

February 2011

# THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I have always liked the month of February! It contains my birthday, a school vacation week, and the chocolate holiday (otherwise known as Valentine's Day). What more could a guy ask for...other than the Patriots to be playing in the Super Bowl? And this year because Easter is so late, it is not clogged with Lenten activities – more time for playing in the snow!

The date of February 14 is more than just Valentine's Day – it is the date on which a Jewish Cardinal was elected Anti-Pope (1130), Thomas Cranmer, supposedly one of my ancestors, was declared a heretic and began the process that would lead to his being burned in the middle of a street in Oxford, England (1556), the apple parer was patented (1803), the one millionth car went thru New York's midtown tunnel (1941), and Richard Nixon installed a secret taping system in the White House (1971). I am sure you can think of some other important ones!

Valentine's Day has often been seen as a focus on love in the romantic sense – with cupids and candies. But true love is so much bigger than all that and this February offers you some chances to reflect on that. On Sunday, February 13 a group of lay people will lead worship on the broader subject of love. In February you will be hearing more about a new curriculum being offered entitled "Our Whole Lives" that will help our children, youth and families explore the larger issues of love. During this month our state elected officials will be debating "Marriage Equality" and, in addition to hoping you will take the time to give them your advice, the whole subject gives us a chance to explore larger meanings of love.

And on February 10 a friend of Kathleen's and mine will be here to help us make chocolate – which is supposedly an aphrodisiac...a love feast then too! What a February this is going to be!

I look forward to seeing you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Jeff', written in a cursive style.



## From our Associate Minister .....



Midwinter greetings to all,

February marks three years since I arrived in Barrington. Cheers to the beginning of my fourth year of doing ministry with everyone here at BCCUCC! I feel blessed to continue to minister, teach, learn, grow, pray, and be part of this caring community of faith. THANK YOU!

I'm also excited to share that we recently learned that this congregation has been chosen to be part of a significant national evaluation and promotion project of a progressive sexuality education program called Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.), a curriculum written and endorsed by both the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association. The O.W.L. program values include (1) self-worth, (2) sexual health, (3) responsibility and (4) justice & inclusivity. Next month, we'll find out whether we'll be chosen to implement the program for our 7th-9th graders & 10th-12th graders during 2011-2012 or at a later date. Either way, we benefit from free training and materials - this is an incredible opportunity!

During June of 2009, nearly two dozen parents gathered in the church library one evening with local Our Whole Lives trainer, Rev. David Proctor, to learn about the curriculum. The CEYM Team has talked about it at several meetings but has had to delay offering it due to both funding and a limited volunteer base. This funding from Christian Community, Inc. helps make it possible! In addition to sharing this good news with the Deacons and Justice & Witness team, there is still **A LOT** that will need to happen before the fall. We know we can do it with the congregation's support and prayers. During the coming months, we will be in the process of recruiting a team of 4-6 volunteers, educating parents about the program, signing up youth, and determining schedule. If you have questions, concerns, or are interested in being involved in some capacity, please speak with me or Kristen Westmoreland (Co-Chair of the CEYM team).

Stay tuned to hear more about upcoming parent & youth information sessions. In the meantime, read more about this exciting project on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.

Peace & prayers,

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



## Reasons for Participating in the Our Whole Lives Evaluation and Promotion Project

*This evaluation project is co-sponsored by Christian Community, Inc.  
in cooperation with Indiana University Medical School Section of Adolescent  
Medicine and Mathematica Policy Research.*

