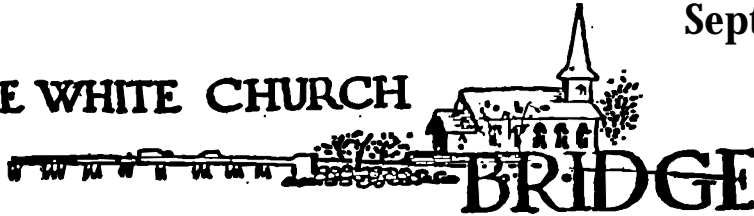


September 2008

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Kathleen and I just celebrated our second anniversary in Barrington and I am very excited!!! We love living here – we love the town, our beautiful house, the people of our church family. But my real excitement is about this fall! Elizabeth and I get to charge into a new church year together with all of you and we are ready! There are going to be new programs, new faces, new ways of doing things. Lots of homework has been done over the summer and now it is time to celebrate a new beginning!

Now, of course, not everything is for everyone. You must be selective about what you will participate in. A busy program-church sometimes seems overwhelming to people. But we hope you will reach out a bit beyond your usual comfort zones – try out one of the different choirs, or the educational opportunities, or the small groups. Offer to be a lay leader in worship. Get involved in a Habitat work day, the Auction committee or one of the many community-action projects we support. We want YOU this fall to jump into the action here – be involved in the joy, the support, the commitment and the community that is our church!

Some of you reading this have been on the outside looking in – the water is wonderful, come on in! Others of you are the regulars who still need to know you are wanted and needed. YES YOU ARE! We need more people, more ideas, more workers to do God's work in this place and all over the globe. We have lots of ideas – but you have even more to add to the mix.

Don't start fall without our church being part of your life!

I can't wait to see you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Jeff'.

Worship Services & Church School in September



- September 7 *Rally Day* (see page 4)
 9 a.m. Teacher Treats and Fall Training (see page 5)
 10 a.m. Worship Service for everyone with Communion
 After Worship Church School Registration and Open House (see page 4)
 All Church Picnic (see page 4)
- September 14 10 a.m. Worship Service with Dedication of Church School
 Volunteers, Church School Church School classes begin
 for PreK—Grade 8
- September 21 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells, Church School
- September 28 *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* (see page 10)
 10 a.m. Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir,
 Church School

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care Available

Handicapped Accessible

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Van Edwards (star deacon),
Lorraine Keeney,
Doug Roach, Helen Schall,
Mary Lou Slicker,
and Sam Sylvester.

*In the event of a pastoral
emergency after hours, if
you cannot reach Jeff (247-
1787 home) or Elizabeth
(245-3467 home) please
call a deacon.*

REMINDER

Jeff invited you to **collect a jar of water**
from your favorite place or vacation place
this summer and bring it to worship with
you on Rally Day, Sept. 7th Lake water,
ocean water, river water, swimming pool
water – all types are welcome..



**The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day.
after which regular office hours will be:**

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

**Changes were made to the church offices over the
summer—be sure to stop by sometime and take a
look.**

From our Associate Minister



Wow. September is nearly here! So get out your calendars, appointment books, or PDAs and start plugging in all the events at church this autumn. Although I'm excited about countless programs that are happening in the life of the church this fall, I'm particularly thrilled that the youngest among us will get to experience Godly Play. While I don't believe that just picking new curriculum solves particular challenges in church schools, I do wonder if Godly Play comes close. This is not because it is an easy method of religious education to implement. Rather, the structure of the sessions, the spirit of the storytelling, and the invitation to wonder is so deeply spiritual and engaging for all ages. A colleague of mine once said that in Godly Play the stories of the Bible find a place to dwell within a child's heart for safekeeping from which they will draw upon for a lifetime.

I will confess that volunteering in a Godly Play room was the one thing that got me back to church while I was in graduate school as a young adult. In course work, we were always deconstructing the Bible to a point that it did little to inspire my life of faith. We all have so many questions when it comes to the Bible – it is such this complicated, heavy book that has resulted in so much harm over generations at the same time that it has been a wellspring of healing. What I love about Godly Play is that children are invited to bring their questions to the circle. Their questions and voices are encouraged and accepted. As they witness the human struggles of people in the stories they hear and see each Sunday, they, too, are invited to wonder about the covenant in which they dwell with the sacred and with community.

