

October 2011

**THE WHITE CHURCH**



**BRIDGE**

Dear Friends,

Tis the season of weddings. I have been honored to officiate at six during this month of September – each very unique and special in its own way. Only one was in a church (and not ours). Some were small and intimate while others were loud and brassy. All were within sight of the ocean except one and that was just a few hundred yards away.

One of the things I encourage couples to do in preparation for their day is to write a letter to each other listing the reasons why their ceremony is important to them – put down on paper the reasons they want to marry this person. Sometimes these letters lead to the creation of the wedding vows, sometimes to particular readings or songs that might be shared. In almost every case they have provided wonderful fodder for conversation.

In our age of tweeting and texting it is unusual to write or receive handwritten letters. I don't know about you, but when one does arrive in the mail it feels extra special. There is someone (at least one) in your life who needs and deserves to get a written letter from you – to show them you care enough to stop and write, address an envelope and find a stamp. Wouldn't today be a good day to do that?

God's peace to you all,



## Sunday Services in October



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| October 2  | 10 a.m. | <i>Celebration of Long-time Members</i> (see p4)<br>Worship Service with Communion and Installation of New Deacons, Church School |
| October 9  | 10 a.m. | Worship Service for All Ages,<br>Nursery Care only  |
| October 16 | 10 a.m. | Worship Service, Church School  |
| October 23 | 10 a.m. | Worship Service, Church School  |
| October 30 | 10 a.m. | <i>Celebration of King James Bible anniversary</i> (see page 6)<br>Worship Service, Church School                                 |

*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8*

*Nursery Care available every Sunday*

*Handicapped Accessible*

### DEACONS FOR OCTOBER

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

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

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

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[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.*

*Mark your calendar...*

The **AUTUMNAL MEETING** of the **RI Conference of the United Church of Christ** will be held at **Slatersville Congregational Church** on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting will start at 8 a.m. with the traditional peace breakfast and finish shortly after lunch. More details to follow.



## From our Associate Minister .....



I know it might seem like it is a month too early to start talking about gratitude. I can hear someone saying, “It’s October, not November!” And I know I have talked about gratitude in these newsletter pages before too. And I know that I have often quoted these words by Meister Eckhart on page and from pulpit, “If the only prayer you ever say is *thank you*, that would suffice.” His words speak volumes to me today and are worth repeating.

Some of you know that about a year ago, I started a gratitude journal. Every day, I jot down at least five things for which I’m grateful. It used to be just three things but I found I always had a few more! I have filled several notebooks in a year and the words of thanks range from the simple to superficial to sad to sentimental to silly to soulful. As I work here in the office on a gorgeous late September day watching the sun shine down on the Barrington River, the birds feast on the playground outside my office window. A fisherman is casting a line off the Massasoit Bridge. Flags are blowing in the breeze on poles in several yards across the water. There are cars rushing across the bridge in each direction. The first five things that would make my gratitude list in this moment would be: (1) meaningful work (2) those birds on the playground – what IS it that they are nibbling away at? It makes me wonder about the Parable of the Mustard Seed (3) breath (4) curiosity (5) tow trucks (6) coffee (7) a compassionate, generous, and vital community of faith (8) ripple effects – look at those small but endless waves lapping against the edge of the church property (9) patient colleagues – Christine just extended my deadline for my Bridge newsletter submissions. Ooops - that is more than five! See! Once you start, you have to keep going!

When life throws us unexpected curve balls, when memory haunts us with nostalgia & grief, when clouds roll in and rain pours, it can be hard to extend gratitude – to others, to self, and especially to God. For so many of the struggles in life, our questions of God are and will remain answerless. That’s difficult for us to accept as human beings! It is even *and especially* on those days, I believe our faith calls us to the practice of gratitude. I don’t mean that one has to give thanks for only the warm-fuzzy good stuff or ignore what is really going on. What I mean is that we are called to give thanks even in the mess and muck of our days. There seems to be plenty of it this season – I hear some of you using words like *unsettled* and *overwhelmed*, *heartbroken* and *tender*, *too busy* and *hanging on by a thread*. These would be the moments when we give thanks for the thread, for tenderness, for the unknown and the questions, for the kindness of a neighbor, the empathetic nod of a friend, the ability to shed tears or the courage to speak aloud a painful truth. Giving thanks can sometimes be easier said than done but it is *always* worth the effort and it *will* suffice as prayer.

