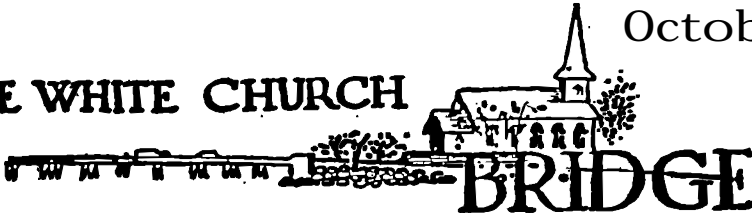


October 2007

THE WHITE CHURCH



BRIDGE

Dear Friends,

Worship has been wonderful these weeks! Wow! The energy and excitement, the trust in sharing of concerns and prayers, the singing, the children...the central act of who we are as a church is very much alive. I know that some would like it a little quieter at the beginning so they can prepare to be with God in prayer. It is hard to mandate that without taking away some of the joy at coming together. Perhaps we could all be a little more sensitive to other's needs.

Some would like to cut back on the announcements. I agree they get carried away sometimes but they are an important part of who we are and perhaps just asking for a little moderation would help? What we do outside of worship is the reason we are worshipping in the first place – to live a Godly life.

But I love watching you gather on Sunday morning – the expressions of true joy at seeing each other, the relief some of you evidence as you sit in your favorite pew. The sunlight shining in thru those large windows, the wiggling of the children, Marina's notes of invitation on the organ...it is magical.

You will notice a change in communion from time to time after discussions with Christian Education and the Deacons. The children have been joining us at the end of worship on the first Sunday of the month for communion but that has been quite disruptive to the teachers trying to work creatively with our kids. So once in awhile we will have communion near the beginning of worship and the children will then leave for classes as usual.

And we may also try having the kids stay in Fellowship Hall for their own communion service with some Deacons leaving us to join them. I just ask your patience as we try different things to see how we can accommodate everyone's needs. I am appreciative of how many of you see changes as opportunities for new learning instead of problems – thank you for your support.

Worshipping with you is an amazing joy – thanks for letting me be here to do it!



Sunday Services in October



- October 7 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion led by the Rev. Charles Smith, Church School
- October 14 *Stewardship Sunday*
10 a.m. All Family Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Nursery Care only (No Church School)
Sundae Sunday after worship (see page 6)
- October 21 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells, Rev. Chuck Barnes preaching (see below), Church School
- October 28 10 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Susan Sanders preaching (see below)
Church School
After worship Special Congregational Meeting (see page 3)

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care Available

Handicapped Accessible

The Rev. Jeff Larsen will be on vacation the weekend of October 7 and will be out of the office from October 15-22 (Monday to Monday) on medical leave to have some foot surgery. All messages can be left at the church office, 246-0111.

We will have several **guest preachers** during the month of October:

- Sunday, October 7 The Rev. Charles Smith will lead worship and preach
- Sunday, October 21 The Rev. Chuck Barnes, RICUCC Conference Minister, will preach
- Sunday, October 28 The Rev. Susan Sanders will preach. Rev. Sanders is the Minister for Global Sharing of Resources at the National UCC office. She is also the administrator for OGH (One Great Hour of Sharing). Rev. Sanders will be the keynote speaker at the RICUCC Autumnal meeting the previous day.



**Guest
Preachers**

SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

It is with great joy that the Search Committee announces they have unanimously chosen the **Reverend Elizabeth J. Barnum** to recommend to the congregation as the new Associate Minister for Christian Education. The congregation will vote on the recommendation at a special Congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, October 28th (see below).

By training, experience, temperament, faith and belief Elizabeth is equipped to educate the whole person – spirit, body and mind.

Elizabeth is presently on fellowship with St. Michael's Uniting Church in Melbourne, Australia which will make for a non-traditional candidate presentation to the congregation on October 28th.

Elizabeth's credentials and experience include:

- Being a native New Englander
- Graduation from the University of New Hampshire with a major in religious studies
- License to teach Social Studies (Grades 9-12) State of Massachusetts
- Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School's Program in Religion and Secondary Education
- Practicing parish minister in Monterey, Massachusetts,
- Director of Christian Growth in Exeter, New Hampshire
- Chaplain Intern, Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Massachusetts
- Assistant Minister in a large congregation in Melbourne, Australia

As special interests Elizabeth identifies writing, dancing, jogging, spending time with family and friends, being outdoors and taking long walks.

