

September 2007

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Your Search Committee has been very busy this summer taking their charge very seriously, searching for the perfect person to compliment our church staff. One evening we had just finished up with a very interesting interview and were all leaving the building when we realized that a huge group had gathered in the back of the church and along the bridge. The search teams were looking for Patrick Murphy.

Our committee search came to mean little in light of the tragedy unfolding within our community and the search that was going on in the river waters. Once again we have had the busyness of our lives put into a new context.

A new church year is upon us and many will be coming back into our community's life searching – searching to make sense out of tragedy in this world, searching for new ways of relating to God, searching for answers to some of the deepest questions of humankind. Others will be searching for ways of getting involved in the community, new ways of making friends, opportunities to have fun and fellowship.

We will not have a new Associate Minister to introduce to you in September, although your committee is optimistic that their hard work is going to pay off in wonderful ways soon. But we do have new energy and a renewed commitment to be the most faithful and exciting church you have ever been part of! That is always our goal.

If you have been involved we welcome you back. If you have been away for awhile we hope you will return and see the new us. If you know folks who have never been here before we hope you will bring them along with you. As we search for God's meaning in our lives it is wonderful to do that with others.

Sunday, September 9 is Rally Day! Rally around your church as we step with joy into the new church year. I really look forward to seeing you!

God's blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff', is written below the text 'God's blessing,'.

Sunday Services in September



- September 2 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion, led by Ellen Brady
Nursery Care only
- September 9
9:15 a.m. *Rally Day* (see page 3)
Church School Registration begins
10 a.m. Worship Service with Dedication of Church School
Volunteers
- Church School classes begin
All Church Picnic following service.
- September 16 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells, Church School
- September 23 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School
- September 30
10 a.m. *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* (see page 8)
Worship Service with Installation of new Deacons,
Church School

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care Available

Handicapped Accessible

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

*In the event of a pastoral
emergency, if you cannot
reach Jeff (247-1787 home)
please call a deacon.*

Worship in Fellowship Hall ?

Since Sunday, August 5th, the worship service has taken place in Fellowship Hall. The church building foundation work necessitated the early removal of the fire escapes and once removed the Fire Chief told us we could not use the building. Until more of the staircase work has been completed, we continue to worship in Fellowship Hall until permission is given for us to move back into the Sanctuary. On the plus side, Fellowship Hall has provided a cooler space for worship on hot summer days! We hope to be back in the Sanctuary by Rally Day on September 9th, but wherever we worship we look forward to you joining us as we return to the 10 a.m. service time and start a new church year.



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9th

"Putting Our Faith Into Action"

- **Worship Service at 10 a.m.**
- **Dedication of the Church School Volunteers during worship**
- **Church School registration from 9:15 a.m. in the foyer of Fellowship Hall**
- **Church School classes begin**
- **After Worship All Church Picnic hosted by the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team**

We hope that you can join us as we return to the 10 a.m. worship time and celebrate the start of a new church school year.

Everyone is invited to stay after worship to enjoy food, fellowship and fun at the All Church Picnic.



All children from nursery through 8th grade must be registered for church school.

*Please note that **new registration forms** must be filled out **each year** in order to comply with our Safe Church policy.*

A registration form is included in the center of this *Bridge* for the convenience of parents to fill out ahead of time.

Church school registration will begin at **9:15 AM** in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall on **Rally Day - September 9th**.

Registration forms will also be available in church school classrooms on the following Sundays for those who are unable to register on the 9th.

CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a child, grandchild or young friend and are looking for a way to spend some special time with him or her; or you just enjoy spending time with children, please consider volunteering as either a teacher, aide, shepherd or disciple.



“TEACH
me good
judgment
for I
BELIEVE
in your
commandments.”

