

June 2009

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

A quote floated across my desk recently, author unknown to me, that said, “Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the number of times you are breathless.” It is my sincere hope to all of you that this summer you give yourself time to live that quote out. It is my general observation that we measure breaths well, often gulping in between them. We are nowhere near as good at, or thoughtful/intentional enough about, allowing our breath to be taken away.

As our programs wind down and we head into the summer months I hope to see you as often as possible but also hope you get to be away. If you worship in other places please bring me back a bulletin so I can see what others are doing. Lots of planning for next year’s activities will be taking place around here in the next month or so – if you have suggestions please pass them along.

I am very grateful for all the work so many of you have done to make this a wonderful year in our church life. Now go and rest up!

May you feel God’s warm, loving breath on your shoulders in these summer months,

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



Sunday Services for June, July & August 2009

June 7	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Summer Church School (after children's message) begins (see page 4)
	After Worship	Annual Meeting, Sanctuary (see page 6)
June 14	10 a.m.	<i>Baccalaureate Sunday</i> (see page 7) Worship Service with recognition of High School graduates and awarding of KLF Scholarships, Summer Church School
June 21		Father's Day
	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Bells, Summer Church School
June 28	9 a.m.	<i>Start of Summer Worship Service schedule</i> Worship Service, Summer Church School for entire worship time begins
July 5	9 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Summer Church School
July 12, 19 and 26		
	9 a.m.	Worship Service, Summer Church School
August 2	9 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Nursery Care only
August 9, 16, 23 and 30		
	9 a.m.	Worship Service, Nursery Care only



Summer Worship Services will take place at
9:00 a.m. each week from **June 28—September 6**

The summer services will be simpler and shorter than during the rest of the year—which will allow you a little extra time for your day's activities. There will be Summer Church School for children in elementary school in June and July, and Nursery Care only in August.

We hope to see you in church some Sundays when you're in town.

From our Associate Minister



Summer affords a different pace that many of us greet with delight. Here at church, the rhythm also changes as the program year has come to a close, and the focus here in the office is planning for the fall. Worship begins earlier on Sunday mornings and brings a simplicity with it.

My reading often increases during the summer and while I take time off to travel during the month of July, several books will accompany me. As opportunities for outdoor activities and gatherings with family and friends increase during these months, I hope you also find time to read – whether with your children before bedtime each night, a book on tape while driving a long distance, sitting on the beach or an outdoor porch. I wanted to share a few book suggestions for your summer reading. You can find many of these books at an online retailer, the local bookstore, library, or here in my office or one of the church school rooms.

For Children & Youth of All Ages:

- [Come Worship With Me: A Journey through the Church Year](#) (by Ruth Boling, illustrated by Tracey Dahle Carrier). This colorful children's book invites children of all ages to accompany a family of church mice as they participate in the worship life of their church through the liturgical year.
- [God in Between](#) (by Sand Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Sally Sweetland). Rabbi Sasso writes wonderful children's books that are endorsed by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish religious leaders. This book is one of my favorites.
- [Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss](#) (by Pat Schwiebert & Chuck DeKlyen): A friend who is a LICSW provided this resource to me not too long ago. I highly recommend it for any family who has experienced a loss of some sort in recent months.

For Adults:

- [Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time](#) (by Marcus Borg). Borg is one of the many voices that joins the discussions presented during the adult education *Living the Questions* DVD-program.
- [The Three Marriages: Reimagining Work, Self, and Relationship](#) (by David Whyte). Whyte is an inspiring poet, speaker, and workshop leader and his recent talk at Beneficent Church in Providence inspired me to dive into this book!

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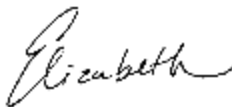
- An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith (by Barbara Brown Taylor). This author is one of the speakers at the U.C.C. General Synod this summer. This book is a beautiful meditation on spiritual practice in daily life.

For Parents & Teachers of Church School Children (PreK to Grade 5):

- Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children (by Jerome Berryman). The second edition of this book is being published this summer and will orient parents & volunteers to the current church school program.

If you do get a chance to read any one of these books, let me know and let's have a conversation! I'd love to hear what you think.

All the sweetness & spirit of summer to you,



Faith and Fun Summer Church School 2009

Starting Sunday, June 7th there will be child care in the nursery as usual, and the Faith & Fun Summer Church School will begin. This program, for elementary-aged children, will include the sharing of bible stories, arts & crafts, healthy snacks, and plenty of outdoor play! The program will run every Sunday from June 7th through July 26th. Parents, please note that:

June 7, 14 and 21 The worship service is at 10 a.m. and Summer Church School happens after the children's message.

June 28—July 26 The worship service is at 9 a.m. and Summer Church School is for the entire worship time.

