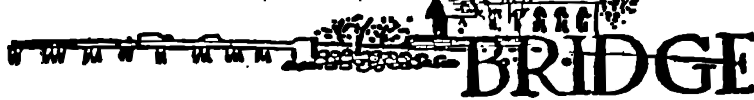


November 2009

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I recently saw where American Girl dolls, by Mattel, had come out with their newest model. Her name is Gwen and she is supposed to be homeless. She has blond hair (of course), brown eyes, and wears a pink head-band and a lace dress. All their dolls come with a booklet telling “their story” and this one is described as having a dead-beat dad and an over-worked single mom. Despite her \$95 price tag she lives on the streets.

The *Boston Globe* editorial about this suggested that at Christmas time parents might want to think about making a \$95 gift to a local charity in Gwen’s name rather than inflict this doll on a daughter/granddaughter. Seems like a good idea to me.

I actually gave an American Girl doll to one of my granddaughters recently so (are you listening Mattel?) I am not criticizing the manufacturer for all their products...just this particular one which insults me. They want us to believe they are trying to raise awareness of a serious society issue. Maybe it does...just not for me. What it does do is remind me to be sensitive this holiday season to where I spend my money.

As the holidays approach may they come gently and meaningfully for you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff'.

Sunday Services



- November 1 10 a.m. *All Saints' Sunday* (see page 4)
Worship Service with Communion, Children's Communion
Service in Library followed by Church School
- November 8 10 a.m. *Pledge Dedication Sunday* (see page 7)
Worship Service with Receiving of Pledges,
Church School
- November 15 10 a.m. *Laity Sunday* (see page 4)
Worship Service with Bells, Church School
- November 22 10 a.m. *New Member Sunday* (see page 4)
Worship Service for All Ages with Sing and Celebrate
Choir and Reception of New Members,
No Church School, Nursery Care only
- November 29 10 a.m. Worship Service,
Church School

Nursery Care Available

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8



From **Monday, November 2nd** through **Monday, November 9th**, both Christine Wallis and Pat Stoddard will be away from the office. During their absence, the office will be open each day from **9 a.m. to Noon** and Andrea Bullard will be answering the phone and greeting visitors.

The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday, November 11** for Veterans Day and on **Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Clergy Away

The Rev. Jeff Larsen will be away Monday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 29th.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, October 31st**.

From our Associate Minister



A crisp autumn chill has entered the air. Leaves have turned from summer greens to golden yellows, bittersweet oranges, and striking reds. And soon all the leaves will have fallen to the ground, brown & crackling beneath our feet. We can't escape the powerful metaphors that nature provides us this time of year. Fall in New England can often feel like a transition time. This fall, I know many in this community are deep in the process of letting something go. For some, they have lost a loved one to death or witnessed a loss of physical or mental abilities due to illness – either their own or a loved one's. Some are experiencing needing to let go of a job or financial security. Some are watching children transition from childhood to adolescence, adolescence to adulthood – some gratefully, others fearfully. Some may be joyfully letting go of difficult seasons in the past as they celebrate new beginnings in their lives. *No matter who you are or where you are on your journey*, letting go is something we all recognize in the world around us and within us at this time of year. Thankfully, this season of letting go is also a season of giving thanks – giving thanks for all that has been, all that is, and all that will be.

How do you give thanks? How will this community of faith express thanks during such a season? As you read through this month's newsletter you will find many examples. The Confirmation class will begin November on retreat giving thanks for the wider church of which we are a part. The Justice & Witness ministry team will be sponsoring both a food drive for those in need and a special discussion program on immigration issues. The Stewardship ministry team will be challenging us to boldly express our gratitude to God as we dedicate our pledges for 2010. The Rhode Island Conference U.C.C. will gather for their autumnal meeting and reflect on ways of greening our faith & churches as an expression of our gratitude for creation. The Junior PF youth group will assist the Membership & Nominating Ministry Teams with this month's community soup kitchen over the Thanksgiving holiday. The Senior PFers will rock Fellowship Hall on two occasions – Battle of the Bands & the Pasta Dinner - both fundraisers for their upcoming mission trip. Also, Veteran's Day & Thanksgiving mark our collective remembrances and celebrations of giving thanks – past, present, and future.

