

June 2010

THE WHITE CHURCH



BRIDGE

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, June 6 we have our annual meeting. In addition to the business that has to be done at such a meeting – election of Teams, etc – an important vote will be taken on the adoption of a Statement of Welcome for our church. A committee has been working on this statement for over a year. They have offered discussion opportunities, wonderful film studies, and plenty of chances for everyone’s input into the crafting of this statement.

Essentially, this statement will further define just how welcome we are as a church to those people who come to our doors. Specifically, our new statement will state our openness to people from many different walks in life, including those of different gender identities and lifestyles. This is known in our denomination as a statement of “Open & Affirming”. There are many who will wonder what the big deal is as many of us feel that is exactly who we are already. I agree with that but want to tell you that a “Yes” vote to this will mean a great deal to those who feel that doors of many churches are closed to them.

I doubt there is anyone in our church community who would question that we are “Open.” An enormous range of life stories sit in our pews each week. We make no judgments and are delighted to worship together. It is the word “Affirming” that seems to cause people to sometimes pause when they think about welcoming in all people to our midst.

Please know that no one is being asked to affirm another person’s lifestyle. But a “Yes” vote means you affirm the right of any person to come to worship, receive communion, be baptized, and share in the full range of ministry here as all others do.

I commend our “Affirmation of Welcome” as a wonderful step forward. Is it perfect, of course not. Is it the last word, of course not. God is still speaking, we are still growing in our understanding of how to follow God’s word. All members of our church have a vote and we will not all agree. That is the joy of being part of the United Church of Christ. And we will be open and affirming of everyone, no matter what their vote.

I look forward to seeing you there. Peace to you,



The proposed Affirmation of Welcome can be found on page 5 of this newsletter

Sunday Services for June and Summer 2010



June 6	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion Church School for PreK– Grade 5 only
	After Worship	Annual Meeting, Sanctuary (see page 4)
June 13	10 a.m.	<i>Baccalaureate Sunday</i> (see page 6) Worship Service with Bells, recognition of High School graduates and awarding of KLF Scholarships Church School for PreK– Grade 5 only
June 20	10 a.m.	<i>Father's Day Blankets+ Sunday</i> (see page 16) Worship Service Church School for PreK– Grade 5 only
June 27	9 a.m.	<i>Start of Summer Worship Service schedule</i> Worship Service Summer Church School from 9 a.m. (see page 12)
July 4	9 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion No Church School or Nursery Care
July 11, 18 and 25	9 a.m.	Worship Service, Summer Church School
August 1	9 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Nursery Care only
August 8, 15, 22 and 29	9 a.m.	Worship Service, Nursery Care only
September 5	9 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Nursery Care only

Handicapped Accessible

Nursery Care for ages 0-3 is available every Sunday (except July 4th)



Summer Worship Services will take place at
9:00 a.m. each week from **June 27—September 5**

The summer services are simpler and shorter than during the rest of the year—which allows a little extra time for the day's activities. There is Summer Church School for children in elementary school (PreK—Gd 5) in June and July (except July 4th), and Nursery Care only in August.

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

From our Associate Minister



As summer nears, one of my prayers is that we set the intention to take some true Sabbath time. Recently, I've heard more than one person lament the lack of Sabbath time in their schedules. Here at church while preparation for the fall begins in earnest, the rhythm of public worship, church school, and ministry team work, slows down quite a bit. Consider this a spiritual practice. The space that opens up in our schedules during July and August might be less about "taking time off from church" but more about diving fully and deeply into one aspect of living out our faith – Sabbath.

I read an excerpt this morning from Edward Hallowell's latest book Crazybusy which he defines as a "phenomenon of brain overload in a world of cell phones, Blackberries, and e-mail 24/7". One of the strategies he presents to overcome this condition is to "control your technology – don't let it control you."

So I wonder... have you thought about an email or television or cell phone Sabbath? For instance, how do you respond when a phone rings? Do you jump and rush to get it immediately? Or do you pause and assess? Do any of these thoughts cross your mind? *I'm in the middle of dinner with my family, voicemail can pick up. Or I'm playing with my child. Or I'm in the middle of an important conversation with a friend.* Just some thoughts.

From September to June, we can get so caught up in our "crazybusy" schedules and boast about it as if it defines our worth rather than expressing concern that it may be taking us away from what matters most. The message from our Biblical heritage is clear: remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. May it be so.