Warrant for a Special Congregational Meeting of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

This is a call to the congregation for a special meeting to take place in the Sanctuary following the worship service on **Sunday, October 28th, 2007**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

Article I: To call the meeting to order.

Article II: To act upon the recommendation of the Search Committee for an Associate Minister.

Article III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Article IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, **Barbara Wuth**, Clerk

Construction Update

We are pleased to report that the contractors portion of the construction is now complete. Thanks to a great group of volunteers who came in on a Saturday to clean up, we were able to return to the Sanctuary for worship on Celebration Sunday, September 9th. The contractors continued their work after then, but have now left.

But the work isn't complete—it's up to our Buildings and Grounds Team with a lot of help from the congregation to do the following:

- clean
- strip the old wallpaper from the kitchen and music office
- wash and prep walls for painting
- paint walls and trim
- install cabinets in the vestry kitchen and new sacristy

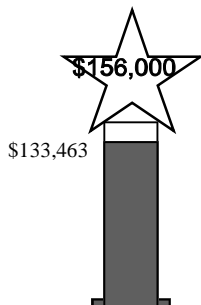


In addition, the vestry won't be fully functional until all of the items taken out from the old music office, sacristy and kitchen have been moved to their new locations, and that can't happen until the work outlined above has been completed!

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help in any way should call Paul Dennis at his home (245-6296) and leave a message.

Photos taken of the construction since it began at the end of July can be viewed at our website www.bccucc.org

Fire Safety Project Financial Update



Through the generosity of our congregation, \$133,463 has been given or pledged to this project. We are grateful for your support of the project, which is in the final finish work stage (see article above). It's not too late to give or pledge your support for this important work. Please call the Church Office if you wish to make a contribution or a pledge. Donation forms are also available on the vestry table or outside the church office. Thank you.

*Your Fire Safety Team,
Paul Dennis, Caroline Halliwell, Dick McWhirter, Lee Miller, Pat Stoddard*

All Church Family Worship services

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team has decided, in response to some parent's suggestions, to have several Sunday services during the year be "All Church Family Services." On these Sundays children, other than the youngest in our nursery room, are invited to attend church with their whole family and the service will be geared to the many age groups. We hope 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.

The first such service will be on **Sunday, October 14th**. We hope you will all join us. **Sundae Sunday** will follow worship!



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

Welcome!

Please join Jeff and the Deacons at our

“CONVERSATIONS”

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

11:20 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Child care will be provided if you call and let us know you are coming (246-0111).

Open to all who are new to our church family – 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!

Our Attitude toward Children

Whether it's a special All Family Worship Service, a regular Sunday service, or a church activity, we love having children at our church.

There's a special leaflet included in the center of this *Bridge* that talks about this subject and we hope that everyone will take a few minutes to read it, regardless of whether or not they have children.

Haitian Hoopla Too!!

Friday, November 2

7-11 pm

Providence Marriott

See flier in center of *Bridge* for details.

Several folks have emailed into Jeff their suggestions about how we can follow our theme for the year “Putting Our Faith Into Action.” Some of the responses include:

- Praying for those we don’t know
- Stop thinking of some people as our “enemies”
- Get to know the people in our neighborhoods better
- Be more patient
- Smile more often and think positively

E-mail Jeff your suggestions! jeffbucc@fullchannel.net

**PUTTING
OUR FAITH**



**INTO
ACTION**



Sundae Sunday, October 14th

in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

The Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team invites all the congregation to come & enjoy ice-cream in Fellowship Hall following the special All Family Worship Service.

C o n f i r m a t i o n C l a s s U P D A T E

Members of our 9th grade Confirmation Class are working in October on three projects:

- 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 try to serve God in the world;
- come up with 5 suggestions about how our church can better live out that scripture passage.

Our next class session is Sunday, November 18, 11:20-12:15.

