

December 2011 & January 2012

**THE WHITE CHURCH**



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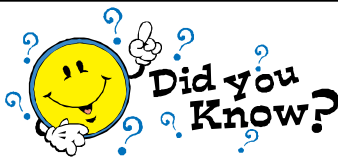
Dear Friends,

Having Thanksgiving dinner in a rehab facility with aging parents changes the perspective of what “has” to be on the table at the holidays. Institutionally cooked turkey, no sight of turnip or homemade cranberry sauce, totally bland food with no salt shakers in sight, no choice of wines or pies. The priorities change...and sometimes that is the only way habits get changed. Eating on laps in chairs around a hospital bed – but so glad to be able to do it!

Kathleen and I both send our personal greetings to you all in this season, wishing for you some gentleness and warmth, more focus on what is important and less on the old expectations. I requested when I came here that Ministry Teams take the month of December off so people could have an extra evening to themselves and so Elizabeth and I could slow our lives down just a bit too. Shift priorities = change habits.

A child is born for us...may you take the time to notice.

Christmas peace to you all,



***The Bridge is going electronic.***

See page 29 for information on what you need to do to continue to receive our newsletter.

## Services in December & January



- December 4    10 a.m.    Worship Service with Communion and Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School
- December 11    10 a.m.    *New Member Sunday*  
Worship Service with extra music from the bell choir, Reception of New Members, Church School
- December 18    10 a.m.    *Jazz Christmas Sunday*  
Worship Service with Christmas Jazz music, Church School followed by Advent Arts and Crafts
- December 25    10 a.m.    Worship Service, No Church School or Nursery
- January 1        10 a.m.    Worship Service with Communion, No Church School or Nursery Care
- January 8        10 a.m.    Worship Service, Church School
- January 15       10 a.m.    Worship Service, Church School for PreK– Gd 4 only
- January 22       10 a.m.    Worship Service, Church School
- January 29       10 a.m.    Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School  
After Worship    Annual Budget Meeting (see page 9)

*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8 unless otherwise indicated*  
*Nursery Care Available unless otherwise indicated*                      *Handicapped Accessible*

## Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00 p.m.**    Service of carols and story especially for children
- 10:00 p.m.**    Service of carols and readings and story



## From our Associate Minister .....



Mystery is underrated. Broadly speaking, most of us are uncomfortable when we can't explain why something is the way it is. We place huge value on those moments when a problem is solved, an explanation is revealed, a question is answered. There is certainly delight and satisfaction (& necessity!) in such discoveries. There can also be delight in mystery – not being able to solve a problem logically, not being able to comprehend with the mind, not having questions answered in black-and-white terms. Often times after all their research and inquiry even a physicist and a philosopher, a scientist and a theologian, will land in the same place, the same conundrum about life and meaning. I think this is really cool.

Perhaps one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith is that God chose to be with us and share our common lot. The stories we hear this season are humbling in both their simplicity and magnitude: teenage refugees, injustice, poverty, a census, a wild star, peculiar visitors, and the threat of violence. In the midst of all this, peace is born.

The Advent & Christmas seasons provide us with an opportunity to reflect on mystery. In the Advent stories in the Godly Play rooms, storytellers share that “a mystery is hard to enter sometimes. That is why this time of Advent is so important. Sometimes people can walk right through a mystery and not even know it is there.”

Often times, we walk through December predictably – the same parties, the same rituals, the same stress, going through the same motions as we did last year. Our faith calls us to something entirely different – a way of being in the world that is neither predictable nor easy to explain. Rather than walk right on through this season, I hope you notice the mystery of it all.

Christmas peace to you,

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sunday, December 4** “Reclaiming the symbols of the season”  
Children are invited to bring one of their favorite ornaments to church to show
- Sunday, December 11** “Reclaiming the music of the season”  
Extra bell music and a rendition of “The Magnificat” by the adult vocal choir. New Members will also be received.
- Sunday, December 18** “Reclaiming the angels”  
Service will include Christmas Jazz music
- Saturday, December 24** Christmas Eve worship:  
5 PM Service of carols and story especially for children  
10 PM Service of carols and readings and story
- Sunday, December 25** Christmas Day worship
- Sunday, January 1** New Year’s Day worship

## Volunteers needed for Christmas Worship Services

Jeff is looking for additional people who would like to participate in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Volunteers are needed to:



- Light the advent wreath candles at the 5 p.m. or 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or the 10 a.m. Christmas Day service.
- Participate in some sort of pageant at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service
- Read scripture at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service

If you would like to volunteer, either individually or with friends or family, please let Jeff know ([jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or 246-0111). No experience necessary!



**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY.** On Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. service we look forward to receiving new members into this church. Please join us and welcome those who become members. Interested in joining our church? Speak with Jeff Larsen.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
BARRINGTON UNITES**

**A time to remember and celebrate those we have lost**

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m. Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC**



**All the community is welcome. The service will include a time for reflection, song and candle lighting. Amid the holiday chaos, this is an opportunity to gather quietly to support each other while honoring those we grieve. You are also encouraged to bring a photo of your loved one that will be displayed during the event.**

**As we are hosting this service Jeff is looking for volunteers:**



- **To usher and greet and be outside our building to give directions to folks**
- **To bring and serve hot cider and cookies**

**If you can help please contact Jeff at the church office 246- 0111 or [jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org).**

*A message from the Deacons.....*

**Alternative Worship, Anyone?**

We want to hear from members of the congregation concerning the possibility of alternative worship. Would you like to have a second service on Sunday or an additional service sometime during the week? If so, what attributes would you like in that service? More lay participation? Different kinds of music? An earlier time slot so that more time would be available after church?

Whatever your druthers or suggestions, please make a point of sharing them with one or more of the Deacons. And if you think that we should stick with a single service, let us know that too.

