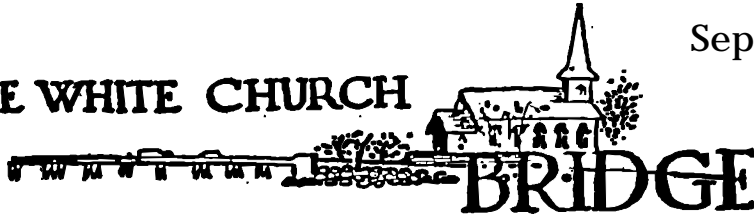


September 2010

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I have just returned from a month in Maine – rested and ready to go. I want to thank you for giving that amount of time to your ministers so we can get away. I know that most of you don't have that luxury.

I want to thank the church staff for making it possible for me to go away with Kathleen and forget my worries. Elizabeth handles all pastoral issues so well, and with a much gentler touch than I do. And her CEYM responsibilities with Andrea have made their life extra hectic while I have been kayaking. Christine has spent much extra time getting ready for an upgrading of our entire office computer systems while I was sitting on a beach. Pat jumped into the fray immediately when Christine's husband had heart surgery so nothing around here missed a beat – while I went hiking.

And Jack and the boys spent the month refinishing floors, cleaning carpets, washing windows...while I read bedtime stories to my grandchildren. Keith Strickland, Francis Seader and other B&G members made repairs to the parsonage while I was visiting Ben & Jerry's in Kennebunkport.

This week I begin my 5th year in ministry with you and feel very blessed indeed. It is a privilege. This edition of the *Bridge* will make your head spin with possibilities for getting involved in the life of this church. But behind all the busyness please know that you are an important person here – and that I consider myself to be very lucky to be part of this church with you!

September blessings to all,

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

Worship Services & Church School in September



- September 5 9 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages with Communion,
Nursery Care only
- September 12 **10 a.m.** *Rally Day* (see page 4)
Worship Service for All Ages,
Nursery Care only
After Worship Church School Registration (see page 5)
All Church Picnic (see page 4)
- September 19 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells and Dedication of Church
School Volunteers,
Church School classes begin for PreK—Grade 8
- September 26 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School

Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care available every Sunday morning

Handicapped Accessible

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Cheryl Muth (star deacon),
Van Edwards, Helen Schall,
Sam Sylvester, Liz White,
and Greg Voigt.

*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.*

New *Bridge* deadlines



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the *Bridge* will now be *the 15th of each month*. Deadline for the October *Bridge* is Wednesday, September 15th.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

From our Associate Minister



“Great work has God begun in you; take on God’s love in all you do...”
From *The New Century Hymnal* # 353

There are few other places on the planet I’d rather be each September than in New England. We’re still riding on the waves of summer, the temperature hasn’t dropped too much yet, leaves start to hint to change and a harvest moon will soon rise one evening. As a community of faith we re-gather for 10:00 a.m. services and church school. There is also a collective exhilaration in the air as children & youth go back to school, teachers return to work, and the pace of work in many businesses and institutions quickens.

Culturally, the season is more about *work* than it is about *play* as we make the transition from summer to fall. The philosophy behind Godly Play has some seeds of inspiration I invite us to carry with us as we make this transition. During the Bible story presentations, children are invited to wonder about the people of God and their *work* in the world. For instance, a story will read “Jesus went into the desert to discover more about who he was and what his *work* was going to be.” During the response time, the children are invited to choose their *work* for the day. An underlying premise of Godly Play is that **children’s work is their play**, based on Catherine Garvey’s study of play as “pleasurable, done for itself, voluntary, involves deep concentration, and has links to the creative process and problem solving” (from Teaching Godly Play). When children are engaged deeply in this kind of play, a teacher may notice and say, “Great work today!”

God calls us to great work again and again. I don’t mean great work as in A+ but great as in significant and meaningful in the ways listed above. There is much great work to be done, on the planet, within and across borders, and in our own hearts. Whatever your ‘great work’ may be this fall, at school, office, home, public square, or here at church, I hope it includes a spirit of loving-justice, kindness, challenge, humility, and play!