If you're a 9th grader and are interested in joining the Confirmation Class, it's not too late. Contact Jeff Larsen at 246-0111 or jeffbucc@fullchannel.net.



The Handbell Choir's wish list — one or two more ringers

The theme for Church School and Faithworks in October is

“The Good Treasure”

Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46; Matthew 25:14-30

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

Lauren Browning
Elyse Comer
Bill and Mary DeWitt
Mary Louise Gamache
Sandy Miniati
Cheryl Muth
J.T. Park
Francis Seader
Sara Slye
Sharon Sylvester
Diane Todd
Laura Ward
Kristen Westmoreland
Ben White

Junior PF schedule for October

(open to all youth in grades 6-8)

Monday October 8th Jr. PF will be participating in THE GREAT DAY OF SERVICE. Details will be provided shortly, so please keep your eye on the Sunday Bulletin or call Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or Francis Seader at 245-5679 for more information.

Sunday, October 28th Jr. PF will host a SPOOKTACULAR COSTUME CONTEST & HALLOWEEN PARTY for the younger children (see page 8)

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. Registration forms are available in church school classrooms.

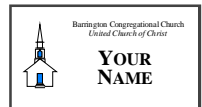


The White Church Ringers are still looking

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.

To encourage you to wear your nametag over to coffee hour, there is a basket on the back table of Fellowship Hall and another one on the counter by the back door in the kitchen. You are invited to drop your nametag in one of the baskets as you leave and it will magically reappear in the rack in the Vestry for you to pick up the following Sunday!





ATTENTION GHOULS AND GOBLINS
Join us for the Junior PF sponsored
SPOOKTACULAR COSTUME CONTEST
and HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come dressed to church on **Sunday, October 28th**, in your best Halloween costume for the BCCUCC Jr. PF Spooktacular right after church in Fellowship Hall. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in three age categories:

- Preschool and Kindergarten
- Grades 1 through 3
- Grades 4 and 5

Plus there will be pumpkin painting, Halloween crafts and more! There will be a small fee for each activity, proceeds will benefit local animal shelters.

Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to volunteer to help out, please call
Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or Francis Seader at 245-5679.



April 12 (Sat) – April 19 (Sat) to Biloxi, MS

to help the area rebuild from Hurricane Katrina.

We will be staying at the Back Bay Mission, a UCC-affiliated mission site. There are openings for 20 high school youth and 10 adults. Signup sheets can be obtained thru the church office. First-come-first-served and the spots are going fast!

Registration forms and deposit checks need to be in the office by October 10th.

For more information contact Jeff Larsen (246-0111).

There are a number of activities relating to the 2008 Mission Trip that have already been scheduled. They are:

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| Saturday, October 13 | Clam Boil fundraiser (see next page) |
| Date t.b.a. | Battle of the Bands fundraiser (see next page) |
| Sunday, November 18 | Group building program 7-8:30 p.m. |

The congregation is encouraged to support the group in their fundraising efforts.

ONE LAST TASTE OF SUMMER - A NEW ENGLAND CLAMBOIL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

5:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Clamboil Only: \$22.00

Clamboil with Half Lobster: \$30.00

Hotdogs available for children and non-seafood lovers.



Please join us for a last taste of summer! This fundraiser will support our April 2008 Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Twenty youth and ten adults will help clean up the Gulf Coast area. Invite a friend or family to join us for fellowship and food!

Reservations for the clamboil may be made by calling Marion & Steve Fodor @ 245-2003 or e-mail at smfodor@cox.net by *Thursday, October 11th*.

Battle of the Bands

Coming soon to
BCCUCC Fellowship Hall

Watch the weekly announcements
and check the website for the date



All are invited to attend this fundraiser for the April 2008 Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Cost: \$5 per ticket/ballot to vote for your favorite band.

Parent and Youth Volunteers are needed—contact either Helen Ward at HelenCWard@aol.com or Lisa Browning at LBrowning1@cox.net

Keep the Music Alive! The New Orleans to Rhode Island Jazz Weekend is a three day celebration of the jazz, blues and gospel music of New Orleans. It is also a three day weekend dedicated to prayer, awareness, education and fund-raising for the musicians of New Orleans. Events include a Jazz Master Class, Concerts, Worship Services, and Party with New Orleans style food that will take place at either Wheaton College or Emmanuel Church, Newport from **Friday, October 12—Sunday October 14**. Complete schedule and updated information can be found at www.emmanuelnewport.org. **The Storyville Stompers** - a traditional Dixie-land style brass band from New Orleans—will be the featured band for the events.