All the sweetness of summer to you,

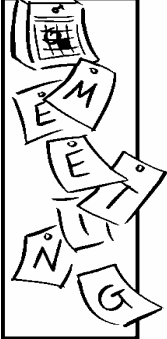


JUNE 21 - SEPT 3 (CLOSED JULY 5 AND SEPT 6)

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.

ANNUAL



All are invited to attend the
Annual Meeting
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2010

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 6th, 2010** 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 for the adoption of the Affirmation of Welcome.

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

Article V: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, *Patricia Stoddard*, Clerk

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2010 Annual Report for BCCUCC will soon be published and made available to the congregation. It will contain individual reports of the past year from the clergy and church officers as well as reports from the various different ministry teams. It will also have the listing of church officers and ministry teams for 2010-2011, including the nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting on June 6.



Once available, those with computer access are encouraged to read the Annual Report on line at www.bccucc.org where it will be accessible either from the home page or from the 'Information for Church Members' page. Some copies will be printed for those without computer access, and will be available for pick up from the vestry hallway and outside the church office.

At the BCCUCC Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6th (see previous page) the congregation will be asked to vote on the adoption of the following revised 'Affirmation of Welcome' for our church:

Affirmation of Welcome

We believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thought and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression—whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.

Following worship on Sunday, May 23rd, there will be an open discussion in the church library on the Affirmation of Welcome as well as on issues surrounding this topic. All are invited to participate.

Will You Serve?

At the time of writing, there are still a few vacancies on some of the ministry teams for 2010-2011. 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. Vacancies still exist on Music, Christian Education and Youth Ministries, Finance, Stewardship, Justice and Witness, and as Delegates.



2010-2011 CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING

What would you like to see happen at BCCUCC ?

On Wednesday, June 16th, some of the church staff and lay leaders will meet to plan the church calendar for 2010-2011. **If you have interests, concerns, or desires for what you'd like to see on the calendar, please speak to either of the ministers, or call or e-mail the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) beforehand so that they can be considered.**

Ministry Team leaders are reminded to please submit their proposed plans for 2010-2011 to the church office by **Thursday, June 10th** so that the information can be included on the draft calendar. Thank you.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is June 13th



At the 10 a.m. worship service, **high school graduates** (no matter what their school) are invited to process in their gowns. Please meet in the vestry at 9:40 a.m.

During the service the graduates will be recognized and honored for their accomplishments, and the annual Kathleen L. Fodor Scholarships will be awarded.

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

Kathleen Lynne Fodor (KLF) Memorial Scholarship

The Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team announces that applications for the Kathleen L. Fodor (KLF) Memorial Scholarship are available to members of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, who are pursuing education or training beyond high school. Two \$400 scholarships will be awarded. Selection will be made by random drawing, and announced on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 13th.

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 available from outside the church office, or on the church website on the 'Information for Church Members' page. **The deadline is June 6th, 2010.** We encourage all who are eligible to apply. Questions? Call Andrea Bullard at (401) 474-4722.

These scholarships are made possible through donations by family and friends of Kate.

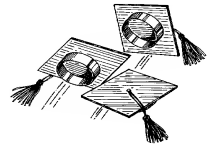


Calling all Musicians!

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 27 through September 5.

Congratulations to our 2010 Graduates!



Zachary Arnold - son of Jean Arnold - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont.

Laura Bilotti - daughter of Karen and Gary Bilotti - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Stonehill College, planning to major in Education.

Becky Bracken - daughter of Karen and John Bracken - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Smith College.

Lauren Browning - daughter of Lisa and Rick Browning - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Emily Caesar - daughter of Lynn Blanchard Caesar and Richard Caesar - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kerstin Caesar - daughter of Lynn Blanchard Caesar and Richard Caesar - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Andrew Lennon - son of Laurie and Tom Lennon - graduates from Barrington High School. In the fall he will be participating in a gap year program through *Leap Year* entitled *One Revolution*. This is a group internship program that will take him to Guatemala, India and Uganda. In the spring Andrew plans to do an individual internship in Africa. For more information go to www.leapnow.org

Stephanie Randazzo - daughter of Abby Randazzo - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Emmanuel College in Boston in the pre-med program.

Gabi Sclafani - daughter of Carol Strakosch - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Brown University.

