

November 2011

THE WHITE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I have always had a very hard time asking people to financially support the church. It always has seemed a bit self-serving as part of what you donate pays my salary. But the climate for charitable giving has changed dramatically over the years and ministers are being told we must play a far more active role in this area.

At a recent conference I learned that just 15 years ago there were 600,000 listed non-profits in this country seeking your money. Today there are over 1,300,000. During that same period 125,000 churches closed their doors, most because they could no longer afford to stay in business.

In the Bible there are 2,350 verses about money and possessions and yet there is an ancient taboo about talking about money in church. Why is that? What are we afraid of? What we possess and how we make use of that is a significant part of who we are as faithful people and responsible citizens.

It takes a lot of money to keep this church going. It is a huge, old facility; we employ experienced professionals on our staff; we offer quality programs and opportunities for living out faith in a complex world. In a very simple way – there are 500 members and our budget is \$500,000. That means to do what we do costs \$1000 for every member. Some are able to give more and some less. One of our problems is that half of those 500 members do not pledge anything. Do the math on that!

At the request of many, we are not going to be having our financial drive until after the holidays this year...during the season of Lent. But your ongoing generosity is very much needed to maintain what we have here. You will be hearing more about this – please don't blank it out. Schools and colleges, the Heart Association, Red Cross, etc all need your help... but so does your church.

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7) isn't just a promo piece.

Blessings,

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

## Sunday Services



- November 6 10 a.m. *All Saints' Sunday* (see page 4)  
Worship Service with Communion,  
Church School
- November 13 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells, Church School
- November 20 10 a.m. Worship Service,  
Church School for PreK—Grade 4 only
- November 27 10 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages,  
Nursery Care only

*Nursery Care Available*

*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8  
Handicapped Accessible*

### A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

Reminder: In addition to sending bulletins of the worship service to homebound members, the church currently records many worship services on audio cassette. If you'd like to borrow one, contact the church office.



Don't forget to turn your  
clocks back 1 hour  
when you go to bed on  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

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

*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.*



The church office will be  
CLOSED on  
**Friday, November 11**  
for Veterans Day and on  
**Thursday and Friday,**  
**November 24 and 25**  
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## From our Associate Minister .....



My love of learning is immense. I value formal education, at its best, as a means of bringing forth democracy, equality, diversity, and service. I value religious education, at its best, for its commitment to meaning-making, capacity for wonder, nurture of relationship, building of community, and deepening of the spiritual life. I value informal education for its unexpected lessons, enduring questions, and global classroom.

I also value *unlearning* - not unlearning in the sense of oft-quoted blissful ignorance, nor turning away from truth, but rather unlearning in terms of relinquishing that which does not serve our lives or others' lives for the good. From Mark Twain to Gloria Steinem to Yoda – and yes, even Jesus - have all recognized the importance of unlearning at some point. My guess is that YOU also have some very wise insight into unlearning.

Have you ever had to unlearn a posture or pose to reduce repetitive stress injury? Have you ever had to unlearn a lesson instilled to you in a classroom decades ago that has since been repudiated by the latest scientific finding? Have you ever had to unlearn your preferred location of certain tabs on the computer screen when your email client redesigns their software layout or unlearn the location of the freezer section when the grocery store remodels? Have you ever had to let go of a judgment you've held of someone else or even unlearn a negative and untrue criticism you tell yourself about yourself? Have you ever tried to support a child or adult in unlearning a harmful habit? If you have, then you know that unlearning something can be frustrating, difficult, scary, even painful. And you probably also know that unlearning also has the potential to be exciting, freeing, and invigorating.

As a church, in addition to the immense opportunities we have for learning in the sanctuary and education building, we also have as much opportunity to unlearn. I recently watched a segment of a DVD for the after-worship study group in which the presenter, Matthew Myer Boulton, shares that “being a disciple, a student of Jesus, is a life-long practice that involves learning and unlearning.” To keep our spiritual lives and faith communities alive and nimble, we often have as much to unlearn as we do to learn. It can be hard work yet also a deeply satisfying journey of discovery.

Peace,

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

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died



During the worship service on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will toll the bell and remember by name our loved ones who have died *since last All Saints' Day (November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010)*.

The congregation is asked to please submit names *ahead of time* by contacting the church office at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) no later than Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Conversations About Our Church

"Conversations About Our Church" is our opportunity for gathering new folks in our church community to help them better understand how and why we do things the way we do around here. A "Conversations" is being held on

Sunday, November 20 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in Room 8.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of our church, we will be welcoming members in during worship on Sunday, December 11.