The Dine Out group will **not** meet this month due to the early arrival of the Columbus Day Weekend.

We encourage everyone instead to dine-out on **Saturday, October 13th** at the **clamboil** sponsored by the Biloxi Mission Trip group to raise funds for the trip (see page 9).



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the November *Bridge* will be **Wednesday, October 17th**.



The **Third Friday Bridge** Group will meet on **Friday, October 19th** 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.

Adult Reading Circle

next meets on
Tuesday, October 16th
at 7:30 p.m.
at **The Coffee Depot**
501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome!



They will discuss the book
The Innocents Abroad
by **Mark Twain**

This book has been described as "One of the most famous travel books ever written by an American... an irreverent and incisive commentary on the "New Barbarians" encounter with the Old World. Twain's hilarious satire impales with sharp wit both the chauvinist and the cosmopolitan" (amazon.com).

"Women in the Bible"

will meet on
Thursdays, October 4th and 18th
from **10:30 a.m.—Noon**
in **Room 6**



The group has chosen two new books to study this year and welcomes new participants. You needn't be a member of this church to attend so feel free to invite friends.



A shortened form of the weekly announcements is e-mailed out mid-week. If you would like to receive these "**E**"nnouncements please e-mail the church office at bccucc@fullchannel.net

Putting Our Faith into Action – This Year's Stewardship Campaign

The church is putting their faith into action in a variety of ways this fall! The Search Committee for an Associate Minister has identified and recommended a candidate to fill that important role (see separate article in this issue). One of the priorities from the Cottage Meetings was the Christian Education of both our youth and adults. This is a major step in response to that congregational priority.

Each year at this time, the Stewardship Team asks church members and friends to think about and decide how they can best support the church financially for the coming year. Pledging your support in advance allows the various ministry teams to plan for the coming year, and allows the church to commit to its staff, thus ensuring that our programs continue and grow. Your support is more important than ever, as we add a new minister in the coming year. 2008 promises to be an exciting year for our Christian Education program and for our church!

This year's campaign will kick off on **Stewardship Sunday, October 14th** with a special message from Rev. Jeff Larsen. A packet of information for each church family will be available that Sunday, and will also be mailed to those who are not in church that day. Over the next several Sundays, church members will speak to the congregation about the importance of the church and Christian Education in their lives and in the life of the church.

On **Dedication Sunday, November 4th**, those that make the commitment to pledge financial support to the church for 2008 will be asked to bring their pledges forward to be dedicated. We urge you to begin the process of prayerfully discerning how you can put your faith into action through financial support of your church, and we look forward to hearing from church members about their personal experiences.

Your Stewardship Team,

Ron House, Dick McWhirter, Mike Servant, Pat Stoddard, Sam Sylvester

Calendar Information Please Church members are reminded to please call or e-mail the church office with information that should go on the church calendar, including ministry team meetings, events, activities etc. And also be sure to let the office know of any changes. Check out our on-line calendar at the church website www.bccucc.org

The calendar for October 2007
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3rd Annual GREAT DAY OF SERVICE MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

BOW (Beyond Our Walls) invites you to participate in the 3rd Annual Great Day of Service when people from all faiths and of all ages will come together to work for the good of the community.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Here are some possibilities:

- Show up at Barrington High School on October 8th between 8:30 and 9 a.m. to register to volunteer at one of the 26 sites. Site work will begin after a kick-off at 9 a.m. Most sites will be open until 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for TapIn. There are many different sites available to work at—including several unlimited sites—and all ages are welcome, including families with small children! Youth under age 18 are welcome to participate but a parent or guardian needs to come with them to registration to sign a release form. Please dress appropriately for the weather and type of activity you may want to do. Directions to each site will be provided at registration.
- Donate items from the following list to be sent to service men and women serving in Iraq:
toothpaste, tooth brushes, disposable razors, shower gel, band aids, shaving cream, small pkgs of Tylenol and Advil, foot powder (Gold Bond), hard candy, baby wipes.
There are collection boxes in Fellowship Hall and the church for your donations.
- Make a cookie recipe and drop off the uncooked dough at BCCUCC on Sunday October 7th (recipe follows, do not bake). There will be a cooler in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall for you to leave your cookie dough when you arrive. All cookies will be baked at two sites on Monday and distributed to local group homes, our public servants (fire and police) and mailed to servicemen and women serving in Iraq.

