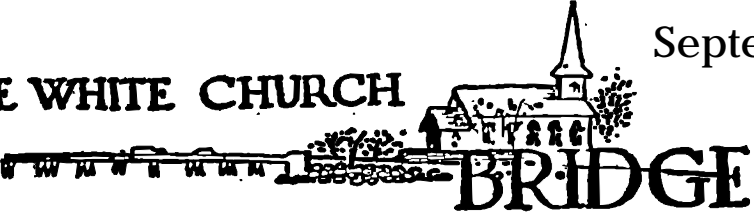


September 2011

THE WHITE CHURCH



BRIDGE

Dear Friends,

Five years together! September 1st will be our 5th anniversary here in Barrington and I just want to thank you all once again for the honor of serving as one of your ministers here. For the way you care about each other, respect each other's differences, respond to suggested changes...this is a very special church community! For the dynamite staff you support I thank you also. Working with this group of people makes coming to work each day a real joy.

We will enter the new church year in September with lots of excitement and possibility. This newsletter is full of offerings to keep all of us busy 24/7. And, of course, we face some challenges as well trying to bring together a long-range plan for our church that many of you have had input into and figuring out how we can bring our budget into balance. But we will move forward together in all these things and that is a wonderful feeling for me – I hope you feel it too.

When a minister and congregation begin a life together each side has many, many questions, worries, hopes. After five years the “honeymoon” phase is most certainly over for us both. So now the real work can begin. I am excited to see you all, feel and hear the energy return to the sanctuary, and to get to work side-by-side in being the most faithful church we can all be together. Let's go!

Peace to you all,



Worship Services & Church School in September

- September 5 9 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages with Communion,
Nursery Care only
- September 11 *Gathering Sunday* (see page 4)
10 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages,
Nursery Care only
After Worship Church School Registration (see page 5)
All Church Picnic (see page 4)
4:00 p.m. Interfaith Service at Brown University for 9/11 Anniversary
(see page 14)
- September 18 10 a.m. Worship Service with Bells and Dedication of Church
School Volunteers,
Church School classes begin for PreK—Grade 8
- September 25 *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday* (see page 14)
10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School



Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8

Nursery Care available every Sunday morning

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Clergy Away

The Rev. Elizabeth Barnum will be away at a conference from August 31-September 2 and off the weekend of September 3-5.

The Rev. Jeff Larsen returns September 3.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787 home) or Elizabeth (245-3467 home) please call a deacon.

From our Associate Minister



I tried trapeze for the first time this summer. I spent a week of my vacation time working at a retreat center in the Hudson Valley region of New York. The weeks that I've worked there over the years always unfold to be an experience that is part offering, part service, part retreat, part Sabbath. I spend my time there teaching movement classes to guests and staff, lingering over hot tea in the café, reading in the library, and taking long morning walks on country roads. No need to upset that rhythm, right?!?! It must have something to do with my namesake because when I saw that there were trapeze artists on the campus offering lessons at a hugely reduced rate for staff, I thought "Sign me up!"

Did I stand atop that trapeze platform fearlessly? No! Did I also feel excitement? Yes! Did I wonder what I'd signed up for? Yes! Did I do it perfectly? No, far from it! Did I learn a lot about myself? Yes! Did it stretch me? Absolutely! My experience on the trapeze taught me several things about where my 'edge' is, what I learn when put in new experiences, how I respond to challenge and learning something new. During that afternoon lesson, I managed to hop off that platform a few times, hook my legs on the bar and swing upside down a bit before doing the necessary backflip to land comfortably in the safety net. It is actually easier than it sounds due in part to momentum and safety nets!

One of my teachers often says "after you leap and before you land is God." I love this metaphor for God, for being, for breath, for the journey, for the dance of life. The place 'between' can often be a place where Spirit makes an appearance we can recognize if we're wholly attentive. It could be during the time between a test and diagnosis, the time between a death and a memorial service, the time between seasons, the time between what was and what will be, the time between birthdays and holidays, the time between jumping off the trapeze platform and landing in the safety net.

