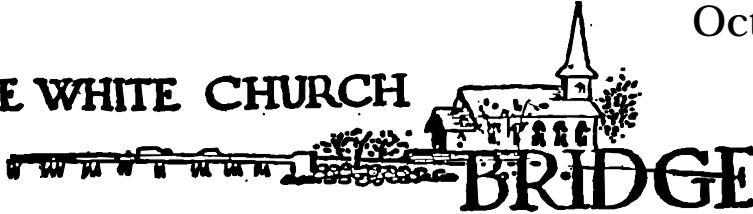


October 2009

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Are you familiar with Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story, "The Birthmark?" It is about a doctor married to a lovely woman with a birthmark. The man loved his wife and considered her the perfect person in every way...except for this small mark. Over a period of time they both become obsessed with removing the mark. The doctor used a variety of medications and at last the mark was fading – but so was she. The medications proved fatal.

Short stories should be left alone but I have to comment on how often we try to fix what isn't broken – perhaps because we don't have anything better to do, perhaps because we can never seem to find contentment, perhaps we have to find something we can control in this world, perhaps because we think we know what is "perfect" better than anyone else.

One of the glorious blessings of our church family is the wonderful diversity among us. We all carry within different gifts, different ideas, different beliefs. We represent a broad spectrum of hopes and needs. We come into the Sunday morning sanctuary from a wider set of experiences than any one of us could imagine.

That also carries a huge challenge – to be accepting, to practice patience, to agree to disagree. Finding beauty in another is the responsibility of being Christian. If you can look beyond a person's marks and see God within them without needing to change them...then you have taken a step closer to making God's vision of the Kingdom come to be on this earth.

In this fall season with so many new faces in our midst we have the opportunity to do this often. What a wonderful thing!

Kathleen and I feel so blessed to be among you.

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Sunday Services in October



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| October 4 | 10 a.m. | Worship Service with Communion,
Church School |
| | 4 p.m. | Blessing of the Animals (see page 10) |
| October 11 | 10 a.m. | Worship Service,
Church School for PreK—Grade 2 only |
| October 18 | 10 a.m. | Worship Service with Bells,
Church School |
| October 25 | 10 a.m. | <i>Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday</i> (see page 5)
Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir,
Church School |

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care available every Sunday

Handicapped Accessible

DEACONS FOR OCTOBER

Van Edwards (star deacon), Bill DeWitt,
Cheryl Muth, 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.*

Nursery Nook

Do you have a child that's suddenly gotten fussy during worship? There is an area downstairs from the sanctuary in the vestry called the "Nursery Nook", with two comfortable chairs and a basket of books and toys. There is also a speaker down there so it's a good place to retreat with a crying baby or child and still be able to hear the service.



Clergy Away

The Rev. Elizabeth Barnum will be away Friday, October 16th through Monday, October 19th.



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the November *Bridge* will be Thursday, October 15th.

From our Associate Minister



Another church school year has started and we've been growing our Godly Play rooms! Children tell us they enjoy the sessions and look forward to the special time each week. Our dedicated storytellers are learning more stories and our doorkeepers are becoming an important presence in each classroom. Over the summer, we added not only new shelves, supplies, and stories but also a third room for our upper elementary-aged children. If you are ever in Room 6 for a meeting you'll notice the Bible story materials on the shelves by the cross & map.

After worship on your way to coffee hour, do you walk by the three Godly Play rooms and wonder what those children are doing in the rooms without tables and chairs? Are you curious about what they are learning or experiencing? Do you crave an opportunity to wonder and reflect on sacred stories and matters of faith & community? On **Saturday, October 24th** we are hosting a special day-long introductory & refresher workshop on Godly Play. If you are a church school volunteer, parent, grandparent, church member, curious learner, or an educator in another setting, we think you'll find this day especially meaningful. We invite and encourage you to participate. Consider it a day well-spent nurturing your spiritual life and learning about ways to mentor the spiritual growth of children. Jenn Sanborn, an accredited Godly Play Teacher Trainer, will be leading us through this inquiry. The day will also be a unique opportunity for this community of faith to extend an "extravagant welcome" to people who will be attending from other churches and denominations in the region.