While we'd love it if you decide to join our church we know that for some it is not the right time. So please note that attendance at the "Conversations" in no way commits you to becoming a member.

All are welcome to "Conversations" and we are glad to provide babysitting if we know ahead of time. Please contact the church office to let us know - 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

## Advent Worship Volunteers needed



As hard as it is to believe, we are already planning for the Advent season and it will begin before you get the next ***Bridge***. There are many places that we especially welcome anyone to participate in our Advent worship services. If you would like, either individually or with friends or family, to do one of the Advent Candle lightings, read scripture, perhaps participate in some sort of Pageant at the 5 PM service on Christmas Eve please let Jeff know ([jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or 246-0111). No experience necessary!

*A Reminder about some end of October happenings.....*

Please join us for a

## **Hallowed Breakfast**



before the worship service on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



Ghoulish (but healthy) treats will be provided by the CEYM Team: Ghostly yogurt parfaits, Batty baked oatmeal, and Mummy muffins....just to name a few!

**ALL ARE INVITED**



Celebration of the

400<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Jeff will celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KJV during the 10 a.m. worship service and our choir will sing period music. If you have your own copy of a King James Version please bring it to church with you that day.

This year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. This version is the most consistently used version of the Bible in Protestant churches since its publication in 1611. It was the creation of the Church of England, written by 47 scholars, the 3<sup>rd</sup> officially recognized translation of the Bible into the English language. It came into being at least partly because of concerns expressed by Puritans in England about previous interpretations of certain passages. Its flowery language and poetic style, and the fact that many grew up memorizing verses in this translation, make it the “old favorite” of many people in our United Church of Christ tradition even though we no longer use it. We switched to the Revised Standard Version in 1952 and the New Revised Standard Version in 1989 in response to concerns about Biblical scholarship and more relevant language.



Food Drive for **Tap In's Thanksgiving Food Baskets** begins Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (see page 24 for all the details)

Reverse Trick-or-Treating Fair Trade chocolate and information will be handed out after worship on October 23 and 30. For more info about the program go to [www.reversetrickortreating.org](http://www.reversetrickortreating.org)

## BARRINGTON ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



will be held at **Barrington Presbyterian Church**  
400 County Road, Barrington  
on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
at **7:30 p.m.**

All are invited to attend this service which will feature prayers, readings, and music offered by the various religious communities in Barrington. The service will be followed by a time of refreshment and conversation.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Tap-In. Monetary donations will also be accepted to benefit Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

# Go Local

*A note from Lisa Browning.....*

Thank you to all the folks who shopped at Go Local Farmers Market this season. A huge thank you to Jean Arnold and Bethia Rosner who stepped in and ran the market. They were thrown in feet first and accepted the job wholeheartedly. It was a seamless transition and with no training whatsoever! What would we have done without them? Job very, very well done. Also, a special thank you to Carole Loutitt and Audrey Rogers who were a huge help too and Betsy Restituyo and Andrew Hemmingway for pitching in as well.

The Go Local Farmers Market will close at the end of October and will reopen next summer.



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

An after-church lunch and presentation celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the petition that eventually lead to the creation of the town of Barrington and the Barrington Congregational Church.

Watch for details in the December *Bridge*



**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall**  
**FUNDRAISING DINNER** for the 2012 Youth Service Trip.

*Watch the weekly announcements for all the details.*

## BCCUCC Coffee Hour – More “Marthas” Luke 10:38-42 Welcome

BCCUCC embraces the wonderful tradition of coffee/tea/juice time after worship. It is an important time for the congregation to socialize, catch up with friends and welcome those new to the church. In recent years a ministry team has been assigned a month to setup, serve and provide the accompanying goodies. This works well for large teams, as “many hands make light work” but for smaller teams with vacancies the month can seem very long. A suggestion was made that some additional goodies could be contributed by others on a Sunday—maybe during their birthday month and/or by families making an activity of baking or buying an item for a Sunday.



The following is the list of team assignments to do coffee hour during this church year with a member contact. If you plan to contribute on a given Sunday, if possible please let the team know so they can plan for that day.