Whether you are at a point in your faith journey where you are about to take a leap or have just landed, I hope something this autumn stretches you – not in the overextended kind of way but in the sweet reach of soul, body, and mind – the kind of stretch that includes discovery. As we re-gather for 10:00 a.m. worship, my hope for you is that you are stretched to edges of understanding about the nature of God and community. In the church school rooms on Sunday mornings, my hope is that teachers and children alike are stretched to wonder more deeply. In ministry team meetings, my hope is that we are stretched to make bold choices. And in the time between Sunday mornings, my hope is that we are all stretched to experience that sweet spot between landing and leaping.

Peace,

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



Gathering Sunday

SEPTEMBER 11th

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

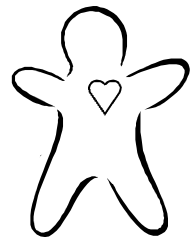
We hope that you can join us as we return to the 10 a.m. worship time and celebrate the start of a new church year.



You should soon be receiving the electronic booklet

A Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry Programs at BCCUCC 2011-2012

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



The booklet contains lots of information on everything related to children and youth here at BCCUCC—from our nursery care to our Mission Trip for adults and high school students. Also included is the church school calendar for Sept 2011—June 2012 so you can plan ahead.



Church school registration will begin after worship in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall on **Gathering Sunday - September 11th**

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

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

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

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

Regular Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th.



GODLY PLAY OPEN HOUSE & PARENT ORIENTATION

Sunday, September 18th 11—11:25 a.m.

Parents of children from PreK-Grade 6 will be invited to leave the worship service a few minutes early to join their children in the Godly Play rooms where they will have the opportunity to learn more about the program. This will be a brief, but important orientation for all parents.

Godly Play Story Schedule for September thru mid October

Sept. 18 PreK—Gd 4 *Circle of the Church Year* Gds 5 & 6 *Books of the Bible*

Sept. 26 PreK—Gd 2 *Creation* Gds 3—6 *Second Creation: Falling Apart*

Oct. 2 PreK—Gd 6 *The Great Family*

Oct. 9 Worship Service for All Ages—No Church School

Oct. 16 PreK—Gd 6 *Exodus*

Volunteering for BCCUCC Church School programs



It really does ‘take a village’ to nurture Christian faith in children and young people. We hope and expect that parents, caregivers, and other interested adults in the church community will offer their time and talents throughout the program year. We need 12 volunteers every Sunday to make Church School happen! We help provide you with the information and resources that you’ll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith.

Every volunteer that works with children and youth is asked to fill out a Volunteer Application Form which is available on the church website www.bccucc.org.

Please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard, for more information (401) 246-0111 ext. 107 or andrea@bccucc.org.



Church School Volunteer Training and Orientation

✓ REQUIRED of ALL VOLUNTEERS working with children and youth ✓

Please pick one of the following dates and plan to attend:

Saturday, September 10th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 6

OR Tuesday, September 13th from 7—8 p.m. in Room 6

OR Sunday, September 25th from 6—7 p.m. (after the family potluck) in Room 6

Please RSVP to Andrea (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 107) to let her know which session you will be attending.

Dedication of Church School Volunteers

will take place during worship
on Sunday, September 18th,
the first day of regular church school classes. We hope that all church school volunteers will be able to attend worship that day so they can be part of the dedication.

Church School News

New this year is a monthly newsletter. It will be handed out by the doorkeepers and will be available outside Andrea’s office at the end of each month. In it you will find a list of the Godly Play stories that will be told in the upcoming weeks and the accompanying scriptures, the themes for the 7th & 8th graders, and any special events for the coming month.

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 first meeting of the Confirmation class is **Sunday, September 25th** from **11:30 - 12:30** in Room 6 in the Education Building. We request that **parents join us** for this first session.

SAVE THE DATES!

Next month (refer to your schedule for details):

- Sun., Oct. 2 – Confirmation Class participates in Faith Walk for Charity at Colt State Park
- Sun., Oct. 16 – Regular Session (see page 8)
- Sun., Oct. 30 – Regular Session

Important Spring Dates:

- Confirmation Retreat: March 2-3, 2012
- Confirmation Sunday: May 13, 2012

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

JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (JPF)

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

JPF will meet **Friday, September 9th** from **6-8 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Library.