Peace,

P.S. Please refer to page 7 for information on the Godly Play workshop we’re hosting on Saturday, October 2nd.



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12th

- 10 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages. Nursery Care only
- After worship Church School Registration (see next page)
Reminder: All children participating in Sunday morning programs and youth events need to have a registration form on file. Thank you!
- After Worship All Church Picnic hosted by the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team to which all are invited.

We hope that you can join us as we return to the 10 a.m. worship time and celebrate the start of a new church year.



You should soon be receiving the electronic booklet

**A Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry
Programs at BCCUCC 2010-2011**

in your email inbox. If you don't get a copy and would like one, please contact the church office. You can also find extra copies at church or read it on the web at www.bccucc.org



The booklet contains lots of information on everything related to children and youth here at BCCUCC—from our nursery care to our Mission Trip for adults and high school students. Also included is the church school calendar for Sept 2010—June 2011 so you can plan ahead.



Church school registration will begin after worship in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall on **Rally Day - September 12th**

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

We request that a registration form be secured for EACH CHILD who participates in our CEYM programs.

If you registered your child last year, you'll only need to update & initial your current form on a Sunday morning during September.

To register a child for the first time, please obtain a registration form from the registration table in the foyer on Rally Day, or from the church office or download one from the church website (www.bccucc.org). The information you provide helps us provide safe and welcoming programs for children and youth. Thank you!

Regular Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 19th.



**GODLY PLAY
OPEN HOUSE &
TRAINING FOR PARENTS**

After worship

on **Sunday, September 19th**,

all parents of current church school children from PreK-Grade 6 will be invited to a Godly Play Open House with their children in the classrooms. Watch your email inbox and weekly bulletins for more information. Stay tuned for more information throughout the year via email, *The Bridge* newsletter and during worship.

**Godly Play Story Schedule
for September and October**

Sept. 19 *Creation*

Sept. 26 *Circle of the Church Year*

Oct. 3 *Flood and Ark*

Oct. 10 *Great Family* (One room for all ages today due to holiday weekend)

Oct. 17 *Exodus*

Oct. 26 *Ten Best Ways*



Visit our website at
www.bccucc.org

Volunteering at BCCUCC CEYM programs



It really does 'take a village' to nurture Christian faith in children and young people. We hope and expect that parents, caregivers, and other interested adults in the church community will offer their time and talents throughout the program year. We help provide you with the information and resources that you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith.

Every volunteer that works with children and youth are asked to fill out a Volunteer Application Form. Please contact the church office for more information.



Teacher Training

✓ **REQUIRED** of ALL VOLUNTEERS working with children and youth ✓

Please pick one date below and plan to attend:

Sunday, September 19th at 9:15 a.m. (before worship)

OR Sunday, September 26th at 4:15 p.m. (before the church potluck)

The 2010 Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship winners are:

David Simpson, a rising Masters Student at the University of Pennsylvania, and Zachary Arnold who will be a freshman at Champlain College this fall.

Each won \$400 for their college tuition.

Dedication of Church School Volunteers

will take place during worship
on Sunday, September 19th,
the first day of regular church
school classes.



Need a nametag?

Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack in the vestry hallway, or at the membership table in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour. Drop it in one of the baskets when you leave and find it back on the nametag rack the following week.



Going Deeper with Godly Play®

Saturday, October 2, 2010 #

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

*Led by Linda Clapp,
Accredited Godly Play Teacher Trainer*

The Schedule for the Day will include:

- * Experiencing a complete Godly Play Session
A Sacred Story ~ Wondering & Response ~ Feast
(Including a Volume 6 Enrichment Lesson!)
- * Reflecting together on the experience and exploring the ‘deeper shelves’
- * Lunch, provided
- * Looking at the parts of Godly Play and how it grows with the children
- * Discovering, or rediscovering the Educational Philosophy and Theology of Godly Play

All are welcome. Space is limited, please register early. Lunch is included.

Cost: \$50 per person (\$45 if registered by Sept 2)*

*\$35 for Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, members and volunteers.

Registration forms are available from the church website at www.bccucc.org or from Elizabeth or Andrea or the bulletin boards outside their offices.

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.