There is much for which we can be grateful. While it can be easy to get caught in a mindset of lack, fear, absence, and not enough, my prayer for each of us is that we feel surrounded with the grace (and will) to bring forth abundance, hope, presence, and plenty for all.

In gratitude,

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

During the worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will toll the bell and remember by name our loved ones who have died *since last All Saints' Day*.

The congregation is asked to please submit names *ahead of time* by contacting the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org no later than Thursday, October 29th.



In celebration of the vital role of lay people in the life of our church, **Laity Sunday** has been scheduled for **November 15**. This service offers all of the lay people a chance to help lead worship and give the clergy a chance to sit in the pews as parishioners.

NOVEMBER 15 We need volunteers for all aspects of the service, including prayers, readings, children's message, sermon/reflections, etc. If you are interested please contact deacon Chris Brady at cbradyri@aol.com or 401 246-2702. Newer members and those who have not had a chance to help lead worship are encouraged to participate, but as always, all are welcome.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, November 22nd at the 10:00 a.m. service when we look forward to receiving new members into our church.

If you're a newcomer or if you've been coming for years but never officially joined, you are invited to do so at this time. In preparation you are asked to attend the "Conversations about our Church" on November 1 and then the "New Member Session" on November 15 (see page 6 for details).

Stewardship Sunday is October 25th when Pledge Packets will be available for all to pick up after worship.

Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 8th when you are asked to return your completed pledge card to church (see page 7)

Please know that Jeff welcomes all hymn requests for Sunday worship.
Everyone has different tastes and different favorites – let us know
yours and we will try to work them in.



BARRINGTON ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

featuring storyteller Carolyn Martino of Providence

Monday, November 23rd 7:30 p.m.

**Barrington United Methodist Church,
230 Washington Road, Barrington**

ALL ARE WELCOME



The ***LIVING THE QUESTIONS*** adult education program continues this fall. Each session includes a 20-minute DVD segment that includes a variety of voices on each theme, then follows with discussion and concludes with prayer or a take-home reading & practice. Optional take-home pre-readings are also available by email the week prior to each session.



The upcoming sessions will be:

- Oct 25th Debunking the Rapture
- Nov 1st Reclaiming the World
- Nov 15th A Kingdom Without Walls
- Nov 22nd Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
- Dec 6th Incarnation: Divinely Human
- Dec 13th Prayer: Intimacy with God
- Jan 10th Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry

You are welcome to participate in as many or as few of the sessions as you like. Gather in the **Library** between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. Sessions begins at **11:30 a.m.** and conclude at approx. 12:30 p.m.

Facilitators will rotate between sessions. Speak with Elizabeth Barnum if you have any questions.

Want to know more about our church?
or maybe
Interested in becoming a member?



Anyone—both newcomer and old-timer alike—who is interested in learning more about our church is invited to

“Conversations About Our Church”
with Jeff, Elizabeth and the Deacons, after worship
on Sunday, November 1 from 11:20 a.m.—12:15 p.m. in Room 6.

Please let the church office know if you plan to attend this session by calling or e-mailing us at 246-0111 or bccucc@fullchannel.net Child care will be provided if you let us know ahead of time that it is needed. The session will be very informal so older children are welcome to sit in if they wish.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If after attending “Conversations”, you are interested in becoming a member, then you are invited to our
“New Member Session”
on Sunday, November 15 to be held after worship
from 11:20 a.m.—12:15 p.m. in Room 6.

Child care will again be provided if you let the church office know ahead of time that it is needed.

New Members will next be received during worship on
New Member Sunday, November 22 during our 10 a.m. worship service.

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



Please return your completed pledge card on...

Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 8th

...when all of the pledges will be dedicated during the worship service. If you are unable to turn yours in on that day please return it to the church office as soon as possible afterward. Thank you.

How Much Should I Give?

The Bible says that we should set aside our "first fruits"

Our offering to God should be the first portion we set aside, not what remains.

Some people give by proportion

For example \$1-\$2 per week for every \$1,000 of annual income.

Others set aside a percentage of their income.

On average in mainline Protestantism it's about 1.5% of annual income.

The Old Testament guideline for giving was the "tithe."

"Bring the full tithe into my house." Malachi 6:10

A tithe is the giving back of 10% of what God has given us. We may begin anywhere then perhaps increase our percentage each year.

The standard of proportionate giving helps us live into the good life God intends for us. It puts us in touch with people's needs. When we give generously, we begin to see our role as a steward of resources.