November: Nominating/Personnel (*Marylouise Gamache/Tom Strolla*)

December: PPRT/Chancel/Members-at-Large

*(Phyllis Buckley/Carol Loutitt/Sue Simpson)*

January: Finance (*Kim Godfrey*)

February: Stewardship (*Greg Voigt*)

March: Christian Ed & Youth (*Kristen Westmoreland*)

April: Deacons (*Cheryl Muth*)

May: Justice & Witness (*Ann Wood*)

June: Building & Grounds (*Paul Dennis*)



### ATTENTION PARENTS

We respectfully request that parents supervise their children during coffee hour and not allow them to run around Fellowship Hall or up and down the corridors. We have a great playground outside where children can run and play, and encourage them to use it—under parental supervision. Thank you.



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 church's Facebook page.*

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

**Progressive Dinner**  
on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>



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

Catering will be by MORE THAN A MEAL CATERING which is a social enterprise of Amos House. Graduates of the Amos Culinary Education program prepare and serve quality custom catering offerings. By using More Than a Meal Catering we are supporting Amos House services.

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

Cost is \$25 per person

To make a reservation, contact the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)).

***Deadline for reservations is Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>***

People willing to host the main course part of the evening at their home should let the office know when they make their reservation. Times and locations for the dinner will be announced later.

**ADULT EDUCATION GROUP**

meets most Sunday Mornings after worship in the Library

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The group is beginning their study and discussion of

*On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life.*

The series includes 13 brief video segments with related study guide to spark open discussion each week. Facilitators rotate. Contact Elizabeth Barnum if you have any questions.



**ADULT EDUCATION**

## Meditation and Spiritual Inquiry Group

Meditation and open ended inquiry can open your awareness to Presence and Spirit. This group is an opportunity to learn meditation, and use readings and experiential exercises to introduce a kind of open inquiry into our deeper nature.

For reading, we are starting with *The Unfolding Now* by A.H. Almaas. It is not required that you read the book ahead of time. We will be doing readings and exercises from the book during some of the meetings.

The group is led by Greg Knight who is a member of the church with his family, Jane, Robert and Clare, and a member of the CEYM team. Greg has been practicing meditation for over 15 years. He studied philosophy and psychology in college, and has a background in movement, bodywork and spiritual inquiry work.

The group meets once a month from September 2011 through June 2012. The next meetings are on **Mondays, October 24, November 28 and December 26.**

All sessions are from **7:00 - 9:30 p.m.** in the **Church Library**. For more information, contact Greg Knight at [greg@gregoryknight.net](mailto:greg@gregoryknight.net).

New people are welcome to come and try it out, whether they've been before or not.

*A Note from Elizabeth: We are delighted that Greg is offering this meaningful opportunity during the program year and fully support and encourage participation. I am familiar with the readings and work of Almaas through my spiritual director of 11 years, so I can highly recommend this work!*



## The Women's Faith Group...

..meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from **1:30-3 p.m.** in the **church library** for a time of sharing and a book study.

Their next meetings will be on **November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** when they will finish *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler and will begin their study of *The Laws of Spirit* by Dan Millman.

Copies of the new book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$8.75.

All women are welcome to participate.

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)



Our annual Stewardship Campaign, the time each year when members of our church community make a financial pledge for the year to support the many ministries, usually takes place in the fall. The Church Council has voted to support a request from your Finance and Stewardship Teams that this year's campaign will take place in February and March, during the Lenten season. More details will be forthcoming soon.

### THE EXTENSION OF A GREAT IDEA

Congress has extended special tax advantages for those who are 70½ to make tax-free gifts from an IRA to a charitable organization like the Barrington Congregational Church Endowment Fund. Instead of receiving the required annual taxable distribution from your IRA you can direct all or part of the distribution to be made to the Church Endowment Fund. (There is no charitable tax deduction for this gift.)



To take advantage of this opportunity you must complete the transfer before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Check with your advisors now to find out how provisions for these gifts can be made. You can benefit the Church and keep your IRA distribution free from tax.

*A message from your Endowment and Investment Ministry Team—Lee Miller, Chair*



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

### 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.





The 205<sup>th</sup> **AUTUMNAL MEETING** of the  
**RI Conference of the United Church of Christ**  
will be held at

**Slatersville Congregational UCC**, 25 Green Street, Slatersville RI 02876  
on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The meeting will start at **8 a.m.** with the traditional peace breakfast and finish shortly after  
noontime lunch. The meeting will include worship, a report from General Synod delegates, a  
business meeting, and a resolution on being a Global Mission Conference.