August 2—Sept. 6 Nursery Care only is offered for ages 0-3.

We are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested please sign up on the volunteer forms outside Andrea's office.



Jubilation Sunday

Sunday, May 31st

Worship Service for ALL AGES

10 a.m.



We'll gather **outside around the Ark on the playground**, weather permitting. Come celebrate with the church school children as they share the story of Noah's Ark in story, song, and with spirit.

What to bring: parasols, hats, sunscreen if it is sunny, fans if it is warm, coat or sweater if it is chilly, blankets if you'd like to sit on the ground picnic-style (we'll have plenty of chairs set up too).

What to wear: The CEYM Team members will be dressing up as **colors of the rainbow** and we invite **all church members to dress in the color of their choice!**

All children in grades PreK-8 are invited **to dress as any animal of their choice** to fill our ark with all the creatures of the earth!

A PICNIC hosted by CEYM follows the worship service outside on the church patio and playground.

ALL ARE INVITED

There will also be a **PIE CONTEST & SALE** during the picnic so come prepared to taste some delicious pies and also to purchase one to take home.

**All-Church
Picnic**



JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

This event was rescheduled due to bad weather and will now be on

Saturday, June 13th from 3—5 p.m.

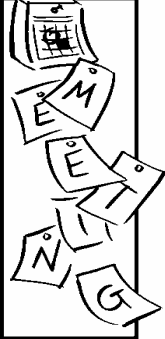
The cost will be \$12 (\$7 for mini golf and \$5 for ice-cream).

This activity is open to 5th graders as well as those currently in grades 6-8.

If you would like to go, please contact Leslie Peck *by June 8th* at 245-1820 or PeckMarketing@cox.net. Please note that if insufficient RSVP's are received by the deadline, the activity may be cancelled!



ANNUAL



All are invited to attend the
Annual Meeting
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2009

immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

As always, church members are encouraged to make every effort to attend this very important church meeting. *Child care will be provided.*

Coffee hour will take place in Fellowship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is hereby called to take place on **Sunday, June 7th, 2009** in the Sanctuary **immediately after Worship.**

Article I: To call the meeting to order.

Article II: To receive and vote upon the Nominating Team's Report.

Article III: To vote on the proposed By-Laws changes.

Article IV: To hear a report from the Finance Team on the status of the 2009 Budget, and, if appropriate, restore the originally budgeted support of OCWM.

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

Article VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Wuth*, Clerk

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2009 Annual Report for BCCUCC has been published and is available to the congregation. It contains individual reports of the past year from the clergy and church officers as well as reports from the various different ministry teams. It also contains the listing of church officers and ministry teams for 2009-2010, including the nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting on June 7.

Those with computer access are encouraged to read the Annual Report on line at www.bccucc.org where it can be accessed either from the home page or from the 'Information for Church Members' page. Some copies have been printed and can be picked up either from the Vestry table or from outside the church office.



New 2009 By-Laws to be voted on at Annual Meeting

Our 2001 Church By-laws have been thoroughly reviewed over the past year by the By-Laws Review Task Force and Church Council, and a number of changes are being proposed. The new 2009 By-Laws will be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on June 7 (see page 6). The By-Laws are written in such a way that you can see what changes are being proposed from the 2001 By-Laws to the 2009 version.

*Revised Church
By-Laws*



You can read a copy of them at the church website www.bccucc.org. In addition, some copies have been printed and are available from the vestry table.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is June 14th

At the 10 a.m. worship service, high school graduates (no matter what their school) have been invited to attend church wearing their gowns. During the service the graduates will be recognized and honored for their accomplishments.

The service will end by 11 a.m. to allow time for graduates to get to the ceremonies being held later the same day.

The annual Kathleen L. Fodor Scholarships will also be awarded at the service (see article below).

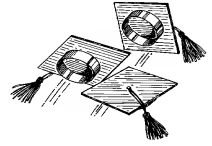
Kathleen Lynne Fodor (KLF) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline for applications is May 31st, 2009.

Graduating seniors, as well as those students presently attending a secondary or graduate school, who have completed the confirmation process, and are currently a member of Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C., may apply. Students who applied previously are welcome to apply again. Application forms are on the vestry table, outside the church office, or on the church website on the 'Information for Church Members' page. All who are eligible are encouraged to apply.

For more details, see page 6 of the May 2009 Bridge (available at www.bccucc.org).

Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates!



Sara Clemens - daughter of Susan and Steve Clemens - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Georgetown University.

Elyse Comer - daughter of Beth Comer and Michael Comer - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Quinnipiac University.

Haley Cook - daughter of Lynda and Donald Cook - graduates from East Providence High School and will attend Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida.