Psalms 119:66

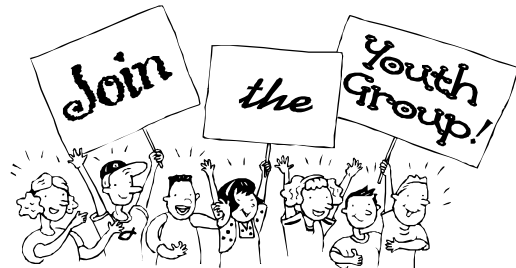
Volunteering to help with Church School or FaithWorks is a great way to spend time with children and contribute to the Christian education and formation of the youth here at BCCUC. Nurturing the Christian development of our young people is a wonderful ministry so please prayerfully consider if this is something that God is calling you to do.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrea Bullard at 474-4722 or

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is offered every Sunday morning in the Nursery located in the Education Building. Ann Wood and Helen Ward continue to staff it on alternate weeks, but volunteers are needed to assist them. Any adult (or youth in grade 10 or above) is invited to sign up to help for one (or more) Sundays.

Our youngest church members thank you!



PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

JUNIOR PF will have their first meeting on **Sunday, September 23 from 4:30—6 p.m.**

All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome

SENIOR PF will have their first meeting on **Sunday, September 30 from 6—7:30 p.m.**

All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome

The 2007-2008 theme for the Church and the Church School is....

“Putting Our Faith Into Action”

FAITHWorks



topics will be:

September: Of Great Value
(Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Prodigal Son)

October: The Good Treasure
(Faith the size of a mustard seed)

November: Welcoming Jesus
(The story of Zacchaeus)



Confirmation Class

for all **9th** graders
(and any older youth who have not
been through the program)

again meets with Jeff this fall
beginning with an
Informational Meeting

on
Sunday, September 30
11:30 a.m. - Noon

This meeting *includes parents* to
review the program – aiming for
Confirmation Sunday on April 6.

All welcome.



Sing and Celebrate Choir

Calling all children from first grade through sixth grade!

You are invited to join the Sing and Celebrate Choir! If you like to sing, you will find this fun. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings, right after Church School in Room 6. We sing in church once a month.

Besides singing, choir members get to ring chimes and make music with Boomwhackers. Don't know what a Boomwhacker is? Come and find out! Our first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, September 16th**.

Feel free to call Barbara Ward at 245-7183 if you have any questions.

The White Church Ringers Need You!

Greetings from Pam, Pat H., Pat S., Caroline, Nancy, Jane, Andrea, Susan, Helen and Barbara – the White Church Ringers.

We have taken the summer off, but will soon be starting up for another year – year #23!

And – we're still looking – and looking – and looking for some more ringers.....

Or – people who would like to explore the possibility of becoming a ringer.....

Or – people who would like to find the fun and satisfaction of making music with our beautiful bells.....

Or – people who are just curious about these fascinating instruments.

Talk to us, call us, or just show up on a Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM starting on September 4th. Rehearsals will be in Room 6 of the Education building until the construction work is completed, then will move back to the Vestry.

We are not asking for a commitment at this time – just an indication of interest.



Do you like to sing?

Consider joining the adult vocal choir.

All voice parts are needed and welcome. Rehearsals are on *Wednesday evenings* from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Vestry* and the choir sings at the 10 a.m. service each Sunday. Anyone interested is invited to attend a rehearsal some week and see if they like it, or call Marina Zabinski at 726-5118.

No audition required!

The first rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 5th** in **Fellowship Hall**.

Please note: You are welcome to join the choir, even if you can't be there every week !!

* Rehearsals will be in Fellowship Hall until the work in the church building is completed.



Choir Concert

SPECIAL CONCERTS TO CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENARIES

Our choir is joining with the choir from the South Dartmouth Congregational Church (Jeff's former church) to perform Faure's "Requiem" on two Sunday afternoons in October:

October 14 in South Dartmouth, MA at 3 p.m.

October 28 at BCCUCC at a time tba

The two choirs have been rehearsing this summer and are both excited to be together again after the wonderful time at Jeff's Installation last December. They will be directed by Bill Jones of Dartmouth, with Marina Zabinsky on the piano. Soloists include Clyde Slicker from our own choir and Jennifer Brosky from the South Dartmouth choir.