So... how about you? Grateful for anything today?

Peace,

**Honoring Longtime Members  
of Barrington Congregational Church  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**



At the **10:00AM worship service** on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the congregation will acknowledge and honor BCCUCC members who have been members for 40 or more years.

It is our tradition at BCCUCC to twice a year welcome new members and honor their commitment to journey together with us in faith. It seems appropriate that as we talk about faith journeys, we acknowledge the commitment of folks who have been on the journey here for over 40 years. We realize forty years is an arbitrary number but it is also a biblical number and our records indicate the following people who fall into this category:

*Joan Allen, Fan Benjamin, George and Rose Marie Bolton, Nancy Brex,  
Lou Buckham, Jean-Ellen Burrows, Al and Dottie Butler, Eleanor Chisholm,  
Peter Colella, Priscilla DiMarco, Gail DiPierro, Earl and Kris Dunlap,  
Helen and James Elder, Flo and Dick Fairfield, Carolyn and John Faulhaber,  
Lynne Githens, Marcy Goss, Dave and Pat Gregory, Louise and Nelson Hawkins,  
Nancy Hazard, John Hess, Sheila Hutton, Nancy Jencks, Marty and Thomas Kee,  
Beverly Kelly, Ruth Leland, Carol Louttit, Joyce Mabey, Debbie and Bob Mason,  
Carolyn Materne, Nancy Mattis, Jane McCabe, Marie McGlory,  
Ed and Grace McKinlay, Joan and Lee Miller, Stew and Janet Morrison,  
Dorothy Muth, John Muth, Howard and Jetty O'Hare, Chloe Paulhus,  
Natalie Perry, Bette Reid, Janet Roberts, Audrey and David Rogers,  
Paula and Bill Rooks, Bethia Rosner, Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker, May Smith,  
Barbara Spicer, Heather Sugg, Margaret Swenson, Barbara Ward, Joe Weissfeld,  
Peg Welch, Marion Willey, Virginia Williamson, Ann and Donald Wilson,  
Woody and Zoe Woodruff, and Barbara Wuth.*

These folks all received special invitations to attend the worship service on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and we look forward to welcoming many of them on that day. We hope that you will also attend and join us in honoring their commitment to our church.

Following worship the celebrations will continue in Fellowship Hall where there will be a simple reception.

# Mission:1 Food Drive

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Pick-up between 9:00-11:30 a.m.



As part of their annual retreat, the Deacons have chosen to participate in the UCC Mission:1 campaign to collect more than 1 million food items nationally for local food banks and to confront food-related injustice. On **Saturday morning, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Deacons will be going door to door to church members in the greater Barrington area to collect food items.

## ***Things You Need to Know:***

- **How many and what food items are needed?** The goal is to collect 11 food items per household, but any amount of items, large or small, is welcome! See suggestions below.
- **Are they coming to my house?** If you are on our active member/participant list and live in the greater Barrington/East Bay area, you are likely to be visited. However, the Deacons only have 2.5 hours and many households on their lists! If they don't get to your house, please do not be offended but please do bring your items to church the next day. Thank you!
- **I won't be home at that time. What should I do?** Just like the postal workers' & Boy Scouts' food drives, simply leave a bag marked "Mission 1" outside your front door/steps in a visible location for the Deacons to pick-up.

## ***Most-Needed Non-Perishable Items:***

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| Peanut butter  | Nutritious breakfast cereals |
| Tuna   | Whole wheat pasta            |
| Canned and dried beans (example: baked beans)                              | Brown rice                   |
| Canned chili, soups and stews<br>(example: chicken soup, spaghetti sauce), | Boxed macaroni & cheese      |
| Cheese & cracker packages  | Granola bars                 |
| Canned fruits and vegetables<br>(example: corn, green beans)               | Dried fruit                  |
| Extra virgin olive oil   | Tomato sauce                 |
|  | Jams and jelly               |

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Mission:1 is a national UCC sponsored campaign to combat hunger based on Jesus' Prayer for his disciples: "That they may all be one."

For the first 11 days of November, 11.1.11-11.11.11, congregations will join together in a campaign to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks. We're just doing it a month earlier to fit in with the Deacons' Retreat! For more information about the national campaign, visit: <http://www.ucc.org/mission1/>





Celebration of the  
400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.  
**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
during the 10 a.m. worship service

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.

On Sunday, Oct 30 Jeff will celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KJV during worship. 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.