Cassie Dana - daughter of Mark Dana and Dyana Koelsch - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Andrew Dennis - son of Paul and Eileen Dennis - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend U. Mass Lowell to do a degree in Music Business.

Meagan Gamache - daughter of Mary Louise and Richard Gamache - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Columbia University as an Isadore I. Rabbi Scholar.

Megan Hoyt - daughter of Mike and Tracy Hoyt - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Lehigh University.

Zachary Luther - son of Marilyn Packard-Luther and the late David Luther - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Rhode Island College.

Amy Movsesian - daughter of Paul and Paula Movsesian - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the Business program at the University of North Carolina—Greensboro.

Haley Noonan - daughter of Suzanne and Jack Noonan, granddaughter of Chloe and Don Paulus - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the University of Pittsburgh.

Jeffrey Ridondo - son of Helen Ridondo, grandson of Heather and Bobby Sugg - graduates from East Providence High School and will attend the University of Rhode Island.

Brent Summers - son of Debbie Summers - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the University of Vermont.

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Drew Todd - son of Andrew and Diane Todd - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the University of Rhode Island.

Brittany Hazard - granddaughter of Nancy Hazard - graduates from Huntington Beach High School in California and will attend Denver University in Colorado.

Craig Berry, Jr. - grandson of Dave and Pat Gregory - graduates from Hollis-Brookline High School in Hollis, NH, and will attend Northeastern University.

Allison Cotta - granddaughter of Dave and Pat Gregory - graduates from Cumberland High School as Valedictorian and will attend Boston College.

Bethany Stoddard - daughter of Pat and Charlie Stoddard - graduates from Gibbs College with an Associates Degree in Medical Assisting.

Chris Hoy - son of Lynn and Jon Hoy - graduates from Boston College with a BA in History.

Susan Cipoletti - daughter of Steve and Jane Cipoletti - graduates from Stonehill College with a BA in Elementary Education and Mathematics.

James Berenback - son of Steve and the late Regina Berenback - graduates from Roger Williams University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice.

Jared Luther - son of Marilyn Packard-Luther and the late David Luther - graduates from Colby College in Maine with a BA in Government with a minor in Art.

Patrick Faulhaber - grandson of Carolyn and John Faulhaber - graduates from Pfeiffer University and will be going to Candler College—the Divinity School associated with Emory University, Atlanta GA.

Megan O'Maley - granddaughter of Dave and Pat Gregory - graduates from Boston College with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Ben Hasbrouck - grandson of Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker - has received his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Industrial Hygiene from Purdue University, IN. After doing research work in Italy for 2 summers, he is now working at Hospira, an Abbot Laboratory Company in Boulder, CO.

Peter Hasbrouck - grandson of Mary Lou and Clyde Slicker has received his Associates Degree and several certificates from Grand Rapids Community College as well as being honored with a special student award. He will spend this summer doing an internship in Berlin Germany, then continue on for a Bachelor's Degree at Ferris State College in MI.

OUR WHOLE LIVES

Our Whole Lives is a series of **sexuality education programs** for four age groups across the lifespan. Written by professional sexuality educators, the programs provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to use with children and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches. *Sexuality and Our Faith*, written by United Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist Association members, is the accompanying resource used for each of the grade groups in the church setting. Each of the grade level resources has separate sections devoted to UCC and UUA faith traditions. By using *Sexuality and Our Faith*, leaders integrate worship, prayer and discussion of United Church of Christ faith values and principles into the programs for each age group.

For more information you can check out the website

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>

and also attend the session below. Further questions can be directed to either Elizabeth or Jeff.



Our Whole Lives Information Session



Led by Rev. David Proctor, *Our Whole Lives* Trainer

(David is the Director of Spirituality and Community Services
at Saint Elizabeth Manor in Bristol)

When: Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Library at Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Who: All parents (of any child in our church school or youth ministry programs), middle school & high school youth, CEYM Team, Church Council, Deacons, and any other interested church members & friends are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend this session.

RSVP: Please contact Elizabeth Barnum (elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111) by June 6th if you plan to attend so we can plan appropriately.



Summer Fun at St. James Lutheran Church

49 Middle Highway, Barrington

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday—Friday July 6-10, 2009

VBS 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

(8-9 a.m. Drop Off and 4-5 p.m. Pick Up)

Ages 4-12 \$100 per child

Expertly trained staff from Calumet Lutheran Camp will be at St. James Lutheran Church to provide the best Vacation Bible School experience your child can have!

To sign up contact St. James Lutheran church (401) 246-0227 www.stjames-ri.org



U.C.C. SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

There are a number of excellent summer church camp opportunities offered through the conferences of the United Church of Christ every summer across New England. Check out the websites below or please speak with Elizabeth Barnum if you'd like more information.