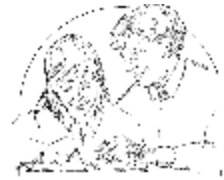
OATMEAL COOKIES

1 CUP (2 STICKS) MARGARINE OR BUTTER, SOFTENED
1 CUP FIRMLY PACKED BROWN SUGAR
1/2 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR
2 EGGS
1 TSP. VANILLA
1-1/2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
1 TSP. VANILLA
1 TSP. CINNAMON
1/2 TSP. SALT
3 CUPS (QUICK OR OLD FASHIONED) OATS
1 CUP RAISINS (OPTIONAL)

1. Beat together margarine, eggs and sugar until creamy
2. Add eggs and vanilla
3. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix well
4. Stir in oats (and raisins); mix well
5. Do NOT bake. The cookies will be baked and packaged by volunteers at St. John's and Barrington Baptist Church as part of the Great Day of Service.

Mentoring Opportunity at Kickemuit Middle School

B.O.W. (Beyond Our Walls) the Barrington interfaith organization, provides many opportunities to serve the East Bay Area. One of these opportunities is to coordinate opportunities for those wanting to use their God given gifts to help others.



BOW is presently working with Mosaico Community Development Corporation and the Kickemuit Middle School, Warren, RI to promote their middle school mentoring program. The program pairs up a qualifying student with a caring adult (mentor) to promote the well being of the student.

This program has been in existence since 2003 and has positively touched the lives of over 75 students. The success of the program is limited to the number of volunteer mentors. Mentors come from all walks of life, but have one very important thing in common – they are committed to helping young people succeed. Mentors meet with their students for one hour a week during the academic year, on the school grounds.

If you are one of the many talented persons in our community who would like to explore the possibility of becoming such a mentor please contact Marilynn Renner at 245-7337.



Autumnal Men's Clothing Drive (and toiletries) for The George Hunt HELP Center

B.O.W. is organizing a town-wide clothing drive the weekend of November 3rd and 4th for the George Hunt HELP Center in Providence. This organization reaches out to the homeless on a daily basis by providing clothing and toiletries. BCCUCC has been collecting men's clothing for this organization for some time, but we will also participate in the BOW town-wide clothing drive that weekend. Items for donation may be brought to church and left in the special box in the vestry hallway.

What kind of clothing is of particular interest? There is always a special need for men's clothing and items such as shirts, jeans, jackets, sweaters, shoes, sneakers and belts are always popular. However we will accept all men's clothing that is in good condition and clean. Also, toiletries are always needed. This may be a wonderful opportunity for persons who have recently lost a spouse or loved one to donate clothing that is no longer needed.



If you have any questions, please call Peter Kanarian at 245-6257.

The Handbell Choir is still looking for that special someone – could it be you?

There will be a second

**Silpada Silver
Fundraising Party**



on Thursday, October 18th
from 7—9 pm.
at the home of Phyllis Buckley,
28 Tiffany Circle, Barrington
(401) 245-1098

All are welcome! It will be another opportunity for those who missed the first very successful party at coffee hour (or who want to purchase more jewelry) to help raise funds to support Kelsey Dennis as she serves in the Peace Corps in Kyrgyzstan. The Silpada Silver jewelry makes great gifts and 20% of the sales will go directly to Kelsey.

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.

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 to let us know.