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If you are interested in attending the Godly Play workshop on October 2nd but are unable that day, you are also invited to attend an introductory/refresher Godly Play Day at Church of the Epiphany in Rumford, RI on Saturday, September 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See Elizabeth Barnum for more details.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2010-2011

Grade 9 & up



Confirmation marks the beginning of a journey toward adulthood in which an individual takes responsibility for shaping their own values and faith.

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

The first meeting is **Sunday, September 19th** from **11:30 - 12:15** and **parents are asked to attend this first session.**

The class will also meet on **Sunday, September 26th** from **11:15 - 12:30** for a church history field trip with Jeff. (Bring a bag lunch).

SAVE THE DATES!

Confirmation Retreat (Irons Homestead): Oct, 3, 2010

Confirmation Sunday: May 1, 2011

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

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

JPF will meet **Friday, September 24th** from **6-8** in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen. Please contact Leslie Peck or Elizabeth Barnum for more information.

Leslie Peck at PeckMarketing@cox.net or 245-1820; or
Elizabeth Barnum at elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 104.



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MISSION TRIP 2011 AND SENIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (SPF) All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate

Mission Trip 2011 & SPF planning meeting will be at **7:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, September 26th** in the library following the church potluck. All 9th-12th graders are welcome.

Children are reminded that if they wish to make an offering they should bring it to church and take it forward with them for the Children's Time. Two gold boxes will be in the altar area for them to place their offering—either as loose money or in a special children's offering envelope available from the Narthex table as they come into church.

NON VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Do You Want to Spend Halloween Weekend at Irons? If you're in High School and yearning to know how to understand, manage and alleviate conflict in your home, school, community and world, the answer is "Yes You Do".



Come to Irons on **Friday, October 29—Saturday, October 30** where you will learn how to identify, manage, and alleviate conflict in your world. Also come and learn how violence permeates our language, actions, thoughts and words. Our training is based on the philosophy and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. as practiced during the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's. We will begin our journey to Nonviolence on Friday with dinner at 6:00, stay overnight and return home at 5:00 on Saturday. Rev. Sharon Key from Newman Congregational Church will be the lead trainer for this event, along with co-trainers from the University of Rhode Island.

What this training IS NOT: sitting in rows, listening to a boring lecture and taking notes. What this training IS: videos, role plays, games and a Halloween Celebration of Nonviolent Ghostly Goblins!

To register, call the UCC Conference Office at 724-700 or e-mail: ricucc@ricucc.org. If you would like more information, contact Sharon Key at sharonkey@cox.net or call, 434-4742.

If there is an interest in having Sharon do this retreat here at BCCUCC please let Elizabeth Barnum know (Elizabeth@bccucc.org or 246-0111).

POST-FLOOD RECOVERY & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Islamic School of Rhode Island in Warwick experienced severe flooding and damaged property earlier this year. Along with Central Congregational U.C.C. in Providence, Barrington Congregational members & friends are invited to make donations to help them rebuild.

Items needed are:

school & art supplies such as reams of paper, pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, rulers, binders, paints, construction paper; gym equipment such as various kinds of sports balls, parachute, jump ropes, games.

There is a box in Fellowship Hall for the drop-off of supply items listed above.

Larger office & media equipment is also needed. Contact the church office if you or an organization with which you are affiliated would like to help.

Visit www.isrionline.org for more information about the school, community and flood relief fundraising. Questions? Speak with Elizabeth Barnum or Susan Rotblat-Walker after worship on a Sunday morning.





FAMILY DINNER WEEK

September 27 — October 1

Parental engagement via frequent family dinners helps children stay connected with their families and stay substance-free.

Compared to 12- and 13-year olds who have frequent family dinners, those who have infrequent family dinners are four times likelier to use tobacco, six times likelier to use marijuana, and three times likelier to use alcohol (www.casafamilyday.org)

Make a commitment to not schedule meetings, events or activities during meal times during the week of September 27th, then make it a habit!

- ◇ Turn off the technology
- ◇ Plan or make the meal together
- ◇ Try some conversation starters like:
 - What is the one thing you absolutely could not live without?
 - If you could live in any time period, which one would it be and why?
 - What is your favorite thing you learned today, this week, this year?

