

featuring "The Haiti Tuba" Band

A Caribbean Evening of Cocktails & Entertainment!

Special Guest: Catherine Oswald
(from Partners in Health)

Silent Auction, Wine, Food Stations and
Passed Hors d'Oeuvres, Cash Bar Available

*Raisin' a Little Cain
for Clinics and Schools in Haiti*

Friday, November 2nd ~ 7-11 PM

Providence Marriott

Tickets: \$65

Information: Janet Igo 401-855-5264
Suzanne Swanson 508-336-6618

*The event is to raise funds for Mission
Evangelique Baptiste Bethesda (MEBB)
operated health clinics and schools in Haiti.*

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

...to Paul Dennis, Keith Strickland, Pat Stoddard, Dave Gregory, Dick Fairfield, Jay Buckley, Maureen Jean, and Helen MacDonald who between them have put in many hours working on stripping wallpaper, cleaning and painting etc in the new construction

...to everyone who has provided food and/or company for Jeff while he has been recovering from his foot surgery

...to Steve and Marion Fodor for doing such a great job organizing the clamboil

...to Helen Ward and Lisa Browning for all of their hard work spent organizing the Battle of the Bands which resulted in such a successful evening

...to the many volunteers who helped make these Mission Trip fundraisers such a big success by helping out and/or attending (see page 14)

...to the members of the BCCUCC choir and to Marina Zabinski for their many hours of rehearsal in preparing for the Fauré Requiem concerts with the choir from South Dartmouth Congregational Church

...to Phyllis Buckley for hosting a second Silpada jewelry party to raise money for Kelsey Dennis' work with the Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Buildings and Grounds Team on behalf of BCCUCC would like to publicly thank Capital Building and Design, the contractor for the Fire Safety and Foundation Projects, for giving the church a 10% discount on the final contract price! We are so grateful to CBD for their generosity to this church. CBD's comment was "church is important to us" and they wanted to show that by giving us this significant discount.



Thank you to everyone who responded to their recent pledge statement by bringing their pledge payment up to date.

The **Pastor Parish Relations Team** is charged with dealing with the concerns of the minister, the staff and the congregation. If you have any such concerns, please contact any member of the PPRT: Phyllis Buckley, 245-1098; Moyne Cubbage, 245-4641; Jim McCartney, 245-3288; or Lynne Lehman, 289-0101.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas, or for delivery by a deacon to our homebound, please complete this order form and return to the church office with payment **by Tuesday, December 11th, 2007.**

Alternatively, the completed form and payment can be left with a member of the Chancel Ministry Team who will be at the piano in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour following Sunday services.

In addition to plants being given in memory of a loved one, plants may also be given in thanksgiving for, or celebration of, someone or something (a person, birthday, anniversary, etc). *Please be sure to complete the correct portion of the form with your dedication.* All dedications will be listed in a special insert to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Every year our deacons deliver poinsettias to our homebound, sick and recently bereaved. If you would be willing to have your poinsettia used for delivery by the deacons prior to Christmas, rather than to decorate the sanctuary, please be sure to check the appropriate box on the order form. A small portion of the cost of each poinsettia is used for the purchase of some of the additional poinsettias that are delivered by the deacons.

Those who purchase poinsettias are given the option of taking them home following the 10 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Those that remain will continue to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. *We respectfully request that no plants be removed from the Sanctuary before the end of the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service.*

The money collected will be used to purchase red poinsettias for delivery by the deacons, and a variety of different poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas services.

See next page for order form.

Attention All Singers!

Once again St. Luke's Church in Barrington will be hosting a Christmas Cantata. Over the years, many singers from other churches in Barrington have joined them to form the Christian Community Choir. This year they will be singing the cantata "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria" by Mark Hayes. 24 musicians, many of whom play for the Rhode Island Philharmonic, will accompany the singers. St. Luke's Church is actively seeking a corporate sponsor to underwrite the cost of the Cantata so that if successful, all proceeds will go to a local charity or cause.

All singers (choir members and others) are invited to sing with the **Christian Community Choir**. Rehearsals for this year's Cantata will begin on Sunday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Church. Rehearsals will be every Sunday. The Dress Rehearsal is Monday, December 17th and the Cantata Performance will be Tuesday, December 18th at 7 p.m.

Please call Stephen Kirby, Director of Music at St. Luke's, at 246-0039 if you have any questions or for more information.



Mark your December calendar with these special events....

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9th, 2007 3:00 PM in the **Sanctuary**

Adult Vocal Choir, Sing & Celebrate Choir, Handbell Choir, Piano & Organ Music, and more!

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Christmas Pageant

The Church School Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, December 16th**. Rehearsals will take place during church school in the weeks leading up to the pageant.

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Christmas Eve Services

There will be two services again this Christmas Eve. After careful consideration by the deacons the decision was made to have services at the following times:

5:00 p.m. Family service with the children's choir. This will be a brief, children's oriented service

10:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Readings with the Adult Vocal Choir



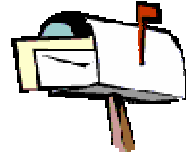
BCCUCC AUCTION

Save the date....**Saturday, September 12, 2008 !!**

It is not too early to start thinking about what you can donate to our next church auction.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out. Whether you can spare a few hours or many, all are welcome to join us in this fun and rewarding project. Please call Sue Simpson at 247-1005 and let her know how you can help.

Letters from our mailbox



Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support in all that has transpired in the Dennis family over the past few months.

Your phone calls, many, many cards and loving thoughts and words during my Mom's illness and after her death have been felt warmly and appreciated by all of us.

We also thank you for your prayers for Kelsey as she settles into her 27 month stay in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps. Your generous support of her & her projects through donations and Kathleen's and Phyllis' Silpada Parties is so kind & will be put to good use purchasing text books and English dictionaries for the school at which Kelsey teaches.

With sincere thanks and love,

Eileen, Paul, Kelsey, Shannon and Andrew Dennis



Thanks to all those in your congregation who participated in the Great Day of Service on October 8. Sponsored by Beyond Our Walls, Barrington's interfaith organization, 500 adults and children joined in 25 activities to improve life in our town as well as communities beyond our walls.

Cookies and pizza were baked for group homes, parks were cleaned up, sock moneys were made for children affected by domestic violence, and cards and cookies were sent to service men and women in Iraq, to name just a few of the many activities.

We look forward to an even more productive Great Day of Service in 2008.

Bill Oehlkers,
President of Beyond Our Walls (BOW)

Thank you for the thoughtful donation of altar flowers. My Mom, Dot Muth, delivered them to me and the roses were absolutely gorgeous. It certainly made my day a bit brighter. Faithfully yours,

Marilyn Martin
Portsmouth



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YOUR
NAME

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to wear their nametag on Sundays, both for worship and for coffee hour. Remember—you can drop your nametag in the baskets near the exits from Fellowship Hall and they will be returned to the racks in the vestry for the next Sunday.

Book Exchange Cart in Fellowship Hall

All are invited to borrow and/or add books for others to enjoy reading.



How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see.

Family Footnotes

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 who will pass it on to the confidential e-prayer chain.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Mary Hale,
Frank and Vera Eaton,
Shirley Adams-Howes,
Jeff Larsen,
and John Faulhaber

Baptisms

Matthew William Burton

Son of Linda and Dennis Burton

Paige Ashley Burton

Daughter of Linda and Dennis Burton

Ryan Kyle Gomes

Son of Kyle and Christine Gomes

Kyle Anthony Gomes



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

1 Corinthians 12:13

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*