COFFEE HOUR in Fellowship hall after worship in OCTOBER will be hosted by the Endowment & Investment Ministry Team and by the Delegates to the RI Conference, UCC. Endowment members are Lee Miller (chair), Tom Lennon, Bob Mason, Paul Movsesian, , Joan Miller and Helen MacDonald—and they oversee the church’s investments.

RICUCC delegates attend Conference meetings and keep the congregation updated. Currently we only have one elected RICUCC delegate and that is Susan Rotblat-Walker. There are three vacancies and an additional vacancy for a youth. Anyone interested should contact the church office.

*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.*



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 years campaign will take place in February and March, during the Lenten season. More details will be forthcoming soon.

## Meditation & Spiritual Inquiry Group 2011-2012

Meditation and open ended inquiry can relax familiar patterns of thinking and 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 will start 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 will be 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 will meet once a month from September 2011 through June 2012. The first session is Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. They will then meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month so will meet on October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 26<sup>th</sup> etc.

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)

*A Note from Elizabeth: We are delighted that Greg has volunteered to offer this meaningful opportunity during the upcoming 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...

..will begin meeting again in October on the first and third Thursdays of each month from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the **church library**.

Their next meetings will be **October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** when they will finish their reading of *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler. Please also come with ideas for future books to read.

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)



## Godly Play Story Schedule



- Oct. 2      PreK—Gd 6 *The Great Family*  
Oct. 9      Worship Service for All Ages. No Church School, Nursery Care only  
Oct. 16     PreK—Gd 6 *Exodus*  
Oct. 23     PreK—Gd 2 *The Ten Best Ways*, Gds 3-6 *Story of Moses*  
Oct. 30     PreK—Gd 6 *Exile and Return*

### The Seekers (7th and 8th grade)

- Oct. 2 — 23      A study of Judaism  
Beginning Oct. 30      A unit on Christianity

## Children's Name tags



All of the children registered in Church School have new name tags. These name tags are clipped onto the children as they enter their classrooms and then they are left in the classrooms when they leave. If your child happens to forget to leave their name tag in the classroom, please return it.

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

### Godly Play Practice and Info session

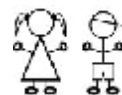


Sunday, October 23  
9 - 9:45 a.m. (before worship)  
Room 6

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

### 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 let off steam, and encourage them to use it—under parental supervision of course!



## JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

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

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon-3:15 p.m.** JPF will have a **lunch cookout** on the terrace at church followed by a 1 p.m. departure to Colt State Park for the **Faith Walk for Charity**. (The Confirmation Class will also be attending the walk). Return to church at 3:15 p.m. Remember to bring the Church Permission Form, the Faith Walk for Charity Walker Registration Form, and a Donation in the amount of your choice. See page 17 for information about the walk.

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1-4 p.m.** Trip to the **Corn Maze**, at Escobar's Highland Farm in Portsmouth, RI. The cost is \$6 for the maze and it is recommended you bring snack money as well. We will be leaving the church at 1pm and estimated to return at 4pm. We promise to not leave any lost children behind-LOL! *Please RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup>* to Leslie Peck at [PeckMarketing@cox.net](mailto:PeckMarketing@cox.net) or 401-245-1820 .

SAVE THE DATES:

**Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-5 p.m.** Packing 1,111 meals for Mission:1. *\$25 donation requested for this project.* (No School for Barrington Public Schools on this day)

**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.



Attention  
all  
Parents



- Parents are responsible for supervising their children on the playground at all times
- Please do not remove sand from the sandbox
- The sandbox must always be left securely covered after use—otherwise cats and other animals use it as their personal bathroom!
- Please leave the playground tidy and trash-free
- Please close and latch the gates when you leave

THANK YOU for using our playground responsibly.

### How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us up out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky stuff out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces, and places a shining light within us for others to see.



The Sing & Celebrate Choir is open to all children in Grades 1-5. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and take place after Church School in Room 9.

The choir sings in church periodically throughout the year and holds practice after worship when needed. They welcome 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)



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**

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

August 28 – 0  
Church Cancelled  
Hurricane Irene

September 4 – 60  
September 11 – 237  
September 18 – 211  
September 25 – 214

THANK YOU to all the parents who have registered their child(ren) for Church School.