Family Dinner Week is part of the national Family Dinner Day promotion created by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University and is sponsored by The BAY Team, promoting a safe and healthy Barrington through collaboration and communication.

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CEYM is sponsoring a **National Family Dinner Week**

Kick-Off Potluck

on **Sunday, September 26th** from **5—7 p.m.**

in **Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome!



This will be a true potluck where you can bring any dish you like!

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On Monday evening, September 27th no church meetings or activities have been scheduled so that families can eat dinner together.

In addition, church groups are encouraged not to schedule meetings that week at a time that might conflict with the dinner hour.



ADULT EDUCATION

AFTER WORSHIP ADULT EDUCATION GROUP

First Fall meeting will be **Sunday, September 26th** in the Library after worship to re-connect after the summer and discuss options & schedule for our Fall study, including finishing the Mudhouse Sabbath DVD series & reading the book *Jesus for the Non-Religious*.

Recovering the Divine at the Heart of the Human by John Shelby Spong.

All are welcome. Speak with Elizabeth Barnum for more information.

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team invites you to help 'keep the church green' by participating in a

Progressive Dinner

on Saturday, October 2nd



As many of you know, the church has chosen to use electricity from New England GreenStart, which allows us to purchase cleaner, healthier electricity right on our regular utility bill and is available through National Grid. It is a blend of 100% renewable energy sources all located in New England. This, however, does add a small additional cost to the electricity bills for the church and parsonages. Proceeds from the progressive dinner will be used to offset this cost.

So, come out for a fun night of fellowship and food, knowing that you are helping to support new sources of alternative, sustainable energy at the same time.

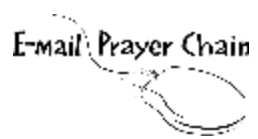
Cost is \$25 per person.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 24th.

To make a reservation, contact the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org). People willing to host at their home the main course part of the evening should let the office know when they make their reservation. Times and locations for the dinner will be announced later.

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.

E-mail Prayer Chain



*The September 2010 calendar as found on pages 12-13
can be found on the Calendar page of the church website
www.bccucc.org*

Are You Willing to Serve?

There are a still 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:

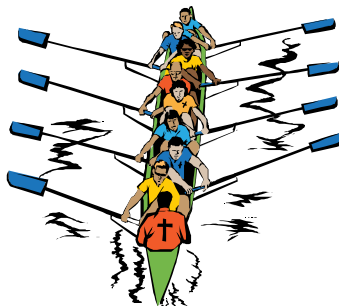
MaryLouise Gamache (245-9914 or gamache2001@fullchannel.net)
or Bernie Hawes (437-1860 or bhawes1@cox.net)
or contact the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org).

Vacancies exist on the following ministry teams:

Chancel, Finance, Justice and Witness, Membership, Music, Stewardship, and Personnel.

In addition, we need more Delegates to the RI Conference, UCC.

Please prayerfully consider if you could serve in one of these ministries. Thank you. .



MINISTRY TEAM



PACK YOUR BAGS! WE'RE GOING TO ISRAEL!



INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL

led by

The Reverend Jeffrey Larsen, Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
and Rabbi Andrew Klein, Temple Habonim

Thursday, March 10th, 2011 – Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011

Join us on this rare opportunity for Jews and Christian to worship together in each other's holiest places, visit each other's religious roots, and experience the shared and unique history of both faith traditions.

We will explore how Jews and Christians each share a love for and connection with the modern State of Israel, including sites in Jerusalem, the Galilee, Masada and The Dead Sea, with a side trip to Petra in Jordan.

Look for more specific details in the October *Bridge*. An **informational meeting** will be held on **Sunday, October 17th, 2011**, from 5:00PM to 6:00PM at Barrington Congregational Church.

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:

Phyllis Buckley (245-1098)
Sharon Sylvester (247-4532)
Marshall Hoyler (245-1118)
Laurie Lennon (694-0715)
John Muth (433-2878)

The Lay Visitation Team

is seeking new members to assist with this very important ministry,



where calls and visits are made to those church members with physical problems, the homebound or bereaved.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Nancy Martin (273-1078, nancy.martin3@verizon.net). Thanks.