The concerts celebrate 200 years for both congregations. The Dartmouth church was founded in 1807 and our present church building was constructed in 1806. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

SINGERS STILL WELCOME

Although some of our choir members began rehearsing in August, it's certainly not too late to join them for this special project. Time will be set aside at the beginning of each Wednesday evening rehearsal (see article on previous page) to work on the Fauré. CD's of the Requiem are also available to help with learning the music.

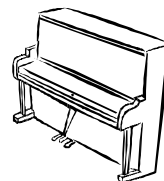
Joint rehearsals with both the church choirs will take place on the evenings of:

Wednesday, October 3rd at BCCUCC

Wednesday, October 10th at South Dartmouth

Free to a good home — old upright piano

The piano from Room 2 (the Tot's Pre-School room) is looking for a new home. It hasn't been used in years and Tot's asked for it to be removed as they needed the extra space. 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. It will also brighten up any room as it is painted yellow! Contact the church office at (401) 246-0111 or bccucc@fullchannel.net if you're interested.



Bring-A-Friend-To-Church Sunday – September 30th

Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to church on Sunday, Sept. 30. We have a lot going for us at BCCUCC and we need more to join us, to share the work and the fun. There are many out there who are intrigued with our church, or even the idea of going to a church, but they need a personal invite.

I know, I know...it is a very un-New England thing to do...talk about your church with someone outside your home. But try it. You might be surprised at how eager others are to join you. For our church to remain vital into this 21st century we need to share the word and grow. Studies show that most people come to church only after a personal invitation.

So reach out – offer to drive them, take them out to lunch after...bring a friend to church any Sunday, but especially on September 30.



Invite a Neighbor to Church

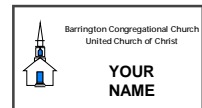
COTTAGE MEETING UPDATE

Different Ministry Teams continue to work at the long list of suggestions raised at the cottage meetings last spring. The biggest task at the moment rests with the Associate Minister Search Committee who has been working all summer to fulfill the charge by our congregation to hire a person with special focus on Christian Education and Youth.

The Buildings and Grounds Team is pleased to show off all the work they have made happen related to bringing our building up to the new fire code (the reason our worship services have been held in Fellowship Hall for the last month).

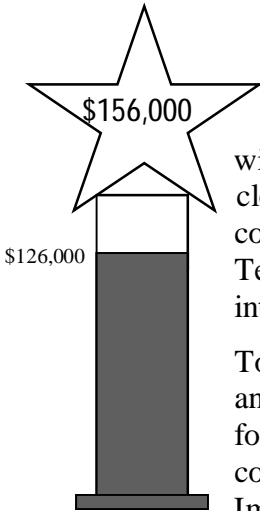
A report will be made to the September Church Council meeting updating progress from all the teams. The Cottage Meeting process was very important in giving focus to the direction of our church's ministry in the next several years. All the suggestions and concerns will continue to be addressed and we will do our best to keep you informed as we go.

Please remember to wear your nametag for both the worship service and coffee hour.



Wearing your nametag makes the church more welcoming to new visitors and also helps church members get to know each other.

Fire Safety Improvements



Construction on the stairway is progressing well and once completed will just leave the upgraded handrails to do and then we're done! We're closing in on the twin goals of having a much safer church and complying with the RI Fire Code. Thanks to the Building and Grounds Team for untold hours of work to make all this happen. Anyone interested in a tour of the work site after church should see Paul Dennis.

Total costs for the alarm system, classroom walls, emergency stairway and handrails is unchanged at about \$156,000. (By the way, the church foundation work you see going on in conjunction with stairway construction is not part of Fire Safety and is being funded by the Capital Improvement Fund). Many of you have given generously and we thank you so much. \$126,000 has been raised.

We're at the 80% mark, only \$30,000 to go!

We hoped and still hope that everyone in the church will see the need for and the benefits of this project and participate by making a donation or pledge. We're counting on everyone to help out.

If you haven't yet made a donation or a pledge please consider doing so now.

With sincere thanks, the BCCUCC Fire Safety Committee:

Paul Dennis, Caroline Halliwell, Dick McWhirter, Lee Miller & Pat Stoddard
Call Pat Stoddard (246-0111) if you have any questions.