Many people, including Andrea Bullard and I, have been busy as bees preparing these programs. There is still much more to do over the course of the year. That's where you come in! We hope our enthusiasm is contagious and that you'll ask questions, wonder with us, and consider becoming a part of not only Godly Play in some way, but also the numerous other resources, events, and programs we're exploring during the upcoming program year.

I continue to be grateful for your warm welcome, willing spirits, and generous hearts as my feet land on the ground here at BCCUCC these first seasons. I look forward to continuing to get to know you and doing the ministry we're called to do here together.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth".



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7th

- **Teacher Treats & Fall Training**
9 a.m in the Library (see next page)
- **Worship Service for All Ages at 10 a.m.**
The service includes communion.
(Don't forget to bring your jar of water—see page 2)
- **Church School Open House and Registration**
following worship (see below)
- **After Worship All Church Picnic** hosted by the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team to which everyone is invited.



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 year.



All children from nursery through 12th grade must be registered to participate in church school or youth activities.

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

Church school registration* will begin after worship in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall on **Rally Day - September 7th**

*A registration form was included in the center of the CE booklet that was mailed to parents (see next page if you didn't receive a copy). In addition, the form is available from the church website, and extra copies will be available from the registration table. *Please note that each child must have their own registration form.*

Also following worship there will be a

Church School Open House

when you can tour the Education Building, meet the teachers and assistants and then enjoy the All Church Picnic.



Regular Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 14th.

Teacher Treats & Fall Training

Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Library

(prior to the Rally Day Worship Service)

All church school volunteers are invited to catch a light breakfast bite with Andrea, Elizabeth, and the CEYM Team to receive a further overview of the year, pick-up your teacher or assistant packet, curriculum resources, and meet members of your teaching team.

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Also, be sure to mark your fall calendars for Teacher Teas on October 5, November 9, and December 7 from 9:15-9:45 a.m. when you are invited to stop by the Education Building, grab a cup of tea or coffee, meet with other teachers, ask questions of Andrea and Elizabeth, share ideas, and gather resources.

If you did not receive the booklet

**A Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry
Programs at BCCUCC 2008-2009**

in your mailbox and you would like a copy, please contact the church office. You can also find extra copies at church or read it on the web at www.bccucc.org



All parents are reminded that a registration form needs to be filed each year for each child. (see page 4). Extra registration forms can also be obtained from the church offices or on the web at www.bccucc.org. Thank you!

Help Wanted



Persons aged 18 or older to work in the Nursery on Sunday mornings.

We are also looking for youth in grades 9 - 12 to assist in all of the church school classrooms.



Anyone interested should contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 474 4722 to get a Volunteer Application Form.

Update on Church School Teachers and Assistants
for the 08-09 Program Year

The following individuals have already volunteered to help with Church School programs in the upcoming year. Thank you so much!

Amy Gorman

Ann Wood

Bev Travers

Bill DeWitt

Camilla Hemingway

Carol Strakosch

Cheryl Muth

Debbi Summers

Francis Seader

Gabi Sclafani

Greg Voigt

Helen Schall

Holly Ogden

Kerstin Caesar

Kim Godfrey

Kristen Westmoreland

Lauren Browning

Laurie Dubel

Leslie Peck

Laura Ward

Lynn Blanchard-Caesar

Mary DeWitt

MaryLouise Gamache

Sandy Miniati

Sharon Sylvester

Susan Rotblat-Walker

Tom Odjakjian

Van Edwards

& YOUR NAME HERE!!!!

We still need many more helping hands to make Church School happen and accommodate teaching schedules.

Please contact Andrea Bullard (474-4722 or andrea@bccucc.org) or Elizabeth Barnum (246-0111 or elizabeth@bccucc.org) to be part of this teaching and learning community on Sunday mornings. You can volunteer for 1 or 2 or 3 months out of the year or decide to help out 1 or 2 or 3 Sundays a month. We're hopeful we can work around schedules but still provide meaningful programming for our children and youth. You can either be a core teacher or assistant or try both. Expect to learn and have fun.



ATTENTION ALL CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers working with our children (including teachers and assistants) are asked to fill out and update the **BCCUCC Volunteer Application Form** to adhere to our Safe Church Policies. These are available from Andrea Bullard at the church office and can be obtained at the Teachers' Treats & Fall Training at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 7th and after worship during the Church School Open House and Registration and the All-Church Picnic that same day. Thank you!