- When and if teens receive sexuality education in the public school system, the focus is primarily pregnancy and disease prevention. Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Our Faith is a comprehensive, lifespan, sexuality education program. Unlike many other sexuality curricula currently available, Our Whole Lives provides information about sexual development and also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.
- The knowledge that your congregation is playing an active role in the evaluation of a program that strives to improve the quality of life for its participants by providing information about self worth, health and wholeness, and the connections among faith, religion, spirituality, and decision making. Congregations that have utilized Our Whole Lives feel strongly about the worth of this program, but it has not had a scientific evaluation. This important evaluation will help Our Whole Lives be adopted by more denominations and organizations around the country.
- Receive quality training free of charge from educators trained, certified, and endorsed by those responsible for the Our Whole Lives curriculum. The congregation as a whole benefits when trusted adults are trained to lead Our Whole Lives. Leaders receive training in developing healthy relationships and boundaries with youth. While supporting parents as their primary sexuality educators, Our Whole Lives facilitators become a safety net for young people where they can go to find accurate information given from the perspective of your faith community and Our Whole Lives values.
- Receive curriculum free of charge! Congregations chosen to participate in the immediate implementation group will begin by using the Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Our Faith program. Congregations chosen for the delayed implementation group will begin by choosing one of three Christian education/non-sexuality curricula. Congregations in the delayed implementation group will receive Our Whole Lives training and curricula after all measurements have been completed.
- You are not alone! Members of the research team experienced in working with Our Whole Lives, youth, and congregations will be available all along the way to offer help and coaching—insuring a positive, spirit-filled experience for everyone involved!
- Our Whole Lives supports parents as the primary sexuality educators of their children. Through the parent orientation prior to the start of the program, parents are given tips on how to discuss class topics and experiences.

## Specific Benefits received by youth participating in the evaluation study:

- Youth will develop a strong sense of their own dignity and self-worth and will respect the dignity and self-worth of others.
- Youth will learn how to relate their faith to the decisions they make about sexuality.
- Youth will learn that all individuals have the right to accurate information about sexuality and to have their questions answered.
- Youth will learn we are called to enrich our lives by expressing sexuality in ways that enhance human wholeness and fulfillment and express love, commitment, and pleasure (at appropriate developmental stages).
- Youth will understand that all persons have the right and obligation to make responsible sexual choices.
- Youth will gain a better understanding of relationships and deepen communication skills in ways that will prepare them for safer dating and in time for better marriages and better parenting.
- Youth will learn to avoid double standards, understanding that people of all ages, genders, races, backgrounds, income levels, physical and mental abilities, and sexual orientations must have equal value and rights.

Find out more about Our Whole Lives on the web at:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>



The organization co-sponsoring the project is Christian Community • 6404 South Cahoun St. • Fort Wayne, IN • 800-774-3360 • [www.churchstuff.com](http://www.churchstuff.com)



Our church is on Facebook

Check it out at

[www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)

and then 'Like' us so that you get our news feeds.

And be sure to suggest our FB page to your friends!



[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

## BCCUCC's ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

was postponed and will now take place after Worship in the Sanctuary on

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**



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.

## Results of the Stewardship Campaign for 2011

In these challenging economic times, our church is fortunate to have such a generous congregation. \$362,016 has been pledged by 180 households to support our church's operations in 2011. This includes 11 new pledging households and 169 returning pledging households. We are grateful to everyone that made a pledge and to those that do not pledge but provide financial support so that this special place can continue its work in the community and the larger world.



- 62 households increased their 2011 pledge
- 87 households pledged the same as they did in 2010
- 20 households decreased their 2011 pledge

Collectively, those that pledged for 2011 increased their pledges by 5.8% over 2010. However, the total amount pledged for 2011 is 2.5% lower than the total for 2010. The Finance Ministry Team has worked diligently and thoughtfully to prepare the 2011 budget, which will be presented for congregational approval at the Annual Budget Meeting on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> after worship (see article above).

It's not too late to make a pledge for 2011 – pledges are welcome anytime during the year. You can also change your pledge at any time by contacting our financial secretary, Pat Stoddard ([pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org), 246-0111, x. 102). All pledge information is confidential.

Don't forget to pick up your 2011 Pledge envelopes from the table in the narthex (where the greeters stand). Didn't get envelopes and would like some? OR were assigned envelopes and don't want them? Contact the church office 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to let us know.