### Have you registered your child ?



Registration forms are required for EACH CHILD that participates in our church programs (church school, confirmation, youth group etc) in order to comply with our Safe Church policy. If you registered your child last year, you'll only need to update and initial your current form. To register a child for the first time, registration forms are available in church school classrooms, from the notice board outside Andrea's office, or from the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

# CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2011-2012

Grade 9 & up



Confirmation marks a step in the spiritual journey when a young person takes responsibility for shaping their own values and faith, with support from a community of faith.

The Confirmation class will meet on the following dates:

## OCTOBER:

**Sun., Oct. 2** – Confirmation Class participates in **Faith Walk for Charity** at Colt State Park. Meet at the Church at 1 p.m. Return at 3:15 p.m.

Bring: Church Permission Form, Faith Walk for Charity Walker Registration Form, and donation in amount of your choice. (See page 17 for details of the walk)

**Sun., Oct. 16** – Regular Session 11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m. **History Tour** with Jeff  
(*\$75 deposit for retreat and \$25 donation for Mission:1 project both due*).

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

## NOVEMBER:

**Sun., Nov. 6** - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Room 6. \$25 donation to help package 1,111 meals for Mission:1 (*to have been brought in Oct. 16*)

**Sun., Nov. 20** - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Meet with Adult Ed, Deacons, and 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.

## 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). \*\**

SAVE THE  
DATE!

## Band Jam

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

7—10 p.m. BCCUCC Fellowship Hall

This will be a fundraiser for the April 2012 Mission/Interfaith Service Trip.



*The October 2011 calendar as found on pages 12-13 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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## 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.



### **“Pig in a Blanket” Drive**

Smith & Agli's Potbelly Manor in North Kingstown is in need of your old blankets – regardless of condition – to help keep rescued farm animals warm this winter. There is a collection area in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Church Member Bethia Rosner has asked us for help on behalf of her daughter, a farm volunteer.



## Mission/ Interfaith Service Trip 2012

The following information about the 2012 Trip was given at the recent informational meeting:



When: Saturday, April 14 to Thursday or Friday, April 19 or 20 (depending upon decisions made by the group)

Where: Tucson, Arizona, to work with an organization called "Borderlinks" (see [borderlinks.org](http://borderlinks.org)) that does educational and service work along the Mexican border with immigrants – helping them find housing, work, and food. We will learn about the important issues of immigration that are on our national agenda right now, meet some of the key people, learn about the process of gaining citizenship, and work in places like a food bank farm.

Travel: We will fly Providence to Tucson and back and have our other transportation provided by Borderlinks.

Cost: With the flight and all meals provided this will be an expensive trip but we hope to defray the cost with lots of fund-raising projects during the year and, as always, no one will be excluded because of the cost. The actual cost per person will be approximately \$1300 and we hope to get that down to about \$800 each.

Special: We are sharing this experience with our neighbors and friends from Temple Habonim and looking forward to the wonderful opportunities it will mean for all of us in sharing the challenges of the work and learning more about how different faiths are lived out in the world.

Caution: We would very much like to have an even balance in the numbers between the Temple and our church, and we may be somewhat limited by Borderlinks, so there is a possibility we will have to limit how many we will be able to take. We will not know this until the registration date is here and if there are limits we will give preference to older youth figuring that younger ones will be able to go on trips in the future. We hope everyone will be understanding of this.

Deadline: The deadline for registration (which includes parental signatures and a \$200 deposit) is Sunday, October 2.



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.

## REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREATING

This Halloween, children across the U.S. are handing candy back! Huh?

Why? Despite years of promises from the major chocolate manufacturers, too little has been done to tackle the documented problem of forced child labor on many farms that supply their cocoa. At the bottom of the chain, cocoa farmers have been left in poverty year after year.



Reverse Trick-or-Treating is a project of Global Exchange and Equal Exchange in collaboration with non-profit organizations, schools, congregations, and Fair Trade chocolate companies. It is an effort to educate everyone about the problem. By purchasing only fair trade chocolate, we help improve the lives of children and small-scale farmers on cacao farms around the world. (Cocoa comes from cacao beans).

Church School children will receive samples to take home with them. Households can also sign-up on their own at [www.reversetrickortreating.org](http://www.reversetrickortreating.org) to receive free chocolates in bulk to participate on Halloween. Information about this initiative from Equal Exchange is available at [www.ReverseTrickOrTreating.org](http://www.ReverseTrickOrTreating.org)

Our Justice and Witness Ministry Team feel strongly on this issue and have written the following letter to the Editor of the Barrington Times:



To the Editor,

As another Halloween approaches and parents think about buying chocolate as "treats" for children, the Justice and Witness Team Ministry at the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, ask you to consider something else: the chocolate you buy could be tainted with child labor.