We look forward to hearing from you,

*Cheryl Muth (chair), Marshall Hoyler, Steve Peck, Pat Rude, Helen Schall, Francis Seader, Barbara Smith, Sam Sylvester, Greg Voigt and Liz White*

## Come Celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of our Church (as well as the town of Barrington)

Did you even know that our church is 300 years old? Actually, the story is a little complicated, but if you want to know all the details, come to a

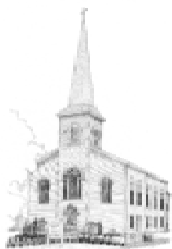


Luncheon on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

Van Edwards will give a presentation: "The Founding of Barrington: A True History, 1711"

This event is co-sponsored with the Barrington Preservation Society and we will be charging members of either group \$10.00; other guests \$15.00. We will serve Clam chowder, pulled pork, vegetarian chili, cornbread, Boston Brown bread, salads, apple pie a la mode, and Indian pudding.

This is a fund raising event, with the proceeds to be divided between our church and the Barrington Preservation Society. Food donations are welcome. For reservations, questions, offers to help, call Van Edwards at 245-9719 or email him at [bvnedwards@gmail.com](mailto:bvnedwards@gmail.com)



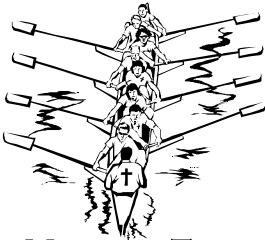
*Did You Know???*

### **The Deacons' Fund**

On Communion Sundays (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month), a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, which is administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and the surrounding community. Here are just a few examples of how the fund extends a "helping hand" to those in our midst:

- Shaw's gift cards are provided to those who seek food assistance from the office throughout the year. The requests are especially heavy during November and December.
- Rental assistance to local families that are facing eviction.
- Assistance with payment of utility bills to avoid disconnection of service.
- Payment for hotel rooms for families in emergency situations.
- Financial support to the following organizations: Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, East Bay Coalition for the Homeless, Tap In, Women's Resource Center, Crossroads, East Bay Mental Health, and others.

At this time of giving, the Deacons wanted to share some detail about this important outreach ministry. Your donations are always welcome and appreciated!



**MINISTRY TEAM**

**News from NOMINATING!**

We have opportunities for you big and small! There are many teams that can use a helping hand through out the year. If you have an hour or two and would like to check out a team, please email me! It is a wonderful way to contribute to your church community.

Thank you,

Marylouise Gamache [gamache2001@fullchannel.net](mailto:gamache2001@fullchannel.net)

Church member Gary Clark will be offering a **Financial Forum** on

“TAXES: HOW TO GIVE LESS TO CAESAR AND MORE TO THE CHURCH!”

It will be held **after worship** on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** in **Room 9**.

The purpose of the financial forum is to aid congregation members in their efforts to get their financial houses in order, so that they can be effective stewards of the financial gifts which come to them as the result of God’s grace and their hard work. ALL ARE WELCOME.



**Woodbury Leadership Workshop** at Andover Newton Theological School. **Feb. 2, 2012**  
**Theme:** Pursuing the Vision: Leading toward Newness. **Leaders:** Peter Senge and Mary Luti.  
For more information and registration go to <http://www.ants.edu/calendar/event/woodbury-workshop-2012>. *Register before December 16 and get a \$15 discount.*



During the first 3 weeks of December (Dec 4, 11 & 18) you will find in the pews an envelope marked

“**Staff Christmas Bonus.**”

We are blessed to have wonderful people working here who give more hours to our church than expected or than compensated for. We invite you to join with us in giving them a gift during these holidays. Please be generous. Your gifts will be divided up among seven different people; Christine and Pat in the office, Andrea our CE Director, Marina at our organ, and Jack, Jimmy and Paul on the custodial staff, percentage-wise according to the number of hours they work.

Thank you ahead of time, **Jeff and Elizabeth**



## Changes in the BCCUCC Pledge Year.....and how this affects you

The way we finance our church's operations is undergoing some change because of feedback received. Our *new timeline* will ask the congregation to postpone their financial commitment-making until the 2012 Lenten season. Lent is typically a season where Christians look to take on a sacrifice aimed to bring them closer to God, and a stewardship focus is a natural fit.

Our pledging year is changing from the calendar year (January thru December) to one that runs from mid-year (July thru June). This means that for 2012 your pledge will be effective from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

Since our church still needs income for the first six months of the year, we are asking that those who pledge continue the level of their current pledge from January through June of 2012. If you are a current pledger and wish to change your giving level please contact the church office at 246-0111 to make a change. Otherwise, the church Finance Ministry Team will plan a budget for January – June 2012 *presuming* unchanged pledge levels with revenues received in 2011 as the baseline.

However, we already know that some of the church's expenses will increase in 2012, so we are also asking that if you've never pledged, you consider making a six-month pledge for January 1 thru June 30, 2012. Thanks to a generous gift, any new pledge made before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 will be matched at 25% up to \$1500. Those who have never pledged should be receiving a pledge card in the mail but if you don't, please contact the church office and we will be happy to send you one. We hope that if you've never pledged before you will participate in this 'Pledge Match Challenge'.

We are excited about the opportunities a change like this will bring. We'll have time to reflect on all the good we've done in changing lives, and what more we can do when our resources change for the better.



### **YEAR END ALERT** Re: 2011 Reimbursable Expenses.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If you have any invoices or expenses that you need to be reimbursed for, please fill out vouchers (*which must be signed by the leader of your ministry team*) and send them to the church office, with receipts attached, as soon as possible. Vouchers are available from the folder at the front of Pat's desk in the church office. ***Any expenses turned in after Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, will be charged to next year's budget !***



## BUDGET CONVERSATION

After worship on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Library.  
All are welcome to come and learn more and ask questions about the proposed church budget for the first six months of 2012.  
(See article on previous page about the changes in the pledge year).