Courtney Selvage - daughter of Katrina Swihart and Craig Selvage - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Sweet Briar College.

Sara Slye - daughter of Tracy and Robert Slye - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend the University of New Hampshire, majoring in Occupational Therapy.

John Rembrandt 'Remy' Steele - son of James Steele and Susan Eagleson - graduates from Barrington High School and will attend Cornell University.

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Lucy Strolla - daughter of Tom and Leslie Strolla - graduates from St. Andrew's School and will attend the Video/Audio Production program at New England Institute of Technology.

Cameron Robert Schneck - grandson of Jan Cornish - graduates from The Prout School and will attend the University of Rhode Island.

Katie Bilotti - daughter of Karen and Gary Bilotti - graduates from Bowdoin College with a B.S. in Biochemistry. Starting in June, Katie will be working at Mass General Institute for Neurodegenerative Disease (MIND) in Boston..

Sarah Buckley - daughter of Phyllis and Jay Buckley - graduates from Rhode Island College.

Brett Comer - son of Beth Comer - graduates from Widener University in Philadelphia with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

Shannon Dennis - daughter of Eileen and Paul Dennis - graduates from Fairfield University with a Bachelors degree in Nursing (B.S.N.)

Lee Randazzo - son of Abby Randazzo - graduates from New England Tech with a B.A. in Videography.

David Simpson - son of Sue and Rich Simpson - graduates from the University of Rochester with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall to pursue a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering.

John White III - son of Liz and John White - graduates from Wheaton College with a B.A. in English.

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Doran - granddaughter of Jan and Stew Morrison - graduates from the University of Pennsylvania with a B. A. (cum laude) in Communications/Cinema.

Ellen Brady graduates from Andover Newton Theological School with a Masters of Divinity.

Danielle Sclafani - daughter of Carol Strakosch - graduates from Columbia Teacher's College with a M.A in Higher and Post Secondary Education.

Nicole Sclafani - daughter of Carol Strakosch - has completed an Internship year in the Alternative Certification Program for Teachers and is now teaching Geometry in Texas.

Lauren Stoddard Lawler - daughter of Pat and Charlie Stoddard - graduates from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm. D.) She is moving to Raleigh, North Carolina to work for Walgreens Pharmacy.

Clergy and Staff Away

The **Rev. Elizabeth Barnum** will be attending the 2030 Clergy Network meeting from June 1-4 in Chicago. She'll be taking vacation days June 7-11 and her spring weekend off will be June 12-13. She will be away from the office from July 2-18 & Aug. 28-Sept. 3.



The **Rev. Jeff Larsen** will be on vacation July 26-August 22.



Christine Wallis will be on vacation June 1-10. During her absence, the church office will be open for shorter hours, so please call ahead (246-0111) if you plan to stop by.

Pat Stoddard will be on vacation June 28-July 2.

Mudhouse Sabbath:

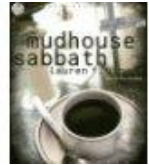
Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus

Adult education series continues on **June 13 and 20** at 11:30 a.m. in the library.

All are welcome

This DVD and discussion series is based on the book "Mudhouse Sabbath" by Lauren F. Winner. No reading is required. The resource will challenge you to:

- Encounter the Jewish context that nurtured Jesus
- Explore spiritual practices of hospitality, mindful eating, prayer and fasting and mourning
- Deepen your Christian faith by incorporating these things into your life.



The Women's Faith Group

The group will meet **Thursday, June 3rd** at **11:30 a.m.** for a brown bag lunch together at the church. They will resume meeting in October.

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

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.



*The June 2010 calendar as found on pages 10-11
can be found on the Calendar page of the church website
www.bccucc.org*

Some end of May Reminders.....

Sunday, May 23rd is Jubilation Sunday when the service is at 10 a.m. and is outside on the playground (weather permitting) or in Fellowship Hall. The theme is Jonah. All are invited to join in the spirit of the service by dressing in specific colors:

- CEYM Team members - dress in blues & greens to represent the waters of the earth.
- Church Members - yellows & oranges to represent the sun!
- Children - dress in the colors or costumes of any sea creature of your choice (fish, whales, octopus, you name it!)

After Worship there's an All Church Picnic with a Pie Contest and Sale. Everyone is welcome.

1 p.m. The JPF kids go to play Mini Golf and have Ice Cream.