**★ Thank You! ★
★ THANK YOU! ★**

...to Pat Humphrey who designed and made the beautiful "Putting Our Faith Into Action" banner that is hanging at the front of the Sanctuary. She was asked at very short notice if she'd be willing to make a banner depicting our 2007-2008 theme and she created an inspiring reminder for us to see in worship each week

...to Sue Terhune, Rich Staples, Barbara Wuth, Dave Gregory, Caroline Faulhaber, Lisa Browning, Kathy Larsen, Ellen Brady, Lisa Holby, and Marshall Hoyler who cleaned up the Sanctuary on Saturday, September 8th so that we could have our Celebration Sunday worship service in there on the 9th

...to the members of the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team for hosting the All Church Picnic on Celebration Sunday

...and to the members of the Search Committee - Dick Almquist, Jasmine Arnold, Eileen Dennis, Kim Godfrey, Lynn Hoy, Jeff Larsen, Zachary Luther, Fred MacDonald, Andrew Porter, Sharon Sylvester and Laura Ward - for all of the time and effort they have expended in their search for a new Associate Minister.

Thank you for your ministry

FAURÉ REQUIEM

CONCERTS TO CELEBRATE 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES



Choir Concert

Sunday, October 14 ~ 3:00 PM

South Dartmouth Congregational Church
17 Middle Street, South Dartmouth MA 02748
(directions available in church office)

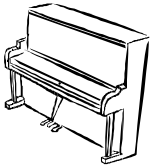
Sunday, October 28 ~ 3:00 PM

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC Sanctuary

A reception will follow each concert

Director: William Jones ~ Pianist: Marina Zabinski
Soloists: Jennifer Brosky and Clyde Slicker

The Choirs of BCCUCC and South Dartmouth Congregational Church (Jeff's former church) will join forces to present the Fauré Requiem in celebration of each church's 200th year. All are invited to hear this sublime choral work!



Free to a good home — old upright piano

We still have a piano we're giving away — it is currently in the back of Fellowship Hall and is free to anyone willing to take it away. Although the surface of some of the keys are damaged, the piano sounds surprisingly good. Contact the church office at (401) 246-0111 or bccucc@fullchannel.net if you're interested.



PARKING LOT REQUEST



We have a number of church members who have difficulty walking and need to park close to the buildings for ease of access. If you are not one of those people we respectfully request that you park in the commuter lot and leave the spaces in front of the education building, including the handicapped spaces, for those who need them — both on Sunday mornings and for evening meetings and rehearsals. Thank you.

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

Our voices are strongest when we lift them together!

THE JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION NETWORK (JPANet) is the arm through which our denomination carries out our mission statement. It is our denomination's grassroots advocacy network composed of individual members and local UCC congregations across the country.

What does the Network do?

The UCC Justice and Peace Action Network both educates and engages its members in shaping public policy in keeping with God's vision of a just and loving society. Our work is grounded in General Synod resolutions, consonant with historic UCC witness, and formed by a biblical understanding of prophetic ministry.

JPANet collectively advocates on a variety of issues for social change that promotes the Common Good. These issue areas are resourced by national staff of the Justice and Witness Ministries and Wider Church Ministries who work with local UCC advocates to shape coordinated strategy on our common witness. The Global Concerns issue area is shared with staff of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the UCC's partner in global ministry.

To learn more, look for a card on the table in the entrance to the church or go to www.ucctakeaction.org.

100,000 for Peace Campaign

At the 26th General Synod in Hartford, Connecticut, the Collegium of Officers issued a Pastoral Letter on the Iraq War endorsed by all of the Conference Ministers and the Presidents of the Seminaries of the United Church of Christ. The Pastoral Letter calls on the church to "join protest to prayer" in an effort to end the war.

Since Synod, several thousand members have added their signatures to the Pastoral Letter as an expression of our shared commitment to seek a new path toward a just and secure world.

By World Communion Sunday, October 7, we hope to have gathered 100,000 signatures of United Church of Christ members to the Pastoral Letter.

In the weeks following World Communion Sunday, leaders of the United Church of Christ will present the Pastoral Letter with the signatures to the leadership of Congress and members of the Administration in Washington.

We need your signature and the signatures of your fellow church members in order to have an impact on key decision makers at this critical time. Please join the "100,000 for Peace" by signing the petitions provided in coffee hour or by visiting the website at <http://www.ucc.org/100kforpeace/about.html>

GreenStart Supported by the Progressive Dinner



Over 30 people enjoyed great food and warm fellowship as they supported our church's GreenStart program at September's progressive dinner.