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## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** after Worship in the Sanctuary.

The budget meeting takes place immediately after the worship service has ended and all church members are encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary to attend this important meeting.



**Childcare** (with snack) will be provided for any child in the Education Building until 11:30 a.m. so that parents can remain in the sanctuary for the Budget Meeting. Please plan to pick up your child at that time. Thank you.

## Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

**Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

The annual budget meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, January 29, 2012**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To consider changes to the By-Laws (specifics to be announced in January)
- ARTICLE III: To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—June 30, 2012.
- ARTICLE IV: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
- ARTICLE V: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Lorraine Keeney Clerk



**WANTED!** The CEYM Team needs **small glass jars with lids** (baby food size) - clean and no labels please - for an Advent activity. Please bring them in **by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** and place in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.



## “Sharing Our Toys” Toy Collection



Most of our children are fortunate and receive lots of presents at Christmas but **36,000 children in Rhode Island** aren't so lucky. They live in poverty and their holiday season doesn't look so bright!

Kathleen Larsen is once again organizing a toy donation program for the holidays and is asking for donations of gently used toys, stuffed animals, games, riding toys, bikes, helmets, etc. All donations will be given to a local Providence agency called *Children's Friend* which is located next to Crossroads. The organization provides a variety of services to needy families throughout Rhode Island.



**CHILDREN** — do you have some toys that you are willing to give to a child who may not be getting presents this Christmas?

**PARENTS** — your help and support is needed. Can you talk about this with your child at dinner etc. and then help them choose something to give away?



There is a large box in the vestry hallway for the collection of toys through December 18<sup>th</sup>. We lost count last year of the number of trips Jeff took to Children's Friend taking all of the toys that you had so generously donated. The agency was overjoyed to receive them and very grateful.

If you have any questions or have larger items to donate, please contact Kathleen Larsen at 247-1787 or [klarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:klarsenswc@hotmail.com).



Toys for all ages are needed. Thank you for your help.

Storytellers, doorkeepers, potential volunteers and parents are all invited to a...



### Godly Play Practice and Info session

Sunday, January 22 9 - 9:45 a.m. (before worship) Room 6

Come and learn more about the Godly Play program and watch Elizabeth and Andrea practice telling a story.

## Church School Schedule for December and January

### Godly Play Stories (PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Dec. 4	PreK-Gd 2	<i>Advent 1 &amp; 2</i>
	Gds 3-6	<i>The Story of Jeremiah</i>
Dec. 11	PreK-Gd 2	<i>Advent 3 &amp; 4</i>
	Gds 3-6	<i>The Story of Ezekiel</i>
Dec. 18	PreK-Gd 2	<i>The Story of St. Nicholas</i>
	Gds 3-6	<i>The Story of Daniel</i>
		Following the Story there will be Advent Arts and Crafts in Fellowship Hall
Dec. 25		Worship for All Ages. No Church School or Nursery Care
Jan. 1		Worship for All Ages. No Church School or Nursery Care
Jan. 8	PreK-Gd 6	<i>Epiphany</i>
Jan. 15	PreK-Gd 4	<i>The Parable of the Good Shepherd</i>
	Gds 5-6	Attend Worship Service
Jan. 22	PreK-Gd 6	<i>The Parable of the Good Samaritan</i>
Jan. 29	PreK-Gd 6	<i>Baptism</i>



The Seekers (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) No classes on December 25, January 1 or 15.

For the months of December and January this group will continue to explore the variety of traditions and rituals of Christianity.

**The Sing & Celebrate Choir** will sing in worship on Sundays, December 4 and January 29. They will rehearse after Church School in Room 9 on January 8, 15 and 22. On the Sundays they sing in church they meet in the Vestry at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse before the service.



The choir is open to all children in Grades 1-5 and welcomes other children (both boys and girls) to sing with them.

The choir is directed by our organist and choir director Marina Zabinski. For more information speak with Marina or contact Kate Colby ([kcolby@hillsideplastics.com](mailto:kcolby@hillsideplastics.com), 246-1743)



## Band Jam Update



The Band Jam will take place at BCCUCC later this winter. New date to be announced soon!

*This local high-school-aged bands concert will be a fundraiser for the Interfaith Service Trip of Barrington Congregational Church UCC & Temple Habonim.*

**Bands who would like to submit a request to play should contact Colin Peck, Wyatt Bullard, or Elizabeth Barnum.**

**Adult volunteers will be needed. Please contact Elizabeth Barnum ([elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bccucc.org)) to be added to our potential volunteer list.**



## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE



The Confirmation class will meet on the following dates:

**Sun., Dec. 11** 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class in Room 6

**Mon., Dec. 19** 7 p.m. Confirmands attend Barrington Unites with their families, Fellowship Hall (see page 5)

**Sun., Jan. 8** 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class in Room 6

**Fri., Jan 20- Sat. Jan. 21** - Optional event:

Nonviolence Training for High School Students at Irons Homestead. Depart BCCUCC at 4:30 P.M. on Friday Jan. 20. Pick-Up at BCCUCC at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Limited space available. Let Elizabeth Barnum know ASAP if you'd like to attend. This was a huge success last time it was offered! Cost is \$25 total. (see also page 14)

**Sun., Jan. 22** 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class in Room 6

### IMPORTANT SPRING DATES:

Confirmation Retreat: March 2-3, 2012

Confirmation Sunday: May 13, 2012



Jeff has asked that children bring a **favorite ornament** with them to church on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** to show.



## JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate. Bring your friends!

The next JPF Gathering (Middle School Youth Group) will be...

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 3-6 p.m. CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Meet at the church parking lot at 3 p.m. Return to church Fellowship Hall by 5:45 p.m. for hot chocolate. Pick-up at 6 p.m.