*Let the good in me connect with the good in others until all the world is transformed through the compelling power of love. ~ Rebbe Nachman of Breslov*



**Valentine's Eve Laity Sunday Worship Service  
and  
After Worship Forum**

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

With special guest speaker at the after worship forum

**Scott Haltzman MD**

*Author of *The Secrets of Happily Married Men*,  
*The Secrets of Happily Married Women* and *The Secrets of Happy Families**

- Please join us in the planning of this special Laity Sunday Service. We will next meet on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> after worship in Room 6. All are welcome.
- Please come and participate in the service on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> as we take charge of leading the service for the day!
- Our theme is based on various kinds of love in keeping with Valentine's Day Weekend. Make this worship service memorable for you and your family by sharing with others ways you might show your love and receive it!

Those interested in being part of this meaningful spiritual exercise, please see Deacons Abby Randazzo (or email [randazzoam@yahoo.com](mailto:randazzoam@yahoo.com)), Helen Schall or Greg Voigt; OR call the church office at 246-0111.

***Letter Writing Opportunity***

On **Sunday, February 13** after the worship service, the Justice and Witness Team will lead a letter writing opportunity in Fellowship Hall.

We will be set up to help people express their views to their legislators about **The Marriage Equality Act**, which may be up for vote in March. We feel this is a good opportunity to live into being an Open and Affirming church.

We will welcome anyone who wants to write a short letter, and we will provide materials and stamps. Please consider joining us. Thank you.



## SOUPER SUPPER

*Fundraiser for 2011 Mission Trip*

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall**

**5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet**

**5:15 p.m. Supper Served!**

**Menu: Blount Soup (3 choices!), Salad, Fresh Bread, and Dessert**

**\$10 per person    \$25 max per family**

**Tickets on sale after worship during coffee hour on 1/30, 2/6, & 2/13**

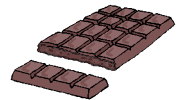
*Special thanks to Blount Fine Foods for their donation of soup!*



## Calling all Chocolate Lovers!



Now here is a real Valentine's treat, a chance to make your own chocolates!



**On Thursday night February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm**  
please join us in the BCCUCC church kitchen

where a chocolatier from the South Coast will teach us the fine art of creating homemade truffles, dipped chocolate fruit and turtles.

If you like chocolate, this is an event you will not want to miss!

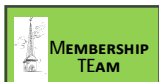
The cost is **\$25.00 per person** and you will take home all that you make (and haven't eaten first)

Please join Jeff and Kathleen for an evening of fun, but beware, this is not a lo-cal event!



Please contact Kathleen at [klarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:klarsenswc@hotmail.com) to sign up or leave a message at 247-1787. Space is limited.

## Are you new to our church and feeling a little lost or have some questions?



Then look for a member of our Membership Ministry Team who can be identified by their new fluorescent green nametags. They'll be happy to help you in whatever way they can.

## AUCTION 2011



The auction committee continues to meet and we are very pleased to share this year's auction theme with you

### **"Gather at the River...Share the Spirit"**

Our hope is that this conveys a sense of fellowship and fun so be sure to put the auction on your calendar for **Saturday, September 17, 2011.**

We are also very pleased to announce the members of the **Donations Team:**

Laurie Lennon, Pat Rude, Judy Harff, Lorraine Keeney, Jane and Doug Tonn

They have been meeting regularly and are hoping we will all think of local businesses that we could contact for donations. So put your thinking caps on, get creative and share your ideas with any member of the team. If you are willing to help out with this important task, be it sharing ideas or contacting businesses for solicitations please let us know.

We are very excited about the plans for this year's auction and welcome anyone who would like to help in any way big or small, as many hands will make this auction a huge success. Watch for the members donation form and save the date as we **"Gather at the River...Share the Spirit"**.