GreenStart is offered through National Grid's GreenUp program and allows its members to support the development and operation of renewable energy resources in New England, such as wind, small hydro, solar, biomass, fuel cells using a renewable fuel, and landfill methane gas. You can participate in GreenUp without switching from the Standard Offer or Default Service that you receive currently from National Grid. National Grid will continue to sell and deliver your electricity to you under its Standard Offer Service or Default Service. If you choose to participate in GreenUp, you will continue to receive one electricity bill from National Grid and your GreenUp product purchase will be included on your bill.

Since the church's electricity is supplied by GreenStart, the church will receive a \$10.00 rebate for each family that "greens up" on its own electricity through the National Grid program. This rebate will continue for three years. It's a great way to help the church cover its costs and feel good about the energy being used.

Look for cards in the church building and outside the church office or contact National Grid or www.ripower.org. Remember, it's tax deductible!



In the meantime, remember to change all your light bulbs to Energy Star-rated compact fluorescent bulbs.

Important Notice about Building Security

We have new panic hardware on the outside doors of the church building. Now if you unlock a door to get in **it will remain unlocked.**

In addition, the new back door from the church building is not very visible and could easily be left open and/or unlocked. If you unlock or hook open any of the church doors, please make sure they get closed and locked when you leave the building. Please check that **all** of the doors are locked when you leave. Thank you.



Please make every effort to keep your 2007 pledge payments up to date.

Not sure where you stand?
Statements will be sent out in October.

Our church is self supporting and relies totally on your pledges and gifts, plus a small amount of endowment income, to support its mission and ministries, as well as pay its bills and its staff!



a community
for you,
just as you are

i.UCC

i.UCC (pronounced eye-dot-UCC) is a virtual Christian community for members of the United Church of Christ and for seekers considering membership in our church. On i.UCC, members and seekers connect with the help of online experiences that strengthen relationship and build community.

At <http://i.ucc.org> you will find.....

- Real-time daily prayer in our virtual Prayer Chapel
- Weekly Seeds - a Bible reading and Spiritual message sent directly to your email inbox
- A multi-media introduction to UCC history and values
- Music videos for reflection and prayer
- Interactive blogs by UCC pastors across the country
- Forums for Bible study, spiritual formation and friendly conversation

United Church News has launched a new **interactive blog** to lift up news about local churches and invite conversation about justice issues. The blog will be a little like a virtual 'water cooler' where people can gather. A link to the blog can be found easily at ucc.org/news or accessed directly at unitedchurchofchrist.blogspot.com.



The **AUTUMNAL MEETING**
of the
**RI Conference of the
United Church of Christ**
will be held at

Kingston Congregational UCC
2610 Kingstown Road, Kingston
on **Saturday, October 27th**

Keynote speaker - Rev. Susan Sanders
Rev. Sanders is the Minister for Global Sharing of
Resources at the National UCC office, and
Administrator of OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing).

Delegates should receive details by next week. If not, please contact the Conference Office (724-7700). Anyone else interested in attending is very welcome to do so and may contact the Conference Office at 724-7700 for details and information on how to register.

2007 NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING OCTOBER 7TH

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. One-third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), including the 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Envelopes will be available in the weekly church bulletin on Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th. Or you may mail your offering to the Church Office. Please make your check out to Barrington Congregational Church, UCC and write 'NIN' on the memo line. Thank you.

God Is still speaking through NIN



Richard Benefield, our former organist/choir director will present three concerts this fall at Bush Hall, Harvard.

On Saturday, September 29, he will do two one-hour long programs: at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Call Dot Muth at 246-0545 for information about admission tickets, which are free.. The next concert will be on October 4 at 12:15 p.m. and is a 30 minute program.

Dr. Charles McCollough, one of our former ministers, will be presenting his newest sculptures "The Art of Parables" at a show that is on from now until November 2 at Andover Newton Theological School, 210 Herrick Rd., Newton Center, MA.

A reception and gallery talk will take place on October 18, from 5 until 7 pm. Gallery hours are 8 am to 8 pm weekdays.