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Thursday, May 27th Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registration from 3—7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. No appointment is necessary. Refreshments are needed—call Dave Gregory if you can help (246-1294 or ogreg7@aol.com)

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Monday, May 31st Church Office closed for Memorial Day

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CHURCH SCHOOL IN JUNE

- June 6th Children are in sanctuary for communion, then PreK—Grade 5 go to church school for Godly Play Story: *The Good Shepherd* and *World Communion Sunday*. 6th- 8th graders remain in worship for the entire service
- June 13th Church School for PreK- Gr. 5 after Children's Time. Godly Play Story: *Pentecost*. 6th- 8th graders remain in worship for the entire service.
- June 20th Church School for PreK- Gr. 5 after Children's Time. Godly Play Story: *Paul's Discovery*. 6th- 8th graders remain in worship for the entire service
- June 27th Summer Church School begins (see below)



Faith and Fun Summer Church School 2010

Starting Sunday, June 27th the Faith & Fun Summer Church School will begin, and there will be child care in the nursery as usual. This program, for children in PreK—Grade 5, will include the sharing of bible stories, arts & crafts, healthy snacks, and plenty of outdoor play! The program will run from 9 a.m. every Sunday from June 27th through July 25th - with the exception of July 4th (see below). The complete schedule is:

- June 27 The worship service moves to 9 a.m. Summer Church School begins and is for the entire worship time. Nursery Care
- July 4 No Church School or Nursery Care
- July 11, 18 and 25 Summer Church School from 9 a.m. Nursery Care.
- August 1—September 5 Nursery Care only is offered for ages 0-3.

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



JPFers (grades 6-8) are reminded to watch their e-mail inboxes for news of summer activities. Questions? Contact Leslie Peck at 245-1820 or PeckMarketing@cox.net.

Our children have been invited to take part in:

What: BAOBAB BLAST: GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER
Vacation Bible School

When: August 2 – 6 9 am – Noon

Where: Barrington Presbyterian Church
400 County Road, Barrington

Who: Children ages 5 by 12/31 through completed 5th grade

How much: \$20 per child, max. \$50 per family (scholarships available)

Questions: Call (401) 245-2218



Brochures with registration forms are available from the board outside Elizabeth's office. Deadline for registration is July 10th.

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:*

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



A Day of Godly Play ®

Saturday, October 2, 2010 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C., Barrington, RI

Led by an accredited Godly Play ® Teacher Trainer

**Save
the
date!**

More information to be announced at a later date. Contact Elizabeth (elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111) or Andrea (andrea@bccucc.org or 474-4722) with questions or to register.

The 2010 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 Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936



Games are played on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June, beginning at 6 p.m. at Bicknell Field located at the end of Walnut Avenue. A great time is had by all and new players are always needed and very 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.



Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren.
All are welcome!

June 14th - *Generosity: an Enhancement* by Richard Powers.

Russell Stone, a creative, nonfiction writing teacher in Chicago, encounters Thassadit Amzwar, a young Algerian woman whose exuberance he finds puzzling, and as he researches the woman, he learns about Thassadit's genetic secret of happiness.

July 12th - *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janson.

The author describes how after a series of life-altering events, she journeys back to her family to heal within the Mennonite community that she had parted with years before.

August 9th - *The Believers* by Zoe Heller.

When Joel Litvinoff falls into a coma after suffering a stroke, and his wife Audrey begins to learn some of his secrets, their children confront unpleasant realities of their own, such as infidelity, drug use, and other dysfunctions.

For more information contact Helen Schall 245-4714 or helenschall@hotmail.com

September 17, 2011 (no, that's not a typo) will be the date of our next **CHURCH AUCTION**. An auction committee is being put together during the next few months to plan this huge all-church event. If you want to be part of the committee, or just want to work on this event for a few hours, or if you have some ideas that you'd like to share please contact Sue Simpson at 247-1005 or email her at bcc_auction@cox.net.



**Save the
Date**

Go Local

A Farmers and Artisans Market at BCCUCC



when: Saturdays, 9 am - noon, from June 12 through October 30

where: an outdoor market on the grounds of BCCUCC

what: the goal of **Go local** is to provide local products to Barrington and East Bay residents close to home. Fresh, locally grown produce and organically raised meat, poultry and eggs will be offered by the vendors, along with local, artisanal products such as jams and preserves, soaps, dog snacks, baked goods and coffee.

the mission: to promote local farmers and producers of local goods, offer high quality, local products and serve local customers in a convenient and 'green' manner.