**Registration is required.** Cost: \$18 per person and includes lunch (\$23 after October 24)

Visitors are also very welcome, but they also need to register ahead of time.

For more information or to get a registration form, go to [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) and click on 'events'.  
Or call the Conference Office at 724-7700.



The **RIC-UCC Haiti Task Force** presents...

**Haitian Hoopla Six**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7—11 p.m.**



**Providence Marriott**, 1 Orms Street, Providence RI

Enjoy Wine, Food Stations, Specialty Drink, Heavy Appetizers and much more

Special Guest: Executive Chef Jacques Sorci, The Carlyle Hotel, NYC

Live Entertainment: Dick Lupino, Rick DiRocco, Jeff Fountain, Jordan Nunes

**Tickets** are \$70 each or 2 for \$125.

Make checks payable to 'UCC' and mail to United Congregational Church, Attn: Janet Igo,  
524 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842. Donations are also most welcome.

You can also pay online or just register and pay at the door at

<https://www.wepay.com/tickets/view/179247>

You can also make a donation by clicking on <https://www.wepay.com/tickets/view/179247>

**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 fluorescent green nametags. They'll be happy  
to help you in whatever way they can.

## Got Drugs?



- You can make your home and community safer by participating in Barrington's

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT.

- This is a free, anonymous program. Turn in your unused, unwanted, unneeded medications, no questions asked.
- 7 of the 10 most commonly abused drugs by teenagers are prescription medications.

**Barrington Police Department**

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m.—2 p.m.**

*Don't forget  
to turn in your  
old drugs*

# Blood DRIVE

*New blood donors are  
always needed*

## Churches of Barrington BLOOD DRIVE

on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

from 2 – 7 p.m.

at St. John's Episcopal Church,  
191 County Road, Barrington

Each and every donation has the ability to help up to  
three patients, so every donation is priceless!

To make an appointment to give blood, go to [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).—Sponsor Code 0023.  
However, an appointment isn't necessary—you can just stop by.

## Give the gift of life – give blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center must collect 280 pints of blood daily to meet the growing demand of hospitals in Rhode Island.

### A Review of the Donation Procedure

- Donating blood is safe, simple and quick
- You will answer several medical questions before you donate
- The entire process takes about 45 minutes, the donation about 5-7.
- You can relax over refreshments for about 15 minutes after donating.
- You can return to your normal daily routine (except for strenuous exercise)



## Deadline for the December/January *Bridge*

The combined December and January *Bridge* will be mailed out before Thanksgiving. All material for inclusion will need to be in the church office by **Monday, November 14**. Information will need to be submitted for events happening in both December and January by that date. Thank you.

## Changes are coming to *The Bridge* newsletter in 2012

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.

If you've never received *The Bridge* in your e-mail inbox, it's because we don't have your e-mail address. Please e-mail it to us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) and we'll start sending it to you electronically.

The timing for this change seems perfect since the State will hopefully begin building a brand new 'White Church Bridge' in 2012!

Don't be alarmed if you don't have a computer or are not computer savvy. We will make sure that everyone who wants to read our newsletter is still able to do so in a format that suits them.



## Do we have your e-mail address?

As more and more of our communications are done by e-mail - as well as our newsletter going electronic (see above) - we want to make sure that we have everyone's e-mail address. If we don't have yours (or you're not sure) PLEASE e-mail it to us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)—and be sure to include your name so we know who you are! Thank you.

Don't have e-mail? Don't worry—we'll continue to make sure you still receive communications from the church via other means.



*The November 2011 calendar as found on pages 14-15 of the printed version can also be found on the Calendar page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org).*

## 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.



### Would you be willing to volunteer?

During the program year, Church School is offered almost every Sunday for our children in PreK through Grade 8, No fewer than 12 volunteers are needed every single week to do this. That's a whole lot of volunteers over the course of the program year! Is this something you might be interested in doing?

Contact our CE Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at 246-0111 ext. 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) for more information on volunteering in Church School.

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### Celebrating a Birthday?

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



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

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

The Sing & Celebrate Choir is open to all children in Grades 1-5. Rehearsals take place most Sunday's after Church School in Room 9. In November they will rehearse on November 6, 13 and 20. No rehearsal Nov 27 due to Thanksgiving.