Please join us! The cost for this special event is \$35 and includes lunch. Please pre-register if you plan to attend and speak with me or Andrea Bullard if you have any questions.

In wonder,

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See page 9 for more details
about the *Day of Godly Play*
and how to register.



THANK YOU to everyone who reads *The Bridge* at the church's website each month. It saves resources and money! Let the office know if you're willing to read it on line—we'll even send you an e-mail reminder to tell you when the next edition has been posted to the website!

Please Be Sensitive To Others

In response to concerns about the flu virus we are inviting all to be sensitive to the needs and wishes of those around them in church. Please use common sense and respect others – there are many ways of expressing your welcome and sharing peace without actual physical contact. Some will be comfortable with handshakes and/or hugs but others will not. Watch for physical cues from neighbors. Thank you.



WORTH REPEATING!

It really is possible to be allergic to church! There are a number of people who have a very difficult time coming to church, or staying in church, due to allergies to perfumes, colognes, flowers, etc. You are asked to be as considerate as you can be when preparing to make yourself beautiful and handsome for our time together. Thank you.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

August 30 – 78
September 6 – 63
September 13 – 234
September 20 – 223



Rev. Jeff Larsen
invites all to a
“Sermon Feedback”
session after church on
Sunday, October 18th
in Room 9.

If there is sufficient
interest these will
happen more often.

Worship Survey

Three years ago Jeff arrived at our church and a series of “Cottage Meetings” were held to review where we were as a church and what our priorities should be for the next 3-5 years. Most of the issues raised have been addressed in one form or another. At this 3 year mark, Jeff requests those interested to participate in feedback about our worship service. Those interested in taking part in an anonymous survey please contact the church office (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111). Once a group of about 25 is formed the survey will be sent out. All results will be read by Jeff and the Pastor Parish Relations Team. Thank you.

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



Stewardship Kick-Off
Sunday, October 25th

**Pledge Packets for 2010 will be available
for pick-up following worship**

And watch for a special letter in the mail....

Growing Our World Through Faith is the theme for our church's Stewardship Campaign for 2010. Church members and friends will be receiving a letter with important information about our current year's financial situation as well as how we can have a balanced budget in 2010. Please be sure to read it and thank you.

Receiving of Pledges will be Sunday, November 8th

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:

- Sept 27th Evil, Suffering, and A God of Love
- Oct 4th The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- Oct 18th Practicing Resurrection
- 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.

What do the different Ministry Teams do?

On various Sundays in September and October, the work of a number of different Ministry Teams will be highlighted both during worship and at coffee hour, where they will have an information board and team members on hand to answer questions. Be sure to check them out.

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| September 27 | Justice and Witness |
| October 4 | Christian Education and Youth Ministries (CEYM) |
| October 18 | Buildings and Grounds |
| October 25 | Deacons |

SAVE THE DATES!

Want to know more about our church?

or



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” after worship on Sunday, November 1.

After attending Conversations, anyone who is interested in becoming a member is invited to our “New Member Session” after worship on Sunday, November 15.

New Members will next be received during worship on New Member Sunday, November 22.

More details in the November *Bridge*

Thank you to the
Olmsted Community
Church, UCC in Olmsted
Falls, Ohio for sharing
their beautiful
candle cloth with this
congregation in the
candle cloth
exchange that
was part of
General Synod
27. Watch for
it in worship!



“E”NNOUNCEMENTS

A shortened form of the weekly announcements is emailed out mid-week to church members with email addresses. If you aren't receiving it but would like this mid-week reminder of what's coming up at BCCUCC , please e-mail Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org and ask to be included. She'll be happy to add you to her list of recipients.



If you signed up for the Progressive Dinner on October 3, you will be contacted about the starting time and location. Questions? Call Helen Schall at 245-4724.



Thank you to everyone who is remembering to wear their nametag on Sundays, both for worship and for coffee hour. Remember—you can drop your nametag in the baskets near the exits from Fellowship Hall and they will be returned to the racks in the vestry for the next Sunday.