Please, make a pledge on Sunday, November 8th to support Barrington Congregational Church in 2010 and the United Church of Christ's Wider Mission.

We don't give to get blessed. We give because we are blessed.

Members and friends should all be receiving a pledge packet—either picked up after church on October 25th or in the mail. If you haven't yet received yours, please call the church office.

Junior PF schedule

All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to participate

Friday evening, November 13 – Jr. PF Trip to Lazer Gate in Fall River.

Time tba. All Jr. PFers and friends are welcome. Please call Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or email PeckMarketing@cox.net if you want to go.

Chaperones are also needed—please contact Leslie if you can help.



Saturday, November 28 - Jr. PF will help serve in the Soup Kitchen. Details to follow.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Confirmation program is being co-facilitated by Jeff Larsen and Elizabeth Barnum, with support from parents & members.

Sunday, October 25th **11:30 - 12:30** Confirmation class, Room 6

Sunday, November 1st **Noon - 5 p.m.** 'Uniquely UCC' Confirmation Retreat at Irons Homestead. Meet at the church at Noon.

Sunday, November 8th **11:30 a.m.** Class attends, with Jeff, the Immigration Panel discussion in the library being sponsored by our Justice and Witness Team.

2010 Mission Trip April 17-24 (Sat—Sat)

Sunday, November 15 - run the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser.

Sunday, December 20 - meet from 6-8 p.m. in the library.

All youth and adults going on the Mission Trip are expected to attend.



Have you registered your child for Church School?

Registration forms are required for EACH CHILD that participates in our church programs (church school, confirmation, youth group etc) in order to comply with our Safe Church policy. If you registered your child last year, you'll only need to update and initial your current form. To register a child for the first time, registration forms are available in church school classrooms, from the notice board outside Andrea's office, or from the church website www.bccucc.org

Pasta Dinner

Sunday, November 15th

5 — 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall



*All proceeds benefit the Mission Trip
to Brenton, West Virginia in April, 2010*

Tickets on sale at Coffee Hour
or from the church office

Adult \$8

Child (under 12) \$5

Family Maximum \$25

Advance ticket purchase is appreciated
Tickets also available at the door

Battle of the Bands

Saturday, November 7th
7—10 p.m.

BCCUCC Fellowship Hall



All are invited to attend this fundraiser for the April 2010 Mission Trip to Brenton, West Virginia.

Cost: \$5 per ticket/ballot to vote for your favorite band.

Parent Volunteers/Chaperones are needed—contact Elizabeth Barnum (Elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 104).



United Church of Christ New England Regional Youth Event

Inside Out – Outside In: Finding Our Way in God's World

For high school aged UCC youth who will be entering 9th grade in Fall 2010 through those who graduated in June 2010 to be held on the campus of Boston University, June 24-27, 2010. The cost will be \$350.00 per person. Watch for more details!

A group of youth from the Rhode Island Conference U.C.C. are planning to go – if you would like to join them, please speak with Elizabeth Barnum for more information. Registration materials will be available after January 15, 2010.



CHANGES TO ROOM 6

You may well have noticed that there have been some recent changes to Room 6—our biggest classroom. It has become a multipurpose room with optional tables and chairs.

On Sunday mornings there are no tables and chairs in there so that it can be used as a Godly Play classroom for Grades 3-5 during Church School time. In Godly Play the children sit on the floor and the tables and chairs have to be out of the room. New shelving and cupboards store their supplies.

Following worship and during the week, the room is used for meetings and there are four new plastic, lightweight tables (purchased by Buildings and Grounds) which can easily be put up and taken down as needed. The plastic chairs from the room are stored in the foyer area when not in Room 6.

The most recent change is the removal of the piano from Room 6 to Room 9. The Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals now take place in Room 9 immediately after church school lets out, and Room 6 is available for various after worship church meetings. So if you're going to a meeting in Room 6 on a Sunday morning after worship, once all the children have left, you are welcome to bring in a chair from the foyer if they haven't yet been moved back into the room. If tables are also needed they are folded up against the wall under the blackboard and as many as needed can easily be put up.

Many thanks to Paul Dennis and Buildings and Grounds for making all of this possible—including the purchase of the new plastic tables, moving the piano, and exchanging the solid door in Room 6 for one with a window—and for making it all happen so quickly. The church school children and teachers thank you, as do Marina and the Sing and Celebrate Choir members.