CONNECTICUT: <http://silverlake.ctucc.org/> *Silver Lake (Litchfield County):*

MAINE: <http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/schedule.html> *Pilgrim Lodge*

MASSACHUSETTS: <http://www.macucc.org/leadership/Summercamps.htm>
Craigville, Cape Cod, MA:

NEW HAMPSHIRE: <http://www.hortoncenter.org/summercamp.htm> *Horton Center:*
www.starisland.org *Star Island:*

RHODE ISLAND: http://www.ricucc.org/OutdoorMinistry_website/Camp.html
Irons Homestead, Glocester, RI:

VERMONT: http://www.vtcucc.org/Covenant_Hills_Camp.html
Covenant Hills Camp





A Day of Godly Play ®

Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C., Barrington, RI

Led by Jenn Sanborn,

Accredited Godly Play ® Teacher Trainer

The Schedule for the Day will include:

*Experiencing a complete Godly Play Session

A Sacred Story ~ Wondering & Response ~ Feast

*Reflecting together on the Experience

*Lunch, provided

*Looking at the parts of Godly Play ® and the Best Practices

*Discovering, or rediscovering the Educational Philosophy and Theology of Godly Play

Before August 31st, cost for the day is \$30 per person

After Sept. 1, cost is \$35 per person

Registration forms are available from the church website www.bccucc.org,
or from Elizabeth or Andrea.

Workshop sponsored by the Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Barnum elizabeth@bccucc.org or 401-246-0111

This special Godly Play ® day is open to people from other churches and is for all adults, parents, teachers, storytellers and doorpersons. An opportunity not to be missed!

1 out of 5 teens uses prescription drugs without a doctor's order.

What can you do to prevent this?



- Safeguard all drugs at home. Monitor quantities and control access.
- Set clear rules for teens about all drug used, including not sharing medicine and always following the medical provider's advice and dosages.
- Be a good role model by always following these same rules with your own medicines.
- Properly dispose of old or unused medicines by concealing them in the trash by mixing with coffee grounds or kitty litter.
- Ask friends and family to safeguard their prescriptions as well.

This Parenting for Prevention Tip is kindly offered by The BAY Team. <http://www.Barrington.ri.gov>



A Sneak Peek...



Fall 2009 ~ Sunday Mornings for children

*0-3 years old: Nursery Care

*Pre-K & K, 1st & 2nd grades, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades: Godly Play

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired form of religious education developed by Jerome Berryman that nurtures the questions and insights of children. Children experience, discover, and wonder about God and the stories of the Christian tradition. We'll again be inviting individuals to participate as storytellers and doorkeepers. We will also be working through the summer to create more materials and prepare these very special rooms.

*Middle School Program: On Sunday mornings, our middle school aged youth will continue to explore the themes of simplicity, service, and spirit as we continue to adapt the Simply Serving Program & World Religions curricula that we explored during the 08-09 program year. Stay tuned! We'll be inviting individuals who feel called to help support this program to speak with us about how we might implement and adapt it effectively here at BCCUCC.

Stay tuned for more information during late August & early September

A message from Jeff....

Mission Trip 2010 - Who's interested????

I was very sad when this year's mission trippers left for Maine without me...so by promising to mow her lawn all summer and shovel her driveway all next winter, Elizabeth has agreed to let me be the minister going next year. So...let's get together and talk about what we might do. Where and when are the big decisions that need to get made.

It has been suggested by some that doing it when school gets out in June may be easier for some than the busy April school vacation and allow youth who don't have the same vacation dates to go. What does the group want to do? It has also been suggested that a trip be taken that does not require a huge amount of fundraising/cost. I will bring some suggested options to our meeting.

Let's talk, **parents and next year's high schoolers:**
after church and the annual meeting
(about 11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, June 7, in the church library.

If you are not able to be there please contact me with your ideas. I am very excited about this!



The calendar for June 2009
as it appeared on page 14 and 15 of the newsletter
can be found in a separate document
on the calendar page of the website.

In addition, the **church's on-line calendar** can also be
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or from the calendar page.

Have you registered your Shaw's Customer card yet?

Register your Shaw's card for Shaw's Community Rewards Program and 1% of the value of your grocery bill will be donated to BCCUCC. This applies to purchases made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

SHAW'S REWARDS PROGRAM DIRECTIONS

Go to: www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards



- 1.) Click on Shoppers login or register with your Rewards Card first.
- 2.) In the box next to 'Rewards Card Number', type in the number on the back of your Shaw's card (all the numbers, no spaces).
- 3.) In the box next to 'Phone Number' type the phone number you used to obtain the Rewards Card (including the area code).
- 4.) Click on Sign Me Up
- 5.) On the next screen 'Support and Organization', type in the following 11 digit number for our church **49001019287**
- 6.) Click on Add an Organization. You are now registered with the program.
- 4.) Go to the picture of the wooden sign on the right side of the page and click on 'Exit' to sign off.