*New time and location*

## The Women's Faith Group



The group will meet on **Thursdays, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the **church library** to continue their discussion of the book

*Stones for Schools* by Greg Mortenson

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)



Every 9 weeks we provide the Saturday meal at the Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Congregational UCC in Pawtucket. We are next scheduled for **February 12<sup>th</sup>** and **April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Our ministry teams do this on a rotating basis but often need additional help from members of the congregation. You can help by either going to the soup kitchen to help serve and/or you can help by providing a main dish, fruit or dessert—to be delivered to BCCUCC by 2:30 p.m.

To volunteer please contact our soup kitchen coordinators Diane or Cate Todd at (401) 245-4681 or you can e-mail Diane at [diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com) or Cate at [Toddc11@bpsmail.org](mailto:Toddc11@bpsmail.org).

*The February 2010 calendar as found on pages 10-11 of the printed version can be found on the Calendar page of the church website*

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

**Do you still need to receive a copy of *The Bridge* delivered to your door?**

If you are reading this on your computer, and you still receive a hard copy by snail mail, please consider 'canceling' your mailed copy. It will not only save resources (the cost of the paper, ink, postage etc) but will also save the time and labor it takes to run it off and put it together.

To 'cancel' your hard copy, just e-mail [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) and we'll use your e-mail address to send you *The Bridge* electronically.

As an added bonus of reading it on-line, you'll receive *The Bridge* much more quickly - before it has even had time to be sorted at the post office!

Thank you to everyone who already reads *The Bridge* on-line.

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

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.

The church office sends out an e-mail on Wednesdays called the 'Ennouncements' that has reminders and announcements about things that are happening at the church. The e-mail goes to everyone whose e-mail address we have. If you're not receiving the Ennouncements and would like to, please e-mail us to let us know [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

**Unsubscribing from Constant Contact**

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.

## Some end of January reminders.....

On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> after worship those who wish will have the opportunity to make Valentines for our homebound church members. The Deacons will have a table of supplies at coffee hour and invite you to take a few minutes to make a valentine card that will be sent in time for Valentine's Day. Thank you.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

## All Church Missions Project: CWS Hygiene Kits

On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Justice and Witness Ministry Team invites you to join them during coffee hour to assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service. The J&W team will supply the items needed for the kits.

As many of you know, CWS collects many service kits on an ongoing basis. These might be school kits, baby kits or hygiene kits. They are stored in their warehouses until needed. In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

The gifts of your hands and hearts will be appreciated. We will also be accepting



## 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). It will also be posted on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/bcucc](http://www.facebook.com/bcucc).

The church office answering machine will also include any cancellation announcements. (Note: all this is dependent upon there being power to use the technology!)



Save the date!.....Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### A Day of Godly Play

a workshop for teachers, parents, volunteers and anyone else who is interested. All are welcome!

Led by Jenn Sanborn, Godly Play Trainer

8:30 a.m. Registration / 9:00 a.m. Program Begins

Watch the weekly Ennouncements, bulletins, and your inbox for more information!

Contact Rev. Elizabeth Barnum ([elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bccucc.org)) or C.E. Coordinator Andrea Bullard ([andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)) for more information.

### Godly Play Schedule for February

Feb. 6 PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades *The Parable of the Great Pearl*  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades *The story of Joseph*

Feb. 13 PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades *The Parable of the Sower*  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades *The Story of Moses*



Feb. 20 All Godly Players will have a Work & Feast day

Feb. 27 All Godly Players with hear *The Parable of the Leaven*

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

November 28 – 243

December 5 – 228

December 12 – 244

December 19 – 259

December 24 – 323  
Christmas Eve

December 26 – 62

January 2 – 105

January 9 – 118

January 16 – 171

January 23 – 215

### JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to participate\*

Friday night, February 4<sup>th</sup> Laser Tag

The cost will be \$15 per person, which will include two games of laser tag and pizza/soda in between games. If you would like to play some of the arcade games, a cup of tokens (10) can be purchased for \$2 which is a group rate.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm, as we have a 6 pm check-in time at Lazer Gate in Fall River. Our games are at 6:20 and 7:20.