On **Sunday, October 2nd**, JPF and the Confirmation Class will participate in the Faith Walk for Charity at Colt State Park (see page 8)

Please contact Leslie Peck or Elizabeth Barnum for more information:

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



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



Mission Trip 2012



This year our high school youth are invited to participate in an Interfaith Mission Trip during the public school vacation, April 14-21, 2012. Youth and adults from our church and Temple Habonim will be traveling, working, and learning together.

An information session for all youth and parents will be held in the church library on Sunday, September 25th at 7 PM when specific details will be made available. As usual, to be part of this trip all members must make the commitment to actively participate in monthly meetings and various fund-raisers that will be held throughout the year.

One thing that may be different this year is that we might be limited in how many we can take so be sure to be at the September 25 meeting if you are interested. You will receive more details about the trip as soon as they are available.



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 2nd 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 and our Junior PFers will be participating in this walk (see page 7).

For more information about the walk or to sign up go to www.faithwalkforcharity.org.

Learn more about the charity at www.campsurefire.org.

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

A Day of Godly Play® (workshop and training for adults)

Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Church of the Epiphany,

1336 Pawtucket Avenue, Rumford RI 02916

Led by Nancy St. John, Accredited Godly Play Teacher Trainer

Speak with Elizabeth or Andrea for more information and a registration form.



The time is here to BUY YOUR TICKETS and COME TO THE AUCTION!



AUCTION

Saturday, September 17th, 2011

Stanley's Boat Yard **5 p.m.**
17 Barton Ave., Barrington RI

Tickets: **\$30 per person** includes appetizers and buffet

It is hard to believe that the church auction we have been planning for so long is almost here. The Auction team has been very busy all year meeting, planning and getting ready for the event and it is sure to be a fun filled evening. Tickets went on sale as of August 21st and you can either buy yours after church during coffee hour or contact the church office 246-0111. When you buy your tickets please consider buying **more** than you need and inviting friends or family. The price is \$30 per person and includes a scrumptious buffet and appetizers by Pranzi catering.

This promises to be an evening of great food, fellowship and fun. We only host this event every few years so don't miss out as we are looking forward to having a great night together. We are once again at the Stanley Boat Yard (thank you Steve and Sue Terhune) and as many of you remember, it is such a lovely setting for this wonderful event.

If you have come up with anything during your summer travels that you would like to donate to the auction please contact any member of our donation team:

Judy Harff: judy@harff.com 289-0438 Lorraine Keeney: likeeney@gmail.com 486-3042
Laurie Lennon: lemlaur@hotmail.com 694-0715 Pat Rude: ru4880@cox.net 245-7712
Jane & Doug Tonn: jtonn2@cox.net 289-2349 or contact BCC_Auction@cox.net

Donation Forms are available at coffee hour, from the church office, or can be downloaded from our church website www.bccucc.org. Please get completed forms to us as soon as possible. You can also look for the Auction team's special name tags at coffee hour. We'll be happy to talk with you, answer any questions, or take donation information or forms.

A number of local businesses and organizations have donated items or services for our auction—check out the wall exhibit in Fellowship Hall (the fish in the net).

The **AUCTION CATALOG** containing the many items up for auction—both 'live' and 'silent'—will be published after Labor Day and made available to the congregation ahead of the event. It will be posted on the church website www.bccucc.org and will also be e-mailed out to those on our church e-mail list. If you don't have access to the catalog by September 12th, please stop by the church office to pick up a copy. We want everyone to have a chance to look through the catalog prior to the event as it will be packed with information on all of the many items that you can bid on.



This will be an event you won't want to miss - so purchase your tickets soon!



FAMILY DINNER WEEK

September 25 — October 1

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

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

Make a commitment to not schedule meetings, events or activities during meal times during the week of September 25th, then make it a habit!

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

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

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

Kick-Off Potluck

on **Sunday, September 25th at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome!