We have planned to visit several local nursing homes (Bay Spring Atria, Orchard View Manor, and East Bay Manor) to say hello and sing carols! Join us! For this event, others not in 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in joining us are asked to also RSVP.

For planning purposes, ***please RSVP no later than Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*** to either Leslie Peck or Elizabeth Barnum. Additional volunteer drivers/chaperones are asked to please contact Elizabeth Barnum.

*Leslie Peck at [PeckMarketing@cox.net](mailto:PeckMarketing@cox.net) or 245-1820*

*Elizabeth Barnum at [elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 ext 104.*

**January Activity**—TBD—watch your inbox!

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR YOUTH SERVICE TRIP

The Youth Service Trip (previously known as the Mission Trip) will be heading to Tucson, Arizona during April school vacation to work with an organization called Borderlinks along the Mexican border. This year we will be joined by a group of youth and advisors from Temple Habonim with a total group size of 31.

We will be counting on the generosity of our church community as usual to help defray costs as we run various fundraisers.

We are also developing a scholarship fund to assist some of the youth as this is a more-than-usually expensive trip this year. If you are able to contribute please contact Jeff ([jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org)).

## Youth Service Trip 2012

Those going on the trip will meet on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 11, 7-8:30 p.m. at Temple Habonim.
- Sunday, January 8, 7-8:30 p.m. in BCCUCC Library.

All those going on the trip are expected to attend.



## Senior High NONVIOLENCE TRAINING at Irons Homestead



Depart BCCUCC at 4:30 p.m. on Friday January 20,  
Pick-Up at BCCUCC at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, January 21.

*Limited space available. Let Elizabeth Barnum know ASAP if you'd like to attend.*  
This was a huge success last time it was offered!

Senior High Youth are invited to a weekend of **Nonviolence Training at Irons** on **January 20-21**. Training begins on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and will end on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. This training is sponsored by the Rhode Island Conference and is open to all Senior High students. Sharon Key, Associate Pastor at Newman will co-lead the training with students from URI. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. not only led a nonviolent Civil Rights Movement in the 1950's and 60's, but he left to us the legacy of the strategies and philosophy of Nonviolence that he developed during the Movement. You will learn about why Nonviolence works and can be applied everywhere - from the family to the world political stage. You will also learn about conflict and how it can be a positive catalyst for change. Finally as Christians we will be led further into the depth of Jesus' teachings of Nonviolence and unequivocal love of neighbor. Please join us. The cost is \$25 per person and covers all meals.



## NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2012

July 10-13, 2012

Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana

Open to youth ages 13-18

Depart Rhode Island: Monday, July 9. Return to Rhode Island: Saturday, July 14

Cost: "Express Trip" total cost is \$600 includes accommodation & meals, transportation by charter bus.

Final Cost per youth is expected to be: \$150 with fundraising across the RI churches, 1 BCCUCC fundraiser in May 2012, and a contribution from CEYM.

For more information about the event visit [www.ucc.org/nye](http://www.ucc.org/nye)

There will be a group from churches in the RI Conference and other New England Conferences traveling together to National Youth Event.

If your youth is interested in attending, please let Elizabeth Barnum know ASAP and we'll start making plans!

We'd like to know a total number for Barrington Congregational youth by January 1 with a goal of sending 3-5 of our youth!

## FUNDRAISER THANK YOUS

Thank you for supporting the Interfaith Youth Service Trip pie fundraiser. In this joint effort between Barrington Congregational Church, UCC and Temple Habonim, we made and sold more than 150 pies for a net profit of \$2,165. Both sides of the river came together on this project and we thank everyone who made the fundraiser a success.

Special thanks go to Rocky Brook Orchard (<http://www.rockybrookorchard.com/index.htm>), for their generous donation of 150 lbs. of hand-picked local apples; the anonymous donor who supplied the beautiful pie boxes; Marylouise and Erin Gamache, who baked Gluten-free Apple and Pecan Chocolate Chunk pies; Stephen Sheinkopf, who gave a lot of his time in the kitchen and coordinated all of the Temple Habonim volunteers; the church and synagogue office staff, including Christine Wallis, Pat Stoddard and Denise Dimare, for their help with posters, labels, spreadsheets, kitchen equipment and more; and the parents and teens who gave their time and energy to the project.



Last, but not least, thanks to everyone who bought pies! Enjoy, and best wishes for the Holiday Season!

Sincerely, Stephanie Edwards

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A huge THANK YOU to everyone for their support of the Pasta Dinner! It was another wonderful collaboration with Temple Habonim. We made a profit of \$638.

Mary Louise Gamache

*Some Christmas Gift Ideas..... all proceeds go to the Youth Service Trip Fund.*

*On sale at coffee hour Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> or from the church office.*

### CHURCH COOKBOOKS

(published Spring 2006) are available for **just \$5** each (originally \$15).

The cookbook contains favorite new recipes from church members as well as a few of the most popular recipes from the old yellow cookbook.



### Cat's Meow rendition of BCCUCC

There are just a few of the Cat's Meow wooden replicas of our church left, and they are available for purchase at the sale price of **\$15 each** (originally \$20). They make great Christmas gifts and once they're sold out we won't be ordering any more. Please note that BCCUCC is the only place where this unique gift can be purchased.



The December 2011 and January 2012 calendar as found on pages 16-19 of the printed version can be found on the Calendar page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org).

## E-mails from the Church

Jeff's Weekly ..... Ennouncements ..... *The Bridge*.....and Constant Contact

The church office uses Constant Contact to send out e-mails to the congregation including the weekly 'Ennouncements', the *Bridge* newsletter, and Jeff's weekly.