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BUT, CAROLYN, PAUL WROTE IN SECOND
CORINTHIANS THAT WE SHOULD GREET ONE
ANOTHER WITH A HOLY KISS.



2009-2010 CALENDAR PLANNING RETREAT

What would you like to see happen at BCCUCC ?

On Wednesday, June 17th, some of the church staff and lay leaders will retreat for the day to plan the church calendar for 2009-2010. If you have interests, concerns, or desires for what you'd like to see on the calendar, please speak to either of the ministers, to Tom Strolla (Moderator), or call the church office (246-0111) beforehand so that they can be considered.

Ministry Team leaders should have received an e-mail reminder and the forms for submitting their proposed plans for 2009-2010. Please submit information to the church office by **Wednesday, June 3rd** so that the information can be included on the draft calendar. Thank you.



The 2009 softball season will soon be here so it's time to get out your gloves and dust off those cleats!! Every summer, BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the **Barrington Churches Softball League** and any interested **men aged 30+ or women aged 16+** who would enjoy playing should contact Mike Servant at 401-245-5281 or mikeservant@cox.net

Games are played once a week starting late June, and are held on a weekday evening beginning at 6 p.m. on a Barrington athletic field (usually Bicknell Field located at the end of Walnut Avenue). A great time is had by all and new players are always welcome.

Supporters are also invited to come and cheer on the team. Copies of the schedule will be put on the vestry table and also posted on the church website, once available.

The Women's Faith Group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They are currently reading *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson.

They will have their last meeting before taking a break for the summer on **Thursday, June 4** from **10—11:30 a.m.** in **Room 6**.

The session will be followed by a brown bag lunch.

For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net. The group will resume meeting in Oct.





The Book Group

will meet at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren,
on the following dates this summer to discuss the books listed.

Tuesday, June 16th (3rd Tues.) **Snow in August by Pete Hamill.**

In 1940s Brooklyn, friendship between an 11-year-old Irish Catholic boy and an elderly Jewish rabbi might seem as unlikely as, well, snow in August. But the relationship between young Michael Devlin and Rabbi Judah Hirsch is only one of the many miracles large and small contained in Pete Hamill's novel. (Put a hold on this early)

Tuesday, July 14th (2nd Tues.) **Not Becoming My Mother: and Other Things She Taught Me Along The Way by Ruth Reichl.**

In *Not Becoming My Mother*, bestselling author Ruth Reichl embarks on a clear-eyed, openhearted investigation of her mother's life, piecing together the journey of a woman she comes to realize she never really knew.

Tuesday, August 11th (2nd Tues.) **Assassination Vacation by Sarah Vowell**

Vowell visits museums, historic sites, statues, libraries, anything remotely relevant to successful presidential assassins, and a few of those not so successful.

Tuesday, September 8th (2nd Tues.) The group will talk about their favorite book(s) read during the summer and make plans for the fall.

Why not take some time this summer to read one or more of the books listed and then join the book group for their discussions at The Coffee Depot.

All are welcome!

For questions or for more information, please call Helen Schall at 245-4724



The **Third Friday Bridge** Group
will not be meeting anymore.

Special thanks go to Sheila Hutton for
organizing this group for the past 20 years!

At the time of writing,
the **Dine-Out Group** is
not scheduled
to meet again until
the Fall.



★ Thank You! ★ ★ THANK YOU! ★

...to all of the volunteers who came out on Church Clean Up Day (April 25) and did a variety of different jobs on the church property and grounds

...to the boys and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 6 for all of their help on May 2, including spreading all of the mulch on the landscaping

...to all who donated OTC medicines as well as leashes and collars for Lory McCoy's mission trip to Haiti with her daughter

...to Amy Gorman, Kristen Westmoreland, Betsy Restituyo, Carol Strakosch, Lynne Lehman, Debbi Summers, Zach Luther, and Lisa Bohner for all of their help with Jubilation Sunday

...to all of the members of the CEYM team who will be hosting the all church picnic on Jubilation Sunday, with special thanks to Carol Strakosch for her time and dedication while serving on the team for the past six years

...to all of the retiring church officers and members of ministry teams who have faithfully served their term in office

...to all who have agreed to be nominated to serve as a church officer or on a ministry team for 2009-2010. We are looking forward to your ministry with us.

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

**SPREAD THE
LOVE**

**Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering**

Money collected for the UCC's **Strengthen the Church**, helps grow the UCC's future by funding The Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation—especially among women and people of color. The fund is administered by the local Conference (in our case the Rhode Island Conference, UCC), Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry.