Godly Play: No Single Way to Learn

Styles of Learning vary as much as creative gifts. Some people learn most effectively when they see information written down, others when they hear it. Some people are kinetic; they need to move their bodies to learn. Some learn most effectively by working in small groups; others by concentrating on their own. There is no one proper way to learn; there are only individual styles of learning. Godly Play respects those differences.

In Godly Play, our Church School program for children in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, we tell stories with multi-sensory materials to appeal to a broad range of learning styles: auditory, because the story is spoken out loud; visual, because the handmade wooden figures represent what is happening in the story; kinesthetic, because the storyteller moves the materials around. Later, any child who wishes to learn to tell the story can respond in the same style.

In the “response time,” those children who work best together can pair off or form groups to work on creative projects. Those who work best alone have the time and space to concentrate on projects by themselves.

We gather children in a circle for the storytelling and again at the end of the feast, because they thereby learn about being in community and working together. Everything we do in Godly Play contributes to learning.

This excerpt by Kathleen Capcara from “The Complete Guide to Godly Play: Vol. 6” (Living the Good News, 2006. pp. 56-7.)

If you would like to learn more about Godly Play, you are invited to attend a Godly Play Information Session (see below for details) or speak with Andrea or Elizabeth.

Godly Play Information Sessions for Teachers, Parents, and Interested Members

“I wonder...” Come to one of these sessions to learn about this religious education program on Sunday mornings for PreKs to 2nd graders. We'll show you a sample lesson, explain the room, provide materials for those who will be teaching, and share with parents and interested members about this meaningful teaching and learning experience. Join us!

Saturday, September 6th from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 10th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The sessions will take place in one of our new Godly Play Rooms (Rooms 5 and 7).

Please let Andrea know if you'll be attending one of these sessions and also if you'll need childcare. Andrea can be reached at andrea@bccucc.org or 474-4722. Thanks.

JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)
All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate

Sun., September 21	4-6 p.m.	Cookout at the Pecks' House, 5 Miller Street, Barrington
Sun., October 5	4 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals (see page 10 for details)
Mon., October 13	Time TBD	JPF participates in Great Day of Service Contact Leslie Peck for more information
Sun., October 19	Afternoon Exact Time TBD	JPF Trip to Corn Maze
Sun., November 2	After church Time TBD	Autumn Hike and Picnic
Sun., November 16	4-6 p.m.	Games Night, Fellowship Hall
Sun., December 2	4-6 p.m.	Advent/Christmas-theme Service Project Details TBD

For more information on JPF activities, please contact Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or PeckMarketing@cox.net



SENIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (SPF)
All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate

The group meets approximately twice a month and will have its first meeting on

Sunday, September 21 from 6:30—8 p.m. at the church

The tentative schedule for meetings during the fall includes:

9/21, 10/5, 10/17, 11/2, 11/21, 12/7, 12/19

For more information on SPF activities, please contact Kim Godfrey (Kim.Godfrey@cjca.net or 245-3924) or Elizabeth Barnum (Elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111).

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Grade 9 & up



Confirmation marks the beginning of a journey toward adulthood in which an individual takes responsibility for shaping their own values and faith. They also discover how to express these values in daily life, affirming the vows of Baptism.

This year, the Confirmation program will be co-facilitated by Jeff Larsen and Elizabeth Barnum, with support from parents & members.

The first meeting for the 9th graders and their parent(s) is on **Sunday, September 28th** from **11:30- 12:30 p.m.** in **Room 6**. (This date is a correction from the date published in the mailed out schedule).

***If your child is a 9th grader and you haven't yet received an introductory letter and schedule of meetings, please contact Elizabeth Barnum at elizabeth@bccucc.org. ***



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 14th. Call Barbara Ward at 245-7183 if you have any questions.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to ring a handbell?

Then stop by the vestry on a Tuesday evening and check out a White Church Ringers rehearsal. They practice every Tuesday evening from 7:30—9:00 p.m. in the vestry, with the first rehearsal being on Tuesday, September 2nd.



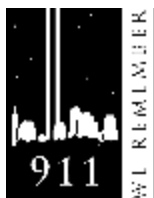
The bell choir is in need of more ringers and anyone with the ability to read music would be especially welcomed. For more information, contact Barbara Ward at 245-7183.



All voice parts are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:30—9 p.m. in the Vestry beginning **September 3rd**.