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BCCUCC FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN DONATION FORM

I / we pledge \$ _____ to help complete the Fire Safety program,
to be paid as follows:

- Enclosed is my / our check for \$ _____
(payable to BCCUCC, note Fire Safety on memo line)
- I'll / we'll send \$ _____ in 2007 and \$ _____ in 2008
- Other _____

Name: _____



Congratulations to the BCCUCC softball team for finishing the season 6-2. They made it to the playoffs but lost by one run to St. Luke's 17-16, so didn't make it to the final.

The team had a fun season and would like to thank all of their loyal supporters who came to cheer them on and especially thank the anonymous donor who sponsored the purchase of new uniforms and a new bat for the team.

Historical Tour

The First Baptist Church of Swansea will host a Box Lunch Tour on September 15 at 11 a.m. of historic sites related to their founding in 1663. They are the oldest Baptist Congregation in Mass, and the third oldest Baptist church surviving in the Americas. The tour will include an historical narrative by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hartman, 46th settled pastor of the congregation, and will visit original sites and other historically interesting places. Back in the late 1600s the Congregationalists and Baptists worshiped together north of the Hundred Acre Cove but they separated in the early 1700's to form two separate congregations—the Congregationalists settling in Barrington to form the Barrington Congregational Church and the Baptists moving to Swansea.

For more information about the tour or to purchase tickets (\$15 per person includes historical notes, bus transportation and lunch) contact the Swansea Baptist Church at (508) 379-9728 or fbcswansea@sol.com. Visit their website at ww.firstbaptistinswansea.org for current information.

Thank you. . . .

...to Achina Stein, Amanda Soares, Greg Voigt, Nikita Zabinski and Ivy Shen for enhancing the summer worship services by sharing their musical talent with us

...to Paul Dennis for the many, many hours of work he has put in overseeing all of the construction work in the church building

...to Ann Wood for donating new blinds for the nursery and to her daughter for donating two new toy strollers and dolls

...to the players on the BCCUCC softball team who represented our church so well, with special thanks to Mike Servant for once again organizing the Barrington Churches Softball league, as well as our own BCCUCC softball team

...to the anonymous donor for subsidizing the purchase of new uniforms for the softball team and a new bat

...and to everyone who responded to our appeal and made a donation to the Fire Safety Campaign. Your generosity is much appreciated.

What Is Your Ministry?

With the start of the 2007-2008 church year, it's time to "*Put Your Faith Into Action*" and consider whether you are being called to serve on one of our ministry teams. There are still vacancies on the following teams:

Christian Education & Youth Ministries (youth)
Christian Fellowship
Finance
Missions
Music
Personnel
Stewardship
Delegate to RICUCC (youth).



The current list of all the ministry team members and church officers can be found on our church website at www.bccucc.org on the 'Information for Church Members' page. The Church By-Laws, which have descriptions of the various teams, can also be found there.

If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please contact the team leader (listed in bold on the website), or contact Greg Voigt of the Nominating Team (245-9606). You can also stop by the church office to see the By-Laws or call the office (246-0111) to find out who to contact on a particular ministry team.



Some additional ushers are needed for the Fall Session of September 2007 thru January 2008. If you are interested or want more information about what is involved, please call Bob Kaloostian at 463-3664.

"Women in the Bible"

will be meeting again on

Thursday, September 20th

from **10:30 a.m.—Noon**

in **Room 6**



The group will be choosing a new book to study and welcomes new participants. You needn't be a member of this church to attend so feel free to invite friends.



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

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



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“Putting Our Faith In Action”



DINE-OUT will be returning to
Evelyn's in Tiverton

for their first gathering this year.
They will meet there on
Friday, September 14th

at 6:30 p.m. - in time to watch the sun set over
the Sakonnet River. *All are welcome.*

Reservations aren't necessary but call Helen Schall
(245-4724) for directions or car pool information.



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

Friday, September 14th.