Go local will make every attempt not to compete directly with local Barrington businesses.

Go local will accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) debit & credit cards.

For further information, contact:

Market Manager Steven Cipoletti at golocalmarket@gmail.com or 401-330-0339

or Lisa Browning at lbrowning@colemanrealtors.com or 401-529-9501

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Go Local is seeking a **Volunteer Coordinator** to recruit and oversee the market volunteers with the assistance of the Market Manager. Anyone interested should contact Lisa Browning (see above).

Want to know what's happening at church over the summer, but you missed Sunday worship because you were away? No problem!

The weekly announcements are posted on our church website each week – just click the link on the left hand side of the home page.

And don't forget that the **Bridge** can also be read on our church website

www.bccucc.org

and can be e-mailed to you each month.



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

Monday, August 16th.

BCCUCC hosted Flood Relief Workers

A Disaster Response team from The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) arrived in RI at the end of April for ten days of work helping to clean up after the recent flooding. With only a few days notice we were asked if they could sleep at the church for two of the nights and if we could provide them with dinner, breakfast, snacks and take care of their laundry, all of which we were happy to do. Because of the short notice, the request for help from the congregation went out by e-mail, and many people responded.

Rather than move all their belongings across town, the men opted to sleep at the Barrington United Methodist Church rather than move to BCCUCC, but they still came here for their meals on the days they were scheduled. Terry, Marc, Larry, Gene, Gary and Wayne were all retired professional men with some wonderful stories to tell, including about their relief work in different parts of the country. They were 'overwhelmed' with the hospitality shown by the various local churches, including our own. It was great to be able to reciprocate what other churches have done for our Mission Trippers when they've traveled. See page 17 for the thank yous to everyone who helped make their visit to our church so successful.

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

Blankets+ Sunday – June 20th

“With **Blankets +** you can blanket the world with love!”



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

During the month of June, the Justice and Witness Ministry Team will be giving the congregation the opportunity to make contributions to Church World Service's **Blankets+** program. These donations are especially timely for Fathers' Day and a gift card will be available to show that a donation has been made in the name of someone special.

Blankets are the beginning of Church World Service's engagement with hurting communities. As needs change, so does the form of assistance. When disaster strikes – a tsunami or hurricane, for example – people need more than blankets; they need shelter, food, safe water. And as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives. **Blankets+** means that CWS is there for the long haul. For more info go to www.churchworldservice.org.

Please join us in making our first **Blankets+** Sunday a huge success.



BCCUCC is scheduled to provide and serve a meal at the Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Congregational Church in Pawtucket on **June 5th** and **August 7th**. If you would like to help prepare food or serve on either of these dates please contact Diane or Cate Todd at (401) 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com or toddc11@bpsmail.org.

★ Thank You! ★ ★ THANK YOU! ★

...to Amy Gorman, Francis Seader, Kristen Westmoreland, Greg Knight, Betsy Restituyo, Brook Gustovich, Jane Knight, and Susan Short for volunteering in Church School.

...to everyone who made Music Celebration Sunday such a wonderful worship experience. Special thanks to all who provided the magnificent music—Marina Zabinski, the adult vocal choir and the Sing and Celebrate Choir; Barbara Ward and the White Church Ringers; the members of the vocal quartet—Carol Spiller, Pat Cordeiro, Kate Colby and Lisa Bohner (who also played the flute so wonderfully)—and Greg Voigt and Nate Ward for their brass playing. Thanks also to Elizabeth Barnum for her reflection and to Kristin Anderson, Tom Colby, Fred MacDonald, Molly Voigt, Sharon Sylvester, Lily Sylvester and Jennifer Geary for their readings.

...to the fifteen high school youth and their seven chaperones who spent April vacation on a mission trip to Benton, West Virginia. They worked incredibly hard, and saw a very different side of life in America. Thanks for sharing your experiences with us on Mission Trip Sunday.

...to everyone who supported the various fundraisers for the Mission Trip, and/or made a donation to the Fund. Without your help, the trip would not have been financially possible.