*Please note that if you 'unsubscribe' to any e-mail that you receive from BCCUCC (sent using Constant Contact) then you will no longer receive any e-mails from us that we send out using Constant Contact. It is not possible to 'unsubscribe' to a single list.*

The church office sends out an e-mail on Wednesdays called the 'Ennouncements' that has reminders and announcements about upcoming activities at the church. The e-mail goes to everyone whose e-mail address we have. We also send out our monthly *Bridge* newsletter to everyone on our e-mail list. If you're not receiving either of these in your e-mail inbox and would like to do so, please e-mail us to let us know at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

Would you like to subscribe to "Jeff's Weekly"?

The Rev. Jeff Larsen writes an e-mail most Thursdays called 'Jeff's Weekly' that is usually related to his upcoming Sunday sermon. If you would like to be on the list of those who receive 'Jeff's Weekly' please e-mail the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). We'll be happy to add your name to that list. *This e-mail only goes to those who have requested to receive it.*

**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.



## Become a Foster Parent

When a crisis hits a family, it may not be safe for children and their parents to live together. To help the family through the crisis, temporary separation is sometimes necessary. Foster parents provide a safe, temporary place for children to live while their birth parents confront their problems.

Children's Friend runs a foster care program and the organization has been serving Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and their families since 1834. Children placed through Children's Friend range in age from birth to 6 years old. Some of the children may have been abused, neglected, been born with a positive drug screen or may be waiting to be placed for adoption.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Foster Parent check out the Children's Friend website [www.childrensfriendri.org](http://www.childrensfriendri.org) or contact Joyce LaFrance Tormey at [jtormey@cfsru.org](mailto:jtormey@cfsru.org) or (401) 276.438. There are many vulnerable children at risk here in Rhode Island who need your help.

*An invitation from church member, Laurie Dubel, to participate with her in the ...*

### **Holiday Gifts for Teens Campaign**



#### **Seasons Greetings!**

As you plan your giving this holiday season, some of you may consider adopting a family or child in need of a present. I'd like to share a group of children in need of gifts this season.

At this point, there remain 100 teenagers living in RI DCYF group homes, who have yet to be matched with a donor who will take their holiday wish list into their hands this year. These teens have wish lists with a retail value of \$75 maximum. The beauty is, the teens create their own wish lists as a guide so you know you're purchasing what the child wants most. Sponsors are also encouraged to be creative with anything else they think the teens might enjoy (hats, gloves, fleece, toiletries, snacks or stocking stuffers, etc.). Another option is to donate cash directly rather than to do the actual shopping.

If you'd like to join Greg and me in sponsoring a teen this season, please let me know. We've committed to coordinating a team to sponsor 10 teens, confident at least a few of you would be interested.

Prior to the holiday, I plan to deliver the gifts to the group home. If you'd like to join me or deliver your own, that would be wonderful too.

**Happy Holidays,  
Laurie Dubel**

[dubel@cox.net](mailto:dubel@cox.net)

# CHRISTMAS FUND



**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Psalm 80:3

For 109 years, the Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a means by which we—as members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations—reflect the light of God in the world, individually and in community,. The Christmas Fund, one of four Special Mission Offerings received annually in the United Church of Christ, is a beacon of light for many who have served, and who continue to serve, our church. Your generous giving to the 2010 Offering enabled the Pension Boards' Ministerial Assistance program, on behalf of the whole church, to provide \$1,504,420 to individuals and families in need.

The global economic climate continues to affect most profoundly those with the most limited financial resources. In the face of rising fuel prices, the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA) was pleased to be able to provide one-time Energy Assistance Grants in the amount of \$200 to 1,000 lower-income annuitants and 500 lower-income active clergy in the summer of 2011.

Still, the need continues to be great and so you are asked to consider supporting the Christmas Fund Offering, prayerfully and to the best of your ability. Your gift to the Christmas Fund helps the UCC to reach out in love and compassion to provide assistance to those in greatest need, who selflessly have given of themselves for the sake of the gospel. Nearly 1,600 clergy and lay individuals and families received some form of Ministerial Assistance since the last Christmas Fund Offering, thanks to your generosity.

Please make checks payable to "Barrington Congregational Church" and mark the memo line "Christmas Fund". *Christmas Fund* envelopes will be included in the Sunday bulletins on December 11 and 18 for your use. Donations may also be sent directly to the church office. Thank you.



## Help keep the clergy 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](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or [elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bccucc.org).**

## Please fulfill your 2011 pledge

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, passes a budget at the beginning of each year at its Annual Budget Meeting, based upon the amount the congregation has pledged. The church relies on the income from those pledges in order to pay its bills, fund programs, give money to missions, and pay the staff. We respectfully request that if at all possible, you fulfill your 2011 financial pledge to the church before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are aware that circumstances change and that you may no longer be able to meet your commitment, in which case we ask that you please either call the church office and speak with our financial secretary, Pat Stoddard, or speak with the minister to let us know. Thank you.

...Not sure how much of your pledge you've paid? Pledge statements have just been mailed out and should give you the information you need.

Please note that if you wish to have any contribution recorded as being received by the church in 2011, it must be in the hands of the office by December 31<sup>st</sup> (or postmarked by that date).



Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)  
and then 'Like' us so that you get our news feeds.

*Note: You don't have to have a Facebook account in order to access the page.*

## BCCUCC's 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 thoughts 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.



## Citrus Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Service Trip to Tucson

Do you like the taste of Florida in the winter even if you can't get there? Here is a chance to have delicious grapefruits and oranges—for yourself or to give as a gift to others.

As a fundraiser for the Youth Service Trip to Tucson in April, we will be selling cartons of Valencia Oranges and Indian River Red Grapefruit, or a mixed carton containing both, from Indian River Groves in Florida.



Orders will be taken until the end of January and the fruit will be delivered in early March.

If you wish to purchase fruit as a gift for Christmas, gift certificates will be available for you to give.

The youth will be taking orders at coffee hour beginning December 11<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. (No sales on Dec 25 or Jan 1). Deadline for all orders to be received is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The fruit will be delivered to the church between March 5 and 12, 2012 for you to pick up.