The Third Friday Bridge
Group will meet on
Friday, September 21st
at 7 PM
in **Fellowship Hall.**

*(The vestry is not expected to
be available for use due to
the on-going construction)*



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 ATTENDANCE

May 27 – 119

June 3 – 150

June 10 – 131

June 17 – ?

Number not recorded
Celebration Sunday

June 24 – 79

July 1 – 101

July 8 – 80

July 15 – 93

July 22 – 51

July 29 – 58

August 5 – 87

August 12 – 89

August 19 – 56

August 26 – 44

Adult Reading Circle

next meets on

Tuesday, September 18th

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome!



They will discuss the book
The Inheritance of Loss
by Kiran Desai.

In her second novel, Desai is
even more perceptive and
bewitching. Set in India in a
small Himalayan
community along the border
with Nepal, its center is the
once grand, now decaying
home of a melancholy
retired judge, his valiant
cook, and beloved dog.

The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team invites you to 'start the year green' by participating in a

Progressive Dinner

on Saturday, September 22nd



The Progressive Dinner is a great way to begin the year, enjoy some good food and company, and also help raise money for GreenStart.

As many of you know, the church has chosen to use electricity from New England GreenStart, which allows us to purchase cleaner, healthier electricity right on our regular utility bill and is available through National Grid. It is a blend of 100% renewal energy sources all located in New England. This, however, does add a small additional cost to the electricity bills for the church and parsonages. Any proceeds from the progressive dinner will be used to offset this cost.

So, come out for a fun night of fellowship and food, knowing that you are helping to support new sources of alternative, sustainable energy at the same time.



Call the office 246-0111 or Helen Schall at 245-4724 to make reservations and also to sign up as a host for the main course part of the evening. Times and locations for the dinner will be announced later.

Cost is \$25 per person. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, September 16th.**



Our Habitat workdays are now coordinated through Beyond Our Walls (BOW) who have arranged for volunteers from a number of different Barrington churches to volunteer on the **4th Saturday of every month**. So whether you're a novice wanting to learn handyman (or handywoman) basics or an expert willing to share your skills, Habitat gives you the chance to help others out of sub-standard housing and the chance to swing a hammer or wield a paintbrush.

BOW will next be sending a work party from Barrington to the Providence Habitat affiliate on **Saturday, September 22**. A typical work party starts on site at 8:30 a.m. and usually finishes up mid-afternoon. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Rich Simpson of BCCUCC (247-1005 or rts.ri@cox.net) or David Renner of BOW at daverenner@cox.net. There are limits to how many people Habitat can accommodate, so if you are interested, please be sure to sign up as soon as possible. If you want more information about Habitat Providence, their web site is: <http://www.habitatprov.org>



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MISSION SOUP KITCHEN

(formerly known as the Hispanic Soup Kitchen)

Purpose: a network of at least 8 local churches (including BCCUCC) provide a Saturday meal year round for 40-60 needy people who live in the Pawtucket/Central Falls area.

September-May: hot meals are served in the basement dining area of the church.

June-August: cold meals are distributed in the church parking lot.

Location: Hispanic Evangelical United Church of Christ,
235 Dexter Street, Pawtucket, RI

Hours: Saturdays, 4:00-5:00 PM.



**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**

Each of the eight participating churches prepares food, sets up, serves and cleans up on designated Saturdays on a rotational schedule. There are no cooking/heating facilities in the church so all food is prepared ahead of time.

When BCCUCC is scheduled, our ministry teams are responsible for providing the meals but they would often welcome additional help from members of the congregation—either by providing a main dish (recipe provided), dessert, or helping serve the meal at the soup kitchen.

To volunteer to assist in any way, please contact either our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Lorraine Keeney at 401 245-3660 or lkeeney@uri.edu, or a member of the Ministry Team who is scheduled to serve. The schedule for the remainder of 2007 is:

September 8	Membership and Christian Fellowship Teams
November 3	Finance and Stewardship Teams
December 29	Christian Education and Nominating Teams



is sponsoring the 3rd Annual
GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, October 8

The event uniquely brings together agencies in need of support, citizens of all ages giving of their time, participation of civic groups, and the sponsorship of local companies and institutions. Your participation is not only welcome, but encouraged.