...to everyone who responded to the e-mail requests for help when we hosted six volunteer flood relief workers from Michigan (see previous page). Thanks go to Abby Randazzo, Heather Sugg, Kate Bonneau, Carol Spiller, Helen Schall, Carol Louttit, Audrey Rogers, Janet Durfee-Hidalgo, Brooke Gustovich, Pat Cordeiro, Moyne Cabbage, Liz White, Tom and Leslie Strolla, Fred and Helen MacDonald, Elizabeth Barnum, Cathleen Joachim, Flo Fairfield, Diane and Cate Todd, Lois McCartney, Dave and Pat Gregory, Jeff Larsen, and Christine Wallis.

...to Dave Rogers who has put edging around many of the flowerbeds to stop weeds spreading from the grass, and to Carolyn and John Faulhaber who with Dave, Dick McWhirter and Bud Geary have also been tending to the landscaping around the church buildings—getting rid of dead branches, weeding, pruning and spraying as needed.

...and to all who made a donation to the 'Strengthen the Church' offering. Thank you!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

April 25 – 135

May 2 – 206

May 9 – 183

May 16 – 167

DEACONS FOR JUNE

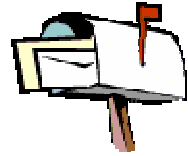
Francis Seader (star deacon), Chris Brady, Marshall Hoyler,
Abby Randazzo, Susan Seader, and Achina Stein.

*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, Cheryl Muth, Helen Schall, & Sam Sylvester.

Letters from our mailbox



May 2, 2010

Dear Secret Santas,

I apologize for the delay of this letter, but it took me this long to figure out how to download and print out this photo of Will and Grace in front of a very generously filled Christmas tree. Thanks to you we were able to provide a Christmas full of surprises. Presents that are still giving. A delicious family dinner at TGI Fridays. Cards for the kids to choose their own gifts. Even a special one for me. Thank you all for your generosity. We will remember this Christmas with happiness, joy and gratitude for the love of our friends and community.

Much love,
Betsy, Will and Grace Restituyo

April 24, 2010

Dear Barrington Congregational Church,

We thank you immensely for your continued prayers for Craig's health and the continued success of the treatment he is receiving at MGH. We really appreciate the gift of the gorgeous altar flowers of pink snap dragons and roses, alstromeria etc. It was absolutely beautiful and brightened our day. It was very thoughtful of Stephanie Edwards to bring them to us. We truly value the church congregation's kind good wishes and prayers at this difficult time. With God's grace, Craig continues to be comfortable and positive and has extreme determination.

Thank You
Katrina (Swihart), Craig and Courtney (Selvage)

April 19, 2010

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful daffodils plant—what wonderful color it added to my apartment.

I think of you often—my dear friend Nancy Martin brightens my life with her visits!

Happy Easter—He is risen!
Marcia Haggart

May 5, 2010

Thank you for all the flowers, for all the cards, and for all the ongoing support to our family.

Harold and Marion Gallant



Dear Friends,

Recently after church, Audrey Rogers presented us with a lovely bouquet after learning that we were celebrating our 60th anniversary. It was a very thoughtful gesture that we have enjoyed and appreciated.

Thank you.

Fondly,
Dick and Flo Fairfield

Family Footnotes

Congratulations to **Robin Long** our former associate minister (2000-2003). She graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in Preaching. She is now the Rev. Dr. Robin Long and continues her ministry at Suttons Bay Congregational Church in Michigan.

Congratulations also to our very own seminarian and church member, **Ellen Brady**, who is graduating from Andover Newton Theological School with a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.). She is looking forward to beginning her ministry and is open to the possibilities.



Brady Parker White

born March 18, 2010
to Cary and Kristin White

Dylan Levi Schall

born May 5, 2010
to Abe Schall and Camilla Clark
grandson to Helen and Joe Schall



Congratulations to the following youth who were confirmed on May 2, 2010

Rebecca Bendheim

Laina Caesar

Erin Gamache.

April Harff

Michael Miniati

Daniel Roach

Hale Summers

Cameron Voigt



Dick Almquist: Amanda Robidoux; Paul Welch; Ken York;
Fred Pierce's mother, Millie; Anne Danzberger;
Joyce Buxton; E.J. Anderson's father; and Cilla Wetherbee.

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

Barbara Ward and family on the death of her brother, George Willis;

Lee and Stephanie Randazzo on the death of their grandmother;

Jack Salvaggio and his son Jim on the death of Jack's mother and Jim's grandmother, Marian Salvaggio;

and to the family of Barbara Cornwell.



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and renders loving service to God's world.*