If you're interested, you can just show up at a rehearsal or speak with our choir director, Marina Zabinski 726-5118.

9-11 Anniversary Prayer Time



On Thursday, September 11th at **7:00 AM** all are invited to begin their day by stopping by the church for a brief time of prayer and reflection (20-25 minutes) led by Jeff.

There will be a Dedication of Church School Volunteers

during the 10 a.m. service on
Sunday, September 14th.

All volunteers who will be working with our children and youth are invited.

Bring-A-Friend-To-Church Sunday ~ September 28th

Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to church on Sunday, Sept. 28. 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 28.



Invite a Neighbor to Church



Blessing of the Animals

All kinds of people and creatures are welcome

Sunday, October 5 at 4 p.m.

Terrace and Fellowship Hall

As an offering please bring a bag or can of pet food for creatures in need.

All are invited to bring their pets and/or stuffed animals for a brief service of blessing and some playful games. You are also invited to dress up like your pet for the pet parade.

The event is hosted by the Junior PF.

BCCUCC Auction

Saturday, September 13th

at Stanley's Boatyard,
17 Barton Ave, Barrington

5 p.m.

**PUTTING
OUR FAITH**



**INTO
AUCTION**

September 13th is almost here and we are excited! We have a lot of wonderful and creative items to be auctioned. Church members and friends should be receiving a copy of the catalog in the mail at the beginning of September.

We expect this to be a sold out event so be sure to invite your friends and purchase your tickets early. **Tickets are \$30 each** and are being sold after church on Sundays during coffee hour through September 7th, or can be purchased from the church office. If tickets are bought in groups of 8, we can reserve a table for you if you would like.

Please note that if you contacted the church office to make a reservation, you are asked to please pay for and pick up your tickets ahead of time - either at coffee hour or from the office. Thank you.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a **cocktail hour** and the **silent auction**. This will be followed by **dinner** catered by *Pranzi Catering*, the **live auction, dessert** provided by *The Capital Grille*, and **coffee**.

**Have you
purchased
your tickets
yet?**

This has been a wonderful event in the past and we have every reason to believe this will be another fun event full of good food, fun and fellowship. So don't miss out – purchase your tickets today before they sell out!!

SAVE THE DATE

As your Fall calendar starts filling up, please save the date of
Sunday afternoon November 16th
for a special **Woman's event** at our church
led by the Rev Elizabeth Barnum and Kathleen Larsen.
Look for details in next month's Bridge.



The calendar for September 2008
as it appeared on page 12 and 13 of the newsletter
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Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Golf Tournament II

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Swansea Country Club (Par 3 Executive Course)

2:30 PM Registration 3 PM Briefing

9-Hole Scramble Format

\$15 per person (additional \$6 for a motorized cart, \$2.00 for a pull cart)



OR



Mini-Golf at Fantasy Land

3:00 PM Registration/Play

\$10 for adults, \$7 for kids 12 and under

Sign up alone or as a team (4 players). All levels and ages are welcome.

Mulligans will be sold the day of the tournament. The proceeds will go to TAP-IN.

“Pot Luck” Dinner and Awards

immediately following play at the church in Fellowship Hall.

Families of players are welcome to attend.

Sign-up after church in Fellowship Hall or e-mail LBROWNING1@cox.net before September 21st.

A volunteer coordinator is needed for the Mini-Golf and for the pot luck supper. Please contact Lisa Browning LBROWNING1@cox.net if you can help with either of these.

Consider reading *The Bridge* on line

Help us reduce the cost of publishing our monthly newsletter by reading *The Bridge* on-line. Doing so will also save valuable natural resources used to make the paper and ink. We will e-mail you each month to let you know when the latest edition of *The Bridge* has been posted to our website www.bccucc.org. Contact us at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org. Thank you.

It's that time again. Time for a new...



We are using a new company this time - *Back2Back Photography*. They are going to be shooting a less formal directory with the hope being to take all pictures outside by the terrace. If you'd like to see some of back2back's work, there's a poster up at church or go to their website at back2backphotography.com

There is no sitting fee for the pictures to be taken, but you will have the option of purchasing pictures which will be available in time for the holiday season.

The following dates and times are being offered for pictures to be taken:

Sat., Sept. 20 th	from 9:00 a.m.	to 5:45 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 21 st	from 11:15 a.m.	to 5:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 15 th	from 5:00 p.m.	to 9:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18 th	from 9:00 a.m.	to 5:45 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 19 th	from 11:15 a.m.	to 5:45 p.m.