If you need a nametag, please use the sign-up sheet on the vestry table or contact the church office and we'll be happy to make one for you.



www.bccucc.org



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

The information you give helps us provide safe and welcoming programs for children and youth. 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 10 - 12 to assist in the church school classrooms.



Anyone interested should contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 to get a Volunteer Application Form.

Ease into stress-free school days

Help your student be happy and academically successful

- 2009 data from Barrington schools shows an association between substance abuse and grades. Remind your child that the use of illegal substances could jeopardize their academic performance.
- Set a good example. Young people develop their coping strategies by watching parents. If parents use alcohol or smoking to relax, kids may imitate these behaviors.
- Exercise, adequate sleep and a healthy diet can help students achieve academic success. Work together to establish healthy routines including healthy family meals.



This *Parenting for Prevention Tip* is kindly offered by The BAY Team Barrington's Community Prevention Coalition <http://www.thebayteam.org>



A Day of Godly Play® for Adults

Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Led by **Jennifer Sanborn**

Jenn Sanborn was accredited by the Godly Play Foundation as a Teacher Trainer in 2007, and serves as the Godly Play Coordinator at The Congregational Church in Exeter, UCC in New Hampshire. Originally drawn to Godly Play for her two young daughters, she is grateful for the way it continues to enrich her own spirit.

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

Cost for the day includes lunch and is \$35 per person

Space is limited so please pre-register a.s.a.p.

Registration forms are available from the church website www.bccucc.org, or from outside Andrea's office. Mail completed registration form and fee to:

Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C. Attn: Andrea Bullard,
461 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

Checks should be made payable to *Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.*

For more information, contact Elizabeth Barnum
elizabeth@bccucc.org or 401-246-0111 ext 104

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

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

- Sun., October 4** **4 p.m.** Service Project and Worship: **Blessing of the Animals** (see page 11 for details)
Join us for this playful and meaningful service on the church grounds open to all—JPF will be collecting pet food donations.
- Mon., October 12** Time TBD **Great Day of Service.** Join the JPF group as they once again participate in this special day of service. JPF—watch your e-mail for details.
See page 14 for more information about the event.
- Sat., October 24** **1—5 p.m.** **JPF Trip to Corn Maze** at Escobar’s Highland Farm in Portsmouth. Meet at church at 1 p.m., expected return at 5 p.m. There’s a costume party and you can trick or treat throughout the maze—check out <http://escobarshighlandfarm.com/maze.html>
Contact Leslie Peck by October 20 if you plan to attend. Chaperones are also needed—contact Leslie.

And save the following dates! Times and details TBA

- Fri., November 13** **Laser Tag**
- Sat., November 28** **JPF helps Membership and Nominating Teams with Soup Kitchen**



For more information on JPF activities, please contact Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or PeckMarketing@cox.net or Elizabeth Barnum (see below)

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

The group will have its first meeting on

Sunday, October 4 from **6:30—8 p.m.** in the church library

For more information on SPF activities, please contact Elizabeth Barnum at elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 104.



2010 Mission Trip

April 17-24 (Sat—Sat)

The group will meet from 6-8 PM on the third Sunday of each month this fall:

October 18, November 15 (Pasta Dinner Fundraiser from 5-7 pm), and December 20.

SAVE THE DATE



PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER
for Mission Trip 2010

Sunday, November 15th

5—7 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



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

If your child is in 9th grade or above and hasn't yet signed up for the confirmation program, please contact *Elizabeth Barnum* at elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

Sunday, October 4th 11:30 - 1:00 Class field trip around town, led by Jeff, weather permitting. Bring a lunch.

Sunday, October 25th 11:30 - 12:30 Confirmation class, Room 9

SAVE THE DATES!

Confirmation Retreat "Uniquely UCC" at Irons Homestead
Sunday, November 1, 2009 Noon—5 p.m. Details to follow.

Confirmation Sunday: May 2, 2010



Blessing of the Animals

All kinds of people and creatures are welcome!

Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m.

Behind the Christian Education Building

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. Those who wish may also dress up like their pet!