One more ringer –
The White Church
Ringers

**The 1st Annual
Kayleigh Raposa
5 "Kay" Run & 1 Mile Walk
will take place (rain or shine) on
Sunday, October 14, 2007
at 10 a.m.
at Colt State Park, Bristol.**

Kayleigh was tragically killed in a car accident in the spring and was the daughter of Chris Raposa, Tot's Preschool Teacher here at the church. Anyone interested in participating or sponsoring someone else should see the flier on the board outside the church office or contact Brian at (401) 245-8428 or Andy at coachsabourin@yahoo.com

Beneficent Academy

FALL CLASSES

Beneficent Congregational Church, UCC, will hold its Fall Academy on

Wednesdays, October 3 - 31.

Courses will be offered to the public at no charge, one in the late afternoon, and three at 7 p.m. In between, at 6:15 p.m., a light supper will be provided for a donation.

Childcare by an experienced adult is available as needed.

Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography
will be offered at 4:30 p.m.

The three courses being offered at 7 p.m. from which one may choose are

Mediation: Conflict & Cooperation

Worship: Elements & Expression
and

Living the Faith, Changing the World

The Academy will be held at Beneficent Church, 300 Weybosset Street in downtown Providence, with free off-street parking.

Registration is not required but will be helpful in planning. Call the church office for more information at 331-9844 or log onto www.beneficentchurch.org.

Jeff has many talents — but he's not psychic !

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 jeffbucc@fullchannel.net

Letters from our mailbox



Dear Friends,

"Make new friends but keep the old
one is silver, the other is gold".

We certainly made a lot of new "silver" friends on Sunday morning at our Silpada fundraiser for Kelsey Dennis. Kelsey will be receiving a check for \$550.00 from Silpada and another \$127.00 from other donations made to Kelsey that day. Thank you all for your contributions to this wonderful event. If you were not able to join us on Sunday save the date of October 18th when Phyllis Buckley will host a Silpada party in her home with proceeds once again benefiting Kelsey.

Thank you all so much for supporting this event.
Kathleen Larsen

Dear members of BCCUCC:

Thank you for the lovely altar flowers which I received Sunday September 16. I also appreciated all of the fond greetings from my fellow parishioners and the cards which I received.

Sincerely,
Dick Fairfield

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Anne and Daya in the name of Jesus! I am very pleased to send* the latest newsletter from CSI Ewart Women's Christian College.....

Leadership training is the bottom line of everything we work on: leadership that *'inspires everyone to challenge the structures that divide people'* (see our College Mission Statement). Please pray for the students and their growing faith in the love of God. Many of them remember everyday what M. Christina, a new student in Mathematics writes: *"I think that this college is God's gift to me."* Your loving support makes it possible for Christina and many like her who would not otherwise be in college, to study and have hope for a productive life.

We hope you enjoy the news emerging from our corner of the world. Please let us know your reactions, your ideas, your thoughts. We really value your response. If anyone wants more information about how to support the scholarship program, please let me know.

Peace, Anne
Anne M Dayanandan, Chennai, India

* *The newsletter and full text of the letter is posted on the board in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall and also on the church website at www.bccucc.org*

DEACONS FOR OCTOBER 2008

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

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

September 2 – 56

September 9 – 225
Celebration Sunday

September 16 – 241

September 23 – 193

Please make note of the following changes:

Marshall Hoyler and family have a new phone number:
(402) 245-1118

Jon and Lynn Hoy have a new e-mail address:
jhoy7@cox.net

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

Read the *Bridge* on-line
and save the church the
cost of printing and mailing
it to you. Contact us at
246-0111 or
bccucc@fullchannel.net.

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to . . .

**Katharine Eliza Wolfe and
Jarrod Cody Daughtry
married September 22, 2007**



Mary Hale, and Frank and Vera Eaton



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

Eileen Dennis on the death of her mother, Ruth Ferrara;
to the family of Gordon L. Benjamin, Jr.;
and to the family of Mary C. Waugh.

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Financial Secretary:	Patricia Stoddard
Christian Education Assistant:	Andrea Bullard
Custodians:	Jack Salvaggio, Frank Wyrostek, Ken York, Jim Salvaggio

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.*