Here at BCCUCC, we will take the **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** offering on **Sunday, June 14th**. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience, as well as leaflets about the offering. We hope that you can give generously. Checks should be made payable to Barrington Congregational Church and the memo line marked 'Strengthen the Church'. Donations may also be sent directly to the church office. Thank you.





Calling all Musicians!

Would you like the opportunity to express your faith through music to a very appreciative congregation? You are invited to sing or play an instrument, either alone or with a small ensemble, one Sunday this summer. *Please note that Jeff or Elizabeth must approve all music used in the worship services.*

If you would like to volunteer or have questions please call Marina Zabinski (726-5118). It is also important that you sign up for the date you would like to sing/play on the sheet on the music bulletin board in the vestry—this will avoid conflicts on the calendar. Once your participation has been confirmed by both Marina and the minister, please call the church office with the music *no later than the Tuesday* before the Sunday you plan to play/sing so that the information can be included in the bulletin.



Summer services are held at 9:00 a.m. from June 28 through September 6.



If you had a photo taken for it, you may pick up your copy of the new photo directory from Fellowship Hall on Sundays or from the church office during the week. The photo directories have been labeled in the lower right corner of the cover for each recipient, so please make sure you take your own copy.

There is a limited supply of the directories and so unfortunately we are unable to make them available to those who did not have a photo taken.

Updated church directories (without the photos) are available to anyone who would like the most current contact information for our church family.

Will You Serve?

At the time of writing, there are still a few vacancies on some of the ministry teams for 2009-2010. If you are a church member and might be interested in serving, please contact a member of the Nominating Team—Greg Voigt, Mary Louise Gamache, Bernie Hawes and Jim McCartney—or call the church office. The complete list of ministry teams (including the vacancies) for 2009-2010 is posted on the 'Information for Church Members' page of our church website at www.bccucc.org and is also in the 2009 Annual Report.

Job Networking Resource

Would you like to be part of a job networking resource? The deacons are trying to put together a notebook with church member's names and what they do for a living. With these tough economic times, we all could use a little help and a person on our side.



What we are looking for is your name, where you work, what your expertise is and how to best reach you. If someone in the church is looking for a contact in a particular field - say the financial field, customer service, education, construction, management, (you name it) - what a great source of information to have at their finger tips to be able to contact someone they already personally know from church.

Interested? Please fill out the form on our church web page (on the 'Information for Church Members' page) and email it to abbyrandazzo@gmail.com. She hopes to hear from everyone, as we all could use a helping hand.



BCCUCC Budget Update

Given the state of the church's finances for 2009, the Finance Ministry Team would like to provide periodic updates to keep the congregation informed. The team will be presenting information at the Annual Meeting following worship on June 7th, but also wants to update the congregation on our financial position at this time.

Based upon actual income and expenses to date, and careful tracking of our other available cash funds, we are on track to reduce our available cash to a minimally working level (enough to pay 1 month of expenses) by the end of November. Given that the congregation passed a deficit budget of \$46,609 in January this is not surprising, but is sobering, as we go forward in these difficult economic times. While we are heartened by the many new members and activity we see at church, the financial challenges remain.

We face serious discussion and prayerful consideration this autumn as we work to prepare a budget for 2010. We must all work together to deal with these difficult decisions. Based upon our financial position, the Finance Ministry Team will recommend at the June Annual Meeting that no changes be made to the budget that increase expenditures.

Preparing for Summer

“To Do” List



- 1.) Clean and store winter wear, snow shovels, and ice melt.
- 2.) Replace boots with sandals in closet.
- 3.) Set up auto-pay for BCCUCC summer payments.

Remember that the church needs our weekly offerings, even when we are not sitting in the pews. Cash accounts dip to critical levels in August and are expected to be even lower this year given the struggling economy. As our expenses continue to exceed our income we will have difficulty covering our payroll costs before the fall. But we can change this.

While we enjoy the lazy hazy days ahead, remember the church is here for all of us, and relies on our financial support.

- Prepay your summer contributions in June.
- Mail your monthly payment to the Financial Secretary throughout the summer.
- Set up an automatic payment from your bank.
- Establish automatic pledge payments through the church's Pledge Pay program (contact Pat Stoddard for the appropriate form).
- Be generous and give often.

Contact Lisa Bohner (289-0045) or Pat Stoddard in the church office (246-0111) if you need assistance or further information.

Can You Help?

The East Bay Center is a multi service Behavioral Health agency located at 610 Wampanoag Trail in East Providence. There are several volunteer opportunities available from a few hours to a full day Monday through Friday assisting staff in various programs with administrative tasks. For more information and/or to schedule an interview, please contact: Fran Bradshaw Division Director at 401-431-9870 extension 226. Come be a part of something great.