September 19<sup>th</sup> marked the ten-year anniversary of the signing of the Harkin-Engel Protocol, an agreement by the country's largest chocolate companies to put an end to forced child labor on cocoa farms in West Africa by 2005.

Ten years later, not enough progress has been made. Hundreds of thousands of children are still forced to work under abusive conditions for long hours on cocoa farms in West Africa, while others are victims of trafficking and forced labor.

The largest chocolate manufacturer in the United States, Hershey, lags behind its competitors in eliminating these abuses from its cocoa supply chain. What's more, news recently surfaced that Hershey has been exploiting student guest workers here in the US in one of its packing facilities.

Some of Hershey's competitors, including Mars and Nestle, have committed to start sourcing cocoa that is independently certified to comply with labor rights standards.

We urge Hershey – the most iconic chocolate company in the US – to protect workers from bean to bar and certify its chocolate as Fair Trade, ensuring that forced child labor is removed from its chocolate bars, its kisses, and its peanut butter cups.

As in previous years, Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, will be educating our congregation on this issue and providing samples of Reverse Trick or Treat Fair Trade Candy. To learn more about the Reverse Trick or Treat program, visit <http://www.equalexchange.coop/rtt/index.html>.

*The Justice and Witness Team Ministry of the Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ*



**7th Annual GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**  
will take place  
**Monday, October 10**  
**(Columbus Day)**

*You and I CAN change the world!*

Here are three reasons to sign up for the biggest one day volunteer effort in Rhode Island:

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

**Register online for the Great Day of Service**  
at [www.greatdayofservice.com](http://www.greatdayofservice.com).

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

**Important:** There will be NO walk-up registrations.

**Not sure what you'd like to volunteer for?**

There is information on the website about the many different worksites available—but register soon as some of them are already full!

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

***Come help make a difference!***

This annual event is sponsored by *Beyond Our Walls*, an interfaith group whose mission is to change the local community and beyond. Since its inception in 2005, Great Day of Service volunteers have assisted dozens of organizations that provide a myriad of services from feeding the hungry to sheltering the homeless, from animal protection to environmental cleanup and more. In addition, lasting relationships between volunteers and organizations have been formed. At last year's Great Day of Service over 700 volunteers participated at different work sites throughout Rhode Island. Were you one of them? Will you be one of the volunteers at the 2011 Great Day of Service?

## CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS

Collections of much needed items for our troops will be packaged and prepared for shipping on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day on the **Great Day of Service**. Drop off points in Barrington include a box at the back of Fellowship Hall here at BCCUCC.

There are a number of ways in which you can help:

### 1. Donate items to be packed.

Food items- Flavor packs for bottled water (Crystal Light), individual packages of nuts, trail mix (without chocolate), granola bars, crackers, gum, candy (no chocolate), raisins, Slim Jims, pretzels, popcorn.

Toiletries- Chap stick, Off wipes, baby wipes

Miscellaneous- Playing cards, DVD's, books, magazines (such as Sports Illustrated, Body Builder, Motocross), baseballs, softballs and gloves (gloves do not have to be new)

*All donated items need to be in the donation box by 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### 2. Make a donation towards the cost of items and postage -

Checks payable to B.O.W., Memo: "Care Packages"

Mail to B.O.W., PO Box 567, Barrington, RI 02806.

### 3. Submit names and current addresses of men & women serving overseas in a war zone.

Mail to B.O.W., PO Box 567, Barrington, RI 02806 or e-mail [bryteyes5758@aol.com](mailto:bryteyes5758@aol.com)  
*no later than October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Question: What do Jews, Muslims, all manner of Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, and people of all faiths have in common?

Answer: They all think it's a good idea to help those in need.

You are invited on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to come to Colt State Park to join the 1 mile Faith Walk for Charity to raise money for Camp Surefire—RI's only camp for children and teens with diabetes. Registration - 1:30 p.m. Walk - 2 p.m.

*Both our Confirmation class & our Junior PFers will be participating in this walk (see p 9 & 11).*

For more information about the walk or to sign up go to [www.faithwalkforcharity.org](http://www.faithwalkforcharity.org).