Save the Date and plan to volunteer. More details in the October *Bridge*.



MISSION TRIP
2008

From April 12-20, 2008 we are going on a Mission Trip to the **Back Bay Mission** in Biloxi, Mississippi where groups from our church have traveled in years past.

This time we are opening the Mission Trip up to more adults who might like to come. ***We have reserved spots for up to 20 high school youth and 10 adults.***

There will be an **informational meeting** for all interested on **Sunday, September 23**, at **7:00 PM** at the church.

The planning committee for this event is Marion and Steve Fodor, Helen Ward, Kathleen and Jeff Larsen.

Haitian Hoopla II Silent Auction Items

The RI Conference of the UCC Haiti Task Force is proud to announce that they are planning the 2nd Annual Haitian Hoopla. Last fall we held our first large fundraiser which turned out to be very successful. It was a true celebration of all we have accomplished and continue to do in Haiti.

We would like this years event to be even more successful and so we asking for a little help. We aren't looking for your time – we are looking for Silent Auction items and gift certificates to various establishments. Last year we had a wonderful array of items from vacations, works of art, quilts, jewelry, desert of the month, spa trips, days of golf – you name it we had it. With your help, hopefully we will have an equally impressive silent auction this year. All donations are greatly appreciated and the money is going for such a worthwhile cause. The children and the clinics in Haiti thank you!

Please contact Chris McKenrich at 401-824-6729 to make a donation.

On Sunday, September 23rd, you are invited to a

Silpada Silver Party

in Fellowship Hall, immediately following coffee hour.

This event is being hosted by Kathleen Larsen in an effort to raise monies to support church member Kelsey Dennis in her Peace Corps work in Kyrgyzstan. 20% of the sales will go directly to Kelsey.

Please join us on Sunday, September 23 for light refreshments and a chance to begin a little early Christmas shopping. Silpada jewelry also makes a wonderful gift at any time.



If unable to attend, please see Kathleen for a catalog order.

The next Churches of Barrington

Blood DRIVE

is on **Thursday, September 13th**
from **2:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

New blood donors are always needed

To make an appointment online, go to www.ribc.org click on the eDonor link, and set up an appointment using Sponsor Code 0023

Donation guidelines are also listed on the website.

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.



Requests from Tap-In

Tap-In is currently low on pasta, tuna fish and canned soups. In addition, they always need personal products such as deodorants and shampoo, as well as cleaning products. Donations can be dropped off at Tap-In or placed in the covered bin in the kitchen of the education building—SA&J team members will then take care of delivering the food to Tap-In for you.



Help Build a Better Barrington for our Children

The Kid's Kove Committee is seeking three hundred volunteers to help construct and assemble the new playground behind the Barrington Town Hall on the weekend of September 7, 8 and 9. Interested individuals and groups should call the Barrington Recreation Department at 247-1925 to register. Questions? Call John Taylor, Project Coordinator, at 245-6133.

WANTED - Serviceable Used Men's Clothing



We continue to collect men's clothing for donation to **The George Hunt Help Center** on Matthewson Street in Providence—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.* A member of St. John's Episcopal Church picks them up and delivers them to the center. Thank you!



The Deacon's Fund of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

A man comes to the church office: he has been the victim of identity theft and cannot pay his rent. A decision is made to write a check to his landlord. A woman comes to the church office: an assistance check has not arrived and she has no money to buy groceries. She is given \$30.00 in Shaw's gift cards. A woman calls the church: she has been beaten by her husband and she can't go to work; yet her rent is due. After verifying that she has contacted the Women's Resource Center, a check is issued to the landlord.

These are the type of personal financial emergencies that are covered by the Deacon's Fund. We emphasize that all assistance is given on a one-time basis only and insist that checks be paid directly to the landlord, rather than to the individual.