Chaperones will be needed for this event—contact Leslie Peck if you can help.

\*This activity will also be open to all high school students.

Please let Leslie Peck know *as soon as possible* if you are interested in going so she can secure enough chaperones to help drive - (401) 245-1820 or [PeckMarketing@cox.net](mailto:PeckMarketing@cox.net)

We hope you can join us. Nothing says fellowship like shooting each other with a laser gun!





## Meet POG !

**Full Name: Person Of God**

**Nickname (preferred): POG**

POG is the newest member of the CEYM Team and is looking forward to meeting the congregation during worship, church school and coffee hour this winter. POG is here to help give us a visual image of just how much HEART goes into making church school a nurturing, safe, and playful experience for our children and youth. It takes over 300 individual commitments from September to June to staff all our church school rooms from Nursery through Grade 8 – that's 10 volunteers each Sunday on average! These volunteers commit anywhere from 1 Sunday a year to over 30 Sundays a year! For every Sunday that a person participates, a heart is added & POG's heart grows bigger!

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

## URGENT!

1—2 more adult volunteers (at least one male) are needed for the **April 2011 Mission Trip to Pittsburgh** (departing April 17<sup>th</sup> & returning April 22<sup>nd</sup>). Please speak with Elizabeth Barnum ASAP if you might be interested and available to help.



### **Reminders for Mission Trip Participants:**

January 30, February 6 & 13 after worship:

Sell 'Souper Supper' tickets in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour

February 13: Arrive 3:30 p.m. to set-up for 5:00 p.m. 'Souper Supper Fundraiser'

### **Mission Trip Meetings:**

Sundays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library on February 27, March 13 & 27, April 10.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE



**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** Attend the after worship forum in the Library (see page 7).

*Save the date!* March 25-26 (Fri. 5 pm – Sat. 5 pm) Confirmation Winter Retreat.

Remember passing notes in school? To today's students, cellphones are like that - times 50!

(They're also Polaroid cameras, CB radios, tape recorders, a stack of new albums, & a photo scrapbook.)

*Do your kids know technology etiquette?*

- Make a contract with your child, ideally before he/she gets a cell phone, computer, or other technology
- Establish technology-free zones & times: include times spent with friends/family, mealtimes, car rides, etc.
- Teach your child to respect school policy - don't call or text your child during school hours

Visit [www.thebayteam.org](http://www.thebayteam.org) for sample contracts.

Parenting *is* prevention.

Kindly offered by the BAY Team—Barrington's community coalition to prevent substance abuse



**Do you enjoy using Social Media?**



**Then Go Local Farmers Market needs you!**



The Go Local Farmers' and Artisans' Market already has a Facebook page but is looking to expand into other social media. They are looking for someone to provide regular updates on Facebook, and to expand into writing a Go Local blog as well as tweeting on Twitter. Go Local is open from June through October.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or to find out more about what is envisioned, please contact Lisa Browning at 529-9501 or [lbrowning1@cox.net](mailto:lbrowning1@cox.net).

**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.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Regina F. Berenback  
Memorial Lecture  
for Social Action & Justice  
Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m.  
BCCUC Fellowship Hall  
*Speaker tba*

If you have a **prayer request**, E-mail Prayer Chain you are invited to call Kathleen Larsen at 247-1787 or e-mail her at [KLarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:KLarsenswc@hotmail.com) who will pass it on to the confidential e-prayer chain.



## DINE OUT IS TAKING A ROAD TRIP!

Please join us Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm at RIBS in Johnston, RI



It's only 15 miles door to door and the ribs are "finger lickin good" (of course there are other things on the menu.)

Jeff and Kathleen Larsen are the hosts this month so please let them know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

You can reach Jeff in the church office (246-0111) or e-mail or leave them a message on their home phone (247-1787).