Payment is due with the order. Checks should be made payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church' and the memo line marked 'Citrus Sale'.

The order form on the next page shows the sizes of cartons available for purchase as well as the different fruit and the costs. You can use this order form and turn it in with payment to the sales table at coffee hour, or mail them to the church office.

Order forms will also be available from the coffee hour sales table.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the sale, please contact Ray Zarlengo at [rzarlengo@cox.net](mailto:rzarlengo@cox.net)



Keep a record of what you ordered:

	10 lb	20 lb	40 lb
Valencia Oranges			
Indian Red River Grapefruit			
Mixed Carton—Oranges and Grapefruit			

## Citrus Order Form

*# cartons  
ordered*

### Florida Valencia Oranges



- ..... 10 lb carton (1/5 Bushel, 16-18 oranges) \$ 18
- ..... 20 lb carton (2/5 Bushel, 28-40 oranges) \$ 28
- ..... 40 lb carton (4/5 Bushel) \$ 44

### Florida Red Grapefruit



- ..... 10 lb carton (1/5 Bushel, 8-10 grapefruit) \$ 18
- ..... 20 lb carton (2/5 Bushel, 16-24 grapefruit) \$ 28
- ..... 40 lb carton (4/5 Bushel) \$ 44

### Mixed Carton — Oranges and Grapefruit



- ..... 10 lb carton (1/5 Bushel, 6-8 oranges & 5 grapefruit) \$ 18
- ..... 20 lb carton (2/5 Bushel, 16 oranges and 9 grapefruit) \$ 28
- ..... 40 lb carton (4/5 Bushel) \$ 44

*Note: Number of total pieces will vary according to size of individual pieces. Weight is an approximation.*

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to "Barrington Congregational Church UCC" with "Citrus Sale" on the memo line. Cash is also acceptable.

*Deadline for orders is January 31, 2012.*

.....  
Name (please print clearly)

.....  
Email address and/or phone # for notifying when fruit arrives for pick up

*Thanks for your order and for supporting the 2012 Youth Service Trip!*

# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

.....to the members of the Confirmation Class and JPF who attended the Faith Walk for Charity at Colt State Park in Bristol in October. The total amount raised for Camp Surefire from all the faith communities present was \$23,265.

.....to the CEYM team for a delicious and 'bootiful' Hallowed breakfast before worship on October 30

.....to Helen Schall, Ellen Brady, Elizabeth Barnum and Cheryl Muth for representing this church and attending the RI Conference Autumnal Meeting in Slatersville on November 5, 2011.

.....to Sarah Rohrer, Bread for the World, Regional Organizer for being a guest speaker after worship on November 6, 2011.

.....to the following youth and adult volunteers who, on November 2 & 6, helped package over 4,000 meals that were distributed to Mobile Loaves & Fishes and a regional food pantry:

Theo Caskey, Ellie DeWitt, Sara Caskey, Emma McMillan, Maddie Peck, Allison Army, Bruce Bendheim, Sarah Middleton, Maura Kelty, AJ Maio, Calvin Banas, Parker Banas, Preston Banas, Lucy McMillan, Ellie Hines, Elissa Pierce, Russ Pierce, Andrew Cooke, Noelle Cooke, Jillian Bannon, Charlotte Jenkins, Patrick Collins, Will Hemingway, Emma McMillan, Katie Odjakjian, Elizabeth Roach, Will Hemingway, Kari Banas, Leslie Peck, and Elizabeth Barnum.

Special thanks to Kim Bergstrand from St. James Lutheran Church & Matthew Martin from Kids Care/Outreach Inc. for helping to organize both packaging events.

.....to Jim McCartney, Lois McCartney, Helen McDonald, Liz White, Fred MacDonald and Susan Rotblat-Walker for volunteering to speak with the Confirmation class after worship on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

.....to Amy Gorman, Ginger Stabach, Laurie Dubel, Michael Collins, Betsy Restituyo, Kate Loos, Kristen Westmoreland, Susan Short, Elizabeth Barnum, Jane Knight, Mary Louise Gamache, Leslie Strolla, Francis Seader, Anita DiMatteo, Greg Knight, Carol Strakosch, Lynn Lehman and Louise House for volunteering in Church School.

.....to Liz Rosenholm for making new blue bows to decorate the greens in the sanctuary and the wreaths on the front doors during advent.

.....to Stephanie Edwards for all of the time, effort and expertise she put into running the very successful Pie Fundraiser (see page 15 for thank yous from Stephanie).

.....to Mary Louise Gamache for heading up the recent Pasta Dinner Fundraiser and to the many parents and youth who assisted her from both BCCUCC and Temple Habonim.

.....to everyone who supported the recent Youth Service Trip fundraisers by buying tickets for the Pasta Dinner or purchasing a pie. It is much appreciated.



The Justice & Witness Ministry Team is have a "Giving Tree" again this year, with envelopes for donations of various amounts to apply to gifts cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, toy stores, Wal-Mart, shopping malls, etc. to help needy families afford the necessities and also allow them to have money for gifts for their families and themselves. Donations will be taken each Sunday through December 18.

The gift cards purchased will be donated to the Women's Resource Center for Newport and Bristol Counties.

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team will once again be sponsoring a Mitten Tree. You are asked to please fill the Christmas tree in the narthex of the church with **new hats, mittens and gloves of all sizes** - for **children, teenagers and adults**. The items will be donated to various local agencies for distribution to those in need. Handmade and purchased items are both most welcome.

*A warm thank you to all who can help.*



Please continue to bring in used (or new) **men's clothing** for the **George Hunt Help Center** in Providence. Warm men's clothing of all types and also **men's winter boots** are essential during the winter months for those living on the streets. A collection hamper is in the vestry.

We continue to accept canned goods and non-perishable food items for **TapIn** and these donations may be placed in the bins in the narthex. Thank you.