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

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Following the potluck two other meetings are scheduled:

6 p.m. Church School Volunteer Training & Orientation in Room 6 (see page 6)

7 p.m. Mission Trip Informational Meeting in the Library (see page 8)

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On Monday evening, September 26th no church meetings or activities have been scheduled so that families can eat dinner together. In addition, church groups are encouraged not to schedule meetings that week at a time that might conflict with the dinner hour.



FOSTER PARENTING INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, September 21st, 2011 7:00 p.m. Church Library

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for tea, coffee, and light dessert and information on foster parenting. Learn about the process of becoming a foster parent and how you can make a difference. Foster parenting helps a child and provides hope for their family. There is a huge need here in Rhode Island!

The program will be presented by the organization Children's Friend www.childrensfriendri.org. This was the organization that received the donations from the holiday toy collection we held last Christmas at BCCUCC.

The mission of Children's Friend is to promote the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities.

For more information about fostering contact Joyce Tormey at jtormey@cfsri.org. For questions about the information session, contact Elizabeth elizabeth@bccucc.org.

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 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 September 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.

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 September 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.

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?



See the article at the top of page 6 for more details on how you can volunteer.

Jeff's Weekly The Ennouncementsand 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. 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.

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.

Interfaith Service for Tenth Anniversary of September 11th

At 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 11th, there will be an interfaith service focusing on remembrance and peacemaking in front of Manning Chapel at Brown University. This event is open to ALL RHODE ISLANDERS, please plan to attend. Endorsed by the Barrington Clergy Association. More details to follow as soon as we get them.

Bring-A-Friend-To-Church Sunday ~ September 25th

Please invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to church on Sunday, September 25th. We have a lot going for us at BCCUCC and we always welcome more to join us, to share the work and the fun. There are many out there who are intrigued with our church, or even the idea of going to a church, but they need a personal invite.

I know, I know...it is a very un-New England thing to do...talk about your church with someone outside your home. But try it. You might be surprised at how eager others are to join you. For our church to remain vital into this 21st century we need to share the word and grow. Studies show that most people come to church only after a personal invitation.

So reach out – offer to drive them, take them out to lunch after... bring a friend to church any Sunday, but especially on September 25th.



Invite a Neighbor to Church

Mission:1
11.11-11.11.11

Mission:1 Project

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.

The **Deacons** have adopted this mission as part of their annual retreat on September 30th and October 1st, 2011. On **Saturday morning, October 1st**, they will be going **door to door to collect food items** from church members. Their goal is to collect 11 food items from each church family. Please join with them in supporting this effort to combat world hunger and injustice.



**Honoring Longtime Members
of Barrington Congregational Church
Sunday, October 2nd**



At the 10:00AM worship service on Sunday, October 2nd, the congregation will acknowledge and honor BCCUCC members who have been members for 40 or more years. This celebration is the result of discussions the Membership Team had last year. Membership's goal is to welcome all, so that people feel free to participate not only in worship but in the programs and activities of our faith community. 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.

Come on October 2nd to celebrate with and honor the following longtime members of BCCUCC:

*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, 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.*

NOTE: any computerized database can have omissions and we could have left someone off the list of our 40+ members. If you or someone you know has been overlooked please contact the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org).

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 on the 4th Monday of the month* from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

*Because on Mon., Sept 26th we're observing Family Dinner Night and not scheduling any meetings that evening, the first session will be held on Tuesday, September 27th.

For more information, contact Greg Knight at 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!

ADULT EDUCATION



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The first Fall meeting of the Adult Education Group will be **Sunday, September 25th** in the Library after worship. They will meet to review some choices of possible DVD and book series and topics to explore this year.

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

Stay tuned for more information in the October Bridge about fall adult education offerings from Elizabeth at other times .



Field trip to the Museum of Biblical Art in NYC
for their exhibit on the
400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.
Saturday, September 24th, 2011

From the museum's website:

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of one of the greatest books in the English language, MOBiA is organizing "On Eagles' Wings: The King James Bible Turns 400". The exhibition will explore the historic context in which the King James Bible was translated and published beginning with an examination of its predecessors, most notably the Bishop's Bible sponsored by Queen Elizabeth I in 1568 and singled out as the model to which the translators commissioned by King James were to follow as closely as possible. The exhibition will present the touchstones of the translation process examining how this work was and continues to be inspirational for various audiences over time.