Jeff: [Jeff@BCCUCC.org](mailto:Jeff@BCCUCC.org)

Kathleen: [KLarsenSWC@hotmail.com](mailto:KLarsenSWC@hotmail.com)

They hope to see you there for a night of fellowship and fun.

*All are welcome - both singles and couples*

## The Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others



group will next meet on

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
from 7-9 p.m.

at the **Parsonage**, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Join us as we knit prayer shawls, baby hats, helmet liners and other items to be given away. For more information or questions, please contact Kathleen Larsen at 245-1787 or [klarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:klarsenswc@hotmail.com)



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

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Book Group

next meets on

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

at 7:30 p.m.

at **The Coffee Depot**

501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**



They will discuss the book

**The Housekeeper  
and the Professor**

by **Yoko Ogawa**  
translated by Stephen Snyder.

He is a brilliant math professor, with a peculiar problem--since a traumatic head injury, he has lived with only 80 minutes of short-term memory. She is an astute young housekeeper with a 10-year-old son who is hired to care for the professor. Between them, a strange, beautiful relationship blossoms.

## LEAVING MORE THAN AN EMPTY PEW THROUGH A PLANNED GIFT

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 has been established to fulfill this need.

### STEWARDS OF ACCUMULATED ASSETS

As members and friends of the United Church of Christ we are called to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. This calls for faithful financial and estate planning for ourselves and families to assure that future needs will be met. It also means considering how we will be providing for the church that we have loved and served during our lifetime, in order that it remain vital in the future. The congregation can encourage this kind of planning and giving to our Endowment Fund through participating in our 1717 SOCIETY.

### WHAT IS A “PLANNED GIFT”?

A Planned Gift is a gift that is planned for and frequently funded during the donor’s lifetime but not actually received by the church until after the donor’s death. Planned gifts are generally made from accumulated assets in a carefully considered manner and in an amount that expresses one’s commitment but does not impair the family’s financial well-being. This means giving at the appropriate time, considering personal and family requirements, the church’s needs, and tax considerations. Further, it involves deciding on the best asset to give whether it be in the form of securities, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, or cash.

### WAYS TO GIVE FOR 1717 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

**Current or Outright Gifts** by means of cash, securities, or real estate.

**UCC Gift Annuities**, whereby the donor receives a fixed rate of return based on age, with a one-time charitable deduction and some tax free income.

**UCC Pooled Income Fund** provides a variable rate of return based on donor’s share of the Fund’s earnings; a one-time charitable deduction; all income taxed at the ordinary rate.

**Charitable Remainder Trusts** are of two types: Unitrusts pay *variable* income based on a payout percentage, usually 5%, of the Trust’s annual value; Annuity Trusts pay *fixed* income based on a percentage, usually 5%, of the gift amount. Donor receives a one-time charitable deduction.

**Life Insurance**, whereby the insured names the church either as beneficiary or as owner/beneficiary of the policy, or gifts a paid-up policy to the church.

**IRA assets**, whereby the donor names the church as beneficiary of the IRA, possibly avoiding estate taxes.

**Bequest by Will**, preferably by percentage, designating the church as primary or contingent beneficiary.

Once again, we the lay staff of BCCUCC would like to sincerely thank the members of the congregation for their donations to the Staff Christmas Bonus. Your generosity is heart-warming and we are very grateful. We may never make our fortunes working for a church, but we are richly rewarded in so many other ways—including feeling appreciated by the congregation for all the work that we do.



With many thanks,

*Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Jack, Kenny, Jimmy and Paul.*

**★ Thank You! ★  
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...to Amy Gorman, Kate Boneau, Laurie Dubel, Andrew Hemingway, Carol Strakosch, Terrin Strickland, Kristen Westmoreland, Jane Knight, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Francis Seader, Susan Short, Greg Knight, Betsy Restituyo, Jeff Larsen, Laina Caesar, Kari Banas, Louise House, Kathy Sullivan, and Clare McMillan for volunteering in Church School.