### The Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

The **Music Team** and the **Endowment and Investment Team** are responsible for providing and serving the meal on **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** (New Years' Eve).

***If you would like to assist them*** — maybe by providing a main dish or salad or fresh fruit or granola bars or going to help serve at the kitchen — please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or [diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com), or a member of the teams.



## Mission:1 Thank You and Report

UCC churches shared a mission for 11 powerful days in November to feed the hungry and confront food-related-injustice.

Below shows the 4 goals that the UCC set for Mission:1 together with the amounts received to date. All of the goals were reached and exceeded thanks to the efforts of UCC churches throughout the nation. For an update on the totals go to [www.ucc.org/tally.html](http://www.ucc.org/tally.html)

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Items of food donated	1,000,000	1,450,034
Letters mailed to Congress	11,111	37,511
Money donated to NIN hunger related ministries	\$111,111	\$121,260
Money donated to East Africa Famine Relief	\$111,111	\$115,070

### Our totals here at BCCUCC were:

**Food:** 4,090 food items collected (including 2,222 of packing event meals, the Deacons' door-to door food drive, and the Thanksgiving Food drive for Tap-In)

**Donations:** \$1,083 for Neighbors in Need (NIN)

**Letters:** Thank you to Sarah Rohrer, Bread for the World Regional Organizer for being a guest speaker after worship on November 6. Keep writing those letters to congress!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Mission:1 whether it was by donating food or money, packing meals, writing letters, driving door-to-door to collect food, or in some other way. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Women's Faith Group will not meet in December. They next meet on **Thursdays, January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30—3 p.m.** in the library when they will continue discussion of *The Laws of Spirit* by Dan Millman and select their next book.



The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com), or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**The MEDITATION & SPIRITUAL INQUIRY GROUP will meet on Mondays, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9:30 PM in the Church Library. Learn meditation ~ use readings & experiential exercises to introduce an open inquiry into your deeper nature ~ relax familiar patterns of thinking and open your awareness to presence and spirit.**

**Led by BCCUCC Church Member Greg Knight ([gregoryknight@cox.net](mailto:gregoryknight@cox.net), 289-0163)**

**Contact Greg to learn more about the group or if you're interested in joining.**

The Dine-Out Group will not meet in December.

However, they invite you to join them when they next get together on

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

to eat at

S.S. Dion, 520 Thames Street, Bristol.

Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> to Helen Schall at 245-4724.

*All are welcome.*



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

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.



The Progressive Dinner scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> has been postponed until the new year.

### Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others



The group will next meet on  
**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
from 7 - 9 p.m.

at the home of Kathleen Larsen,  
**7 Fireside Drive, Barrington.**

The following month they will meet on  
**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9 p.m.

in the church library or a member's home (t.b.d.)

Currently group members are working on hats, scarves etc for the church's mitten tree. Other projects include prayer shawls, hats for soldiers, and hats for newborns. Patterns are available. New ideas are always welcome and so are new knitters (or crocheters),

Contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)), or Christine Wallis at the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) with any questions.

### Book Group

next meets on

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

at 7:30 p.m.

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

(No meeting in December)

**All are welcome!**



They will discuss the book

**Flower Net**  
by Lisa See

**Flower Net** proclaims See's considerable talents as novelist, skillfully blending suspenseful storytelling, romantic intrigue, and stirring plot twists in this formidable portrayal of China's culture and the country's harsh system of justice.

# CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**3 - 5 p.m.**

**Fireside Parsonage**

7 Fireside Drive,  
Barrington

Everyone is welcome to come by for this informal holiday gathering hosted by Jeff and Kathleen Larsen.

*You are also invited to bring a gently used toy to donate.*



Tot's  
Cooperative  
Preschool



Wreath & Bake Sale  
BCCUCC Parking Lot  
Saturday, December 3  
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

## Arts and Crafts Sale

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Temple Habonim**

165 New Meadow Rd, Barrington

Jewelry, Ceramics, Scarves,  
Note cards, Baby blankets,  
Fleece Quilts, Photographs,  
Purses, Hair Accessories...

*All are welcome!*

The Barrington Preservation Society cordially invites you to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

## WINTER JAZZ CONCERT

featuring The Barrington High School Jazz Ensemble

at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

Friday, December 16, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at a reception after the concert.

There will be an admission charge of \$5 (except for families of the Jazz Ensemble and Barrington Preservation Society members), but Van Edwards (245-9719) will have some free tickets for church members. The Jazz Ensemble has been nationally recognized for its excellence. Their repertoire ranges from Big Band music of the 30's to Duke Ellington favorites. This will be a lively and entertaining concert. All are invited.



# Help Beautify Our Sanctuary for Christmas



We invite you to make a donation to the

## *Chancel Fund*

Money donated to this fund will be used to help beautify the Sanctuary – including the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the church this Christmas. Some of the donations will also be used to purchase Christmas plants that will be delivered by the deacons before Christmas to our homebound, sick or recently bereaved in our congregation. Please note that plants will not be available to be taken home.

You are invited to make a donation in any amount, large or small.

Donations to the Chancel Fund may be made in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for, or celebration of, someone or something (a person, birthday, anniversary, etc). All dedications will be listed in a special insert to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please complete the donation form on the next page and return to the church office with your donation by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, the completed form and donation can be put in the offering plate on Sundays or left with a member of the Chancel Ministry Team who will be at the piano in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour following Sunday services.

Thank you for your donation.

***see next page for Donation Form***

# *Chancel Fund Donation Form*

## **Christmas 2011**

***Please read carefully all of the information on the previous page  
before filling in the donation form below.***

I would like to donate \$ ..... to the Chancel Fund.

***Donations are welcome in any amount.***

Please make checks payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church'  
and mark the memo line "Chancel Fund".

**Please put the following dedication in the Christmas bulletin insert:**

Given by  
*(please print clearly)*

In memory of .....