ARE YOU THERE?

That question might be critical to an older adult who lives alone, who isn't in regular contact with someone, and who might have some emergency situation needing attention. Such a person might want to consider the Emergency Dialer System that is available through the Barrington Senior Center. However, in the event that such a system isn't utilized, it would be comforting for that older adult to know someone would be calling.

Two older adults could be willing to connect by phone on an agreed-upon regularity. Others in our church family might also be willing to call an older adult without needing a reciprocal arrangement.

Alternatively a signal could be arranged with a neighbor to indicate the older individual is all right.

If this caregiving ministry is one in which you might like to serve, please call Nancy Martin (401-273-1078) for more information, or contact the church office.



It is our hope that all those who could benefit from such a compassionate, friendly response will also let either Nancy or the church office know. It's all part of being a church family.



Need a nametag?

Sign up for one on the sheet on the vestry table or at the membership table. Please remember to wear it for worship and coffee hour.
Thank you.

This Thanksgiving, be thankful for safe travel—buckle up!

Seatbelt use saves 9500 lives each year.

63% of people killed in car crashes are not wearing seatbelts.

Make wearing a seatbelt a habit.

Remind friends and family members to buckle up every time they get in a car no matter how short their trip.

Support legislation that strengthens seat belt use and its enforcement.



Parenting for Prevention Tip from the BAY Team - Barrington's community coalition to prevent substance abuse - www.thebayteam.org

The calendar for November 2009
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Deadline for the December/January *Bridge*

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

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

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

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.

Book Group

next meets on

Tuesday, November 10th

at 7:30 p.m.

**at The Coffee Depot
501 Main Street, Warren.**

All are welcome!



They will discuss the book

The Road Home

by Rose Tremain

After the death of his wife, Lev leaves his unnamed Eastern European country for London to try and make enough money to support his mother and daughter.

For more information on the group contact Helen Schall at (401) 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com.



The **Dine-Out Group** will meet on the 2nd Friday this month

Friday, November 13th

due to other UCC events happening on the 1st Friday - the Haitian Hoopla and the Just Practice event (see page 18).

Watch the weekly announcements for more information about the November Dine Out.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

September 27 – 156

October 4 – 230

October 11 – 135

October 18 – 170



www.bccucc.org

The Women's Faith Group

The group meets on the first and third Thursday morning of the month and they welcome all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. In November they meet on...

November 5th and 19th from 10—11:30 a.m. in Room 6

to continue their discussion of *Home* by Marilynne Robinson.

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 Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others group
will meet in the **church library** from 7-9 p.m.

on Wednesday, November 4

(note the change in day for this month only)

All knitters and crotchetters are welcome.

For more information or questions, please contact
Kathleen Larsen at 245-1787 or klarsenswc@hotmail.com

The group gets together to knit (or crochet) items for donation to others. For example these could be hats for newborns; hats, gloves or scarves for our mitten tree; prayer shawls; blankets for seriously ill children; or a simple scarf to give to the homeless. If you like to knit (or crochet) we invite you to join us. You are welcome to come and knit anything you like—as long as you are willing to pass it along to someone in need when done.

A variety of balls of yarn have been donated to the group. If you are unable to make it our monthly knitting session but would like to use some of the yarn to knit something for others at home, you are most welcome to use some of the yarn. We also have a couple of patterns for knitting hats for the mitten tree, as well as a pattern for a prayer shawl. Contact Kathleen Larsen (see above) or Christine Wallis in the church office if interested in either yarn or patterns.

There are also a variety of free patterns on the internet for knitting and crocheting for various charitable causes including:

- **Project Linus** blankets for children who are seriously ill at www.projectlinus.org
- **Prayer Shawls** at www.shawlministry.com

From Your Justice and Witness Ministry Team.....

IMMIGRATION PANEL DISCUSSION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:20 A.M.

LIBRARY

Who Is Our Neighbor? Who Is a Stranger?

Last year the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution encouraging its member churches to study the issue of immigration, especially in regards to what is happening here in Rhode Island.

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team will present an opportunity to listen and discuss two aspects of this difficult topic on Sunday, November 8, following worship and coffee hour. We will meet in the library around 11:20 a.m. to listen and present questions to two speakers.