The choir sings in church periodically throughout the year and are scheduled to sing during worship on October 30<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. The choir welcomes more voices, both girls and boys, to join them for this fun way to enhance worship. 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)

## Church School Schedule for November

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

- Nov. 6      *The Prophets*
- Nov.13      PreK-Gd 4    *Books of the Bible*  
                 Gds 5-6    Attend service with their families
- Nov. 20      PreK-Gd 2    *The Holy Family,*  
                 Gds 3-6    *The story of Isaiah*
- Nov. 27      No class - Worship for All Ages



### The Seekers (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

- Nov. 6      Wrap up unit on Christianity
- Nov. 13      No class - Attend service with their families
- Nov. 20      A study of Thanksgiving and Gratitude Rituals
- Nov. 27      No class - Worship for All Ages

### Church School Offering Update

For the 2010-2011 program year, in addition to donating to **Pennies for Peace**, the church school children also donated their Sunday morning offerings to **Heifer International**.

This year, they purchased 1 Llama (an invaluable source of transportation, income and wool) and 1 Flock of Hope which includes chicks, ducklings and goslings that will grow up to lay precious eggs that mean hope and increasing health and prosperity for hungry families across the globe.



Church School Offering envelopes are available from the C.E. Coordinator's office and offering boxes are in each church school classroom.

**Advent Begins on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – The CEYM Team will have special take-home Advent Bags with calendars available – be sure to pick one up!**



**How much do you know about drugs and drug abuse?**

**Take the National Drug IQ Challenge and find out. Go to**

**[www.drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/  
IQchallenge.php](http://www.drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/IQchallenge.php)**

**to take the online interactive quiz. Keep yourself and your children safe from the consequences of drug abuse.**

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE



The Confirmation class will meet on the following dates:

**Sun., Oct. 30** – Regular Session 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Room 6

**Sun., Nov. 6** - approx. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packaging 1,111 meals for *Outreach Inc—Kids Care* as part of Mission:1. Each meal costs .25 cents and each Confirmation family is asked to donate \$25 (for 100 meals) if they are able. The Justice & Witness Ministry Team is also supporting this effort and the congregation is being asked to contribute.

**Sun., Nov. 20** - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Meet with Adult Ed, Deacons, and Church Council members in the library.

**Mon., Nov 21** - 7:30 p.m. Attend **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** with your family at Barrington Presbyterian Church, 400 County Road, Barrington (see page 6).

### IMPORTANT SPRING DATES:

Confirmation Retreat: March 2-3, 2012

Confirmation Sunday: May 13, 2012

*\*\*If your child is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and hasn't yet signed up for the Confirmation Class but is interested, please contact Elizabeth Barnum a.s.a.p. at [elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bccucc.org). \*\**

## JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

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

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-5 p.m in Fellowship Hall** (No School for Barrington Public Schools)

The JPFers will be packing 1,111 meals for *Outreach Inc—Kids Care* as part of Mission:1. Each meal costs .25 cents and each JPF family is asked to donate \$25 (for 100 meals) if they are able. Other groups within the church are also supporting this effort and the congregation is being asked to contribute (see page 23).

SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 p.m.** Christmas Caroling to the homebound/nursing homes (open to all) followed by hot chocolate and cookies back at church.

Please contact Leslie Peck or Elizabeth Barnum for more information:

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.



# Band Jam Update



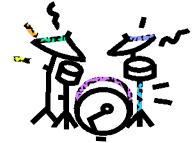
The Band Jam has been postponed until a later date this winter. New date to be announced soon!

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



Adult volunteers will be needed. If you are willing to volunteer (subject to your availability on the date chosen) please contact Elizabeth Barnum ([Elizabeth@bccucc.org](mailto:Elizabeth@bccucc.org)). Two dozen people are needed and Elizabeth would like to update the list of adults willing to help.

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



## For Parents

### Parent2Parent Meeting

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

7 pm. Church library

The Parent2Parent meeting (formerly called Cottage Meetings) is a chance for parents to get together to share effective prevention strategies with other parents. Topics include substance abuse prevention, the challenges of technology for parents, how to address bullying, and much more.

Parents of children of all ages are invited to attend.



Sponsored by the Bay Team, the event is free and open to the community.

### NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2012

July 10-13, 2012

Purdue University Lafayette, Indiana

For youth ages 13-18

Cost: \$425 includes accommodation & meals, transportation (by bus) & additional costs tbd.

Visit [www.ucc.org/nye](http://www.ucc.org/nye) for more information.