.....

In thanksgiving for .....

.....

In celebration of .....

.....

***Please complete & return with your donation by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>***

**Thank you for your donation.**



**THE WHITE CHURCH**  **BRIDGE**....IS GOING ELECTRONIC!

This will probably be the last copy of *The Bridge* you receive via regular mail. Why? Because the way we send out *The Bridge* newsletter is changing.

Beginning February 2012, we plan to primarily just send out *The Bridge* electronically. However, some copies will still be printed for those without computers, but everyone else will **only receive our newsletter via e-mail**. This is in line with what many other churches and organizations are now doing. It will save the church resources, money and time. You will also receive it more quickly—especially if you live outside Barrington!

..In order to receive *The Bridge* in your e-mail inbox, we need your e-mail address. Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address by sending it to us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) and be sure to include your name so we know who it's from.

**If we don't have your e-mail address, you will no longer receive our newsletter!**

We have been sending out *The Bridge* electronically for some time now to everyone whose e-mail addresses we have, but there are many that we still don't have. So don't miss out—send us your e-mail address if you want to continue to receive our newsletter each month. We still want everyone to get *The Bridge* who wants to—we just want to do it in a more efficient way that is in keeping with the times!

**DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER?**

Don't be alarmed if you don't have a computer or are not computer savvy. Just submit the form below or call us at (401) 246-0111 by *January 1<sup>st</sup>* to request that we still send you a paper copy in the regular mail and we will be happy to do so.

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Please continue to send me *The Bridge* in the regular mail. (Please print clearly)

Name .....

Address.....  
.....

Phone Number.....

*Please return to church office by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Thank you.*

## OFFICE CLOSINGS in December & January

The church office will be **closed** on Friday, Dec. 23 and Mondays, Dec.26 and Jan. 1.

The office will be **open** from **9 a.m. - Noon only** on Tues.-Thurs., December 27-30.

The office will also be **closed** on January 16 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday.

### DEACONS FOR DECEMBER

Francis Seader (star deacon), Marshall Hoyler,  
Steve Peck, Pat Rude, and Barbara Smith.

### DEACONS FOR JANUARY

Liz White (star deacon), Cheryl Muth,  
Helen Schall, Sam Sylvester, 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.*

### Clergy Away

Rev. Jeff Larsen will be away  
from the office  
December 26—January 2.

Rev. Elizabeth Barnum will be  
away from the office  
January 5—7.

### COFFEE HOUR HOST SCHEDULE

December: PPRT (*Marshall Hoyler*)  
Chancel Team (*Carol Louttit or Audrey Rogers*)  
January: Finance Team (*Kim Godfrey*)  
Members at Large (*Susan Rotblat-Walker*).

We invite you to say hello to the coffee servers and speak with them if you would like to assist by baking or serving, or to learn more about the work of the team. You can also contact any of the people listed.



### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

October 23 – 161

October 30 – 201

November 6 – 180

November 13 – 191

November 20 – 243

November 27 – 156



### Church Cancellation Plans in Bad Weather

When the church service has to be cancelled due to bad weather, the information will appear on Channels 6 & 10 cancellation lists that scroll across the television screen. Cancellation information can also be accessed via [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com). The church office answering machine will also include any cancellation announcements. (Note: all this is dependent upon there being power to use the technology!)

# Family Footnotes

## Congratulations

...to the **Rev. Dr. Terry Fitzgerald** upon her installation as Pastor and Teacher of First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, in Baltimore, Maryland in November. You may remember that Terry was an "in care" student with our church as she pursued her studies and was ordained here. Rhode Island was represented at the installation by Joe and Helen Schall and Rev. Dr. George Peters, who gave the sermon.

Jennifer Geary e-mailed us to let us know that she and Bud became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Becci, gave birth on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jennifer and Bud moved from BCCUCC in 2010 when Jennifer was called to be the Interim Minister at a UCC church in East Walpole, MA.



Janet Durfee-Hidalgo, Andy Rosner,  
Rick Browning, Loran Fairfield,  
Jane Larsen (Jeff Larsen's mother),  
Mark Rosenholm, Douglas Tonn,  
Alex Danzberger, Zoe Woodruff,  
George Fildes (Christine Wallis' father),  
and Stephen Venuti's mother.



*Margaret (Maggie) Marion Porter*  
born November 17, 2011  
to Rebecca and Andrew Porter  
Grandparents: Meredith and Jack Huse

## Baptisms

**Blake Paris Gustovich**  
Daughter of Brooke & David Gustovich



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

1 Corinthians 12:13



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

the family and friends of  
Doris Buckner, Hope Bonnell and Frank Brown.

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.  
461 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

Telephone: (401) 246-0111

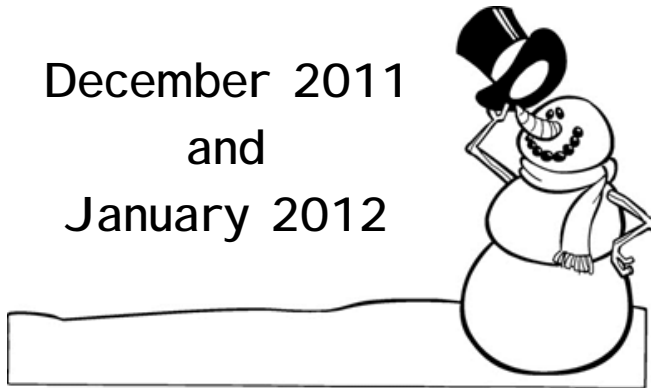
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Organist/Choir Director:	Marina Zabinski	
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Custodians:	Jack Salvaggio, Jim Salvaggio, Paul Dzedzic	

December 2011  
and  
January 2012



*The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,  
is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people,  
ministers to one another, works for justice and peace,  
and renders loving service to God's world.*