The event is hosted by the Junior PF

The calendar for October 2009
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**5th Annual
Great Day of Service**
will take place
Monday, October 12
(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 5th annual Great Day of Service which will take place on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2009. 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 700 volunteers participated at more than 40 different work sites throughout Rhode Island. Projects ranged from apartment renovations at Crossroads RI in North Kingstown to park beautification in East Providence; from sandwich making for the homeless to cleaning up trash at beaches and parks; to creating care packages for service men and women stationed overseas to spending quality time with Veterans in Bristol; and MUCH, MUCH MORE: that's what a Great Day of Service is all about.

More information about a Great Day of Service, **online registration**, and a listing of all the volunteer sites can be found at www.greatdayofservice.com.

Register today and come help make a difference!

You can volunteer as an individual, with a friend, as a family, or as a group, and youth from our church will be volunteering again this year.

Everyone can participate—there's an activity for all ages and abilities.

Questions? Email greatday@greatdayofservice.com

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If you're not able to volunteer on October 12th, you can still participate in the **CARE for our Troops** program. Items donated will be packaged and prepared for shipping by volunteers on the Great Day of Service. There are 3 ways to help:

1. **Donate much needed items** to our troops serving overseas. A list of items follows. Donations must be received by **Sunday, October 11th** and can be placed in the specially labeled box at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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Food items: Individual packages of nuts, trail mix (without chocolate), granola bars, crackers, gum, candy (no chocolate), raisins, dried fruit, cookies, Slim Jims, beef jerky, pretzels, popcorn, coffee syrup (plastic bottles only), and flavor packs for bottled water.

Toiletries: Chap stick, 'Off' wipes, baby wipes, Mac3 razor cartridges

Other: Decks of cards, DVD's, magazines

2. **Make a donation toward the cost of postage to ship the packages.** Checks should be made payable to BOW, Memo: POSTAGE, and mailed to BOW, PO Box 567, Barrington RI 20806
3. **Submit names and current addresses of service men & women serving overseas in a war zone.** Mail to BOW, PO Box 567, Barrington, RI 02806 or email to bryteyes5758@aol.com no later than October 9th.



The Walk takes place on **Sunday, October 4th** and is a 5-mile fundraising walk or a 2 mile family course located in historic and scenic downtown Providence. Proceeds from this inaugural event will benefit **Hasbro Children's Hospital**.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Walk begins at 11 a.m.

Church member Leslie Peck and her family will be part of "Team Panda" walking in support of Amanda Robidoux, a Barrington youth who has been hospitalized at Hasbro since a tragic near drowning accident this summer. The Peck's will be doing the 2 mile family walk and invite church members to join them. Go to www.TheWalk4HCH.org to register, donate or join "Team Panda". Questions? Contact heartworksri@gmail.com

East Bay Coalition for the Homeless

invites you to help break the cycle of homelessness and give children hope for the future.

Join them at the 20th Annual **EAST BAY BIKE-A-THON** Bike or Walk or Run

Saturday, October 3, 2009 Colt State Park, Bristol RI

Registration 9:00—9:45 am

Start: 9:30 a.m. for the 20 mile route

10:00 a.m. for the 1, 3, 5, and 11 mile routes.

Families & teams welcome! Prizes, food and more!

Registration forms with details are on the vestry table or can be downloaded from www.eastbaycoalition.org or call (401) 437-5104.



The Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket



Different Ministry Teams are responsible for doing the soup kitchen each time BCCUCC is scheduled (every 9 weeks) but they welcome assistance from other members of the congregation. There are a variety of ways to help:

- Provide a healthy main dish (either make one—you will be given a simple recipe to use—or purchase something such as a large lasagna from Sam's Club).
- Provide vegetable salads and dressing.
- Donate fresh fruit—bananas, oranges & apples are all popular.
- Provide granola bars or dessert.
- Serve at the soup kitchen—located at the Park Place Congregational UCC in Pawtucket. Volunteers carpool from BCCUCC at 2:30 p.m. and return by 6 p.m.
- Cooks that aren't going to the soup kitchen should drop off their items at the church between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. All main dishes should be delivered to the church hot.
- Volunteers are expected **to arrive by 3 p.m. at Park Place Congregational UCC** (71 Park Place, Pawtucket) as set-up takes some time. Everything has to be in place for the meal to be served beginning at 4 p.m.