But the Deacon's Fund is also used to support other causes than these financial difficulties. This year we were able to make substantial donations to the East Bay Coalition for Housing and the Women's Resource Center of Newport & Bristol Counties. In other years we have made donations to Tap-in and Crossroads RI. Our choice of agencies to support reflects our experience with personal financial emergencies: the vast majority of cases involve women and housing problems. There is clearly an affordable housing crisis in Rhode Island and women, particularly single mothers, frequently experience enormous difficulties in maintaining their households. A problem like illness or an automobile accident, not to speak of domestic abuse, can have catastrophic results.

So on communion Sunday, think of all the potential needs of our community. The Deacon's Fund is only a drop in the bucket, but, at least for a few, we can provide a safety net thanks to your contributions.



Bereavement Support Group

Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island will be offering a 6 week grief support group at St. John's Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. The group will meet on Tuesdays from September 4 through October 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It will offer a safe place to talk about the grieving process, suggestions, and ideas on how to cope with this difficult time of change. The support program is free and open to the public whether or not Hospice services were used.

Registration is required. Please call Brian Wilkins, Bereavement Coordinator (789-5200) at Home and Hospice Care of RI for more information or to register.



Get to Know the Church Members who joined in December 2006

Our apologies for not including these earlier!

Brian and Meghan Kiley have lived in Cranston for the past five years. It has always been a priority for them to be near the water because Brian loves spending as much time on his sailboat as possible. He is anxious to start teaching their 15 month old daughter, **Nora**, how to sail as well. Brian is an Optometrist in Woonsocket. He bought the practice with his partner in 2000 and it continues to grow from year to year. Meghan teaches Health & Physical Education at the Wheeler School and graduated from Rhode Island College in May with a Masters in School Counseling.

Bernadette and Sim Hawes have lived in Barrington for 18 years, mostly recently with their Southern Belle dog, Scarlett. Bernie is an avid reader, loves to cook, hike and bike, and is the Customer Service Manager at Astro-Med Inc in West Warwick - a high tech data acquisition manufacturer. Dogs are one of her favorite hobbies. Sim is the head of the grounds department at the University of Mass, Dartmouth. He enjoys hiking, biking, golf and re-finishing furniture, as well as playing with Scarlett—an adoptee from a pound in RI, whose owner turned her in to a shelter in Gulfport, MS following Hurricane Katrina. Not knowing she was a Katrina survivor, Bernie and Sim saw her face on the local shelter's web site, and fell in love with her. Scarlett is said to be part German Shepherd, part Golden, and who knows what else. They named her Scarlett because she's a beautiful redhead from the South!

Becky and Andrew Porter both grew up in different parts of Connecticut. Andrew's family were members of Storrs Congregational Church in CT where Jeff Larsen was the Associate Minister. Becky has a BA in English from Denison University in Ohio and a Master of Arts in Teaching English Education from Boston University. Andrew received a BA in English from Colby College and later studied and then taught at The Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design in Kennebunkport, Maine. They met in Boston when Becky was doing her Master's program and were married by Jeff Larsen in Old Saybrook, CT in July 2004. Andrew is a Project Manager for Alden Yachts and Becky teaches English at Mansfield High School in Mass. Their son, **Wyatt**, was born in December 2005 and he was baptized by Jeff on Barrington Beach (before Jeff had accepted the position at BCCUCC). They have two dogs, a Clumber Spaniel and a Cocker Spaniel, and they both enjoy skiing, are avid readers, and spending as much time as they can with family and friends. Andrew also enjoys sailing and golf, and Becky dabbles with some writing. Andrew is currently serving on our Search Committee for a new Associate Minister.



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



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

Bob and Marilyn Darling
Laurelwood Unit #54
170 Providence Pike
No. Smithfield RI 02896
(401) 767-2015

Van and Stephanie Edwards,
Emma and Laura,
3 Honeysuckle Court
Barrington RI 02806

Beverly Travers
671 Metacom Avenue
Unit 38
Bristol RI 02809

Joyce Mabey
303 Windridge Lane
Bristol RI 02809

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

E-PRAYER NETWORK

If you have a prayer request, we invite you to contact Kathleen Larsen at 247-1787 or klarsenswc@hotmail.com, who will pass on the request to the BCCUCC E-Prayer chain. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

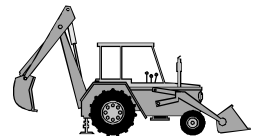
The **Pastor Parish Relations Team** is charged with dealing with the concerns of the minister, the staff and the congregation. If you have any such concerns, please contact any member of the PPRT: Phyllis Buckley, 245-1098; Moyne Cabbage, 245-4641; Jim McCartney, 245-3288; or Lynne Lehman, 289-0101.