You will need to make an appointment and sign ups continue at coffee hour on Sundays, September 7th and September 14th. You can also sign up at the church office by stopping by or calling 246-0111. Alternatively you can email Tom Strolla at Ostrolla@cox.net with three preferred times. Sign up in 15 minute increments i.e. 11:15, 11:30, 11:45 etc.

We look forward to working with this new company and hope you will plan on having your picture taken to be included in our new pictorial directory so that it will be a comprehensive reflection of our church membership.



Are you interested in serving as an usher? Additional ushers are needed for Sunday services and volunteers are asked to serve once every three weeks on either the fall or spring schedule. Anyone interested is invited to find out more by contacting the usher coordinator, Bob Kaloostian, at 463-3664.



**4th Annual
Great Day of Service**
will take place
Monday, October 13
(Columbus Day)

You and I CAN change the world!

The Great Day of Service, sponsored by the Barrington interfaith organization Beyond Our Walls, is gearing up for its 4th annual Great Day of Service which will take place on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2008. The day will provide an opportunity for people to come together to work side-by-side, assisting agencies and organizations in need of community service through a work project.

Last year over 500 volunteers participated at more than 20 different work sites, mostly in the East Bay area. From painting kennels at the SPCA to making and delivering pizzas to group homes; from sandwich making for the homeless to cleaning up trash at beaches and parks; and MUCH, MUCH MORE: that's what a Great Day of Service is all about.

This year's Great Day of Service is expanding into the Greater Providence area in addition to dozens of East Bay area sites. Providence work sites will include: the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and Crossroads RI.

More information about a Great Day of Service is available at www.greatdayofservice.com and online registration opens September 1.

Come help make a difference!

You can volunteer as an individual, with a friend, as a family, or as a group. Our JPF youth will be volunteering again this year. If you are interested in forming another group from BCCUCC to participate, please contact the church office by September 15 and we will put you in touch with each other.

The Churches of Barrington will hold their next Blood Drive on
Thursday, September 25th
at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 191 County Road, Barrington
from **2—7 p.m.**

**Blood
DRIVE**

Parsonage Painting Party

at the Nathaniel Road Parsonage

on **Saturday October 11th, 2008** (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

and **Sunday, October 12th, 2008** (after church - 6:00 p.m.)

Stop by for whatever amount of time you can spare. Thank you!

RSVP to Elizabeth Barnum (246-0111 or elizabeth@bccucc.org)

or Jay Buckley from the B&G Team (245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net).



Congratulations to the BCCUCC softball team for finishing the season in second place at 6-2. Their playoff game is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 2**, and if they win that, they will play in the championship game on **Thursday, September 4**. All games are played at 6 p.m. at Bicknell Field, at the end of

Walnut Road.

The team had a good season and would like to thank all of their loyal supporters who came to cheer them on. Supporters are most welcome at these last games.

Please remember to wear your nametag for both the worship service and coffee hour. You can place your nametag in one of the baskets as you leave Fellowship Hall and it will be returned to the rack in the vestry in time for you to wear it the following Sunday.



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

Be sure to let the office know if you need a nametag or a replacement. Thanks.



Update on the 2008 Budget Deficit

Thank you very much to all of you who made a generous contribution from your Economic Stimulus check to help cut the church's 2008 budget deficit. As of this printing we have received \$7598 which lowers our projected 2008 deficit to \$30,022. This figure includes several congregants who increased their pledge for 2008, as well as those who shared all or part of their Stimulus check with the church. This has been a great help. If anyone else would like to make a contribution, checks can be made out to the church with 'Stimulus Gift' written on the memo line.

The **Third Friday Bridge**
Group will meet on
Friday, September 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.

At the time of writing, no plans had been made for the Dine Out group to eat out in September.



The Women's Faith Group...

...next meets on October 2nd when they will begin their study of *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. A couple of copies of the book are still available from the church office at the discounted price of \$11.20 each. The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or ch12299@aol.com.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

May 25 – 98
June 1 – 143
June 8 – 105
June 15 – 118
June 22 – 74
June 29 – 81
July 6 – 60
July 13 – 72
July 20 – 57
July 27 – 63
August 3 – 62
August 10 – 58
August 17 – 61
August 24 – 49

The Book Group

next meets on
Tuesday, September 16th
at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot
501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome!