There will be a group from Rhode Island UCC churches 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!





## A Toy Story



I've never been one to rush the seasons - Fall is one of my favorites. I also love Thanksgiving and I get annoyed by seeing Christmas decorations up in the stores before Halloween. Call me old fashioned, but I just love to savor each and every season and holiday for it's own unique time. So now if you are wondering what this has to do with a "Toy Story", well.... I am writing to you early this year to let you know that in the month of December our church community will once again be supporting an agency called "Children's Friend". They are located in Providence and service needy families throughout the state.

I am not trying to rush the Christmas season but asking that as you do your fall cleaning perhaps you could get your children to help give some gently used toys, games or riding vehicles (bikes, scooters, etc...) to this cause.



There will be a huge box in the narthex starting the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) in which to drop your toys. We lost count last year of the number of trips Jeff took to Children's Friend due to your children's generosity in sharing their toys. The agency was overjoyed and so were we at the outpouring of donations.



Let's do it again kids! Get busy and start a pile for the box. Toys for all ages are needed. If you have any questions as you begin to gather your toys please contact Kathleen Larsen at 401 247-1787 or [klarsenswc@hotmail.com](mailto:klarsenswc@hotmail.com)



We continue to collect **Men's Clothing** for *The George Hunt Help Center*, in Providence. Men's shirts, jeans, trousers, jackets, hats, sweaters, shoes, boots, sneakers, and belts are always popular—but all clean men's clothing in good condition is accepted. As we approach winter, warm winter clothes and boots are especially needed. **Men's Toiletries** are also welcome. *A Collection hamper is in the Vestry.* Thanks to everyone who has donated items—they are very appreciative.



## Youth Service Trip 2012

(previously known as Mission Trip)



The group will be heading to Tucson, Arizona during school April 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.

### Upcoming fund raisers include:

- “Men Who Cook” event at Temple Habonim, Sat, Oct 29, 6 PM (see below)
- Dinner, Sunday, Nov 6, 5-7 PM at BCCUCC (watch for details in announcements)
- Thanksgiving Pie Sales (see next page)
- Band Jam (with High School bands) on a date tba (see page 18)

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)).

Temple Habonim presents

*A fundraiser for the 2012  
Youth Service Trip*



**Saturday, October 29**

**6 p.m.**

**Temple Habonim**  
165 New Meadow Road,  
Barrington

The menu includes Harry's Chicken Braised in Beer, Louis's Vegan Jambalaya, Neil's Beef Stew, Stephen's Risotto Catalan Esteban and much more!

**Chef Joe Simone** from The Sunnyside in Warren will pick his favorite dish and you are invited to help him judge the various dishes by tasting them all!

Admission of **\$18.00 per person** includes a **three course tasting** as well as a raffle ticket for a food related gift basket. Additional raffle tickets will be available for sale.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at the temple website at

<http://www.templehabonim.org/menwhocookpayment.php>

or contact the Temple office at 245-6536. Checks should be made payable to 'Temple Habonim'. *Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, October 25.*

## Pie Fundraiser for the 2012 Youth Service Trip



Back by popular demand are homemade pies in time for Thanksgiving. Do you remember how delicious last year's pies were? Now is the time to order some for this year using the order form below. Make a note of what you order here and keep the top portion for your records. **J**

\_\_\_ Classic Apple    \_\_\_ Apple-Craisin    \_\_\_ Pecan    \_\_\_ Gourmet!

***All pies must be picked up after worship on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.***

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### Pie Order Form

***Deadline for orders is Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.*** To be picked up after worship on Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email address and/or phone # for pick-up reminder*

All pies will be made in the Barrington Congregational Church kitchen or in the Temple Habonim kitchen with love by the 2012 Interfaith Youth Service Group! Apple pies will then be frozen with ready-bake instructions. Pecan pies are baked and ready-to-eat on pick-up day or for your Thanksgiving feast!

_____ Classic Apple Pie	\$16
_____ Apple-Craisin Pie	\$18
_____ Pecan Pie	\$18
_____ Gourmet! Pecan-Chocolate Chunk Pie	\$20

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

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

Checks can be made out to "Barrington Congregational Church UCC" with "Youth Service Trip pies" on the memo line. Cash is also acceptable.

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

# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

.....to all who brought a friend with them to church on 'Bring a Friend to Church' Sunday.