Congregation members willing to do any of the above 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.



Habitat for Humanity

Beyond Our Walls (BOW) sends volunteers to Habitat for Humanity on the **4th Saturday of every month**. So whether you're a novice 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. If you are interested in participating please contact Rich Simpson of BCCUCC (247-1005 or rts.ri@cox.net) or David Renner of BOW at daverenner@cox.net. For more information about Habitat Providence, visit their web site at <http://www.habitatprov.org>



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—especially winter clothing. **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). Alternatively, items can be dropped off directly to TapIn located in the basement of the library building on County Road. They are open 9 am—Noon, Mon—Fri.



JUST PRACTICE

A New England Justice and Witness event
on practicing justice in our lives, communities, and world

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

and featuring

Rev. Linda Jaramillo

Executive Minister, Justice and Witness Ministries

Flyers with more details and registration forms are available from the vestry table
or register on line at <http://www.macucc.org/mission-justice/JustPractice.htm>

Cost is \$50 - includes registration & three meals. Registration deadline is Oct. 26.

Sponsored by the New England Conferences of the United Church of Christ

Living Beyond Genocide: Paths to Resilience and Hope

Perspectives from two cultures

Saturday, October 17, 2009 7—9 p.m.

Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd, Barrington

A powerful evening with children of survivors of the Armenian and Jewish Genocides who will share experiences and reflections. The evening will include music, song, participatory discussion and a reception with Armenian and Jewish delicacies.

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Dr. Flora A. Keshgegian - Theologian and Episcopal priest, is the author of books and articles about the effects of trauma and theological perspectives on suffering.

Dr. David Stern - Clinical psychologist, healer and consultant, teaches his clients how to seamlessly fold spiritual practices into the fabric of their professional and private lives.

The program is free and open to the public.



Many people don't know where to turn...
when they want to tell their friends and family that they are gay,
lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

Many people don't know where to go...
when they find out a friend or family member is gay, lesbian,
bisexual or transgendered.

You have a home in PFLAG!!

PFLAG is a family-based education and support group that promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their friends and families. PFLAG is committed to respect, dignity and equality for all people, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. The group offers an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity for people. The meetings replace isolation and rejection with acceptance and understanding.

The East Bay Chapter of PFLAG South Central RI meets the **3rd Thursday** of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Beginning Thursday, October 22, they will meet at their new location here at **Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**. All are welcome.

Learn more at www.infopflagscri.org or call the East Bay Chapter (401) 952-6720

If you have a concern, you are invited to contact a member of the **Pastor Parish Relations Team**. They meet regularly and deal with the concerns of the ministers, the staff and the congregation — so feel free to contact any of their members:

Jim McCartney (245-3288)
Phyllis Buckley (245-1098)
Sharon Sylvester (247-4532)
Marshall Hoyler (245-1118)
Laurie Lennon (694-0715)

SERRV - A GREATER GIFT

Once again we will have an opportunity to purchase items from *A Greater Gift*. Through these purchases we 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.

Look for the catalogs during coffee hour or contact Helen Schall at 245-4724.



Our church is self supporting and relies totally on your pledges and gifts, plus a small amount of endowment income, to support its mission and ministries, as well as pay its bills and its staff! Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date.

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 October they will meet on...



October 1st and 15th from 10—11:30 a.m. in Room 6

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

Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$11.20.

For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com
or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

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.

RICUCC Haitian Task Force presents

Haitian Hoopla IV

Raisin' a Little Cain for Clinics and Schools

A Carribean 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

Mark your calendar...

The **AUTUMNAL MEETING** of the
RI Conference
of the United Church of Christ

will be held at

**Four Corners Community
Chapel,**

Cumberland, RI

on **Saturday, November 14th**





THE DINE-OUT group will not meet in October as many will attend the Progressive Dinner on October 3rd.