Reverend Don Anderson is the Executive Minister of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches. He has been active with an interfaith group meeting with Governor Donald Carcieri to discuss the effects of the Governor's Executive Order dealing with immigration here in Rhode Island.

Tom Lennon, a member of our church, is a captain in the United States Coast Guard which he has served for 23 years. He has been involved in carrying out governmental policies of interdiction and repatriation of Cubans, Haitians, Dominicans and Chinese.

Please join us for a light lunch and a time to learn and to discuss this topic which is important to all of us.

Open and Affirming

In September, Rev. Dan Randall and members of the First Congregational Church of Bristol gave a presentation in the library after worship of the process they went through to become an Open and Affirming Church. A number of those present and interested have agreed to become a planning committee that will continue the process of exploring and educating the church community on the joys and concerns of becoming an Open and Affirming congregation.

If you would like to become part of this planning committee please contact Jim McCartney, Lois McCartney, Leslie Strolla, Helen Schall or Chris Brady.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the TAPIN food pantry and their Thanksgiving program. J&W are being assisted by the 6th—8th Grade 'Seekers' church school class who are preparing the empty bags.



On **October 25** grocery bags will be handed out after church and you are asked to return them on either **November 1 or 8** containing any of the items listed below.

TapIn Thanksgiving package includes:

Stuffing Mix
Gravy
Canned Corn and Green Beans
Potatoes (Instant or canned)
Cranberry Sauce
Dessert Mix
Canned Fruit
Coffee or Tea
Pumpkin Bread * see below
Disposable turkey pan
Voucher towards a turkey

Other items needed by TapIn include:

Soups
Peanut butter
Rice and pasta
Spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes
Tuna fish or canned chicken
Dish detergent
Personal products, such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo
Gift cards for Shaws or Stop n Shop

TapIn needs items for their Thanksgiving Program by Friday, November 13th. Should you miss the church deadline of November 8th, you're welcome to drop off your donation directly at TapIn located in the basement of the building that houses the public library.

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

* TAP-IN'S PUMPKIN BREAD

1½ cups sugar
2 eggs
½ cup salad oil
1⅓ cups flour
1½ tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
¾ tsp salt
1½ tsp cinnamon
1½ tsp cloves
1½ tsp nutmeg
1 cup pumpkin, fresh or canned

- Stir sugar, eggs and oil together
- Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices together
- Combine wet and dry ingredients
- Stir in pumpkin
- Pour batter into prepared loaf pan
- Bake at 325°F for 1 hour 15 minutes



This delicious and easy recipe can help you make bread for TapIn clients. Please drop off by Friday, November 20th. Thank you.

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

Four Corners Community Chapel, 200 Angell Road, Cumberland
on **Saturday, November 14th**

“GOING GREEN WITH GRATITUDE”

Keynote speaker - Ray Frackelton, Ph.D.
Preacher - The Rev. Ray Bradley



The keynote speaker, Ray Frackelton, Ph.D., (Brown University, 1979) is a member of Newman Congregational Church. Ray is the Chair of the RI Interfaith Power and Light, and Green Team founder and Trustee at Newman Congregational Church, Rumford. Ray will share with us how the Green Team at Newman was started and ways that other churches can begin the process of “Going Green.”

The preacher is The Rev. Ray Bradley, a patriarch of the Rhode Island Conference, who is currently interim at the Oakland beach church in Warwick and is Pastor Emeritus at the Riverside Congregational church. In Ray's very heart and soul is one who has been a passionate seeker of justice and community. (Ray served as an interim associate minister at BCCUCC when Hamilton was out for several months with his broken leg.)

Registration is required. Cost: \$18 per person (\$23 after November 4)

Visitors are also very welcome, but they also need to register ahead of time.

For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.ricucc.org

RICUCC Haitian Task Force presents

Haitian Hoopla IV

Raisin' a Little Cain for Clinics and Schools

A Caribbean evening of cocktails and entertainment



Friday, November 6

7-11 p.m.

Providence Marriot

Tickets: \$70 each or 2 for \$125.

For ticket information contact RIC-UCC
(401) 724-7700

JUST PRACTICE

A New England Justice and Witness event

**Friday, November 6 (5 pm) thru
Saturday, November 7 (4 pm),**

United Congregational Church, UCC,
6 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass.

Event Facilitator:

Rev. Delle McCormick

Details and registration at

[http://www.macucc.org/
mission-justice/JustPractice.htm](http://www.macucc.org/mission-justice/JustPractice.htm)
Registration deadline-Oct. 26.