On going collections for those in need



Tap-In donations of non-perishable food may be placed in the containers on your way into church.

Men's clothing for the George Hunt Help Center for the homeless may be placed in the box in the vestry hallway. Thank you.



AN UPDATE ON THE DEACONS' FUND

At the May meeting, the Deacons agreed to contribute \$1,000 to each of the following organizations: Tap-In, Crossroads RI, East Bay Coalition for the Homeless, East Bay Mental Health Center, and the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties. These organizations were selected because of their commitment to deliver direct assistance to those in need in our immediate community.

This does not mean that the Deacon's Fund is abandoning its traditional role of enabling our ministers to directly address issues of pressing needs in our community. However, at this time, the Deacons felt that the combination of increased resources in the Deacons' Fund and greater financial need in the surrounding community made this an opportune moment to take this action.

Van Edwards, Treasurer, BCCUCC Deacons



Prayer of the Confirmands

The following prayer was written by the eleven confirmands during their retreat. Each wrote a line and they read the final prayer as part of their confirmation service on April 26th. For a full list of their names see page 27.

Dear God,

Watch over those in need, and give them food and shelter.

Help me sleep well.

Help everyone going through a difficult time in the world.

Help everyone comfort their loved ones and the world get through these things,

And keep them safe,

And help all those in need,

And supply warmth and shelter to all

While also providing protection and shelter to friends, family and everyone in the world.

While you also give your people second chances

And hope to people who need it because their child has a sickness like cancer,

And make sure to show the best medicine, love.

Help us help others who may not be able to help themselves.

Share our love with them to help make their lives better in any way we can.

Amen.



Barbara Ward is honored

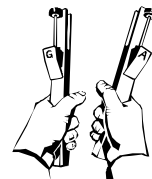
During the Music Celebration Sunday service on May 17, 2009, Mary Lou Slicker (representing the Deacons) presented a special recognition for a special church member. From time to time, the Deacons plan on recognizing a church member for their contribution to the life of this church, and this was the first such special recognition. The text of her presentation was as follows:

“Occasionally, the Deacons honor a member of the congregation who gives continuing service to the church. Last fall we decided to honor someone who has generously volunteered her time and talents to the music program of the church. From teaching the youngest church school members to sing, to directing and accompanying the Sing and Celebrate Choir, to singing in the adult choir, she has enthusiastically shared her love of children and song. Twenty four years ago (can you believe it!) she founded and continues to direct the bell choir, known as the White Church Ringers, adding to the musical worship of our church. When worship needs another pianist, she volunteers readily.

Therefore, the Deacons and the Music Team have purchased a set of Hand Chimes and one new bell to celebrate, honor and recognize Barbara Ward’s unstinting service to the music program of this church.”

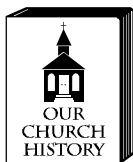
Pat Stoddard, chair of the Music Ministry Team added that a plaque will be placed on the Hand Chime case that reads

“To honor Barbara Ward’s many years of dedicated service to the music program of our church – May 2009”



Handchimes

The presentation was followed by thunderous applause from the congregation to thank Barbara for her selfless service to the church – and smiles all around!



A word of thanks to Art Edgette and his wife, Pat, for donating reprints regarding events and stories featuring Barrington Congregational Church. The reprints cover the years 1887 to 1925 and are taken from a scrapbook made by Agnes Sophia Harbach who was a lifetime member of Barrington Congregational Church and Pat Edgette’s great, great grandmother.

On-site Computer Hard Drive Destruction and Recycling Services



*Protect yourself from Identity Theft
from your old computer*

Last year the Federal Trade Commission reported 957,177 cases of Identity Theft and Fraud. These crimes had a \$1.8 Billion cost.

One of our vulnerabilities to Identity Theft is from our old computer systems. When we replace a system, we have to do something about the data on these systems. It is not a safe idea to just shut off the computer, give it away, recycle it, or sell it on Ebay. First, we have to ensure that the sensitive data on this system cannot be accessed.

Reformatting the Hard Drive and Data Wiping only hides the information or allows it to be written over. The Information always stays on the hard drive to be retrieved by other software programs or maybe dishonest people.

The best way to protect your data is to destroy the hard drive. On **Sunday, June 7th**, Steve Cipoletti, a member of our church, has offered to provide **Identity Protection** service for members and friends at a special rate with a donation to the church included. Bring in your old computer, Steve will open up the computer, take out the hard drive and you can watch your hard drive get crushed. Your information on that drive will remain private. Then the computer will be safely recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.

The cost of this service is \$30 per system and a \$10 donation will be given to the CEYM Library Equipment Fund for each computer serviced.

To set up your appointment, contact Steve Cipoletti....