.....to CEYM for hosting the potluck supper on September 25<sup>th</sup> to kick off National Family Dinner Week.

.....to Amy Gorman, Betsy Restituyo, Laurie Dubel, Brook Gustovich, Greg Knight, Carol Strakosch, Elizabeth Barnum, Ginger Stabach, Jane Knight, Kate Bonneau, Cathleen Joachim, Francis Seader, Leslie Strolla, & Kristen Westmoreland for volunteering in Church School.

.....to all who donated old blankets during October for the rescued farm animals. Church member, Bethia Rosner and her daughter Barbara, who is a farm volunteer, were able to take a big pile of old blankets to them—thanks to your donations.

.....to Jane Tonn and the Membership Ministry Team for organizing the wonderful Celebration of Longtime Members held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks also to the 42 longtime members who were able to attend. Each of them had been a member here for at least 40 years!

.....to the Deacons for driving all around the greater Barrington area on October 1<sup>st</sup> to collect food donations from congregation members. Over 1300 non-perishable food items were collected and half were donated to TapIn and the other half to the RI Food Bank. Many thanks to all who gave food.

....and to Carolyn and John Faulhaber and Dick McWhirter for going to Redwood Nurseries and selecting some new plants for the terrace beds behind Fellowship Hall. The plants are replacing others that had to be removed. Thanks also to Dave Rogers who helped them with the planting out.

*Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* 1 Corinthians 12:4-6



## 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).

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

## Mission:1



One United Church on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related-injustice

November 1-11, 2011 [www.ucc.org/mission1](http://www.ucc.org/mission1)

The Deacons of BCCUCC already collected over 1,300 food items on October 1<sup>st</sup> as part of this effort. The food was donated to TAP-IN & the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!

Here's how the youth of the church are participating!

On **Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, Junior PFers will be **packaging 1,111 meals** in coordination with Outreach Inc – Kids Care (with support from St. James Lutheran Church in Barrington who are letting us borrow their assembly line).

On **Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** after worship (approx. 11:30-12:30), the Confirmation Class will be **packaging another 1,111 meals** in Fellowship hall during Coffee Hour.

Each meal costs .25 cents and each JPF/Confirmation family is asked to donate \$25 (for 100 meals) if they are able. The Justice & Witness Ministry Team is also supporting this effort and **anyone else who would like to make a donation is welcome to contribute.**

Checks should be made out to BCCUCC with 'Mission1 Meals' on the memo line.

If the donations exceed the cost of the 2,222 meals, the remainder will be donated to Neighbors In Need.

## Mission:1 continues...



You have been generous with food during our Mission:1 event. Now it's time to learn about the advocacy part of Mission:1. Join the Justice and Witness Team Ministry after church

on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**,  
at **11:20 a.m.** in the church library.



**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

Sarah Rohrer, the Northeast Regional Organizer for *Bread for the World*, will be talking to us about how we can become part of Bread's Offering of Letters. *Bread for the World* continues to push Congress and the administration toward U.S. foreign assistance that is more effective in reducing global poverty and is the UCC partner in the Mission:1 effort to send more than 11,111 letters to Congress.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team is once again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the TAPIN food pantry and their Thanksgiving program. J&W are being assisted by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade church school class who are preparing the empty bags.



On **October 23** grocery bags will be handed out after church and you are asked to return them on either **October 30 or November 6** containing the items requested.

The various different houses of worship in the area are being asked to supply specific food items. This will be to supplement the items that TapIn receives from the RI Food Bank.

**BCCUCC has been asked to donate the following items for the Thanksgiving Packages:**

**Mashed Potatoes (boxed)**

**Gravy (cans, jars or dry-mix packets)**

**Pumpkin Bread** \* see below for recipe or use your own.

Other food items may also be donated, but these are the ones needed for the Thanksgiving food packages.

TapIn plans to provide Thanksgiving Food packages for over 400 families and is very appreciative of the donations from everyone that enables them to do this.

Should you miss the church deadline of November 6<sup>th</sup>, you're welcome to drop off your donation directly at TapIn located in the basement of the building that houses the public library by Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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TAPIN, (Touch A Person in Need) is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers from our community. If you have time available and you want to help, there is always room for more volunteers. For information call 247-1444 between 9 am and Noon, Mon—Fri.