DINE-OUT will be returning to
 Evelyn's in Tiverton
 for their first gathering this year.
 They will meet there on
 Friday, September 10th

at 6:30 p.m. - in time to watch the sun set
 over the Sakonnet River. *All are welcome.*

No sign-up necessary. Call Helen Schall (245-4724)
 for more information.

The Women's Faith Group...

..will begin meeting again in October on
 the first and third Thursdays of the
 month from 10—11:30 a.m.



Their next meetings will be **Oct. 7 & 21**.
 All women are welcome to participate.

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 Book Group

next meets on

Monday, September 13th
 at 7:30 p.m.

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



They will discuss **To Kill a Mockingbird**, Harper Lee's
 Pulitzer Prize-winning 1960
 novel, which quietly stands
 as one of the most powerful
 statements of the Civil
 Rights movement.

All are welcome!

*For more information
 contact Helen Schall*

*245-4714 or
helenschall@hotmail.com*



At the time of writing the BCCUCC softball team is waiting to
 play in the final for the championship (rain has delayed the
 other playoff game). The **final game** is now scheduled for
Monday, August 30 at 6 p.m. at Bicknell Field. BCCUCC
 finished the regular season in second place, losing just one
 game, and won their playoff game against St. Luke's. Congratulations and thanks to all
 who have played on the BCCUCC softball team this season and good luck in the final!

The Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others group will meet this fall in
 the church library from 7-9 p.m. on **Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2.**

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





**6th Annual Great Day of Service
will take place
Monday, October 11
(Columbus Day)**

You and I CAN change the world!

Last year on Columbus Day, volunteers from Barrington congregations helped to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. That volunteer effort was one of 40 opportunities provided by the Great Day of Service. Over 700 volunteers participated at different work sites throughout Rhode Island. Were you there?

This year, again on Columbus Day, October 11, Beyond Our Walls will hold its 6th Great Day of Service. Here are three reasons to sign up for the biggest one day volunteer effort in Rhode Island:

- It's a chance to serve your neighbor and give back to the community.
- It's a family affair in which parents can teach their children the value of volunteering, and of service others.
- It's a day when people of all walks of life and faith traditions get to know each other by painting a homeless shelter, cleaning up a park, serving food to the hungry or baking cookies for service men and women.

**Registration for the Great Day of Service begins September 10
and is online at www.greatdayofservice.com.**

Those without access to the Internet may register by phone at 401-245-3537.

Everyone can participate—there's an activity for all ages and abilities, and you can volunteer as an individual, with a friend, as a family, or as a group. Email greatday@greatdayofservice.com with questions.

Come help make a difference!

Beginning Labor Day through the end of September, BOW (Beyond Our Walls) will be collecting items for the **CARE for Soldiers** site at the Great Day of Service (see above). Collection boxes will be at the following locations: Barrington Public Library, Bayside YMCA, Quality Paint, Columbus Credit Union (Riverside) and Lavin's Marina. In addition there will be a box in Fellowship Hall.

Items needed are: powdered drink mixes [Crystal Light, Gatorade, Del's], Slim Jims, cookies [NO homemade], trail mix, hard candy and gum [no chocolate], moist towelettes and baby wipes [small packages], DVD's, books and magazines [no religious], baseballs, softballs and gloves [gloves can be used].



THE 1717 SOCIETY

Since 1717 the Barrington Congregational Church has stood as a symbol of our faith in God and of our commitment to peace and goodwill toward all. Our church has shared in the joys and sorrows of its families. It has inspired and comforted.

To assure that our church will continue to serve those who follow, we must provide a secure financial base, not only for the present, but for the future. THE 1717 SOCIETY was established to fulfill this need.

The 1717 Society is a membership of men and women who believe in the Christian purposes and traditions of our church and want to ensure that this church is here for future generations. All are invited to become members of the Society.

The Society is a program to build long-range financial stability for the Barrington Congregational Church. It is not an appeal for funds now, it is a request that you include our church in your long range giving plans. Your future gift can be designated through your will, insurance policy, annuity, or one of many charitable trusts (which can also provide lifetime income for you and a second beneficiary). By acting now the possible tax advantages can increase the value of your estate, enabling you to do much more than you ever dreamed possible.