...to the CEYM team and everyone else who helped with the Advent crafts

...to everyone who made donations to our Christmas Toy Drive, Giving Tree and Mitten Tree. Your donations helped make Christmas a little brighter for many who are less fortunate. Special thanks to Kathleen and Jeff Larsen, Lory McCoy and Ann Wood for organizing and delivering the many donations to the respective charities.

...and to Duncan Maio for making POG (see page 13)



### **A Thank You message from the Islamic School of Rhode Island**

Both Susan Rotblat-Walker and Elizabeth Barnum received Christmas cards with words of thanks to the entire BCCUCC community for the donations made to the Islamic School of Rhode Island for their on-going post-flood recovery. Thanks to everyone who contributed school supplies!

*Peace be with you! (Assalmu Alaikum)*

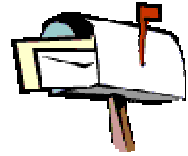
*Thank you for the loving kindness shown to the ISRI community by you and your congregation.*

*May you have a blessed Christmas. God's blessings and peace be upon you.*

*The ISRI staff, teachers and Board of Trustees*

*Islamic School of Rhode Island, 840 Providence St., West Warwick, RI*

## Letters from our mailbox



There are so many people in our church family to thank, I won't attempt to name them.

Flowers from the altar and poinsettias—with lovely visits from bearers—cards and letters from many, and an angelic bow maker who happened to be most willing and able.

Thank you all very much. You mean a great deal to Ozzie and me.

Happy, healthy New Year,

From Liz Rosenholm



2010 was a difficult year for us. Marion's health deteriorated greatly. I had my first experience with hospitalization and rehab. Through it all Jeff and the members of the church were there for us with visits, cards, flowers and prayers. Your kindness and support have helped us through the year. For these gifts we are most grateful.

Harold and Marion Gallant

What a lovely surprise to receive the chancel flowers on Sunday, January 16th. They brought such a ray of sunshine into my life. Thank you for remembering me.

Barbara McWhirter

The church office received a phone call from May Smith asking us to thank the Deacons for the beautiful poinsettia that she had received and enjoyed.

She wants everyone to know that she very much appreciates those who have visited her and she misses her church terribly.

The poinsettia is lovely and will be enjoyed for many weeks. It was especially nice to have a visit from Barbara Smith. Thank you for both.

Bette Reid

Thank you to everyone for the kind notes and calls following the death of Bob. Our church family was very important to him through the years. And thanks to the Deacons for the lovely poinsettia.

The Louttit family

To all who comforted me and prayed for my daughter this past month, thank you so much. It has helped a lot and she is healing well from her burns.

Ann Wood

# Family Footnotes



## Congratulations to . . .

**Kerri-Ann Pontifice & Adam Lawson**

**Kerri-Ann is the daughter of  
Laurie and Paul Smith**

**Church Wedding - December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**



## BIRTHS

**Griffin Charles Weldy**

born January 6, 2011  
to Michaela and Nils Weldy  
Grandson to Peter and Karin Weldy



Barbara Ward; Pat Cordeiro;

Elaine Healy;

John White's sister, Peggy;

Susan Rotblat-Walker's mother,

Frances;

and Bob Zeleznik's mother.

## Baptisms

**James Kenneth MacDougall III**

Son of James and Amy MacDougall, Jr.

**Evan James Anderson**

**Alexander Matthew Anderson**

**Gabriel Tyler Anderson**

Sons of E.J. and Kristin Anderson

**David Tyler Anderson**



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

1 Corinthians 12:13



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

Debbi Summers on the death of her mother, Dorothy Barnes;

Andrew Porter on the death of his grandmother, Mary Porter;

Kate Colby on the death of her father, Dick Haas;

Marilyn Packard-Luther on the death of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Luther;

and to the families of Ernest Trahan, Ann Jaquay, and Daphne White.

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