Watch for Dine Out's next restaurant outing in the November *Bridge*.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN DANCING?

A proposal has been put on the table for our church to occasionally host

Sunday afternoon traditional dances that might include some lessons beforehand.

We would like to get an indication of how many in our church family might be inclined to attend such events. Please contact Jeff or the church office. Thank you.



The Book Group

will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (note the change)
at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome to come and discuss the following books:

Tuesday, October 13th ***Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys.**

This novel was inspired by Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, and is set in the lush, beguiling landscape of Jamaica in the 1830s. Born into an oppressive, colonialist society, Creole heiress Antoinette Cosway meets a young Englishman, marries and is driven towards madness.

Tuesday, November 10th ***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.

Tuesday, December 8th ***Faceless Killers* by Henning Mankell.**

In his first appearance in English, Swedish bestselling author Mankell combines thriller-quality entertainment with a depiction of anti-foreigner prejudice in Sweden, painted here as a very chilly place indeed.

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



The Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others group
will meet this fall in the church library from 7-9 p.m.
on **Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3.**

All knitters and crotchetters are welcome.

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

For more information about knitting (or crocheting) for various causes as well as free patterns, check out...

- ***Knit One, Save One*** campaign to make hats to keep newborns warm at www.SavetheChildren.org
- ***Project Linus*** blankets for children who are seriously ill at www.projectlinus.org
- ***Prayer Shawls*** at www.shawlministry.com

★ Thank You! ★
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...to the CEYM team for the Teachers Teas & Treats and for the Rally Day picnic. The pizza and homemade salads were a refreshing change!

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...to Louise and Ron House who come in each week to return all the nametags to the racks in the vestry

...to everyone who made a donation to the *Neighbors in Need* offering

...and to the anonymous church member who recently painted the hallway outside the church library, improving its look considerably.

How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us up out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky stuff out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces, and places a shining light within us for others to see.



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Celebrating a Birthday?

Each week the bulletin announcements lists members of our congregation who are celebrating a birthday that week. However, we are only able to list the names of those whose birthdates we have in our computer. If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office and let us know your date of birth. Thank you.

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.



Help keep us informed

If you or a church member you know is ill, in the hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit of any kind, please let us know. You can call the church office at 246-0111 or contact Jeff or Elizabeth directly at 246-0111 (ext 103-Jeff or ext 104-Elizabeth) to leave a confidential voice message, or e-mail them at jeff@bccucc.org or elizabeth@bccucc.org.

Letter from our mailbox



Dear White Church,

Thank you so much for your expression of condolences and prayers on the death of my father. My father was a committed Lutheran and spent his career as a teacher and principal in the Milwaukee School System. He was principal of Wells Jr. High, in the inner city of Milwaukee, a mainly black area, and was widely respected.

Again, thanks for all of your support.

Edward J. Eberle

Family Footnotes

Congratulations to Kelly Strickland on her graduation as a Naval officer.
Our prayers go with her.



Congratulations to . .

**Alison DiPierro and Thayer Haris
married September 18, 2009**

Alison is the daughter of Gail and John DiPierro,
and granddaughter of Dick and Flo Fairfield.

**Claudia Forrest and Fred Pierce
married September 19, 2009**

Goodbye

We say goodbye to long time church member, Jean Burrows, who has been a member here since 1963. She is moving October 3 to be closer to her daughters. We wish her every happiness in her new home at:

Peace Dale Estates
Apt B 202
1223 Saugatucket Road
Peace Dale RI 02879
(401) 783-0022

Baptisms

Maximus Stephen Reynolds

Son of Kara Roberson & Stephen Reynolds

Frederick M. Pierce



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

1 Corinthians 12:13

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

A simple line drawing of a sun with rays, positioned to the right of the text.

Bob Louttit, Ozzie Rosenholm,
Karen Crisman, Betsy Staples,
Barbara Ward, Jan Getek,
Jane Brell, and Ruth Cook.



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

Kendra Beaver and family on the death of her father,
Kenneth Beaver;

and to the family of Esther Sadlier.

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