For more information or to let us know that you want to be a member, contact Lee Miller at 245-5635 or call the church office at 246-0111. (No details of amounts are needed, just the fact that you have named Barrington Congregational Church as a beneficiary).

Go Local

A Farmers and Artisans Market at BCCUCC

Saturdays, 9 am - 1 p.m., through October 30

in the parking lot in front of the CE building



Go local provides local products to Barrington and East Bay residents close to home. Fresh, locally grown produce and organically raised meat, poultry and eggs are offered by the vendors, along with local, artisanal products such as jams and preserves, candy, soaps, dog snacks, baked goods and coffee.

Accepts SNAP, Debit and Credit Cards

Check out the [Go Local Facebook page](#) for a list of vendors and their products.

Thank You! THANK YOU!

..to the many people who helped make Jubilation Sunday such a memorable outdoor worship experience...

..to John Arena for loaning his keyboard

..to Nolan Rodrigues for loaning us his sound system

..to Wyatt Bullard for his time setting up the PA system

..to Amy Gorman, Greg Knight, Lynne Lehman, and the Karl/Short family for helping with the service

..to the Church School Volunteers for their assistance and support

..to Marina and the Choir for their music

..to Kathleen & Jeff for being Naamah & Noah

..to the entire CEYM Team for the picnic

..to Heather Sugg for organizing the Pie Contest

..to all who baked pies for dessert and/or the Pie Contest

..and to the Deacons for their help with set-up

...to Michelle Koles for the generous donation of bookshelves and other materials for the Godly Play rooms

...to Andrea Bullard for all of her hard work sanding and painting the donated bookshelves, and to Elizabeth Barnum and Dave Gregory for helping her with the painting

...to Amy Gorman, Greg Knight, Kristen Westmoreland, Cathleen Joachim and Ann Wood for their help with Summer Church School

....and to Achina Stein, Greg Voigt, Jack Brinkerhoff, Kate, Amanda and Kim Colby, and Pat Stoddard and Christine Wallis for sharing their musical gifts and providing "special music" during the summer worship services.

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

The Churches of Barrington will hold their next Blood Drive on
Thursday, September 9th
at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 191 County Road, Barrington
from **2—7 p.m.**

Walk-ins welcome or visit www.ribc.org to make an appointment, Sponsor Code 0021.

**Blood
DRIVE**

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC Annual Meeting Minutes June 6, 2010

Article I: The meeting was called to order at 10:55 AM. Moderator Tom Strolla determined that a quorum was present (45 people). After Rev. Jeff Larsen offered a prayer, the Warrant was read.

Article II: Nominating Chair Greg Voigt presented the slate of Officers and Ministry Team members to those present for a vote. A last minute addition of John Muth to the Pastor Parish Relations Team was made. A motion was made by Marylouise Gamache to accept the Nominating Team's slate and was seconded. Tom Strolla expressed concern about the number of vacancies on various Ministry Teams and asked those present to consider getting involved in the church. The slate was accepted unanimously.

Article III: Leslie Strolla presented a summary of the Open & Affirming Team's efforts over the past 10 months. The team was created by the Deacons to educate the congregation, get feedback and to compose an Affirmation of Welcome statement. She read and presented the revised Affirmation of Welcome to those present (hard copies were also available). If approved, she will forward the Affirmation of Welcome to the National UCC office and request official status as an Open & Affirming Church. She asked that in addition to approving the statement, that we also live it. It was unanimously approved with a voice vote. The statement will appear on our website and in the worship bulletin going forward.

Article IV: In other business, Tom Colby (representing the Long Range Planning Team) explained the process the team is taking to seek input from a number of Ministry Teams and define the resources needed to meet these needs going forward. The team also plans to survey the congregation. They will issue a report to the Church Council and the congregation. Tom Strolla reiterated that a balanced budget will be presented to the congregation for 2011. He also noted that we will hold an Auction fundraiser in September of 2011. The Go Local Farmers' and Artisans' Market will open on June 12th and he urged support of this community building project that will also raise funds for our budget.

Article V: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted, *Patricia Stoddard*, Clerk

The **Chancel Team** is looking for an additional team member as one of their number has had to resign.