Construction Pictures

Are you wondering what's going on inside the church building? Or have you been away all summer and missed seeing the backhoe digging out the old foundation from under the church?

Then check out the church website at www.bccucc.org where you can see photos of both the foundation work and the interior Fire Safety work. New pictures are regularly posted.

If you don't have internet access, some of the pictures are displayed on the notice board at the back of Fellowship Hall.



The Social Action and Justice Ministry Team continues to sell bags of **Fair Trade Coffee** after church with proceeds going to pay for the additional cost of serving Fair Trade coffee to the congregation at coffee hour.

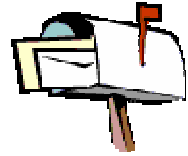


The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day. We return to regular office hours on September 4th

Monday to Friday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Letters from our mailbox



Over the summer two letters were received from Tap-In. Our Social Action and Justice Ministry Team had asked for monetary donations from the congregation on both Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day to purchase Shaw's Gift cards for Tap-In.

On behalf of Tap-In please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous gifts of \$105, and fifteen \$10 Shaw's Store cards, received through your Mother's Day collection in May 2007. The Social Action Committee at 'The White Church' found a great way to honor mothers this year. Your donations will certainly offer a helping hand to many moms struggling with feeding their families.

Your continued support of Tap-In is much appreciated by everyone involved in our organization, but most of all by those you are keeping in your thoughts; our neighbors in need.

and

Once Again Tap-In wishes to thank each of you for your continued support of our mission to assist neighbors in need. We truly appreciate your recent gift of 15 additional Shaw's gift cards valued at \$10 each, purchased through Fathers' Day collection. These store cards help relieve some of the pressures faced by clients in emergency situations. Having a little "something extra" available to offer these deserving clients is also a great help to the Tap-In staffer working with a troubled visitor.

Sincerely,
Debbie Abbate for Tap-In

To the members of BCCUCC:

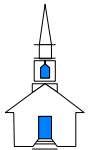
At this time, I want to thank all of you for allowing Jeff Larsen and Kim Godfrey to work with me as I helped to lead Senior PF this year. They are both amazing, spiritual, and fun people and this congregation is lucky to have them as members here.

I would also like to thank each and every one of you for welcoming my family and I since we joined BCCUCC four years ago. I don't think you realize what an amazing church family is at our church.

Thank you and blessings,
Alli Jean



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



**Congratulations to
Brett Comer and Alex Hoy,
winners of the
2007 K.L.F. Scholarships.**

**Each won \$400 toward their
college tuition.**

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to . . .

**Amanda Brougham (néé Githens)
and Robert Brougham**
rededication of marriage June 23, 2007

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Emily Hosford and Edward Bush
married July 21, 2007



BIRTHS

Ty Alexander Rotblat

born June 14, 2007

to Stuart and Darya Rotblat.

Grandson to Howard & Susan Rotblat-Walker



Ruth Ferrara (Eileen Dennis' mother),
Dottie Butler,
Mary Hale,
and Frank and Vera Eaton.

Baptisms

Robert James Loos

Son of James and Kathryn Loos

Corey David Miesner

Son of Judy Miesner
Baptized by Judy's father

Paige Madison Harrington

Daughter of Dan and Kristine
Harrington

Leah Jacqueline Medeiros

Daughter of Paul and Lori Medeiros

Erik Gunnar Hall

Son of Alex and Dana Hall



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

1 Corinthians 12:13

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



Marilyn Packard-Luther on the death
of her mother, Ruth Packard.

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

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ministers to one another, works for justice and peace,
and renders loving service to God's world.*