...at his office 401-943-4833, or cell 401-330-0339, or email kajainc.steve@gmail.com

How to find out what's happening at BCCUCC over the Summer

The Bridge takes a break in July and August and won't appear again until the September issue. Information about things happening at BCCUCC over the summer will appear in the weekly announcement page found in the bulletin each Sunday. These weekly announcements can also be read on-line at our church website www.bccucc.org. There is also an on-line calendar on the website.



www.bccucc.org

Some Thank Yous to our Mission Trippers

Dear Friends,

HOME staff and friends would like to thank you for all your hard work. As you know without folks like you we would struggle to have the work done and surely would not have a way to pay for it. Thank you for working on our picnic tables, bargain barn, grounds, and greenhouse plus all the other things you worked on.

Your donation of \$500* will help to feed, clothe, and house someone in need and with God's help it will multiply continuing to do his work.

The children's garden is quite beautiful and I can see it from my desk every day. The children just love it—they gravitate to it when they are outside.

Thanks you and God Bless!

Jackie Burpee
Volunteer Coordinator, HOME Inc.

Editor's note: BCCUCC is donating an additional \$1,000 to HOME.



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Dear Barrington Congregational Volunteers,

Thank you for all the wonderful work you did in the daycare playground. Enclosed are some pictures the children drew of their new playground. The garden was such a lovely surprise. You went well beyond our request and we are so grateful. The children are very excited and especially liked the pinwheel flowers. The pansies will brighten the space while we are waiting for our seeds to sprout. The sand, toys and pump will bring much joy to our children and are deeply appreciated. We will be keeping a scrapbook of our garden. If you would like to e-mail us from time to time we will send pictures of how it is progressing. The children have also had tons of fun with the Hannah Montana microphone. We can't thank you enough.

With much love and gratitude,

H.O.M.E. Co-op daycare students:

Andre, Chloe, Shane, Emma, Lexi, Reagan, Riley, Sammy
and staff:

Dominique, Janine, Lisa, Melissa

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Editor's note: Photos from the Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. will soon be posted on the church website at www.bccucc.org.



Clergy Summer Vacations

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Jeff Larsen, will be on vacation August 10-23.

Our Associate Minister, the Rev. Elizabeth Barnum, will be taking her spring weekend off June 5-7, and away June 24-30 attending the U.C.C. General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She will be on vacation July 6-August 2.

DEACONS FOR JUNE

Abby Randazzo (star deacon), Chris Brady, Bill DeWitt, Marshall Hoyler, Susan Seader, and Achina Stein.

If you cannot reach Jeff (401 247-1787 home) or Elizabeth (401 245-3467 home) please call on one of the deacons.

In addition to those listed above, the following deacons may also be called upon if needed during the summer months:

Van Edwards, Helen Schall, Sue Simpson, Mary Lou Slicker, and Sam Sylvester.



JUNE 22 - SEPT 4

Mon – Thurs
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fridays - Closed

Except when on vacation, Jeff and Elizabeth will be available as usual during the summer.

E-mail: Prayer Chain

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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

April 26 – 201

May 3 – 167

May 10 – 197



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the September *Bridge* will be Monday, August 17th.

HELP US BE GREEN

You can read *The Bridge* on line each month—just let the church office know that you don't need a copy mailing to you!



Monday, September 28th
is National Family
Dinner Night

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to the following youth who were confirmed on April 26, 2009

Allison Bannon

Hannah Hearn

Andrew Hemingway, Jr.

Hannah Lennon

Kenneth Meade, Jr.

Catherine Muth

Cara Priolo

Brianna Shoaf

Connor Slye

Alex Stein

Nathan Ward

Baptisms

Andrew Robert Graham

Son of Lisa and David Graham

Jaden Christopher Gomes

Son of Kyle and Christopher Gomes



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

1 Corinthians 12:13



Dottie Butler; Vera Eaton; Bob Louttit;
Mim Worthley; Peggy Garcia; Rae Wyche;
Mark Mason; and Barbara Ward.



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

Todd Harff on the death of his mother;

Nancy Voigt on the death of her mother, Claire Verrier;

Marilyn Packard Luther and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Janet Hyde;

May Smith and family on the death of her daughter, Sandra Blacketer;
who was also Bob Mason's sister and Mark Mason's aunt.

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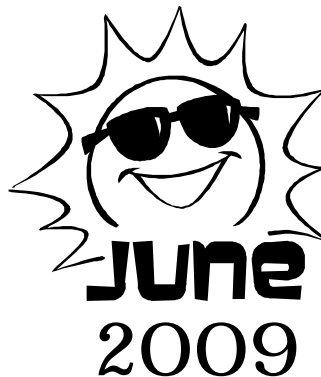
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Custodians:	Jack Salvaggio, Frank Wyrostek, Ken York, Jim Salvaggio	



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