They will discuss the book
On Beauty
by Zadie Smith

A hilarious comedy of manners in the tradition of Austen, Wharton, and Forster, to whom the author pays homage. She tackles class, race, and gender with acerbic wit and a wise eye for the complexities of modern life, in a 21st-century update of *Howards End*.



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

Friday, September 19th.

All are invited to the

Leadership Training Day

hosted by the RI Conference, UCC

Saturday, October 18

9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Woodridge Congregational Church

546 Budlong Road, Cranston

The event is free -
just bring a bag lunch and plan for a
day of learning and sharing.

There will be special programs for:

Moderators

Treasurers

Deacons

and

Christian Educators



Wanted — a volunteer to update our United Church News mailing list

We recently received a print out of our church's mailing list used by the publishing company for the United Church News (UCN).

Unfortunately it is several years out of date and we've been asked to update it.



We are therefore looking for a volunteer who is willing to undertake this task — something which can be done at home over a period of time. It would require comparing their list to our church's current mailing list (both will be in alphabetical order) and then marking all the necessary corrections on their list. Along with the mailing list came a booklet with very specific instructions on how to make note of the different sorts of changes.

Once completed we will simply mail the marked up copy back to UCN so they can make the corrections in their data base.

If this is something that you may be willing to do, please call Christine in the church office at 246-0111. Thanks.

Mark your calendar...

The **AUTUMNAL MEETING**
of the

**RI Conference of the
United Church of Christ**

will be held at

Seekonk Congregational UCC

600 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk

on **Saturday, November 15th**

(this is a couple of weeks later than usual)

Keynote speaker - Elizabeth C. Nordbeck

Moses Brown Professor of Ecclesiastical History
at Andover Newton Theological School

More details in upcoming newsletters.

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.

BCCUCC needs a new Soup Kitchen coordinator



BCCUCC together with six other RI churches hosts a Saturday meal for 60 individuals and families at 4 PM every Saturday at Park Place UCC Church in Pawtucket in a very pleasant dining area. Each church prepares and serves a meal every seventh Saturday during the year.

BCCUCC needs a new Soup Kitchen coordinator (or coordinators) to set up our schedule of church ministry teams and/or church members and to facilitate the process throughout the year. This includes making sure that there are 2 people responsible for supervising the day and organizing preparation, delivery and serving of a main dish, fruit, salad, dessert, drinks and coffee. Much of this service can be done on the phone or by e-mail. There are two Soup Kitchen organizational night meetings during the year for the various church coordinators. It is rewarding, but not necessary, to go to the soup kitchen every 7th Saturday when we have responsibility for the meal.

If you are interested in becoming our new coordinator, or just want to find out more, please contact Lorraine Keeney at 486-3042 or Pat Stoddard at 245-7449.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED



Men's Clothing for
*The George Hunt Help
Center*, in Providence.

Men's shirts, jeans,
trousers, jackets,
hats, sweaters, shoes,
sneakers, and belts are always
popular—but all clean men's
clothing in good condition is
accepted. **Toiletries** are also
always needed. *Collection box
in the Vestry Hallway.*

Canned food items
for *Tap In* located
here in Barrington.

*Collection bins in the
Narthex* (where the
greeters stand).



Beyond Our Walls (BOW)
sends volunteers from a
number of different
Barrington churches to
volunteer at Habitat for

Humanity 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.

Work parties for the remainder of 2008 have been
scheduled for the following dates:

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22 and Dec. 27, 2008.

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. If you want more
information about Habitat Providence, visit their
web site at <http://www.habitatprov.org>

Thank you for your ministry....

...to Amy Gorman, the Westmoreland/Maio family and Lynne Lehman for their help with summer church school

...to Douglas Tonn for the wood boards used to make Godly Play stories, to the Hemingway family and Daphne Burk for the arks, and to Greg Voigt for crafting wooden figures & objects for the Godly Play & Bible Trek rooms

...to Duncan Maio for building the desert boxes for Godly Play and to Dave Gregory for providing the sand to go in them

...to our summer musicians: Greg Voigt, Jack Brinkerhoff, Laura Ward, Nathan Ward, and Achina Stein, and to Barbara Ward for playing the piano on the Sundays when Marina was on vacation

...to Carolyn Faulhaber for arranging for the new landscaping on the south side of the church

...to Pat Stoddard and Christine Wallis for all of their time and energy in painting all of the new church offices, and to Jeff Larsen, Pat Rude, Dave Gregory and Tom, Amanda and Kimberly Colby for helping them

...to Paul Dennis for all of the time and effort he put into overseeing the church office renovation project, and for sending Jim to paint some of Andrea's office

...and to our custodians as well as to Paul Dennis and Jim, for moving the heavy office furniture in and out of the offices as needed so that the renovation work could take place.