Learn more about the charity at [www.campsurefire.org](http://www.campsurefire.org).

Leaflets about the walk are also available from the vestry table or outside the church office.



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.



### Help raise awareness about the situation in the Congo

One of the many resolutions passed at General Synod 28 of the U.C.C. this July included “A Call for a Reflection and Advocacy on Behalf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo”. The resolution seeks to raise awareness of and engage settings of the church in advocacy regarding the violent conflicts and human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the

Congo, related especially to the exploitative mining of resources for export and industrial application. You can learn more about this situation by visiting <http://www.congoweeek.org> and by participating in a worldwide “Cell OUT”

on **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011** from **Noon – 1:00 p.m.**



*What is a Cell OUT?*

The Cell OUT is an organized cell phone usage "time out" to bring awareness to the ongoing conflict in the Congo and the vicious scramble for Congo's spectacular natural resources. One such mineral, is columbite-tantalite or Coltan, a black tar-like mineral found in major quantities in the Congo. When coltan is refined it becomes a heat resistant powder that can hold a high electric charge. It is used in many electronic devices such as cell phones.

### ONGOING COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED LOCALLY



**Men's Clothing** for *The George Hunt Help Center*, in Providence.

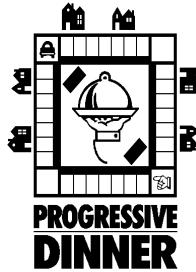
Men's shirts, jeans, trousers, jackets, hats, sweaters, shoes, sneakers, and belts are always popular—but all clean men's clothing in good condition is accepted—especially winter clothing now that the weather is turning cooler. **Toiletries** are also always needed. *Collection hamper in the Vestry.*



### SERRV

Once again we will have an opportunity to purchase items from the SERRV catalog. 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. Look for the catalogs during coffee hour or contact Helen Schall at 245-4724.

### SAVE THE DATE!



**Saturday,  
December  
3<sup>rd</sup>**

Sponsored by  
your Justice  
and Witness  
Ministry team.

### 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.**



BCCUCC is hosting a CVS run

**Flu Vaccination Clinic**  
**on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**from 9 a.m.—Noon in the church library.**

The flu shots will be administered by a certified CVS pharmacist.

Please note the following:

1. CVS can only vaccinate adults 19 years and older.
2. The flu shot is free for RI residents with insurance and for anyone with RI employer insurance (ex. BCBS of RI) even if they are not a RI resident. Anyone intending to receive a flu shot should bring their insurance cards with them the day of the clinic. Senior citizens with Medicare should bring both their Medicare Part D and Medicare Part A/B cards.
3. Anyone who does not have insurance can still get a flu shot for \$29.99. CVS can only accept exact change or check at the flu clinic, no credit cards.

## The Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

Different Ministry Teams are responsible for doing the soup kitchen each time BCCUCC is scheduled (every 9 weeks) but they welcome assistance from other members of the congregation.



**The Deacons** are scheduled to provide and serve the meal on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to assist — maybe by providing a main dish or salad or fresh fruit or granola bars or going to help serve at the kitchen — please contact the chair of the Deacons, Cheryl Muth at 433-2878 or [jccbmuth@aol.com](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com), or contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or [diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:diane.todd@verizonbusiness.com).



## Gather by the River – Catch the Spirit

What an evening! The *Gather by the River – Catch the Spirit* auction is now just a memory. But what a great memory it is! Thanks to all who came to the auction and bid high and often and all those members, friends and local businesses who donated such wonderful items for the rest of us to bid on.

The auction had been in the planning stages for over a year and was a success because of the many folks who stepped forward to help out in so many ways. Thank you to my fabulous committee listed below. Also thank you to the many folks who helped out by working on the bar, working on checkout, helping solicit businesses for their many donations, and all those who helped in so many other ways. Special thanks to both Christine Wallis and Pat Stoddard in the church office who once again stepped forward to help in so many ways.

The final numbers for the auction are not completed but we do have some preliminary information. The auction will net at least \$15,000. But more importantly, we laughed together, we shared food together, and we had a blast.

Thank you all!

Sue Simpson, *Auction Chair*

*Donations Team:* Judy Harff *Chair*, Lorraine Keeney, Jane Tonn, Pat Rude, Laurie Lennon.

*Food & Bar Team:* Barbara Smith *Food and Bar Chair*, Bernie Hawes, Abby Randazzo *Bar Chair*.