### \* TAP-IN'S PUMPKIN BREAD

1½ cups sugar

2 eggs

½ cup salad oil

1⅓ cups flour

1½ tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

¾ tsp salt

1½ tsp cinnamon

1½ tsp cloves

1½ tsp nutmeg

1 cup pumpkin, fresh or canned

- Stir sugar, eggs and oil together
- Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices together
- Combine wet and dry ingredients
- Stir in pumpkin
- Pour batter into prepared loaf pan
- Bake at 325°F for 1 hour 15 minutes



*This delicious and easy recipe can help you make bread for TapIn clients. Please drop off at Tap In by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.*



Once again this year we have the opportunity to purchase items from the SERRV catalog for Christmas. Through these purchases we are directly creating employment and training for artisans and farmers in 36 countries around the world. This income enables them to work their way out of poverty and to build better lives.

Helen Schall will have catalogs available at the piano in coffee hour through November and will be taking orders until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Helen can also be reached at 245-4724.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual BUY NOTHING DAY WINTER COAT EXCHANGE**

If you have a coat to give, please drop it off.  
If you need a coat, please pick one up.



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**State House lawn 10 AM -2PM, (directly across from Providence Place mall).  
Rain location St Johns Cathedral 271 N Main St, Providence**

**OR Bayside Family YMCA, 10 AM—NOON, 70 West Street, Barrington**

On November 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 - the busiest day in the American retail calendar and the unofficial start of the international Christmas-shopping season - thousands of activists and concerned citizens in 65 countries will take a 24-hour consumer detox as part of the annual Buy Nothing Day, a global phenomenon that originated in Vancouver, Canada. Some see it as an escape from the marketing mind games and the frantic consumer binge that has come to characterize the holiday season, and our culture in general. Others use it to expose the environmental and ethical consequences of over-consumption.

In Providence as part of International Buy Nothing Day, a winter coat exchange will take place on the lawn of the State House.

In Barrington the Y will hold a community coat and warm clothing exchange from 10 a.m.—Noon. They will accept gently used cold weather clothing as well as new hats, gloves and boots and items can be dropped off at the membership desk *anytime from November 1<sup>st</sup>* as well as during the exchange on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On the day of the exchange there will be activities for the kids so parents and others can socialize and 'shop'. All are encouraged to join in this community event.

The Dine Out group will next meet on

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

at Crossroads Restaurant  
133 Market Street, Warren

at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Helen Schall ([helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724) by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to make your reservation.

*All are welcome—both singles and couples.*



## Book Group

next meets on

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**



## Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others



The group meets on the first Thursday of each month and will next meet on

**Thursday, November 3**

from 7 - 9 p.m.

in the church library.

Their projects include prayer shawls, hats for soldiers, hats for newborns, local charities (mitten/hat tree at Christmas time), and children around the world. 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.

They will discuss the book

**Old Filth**

by Jane Gardam

Sir Edward Feathers—called **Filth** (even by his wife, Betty) for Failed in London Try Hong Kong—is now retired and living in Dorset after a distinguished career as a barrister in the Far East. Betty's sudden death sends him on both a real and an imagined journey to rediscover his past as a Raj orphan born in Malaya but shipped back home early and brought to manhood at the hands of a variety of surrogate parents and guides, some good, some bad. For everything else Gardam's richly layered story and acute observation provide, this is finally a portrait of old age, offered with unflinching realism but also deep compassion.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

October 2 – 270

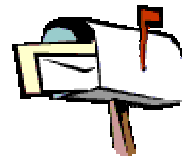
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## Letters from our mailbox



October 3, 2011

Dear Members  
(of the Membership Team),

Many thanks for the nice remembrance program you put on for the 40 year plus members. Everything was done with a lot of thoughtfulness and love. I especially enjoyed the music.

With much appreciation,  
Sheila Hutton



October 4, 2011

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the church celebration honoring the 40 years plus crowd on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have been members for 48 years and it was fun to see so many of our peers attending and their adult children. We all wore with pride boutonnières for recognition.

The planning and preparation for the reception was lovely and appreciated.

Many thanks,  
Woody and Zoe Woodruff

## Family Footnotes



Rick Browning; Andrew Rosner;  
Marina Zabinski's husband, Bob;  
Rev Andrew Simon of St. James Church;  
Dick and Flo Fairfield's son, Loren;  
Jeff Larsen's mother, Jane;

Liz and Ozzie Rosenholm's son, Mark; and Carolyn Hall's brother, Charles.

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

The families of Marjorie Files and Edward Weber.



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