UCC NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S CELEBRATION VIII

UCC Women from all of New England will gather in Burlington, Vermont on **March 12 - 14, 2010** for their 8th Celebration.

The theme will be "TOGETHER BUILDING BRIDGES....a time to break down and a time to build up..." Ecclesiastes 3:3.

Check out the website <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org> for more information and registration details, and to make hotel reservations.

SERRV

Helen Schall will continue to take SERRV orders through the end of November for those who wish to order from their catalog. The catalogs are available at coffee hour or contact Helen at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com.

Through SERRV purchases you are directly creating employment and training for artisans and farmers in 36 countries around the world. This income enables them to work their way out of poverty and to build better lives.



BCCUCC is next scheduled to provide and serve a meal at the Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket on Saturday, November 28th.

The Nominating and Membership Teams are responsible on that date and will be assisted by the Junior PF. They provide a hot main dish, plus dessert and fruit for as many as 70 people. BCCUCC is scheduled to serve again on January 30, 2010.

Congregation members willing to assist on either of these dates or any other should contact Diane or Cate Todd at (401) 245-4681 or you can e-mail Diane at diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com or Cate at Toddc11@bpsmail.org. For more details of what is involved see the October *Bridge* or the church website www.bccucc.org.

Not able to get to church?

If you are no longer able to make it to church on Sunday mornings due to health or age related issues, we are happy to mail you the Sunday bulletin each week. Just call the church office at 246-0111 and we will add your name to our list.

A tape recording is made of the Sunday worship service, and is available to anyone who would like to borrow it. Perhaps there is a homebound church member you know who would enjoy listening to the Sunday service. The cassette is available for pick up from the office.

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

...to Will Short, Calvin Bohner, Katie Bohner, Amanda Colby, Lynne Lehman, Carol Strakosch, and the 6th-8th grade church school class for their help with the CEYM Message in worship on Oct. 4th and the creation of the CEYM trifold display

...to Judy Harff & Doug Roach for being volunteer drivers for the Confirmation local church history field trip on October 4th

...to John Muth for being an adult volunteer at Senior PF on October 4

...to everyone who participated in National Family Dinner Week in September and ate with their families – make it a habit!

...to everyone (and their pets) who attended the Blessing of the Animals and who brought food for creatures in need

...to Greg Voigt, Laura Ward, Helen Schall, & Susan Rotblat-Walker for volunteering in church school

...to Jeff Larsen for making blocks for a 'Tower of Babel' for the Godly Play classes

...to Leslie and Tom Strolla for the gently used rocker that they donated to the nursery

...to Paul Dennis and our custodians for moving the piano and refrigerators

...and to Jay Buckley of the Buildings and Grounds Ministry team who takes the recycling from the church and education buildings over to the Recycling Center on a regular basis

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



Are you interested in a volunteer position that has its ups and downs?

Then volunteer to be an elevette operator! All that is required is a willingness to come early to church (and stay a few minutes afterward) to run the elevette for those people who need assistance getting to and from the sanctuary. Training will be provided. You would only be scheduled once every six weeks or so. To volunteer, contact George Bolton at 245-3464. Thank you.

When you leave the church buildings—especially after hours—please remember to...

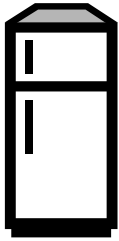
...turn down the heat

...turn off the lights

...close hallway doors

...check that all the outside doors are locked

We need everyone's help to save energy and keep our buildings secure. Don't assume someone else will take care of these things! Thank you.



Refrigerator Changes

The old, energy inefficient refrigerator from the education building kitchen has gone to be recycled and been replaced with the side-by-side one from the opposite side of the kitchen. The refrigerator from the vestry—that was no longer being used over there—has been brought over to the kitchen in the education building. To save energy, this second refrigerator will only be plugged in as needed.

Please remember to label all items going into either the refrigerator or freezer, and to throw away food that is old, stale or beyond its sell-by date. And please use up open bottles of juice or bags of coffee before opening new ones. Thank you.



COAT HANGERS NEEDED

Following a recent outside event in Fellowship Hall, we realized that a number of the hangers from the coat racks in the foyer had gone missing. (The racks had been used to hang clothes in a yard sale) These hangers need to be replaced. If you have any spare hangers (no wire ones please) strong enough to hold winter coats, please bring them in and place them on the coat racks. Thank you.