*Decorations Team:* Mary Lou Slicker *Chair*, Carol Louttit, Sue Black, Audrey Rogers, Meredith Huse.

*Technology:* Rich Simpson. *Communications/Publicity:* Kathleen Larsen, Susan Seader.

*Committee:* Helen MacDonald, Jim McCartney, Lois McCartney *Auctioneer:* Tom Lennon

*Setup:* Sue Terhune, Lynn Blanchard-Caesar *Boat Shed Hosts:* Sue and Steve Terhune

# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

....to CEYM for yet another delicious picnic to celebrate Gathering Sunday

.....to Greg Voigt for making new materials for the new godly Play room

.....to Duncan Maio for making a new desert box for the new Godly Play room

.....to Amy Gorman, Ginger Stabach, Laurie Dubel, Francis Seader, Greg Knight, Kathy Sullivan, Elizabeth Barnum, Kristen Westmoreland, Jane Knight, Kate Bonneau, Brooke Gustovich and Betsy Restituyo for volunteering in Church School

.....to everyone on the Auction Committee and especially to chairperson Sue Simpson. The auction was such a success thanks to the countless hours of work they put in over the past year organizing it all—not to mention all of the work that they did on the night. (See previous page for more auction thank yous)

.....to Carolyn and John Faulhaber for all of the yard work they have done over the summer and continue to do - weeding, pruning and tidying - to keep the various flower beds looking so good

.....and to Tom Strolla (coach) and the other members of the BCCUCC Softball Team. Although they lost in the final they had a fun season with lots of laughter and great fellowship—they represented our church well! Congratulations and good luck for next year!

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

Beginning January 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.



The DINE-OUT group will meet

on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

at 6:30 p.m.

at 15 Point Restaurant,

15 Point Road, Common Fence Point,  
Portsmouth, RI 02871

*All are welcome.*

Call Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or  
[jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net) to *sign up by Mon, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>*.



## The Book Group

next meets on

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

at 7:30 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot  
501 Main Street, Warren.



They will discuss

**Peace Like a River**

by Leif Enger

To the list of great American child narrators that includes Huck Finn and Scout Finch, let us now add Reuben "Rube" Land, the asthmatic 11-year-old boy at the center of Leif Enger's remarkable first novel, *Peace Like a River*. Rube recalls the events of his childhood, in small-town Minnesota circa 1962, in a voice that perfectly captures the poetic, verbal stoicism of the northern Great Plains.

**All are welcome!**

*For more information contact  
Helen Schall 245-4714 or  
[helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)*



## Knitting (and Crocheting)

for Others

The group meets on the first Thursday of each month and will resume their monthly gathering on Thursday, October 6 from 7 - 9 p.m.

in the church library. The knitters are looking forward to getting together again after the summer break and they welcome new people. 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.

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.

If you have a concern, you are invited to contact a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Team (PPRT). They meet regularly and deal with the concerns of the ministers, the staff and the congregation — so feel free to contact any of the members: Phyllis Buckley (245-1098), Sharon Sylvester (247-4532), Marshall Hoyler (245-1118), Laurie Lennon (694-0715), John Muth (433-2878).  
*PPRT next meets on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.*



Are you interested in serving as an usher? Volunteers are asked to serve once every three weeks on either the fall or spring schedule. Anyone interested is invited to find out more by contacting either Bethia Rosner (246-0131) or Dave Gregory (246-1294). Thank you.

## Family Footnotes



Congratulations to . . .

**Marilyn Packard-Luther  
& Jefferson Bull**  
married September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Karen Browning & Chris Ahern**  
married September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011



**BIRTHS**

**Jacob Russell Brougham**  
born September 13, 2011  
to Amanda and Rob Brougham  
Grandparents: Lynne and Bob Githens  
Great-grandmother: Sheila Hutton

**Matthew Edward Mason**  
born September 19, 2011  
to Mark and Diane Mason  
Grandparents: Bob and Debbie Mason  
Great-grandmother: May Smith

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



Rick Browning; Barbara McWhirter;  
Matthew Mason; Andrew Rosner;  
Jeff Larsen's mother, Jane;  
Marina Zabinski's husband, Bob;  
and Doris Buckner.

## Baptisms

**Austyn Paul Carreiro**

Son of Americo and Harley Carreiro



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

1 Corinthians 12:13



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

Cheryl Muth on the death of her aunt, Dorothy Winstanley.

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