If you are a church member and are interested in joining them, please contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or ch12299@aol.com



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

May 23 – 117	July 11 – 69
May 30 – 126	July 18 – 66
June 6 – 143	July 25 – 64
June 13 – 141	August 1 – 82
June 20 – 111	August 8 – 47
June 27 – 64	August 15 – 58
July 4 – 55	August 22 – 53

At the BCCUCC Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6th, 2010, the congregation voted to adopt the following '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.



BCCUCC is now listed as an ONA church (Open and Affirming) on the UCC's website (<http://www.ucc.org/find/>). In addition, it is listed on the website for the UCC Coalition of LGBT Concerns

(<http://www.uccoalition.org/programs/ona/who/list/>)

2010 Neighbors In Need

Justice and Witness Ministries

SEPTEMBER 26TH

Imagine

Another World Is Possible

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Special NIN envelopes will be available in the weekly church bulletin on Sundays September 19th and 26th. Or you may mail your donation directly to the Church Office. Please make checks out to Barrington Congregational Church, UCC and write 'NIN' on the memo line. Thank you.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs and appreciates your support. For more information visit www.ucc.org/nin.

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. Thanks!



**Save the
Date**



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 hamper is in the Vestry.*

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

Collection bins are 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.



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>

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.

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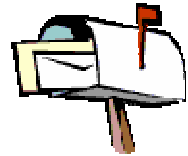
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Pew pencils are for use on Doodle Cards, Children's Bulletins or other paper – not on the pew backs! Please remind and encourage your children to help keep our historic property clean and in good condition. Thank you.

Letters from our mailbox



Dear Barrington Congregational Church,

We thank you all for your kindness, concern, sympathetic words, cards, letters and flowers. We especially thank all who attended Craig's memorial service as it really meant a lot to us.

Katrina (Swihart) & Courtney (Selvage)

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the congregation for your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Sincerely,
Ken York, Custodial Staff



Dear Church Family,

Many, many thanks to Elizabeth for serving as an officiant in our wedding at St. Catherine's Church in Little Compton on August 7th. She was outnumbered on the altar, serving both with Marie's retiring priest as well as her new incoming priest. Elizabeth delivered a fabulous, spiritual tour de force to the delight of everyone present.

John Loerke and Marie Langlois

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers since my husband, Philip, went into the hospital unexpectedly last week. Thank you also for the altar flowers from last Sunday that are brightening up the house. I'm happy to report that Philip is recovering well following his cardiac bypass surgery.

Special thanks go to Pat Stoddard for the many extra hours she's spent in the church office covering for me while I was at the hospital with my husband.

Christine Wallis

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to . .

**Erin Elizabeth Sylvia
and Francisco Luis Raposa**
married July 24, 2010

**Marie Jean Langlois
and John Frederick Loerke**
married August 7, 2010



Dot Muth; Jack Allen; Cilla Wetherbee;
Dick Almquist; Amanda Robidoux;
E.J. Anderson's father;
Cynthia Rotblat (Howard & Susan's
sister-in-law);
and Philip Wallis (Christine's husband).

Baptisms

Isabella Marie Correia
Daughter of Tiffany Estrella
and Richard Correia, Jr.

Xavier Scott Peters
Son of Todd Peters
and Jessica Leberberg

Thomas Bradford Materne, Jr
Son of Micaela
and Thomas Materne



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

1 Corinthians 12:13



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

Peg Welch on the death of her husband, Paul Welch;
Katrina Swihart on the death of her husband, Craig Selvage;
Fred Pierce on the death of his mother, Mildred Pierce;
Betsy Restituyo on the death of her mother, Mim Worthley
and to Dot Muth on the death of her brother, Raymond Haux.

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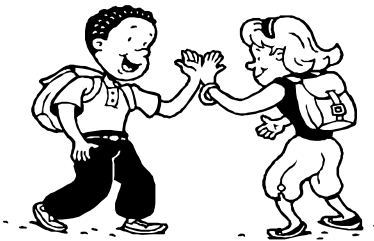
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ministers to one another, works for justice and peace,
and renders loving service to God's world.*