TRACING HER ANCESTORS

Several weeks ago we had a visitor – the 6th-great-granddaughter of our former minister, Rev. Solomon Townsend. Solomon was our longest serving minister, leading our church from 1743-1796. He was affectionately known as “Father Solomon” around town, may have kept an “indentured servant boy,” ministered here during the Revolutionary War, worked right up to his death on Christmas Day, 1796 and is buried in Princes Hill Cemetery with his wife Rebecca.

His descendant, Mrs. Cobe Frobes and her husband had traveled from Hawaii on a genealogical vacation and coming here was one of their stops. They loved to see our church building (although not the one Rev. Townsend preached in). I took them to his grave and then church member Marcia Long showed them Townsend’s bible at the Barrington Preservation Society. They wanted me to pass along to you their thanks for all the efforts at keeping “their” church going along so well.

– Jeff



Jeff Larsen and Mrs. Frobes by Rev. Solomon Townsend's grave in Princes Hill Cemetery

E-mail: Prayer Chain

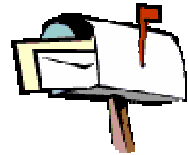
If you have a **prayer request**, you are invited to call Kathleen Larsen at 247-1787 or e-mail her at KLarsenswc@hotmail.com who will pass it on to the confidential e-prayer chain.

News of former church members

The Peipert family were in Providence last weekend for Brown University's Parents Weekend—their son, Ben, is a freshman there. Joyce and Leah stopped by the office to say hello. The family are doing well and enjoying life in Missouri.

Helen and Fred MacDonald recently visited Pat Humphrey in North Carolina. She loves her new home and is very happy there.

Letters from our mailbox



October 17, 2009

Dear Choir Members,

How much I've appreciated our times together. It's been a wonderful experience. Thank you for being the great group you are. Keep up the good work. I'll surely miss being with you. Too bad the stairs to the choir loft suddenly got too steep!

Best wishes.
Hugs too,
Marjorie Stumpf



Thank you so much for the altar flowers I received last Sunday. They are placed strategically in our living room so that from my recliner's vantage point, I can easily get lost in their lovely colors and shapes. Your kind thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

With love,
Betsy Staples

A Special Thanks from the family of Ron House

We find it difficult to adequately express in words the deep gratitude and appreciation we feel. The love and support our family has received from our White Church family during our loss has been remarkable. We are so thankful for you and find comfort in knowing that Ron's life was truly honored and blessed by such wonderful friends and family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Louise, Bryan and Kim

Editor's note: Louise and Bryan very generously donated one of Ron's paintings to be hung in the church office. It is a beautiful seascape and is being enjoyed not only by the staff but also by those who come into the office. We thank them for their lovely gift.

Celebrating a New Ministry

The Rev. Jennifer Cook has been called to a settled pastorate at Thompson Congregational Church, UCC in Thompson, Connecticut. Jenny was interim associate minister here at BCCUCC from the beginning of November 2005 through October 2006—working with both Leo Hourihan and Jeff Larsen. We send her our congratulations and best wishes as she begins her new ministry.

Interestingly, Jeff served as minister at Thompson Congregational Church, UCC from 1976-1979, and the Rev. Terry Fitzgerald served as Interim Minister several years ago.

Family Footnotes



Ozzie Rosenholm, Bob Louttit,
Karen Crisman, Betsy Staples,
Jan Getek, Jane Brell,
May Smith, Paul Welch,
and Amanda Robidoux.

Baptisms

Owen Matthew Porter

Son of Becky and Andrew Porter
Grandson of Meredith and Jack Huse

Hayden James Harper

Son of Traci and Jim Harper



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

1 Corinthians 12:13

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



Holly Ogden on the death of her father-in-law;
Tom Bendheim on the death of his mother;
Louise House and family on the death of her husband, Ron;
to the family of Virginia Crandall;
to the family of Marianne Kowald;
and to the family of Lucy Roehr.

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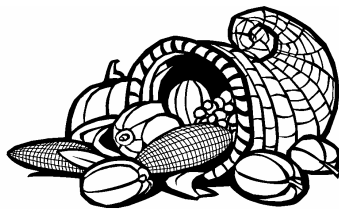
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