Travel to see the Oberammergau "Passion Play" in 2010 !!

Every ten years the residents of Oberammergau, Germany, present for the world their version of Christ's Passion, the last week of his life. People travel from all over the world to experience this and now the opportunity is available to YOU! Our own Lynne Githens, and Liberty Travel, has put together 3 proposed itineraries and invite us all to come see pictures, learn more about such trips and see if this isn't the time to make this happen in your life. The proposed trips and dates for your consideration are:



"Discover Croatia: the Dalmatian Coast, Medjugorje, Slovenia and the Passion",
May 26-June 2, 2010

"Discover Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria and the Passion," Sept 4-13, 2010

"Imperial Cities: Prague, Vienna, Budapest and the Passion." May 20-29, 2010

Come, bring friends and learn more about these possibilities at an **informational meeting** to be held at the church on **Tuesday, October 7th** at 7:00 PM.

News of former BCCUCC clergy and staff

Former Associate Minister, The Rev. Julie Kilmer and her partner The Rev. Cheryl Burke have adopted a baby girl, Elizabeth Jordan.

Lynne Burmeister McQuown, wife of our former Interim Associate Minister, The Rev. Dan McQuown, is to be ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in November.

Former church organist and choir director, Dr. Richard Benefield is leaving his position at the Harvard Art Museum to become the founding director of the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco.

Congratulations to one and all !

Over the summer we said **goodbye** to two long time church members, Pat Humphrey and Jeanne Fulford. Both left the area to move closer to family members (their new addresses are listed at right). We wish them every happiness in their new homes.

A message from the Pastor Parish Relations Team

The team is charged with dealing with the concerns of the ministers, the staff and the congregation. They meet on a regular basis with Jeff and Elizabeth. As a member of the congregation, this is a place where you can share any concerns you may have.

The PPRT next meets on **Tuesday, September 16** at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to contact any member of the Ministry Team at anytime.

Phyllis Buckley	245-1098	
Lynne Lehman	289-0101	
Jim McCartney	245-3288	chair
Sharon Sylvester	247-4532	



Please make note of the following changes of address:

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147 Bay Spring Avenue
Apt. 128
Barrington RI 02806

Lisa Lipscomb
PO Box 88
Richmond RI 02898

Pat Humphrey
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Apt F103
Pittsboro NC 27312

Jeanne Fulford
7416 Spring Village Drive
Apt G 12
Springfield VA 22150

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

Congratulations to Allison Jean and Scott Cipoletti winners of the 2008 K.L.F. Scholarships.

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

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to

Sophia Califano & Joshua Spaete
married May 31, 2008

Thomas Materne & Micaela Hall
married June 21, 2008

Steve Berenback & Kathleen Scully
married June 21, 2008

Andrew Henault & Emily Perkins
married July 12, 2008



Baptisms

Caitlin Joyce Kiley
and
Claire Kathleen Kiley

Twin daughters of Meghan & Brian Kiley
Granddaughters of Jeff & Kathleen Larsen

Lainey Grace Cormack
Daughter of Carrie & Marc Cormack
Granddaughter of Jeff & Kathleen Larsen

Sage Elizabeth DePonte
Daughter of
James DePonte & Carey Finnerty



BIRTHS

Addison Lynne Brougham

born August 4, 2008
to Amanda and Rob Brougham
Granddaughter to Lynne and Bob Githens
Great granddaughter to Sheila Hutton



Ellen Brady's sister, Susan;
and Joyce Mabey.

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

Helen Schall on the death of her cousin, Susan Tripp;
Steve Terhune on the death of his grandmother, Anna Ginalski;
and Lisa Lipscomb on the death of her father, Albert Allen.



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ministers to one another, works for justice and peace,
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Associate Minister:	The Rev. Elizabeth D. Barnum
Organist/Choir Director:	Marina Zabinski
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