This trip, led by Jeff Larsen, is in conjunction with the sermon and music celebrating the KJV during worship on October 30.

Cost: Approx \$80 each (\$70 Prov-NYC bus, \$7 Museum entrance, subway)

Must RSVP to Jeff by Sunday, September 18 (246-0111 or jeff@bccucc.org)



At the time of writing the BCCUCC softball team is waiting to play in the Championship Final on Thurs., Aug 25. They finished the regular season in third place with 3 wins & 5 losses but then won their playoff game against St. Luke's 14-5. Thanks to everyone who has played this season and also to their loyal spectators for cheering them on. Good luck in the Final!

New Earpieces for the Hearing Assists

If you use the hearing assists to help you hear the Sunday morning worship service, you'll be pleased to know that we have just purchased 3 brand new earpieces for them. We realized that 3 of the 4 earpieces were no longer working properly so they have been replaced. If you need a little help hearing the service, be sure to ask the usher for a hearing assist - they'll be happy to give you one to use.



Find us on Facebook at
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.

From your Stewardship Team:

Raise the Bridge ***(Don't lower the River!)***



In the next year or so, we'll be seeing work begin on the "White Church Bridge" which when completed should reduce traffic holdups and make things easier for many people. Your Stewardship Team is running with a bridge theme as well.

As we ponder how to inspire the congregation, we realize that our calling is to be stewards of God's work; God's work in our church, in our community and in the world. Rather than gather our pledges and fit our needs into that budget ("lowering the river"), we want to envision how our gifts can further God's work ("raise the bridge") and then rise to achieve our vision. Sure, we need money to keep the lights on, the steeple painted and the staff paid, that's very important, but we also need to dream about how we can return the gifts we have been given by God.

Working together, we can accomplish great things, strengthening and expanding our Christian Education and Music programs, our dedicated support for overseas missions, and our outreach to the underserved in local communities.....the visions are boundless!

What's your vision? We'd like to know, so email us at bccuccstewardship@gmail.com.

"How To Develop Tippers Into Tithers"

A workshop on church giving led by Paul Nickerson

Sunday, September 18, 2011 1-4 p.m.

at Beneficent Congregational Church, Providence.

A 'team' from BCCUCC will be attending that includes Jeff and some members of our Finance and Stewardship teams. Anyone else interested in attending with them should contact the church office.



The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the October *Bridge* newsletter will be Thursday, September 15th



The 2011 Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship winners are:
Megan Hoyt a rising sophomore at Lehigh University,
and Mackenzie Cater a freshman at U. C. Berkeley this fall.
Each won \$400 for their college tuition.



DINE-OUT will be returning to
 Evelyn's in Tiverton
 for their first gathering this year.
 They will meet there on
 Friday, September 9th

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

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

The Women's Faith Group...

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

Their next meetings will be **Oct. 6 & 20**
 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, or Nancy Martin at
 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

The Book Group

next meets on
Thursday, September 8th
 at 7:30 p.m.
 at **The Coffee Depot**
 501 Main Street, Warren.



They will discuss
Ape House by Sara Gruen

When a family of bonobo
 apes who know American
 Sign Language are
 kidnapped from a language
 laboratory, their mysterious
 appearance on a reality TV
 show propels scientist
 Isabel Duncan, together
 with reporter John Thigpen,
 on a personal mission to
 rescue them.

All are welcome!

For more information contact
 Helen Schall 245-4714 or
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), or Christine Wallis at the
 church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) with any questions.



7th Annual GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

will take place

Monday, October 10
(Columbus Day)

You and I CAN change the world!

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?

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

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

Registration for the Great Day of Service begins September 9
and is online at www.greatdayofservice.com.

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

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

Come help make a difference!

BOW (Beyond Our Walls) will once again be collecting items for the **CARE for Soldiers** site at the Great Day of Service (see above) and there will be a collection bin at the back of Fellowship Hall after Labor Day through the end of September. At the time of writing we have yet to receive the list of items needed, but will make it available through our weekly announcements, enouncements etc or contact the church office after Labor Day.

Thank You! THANK YOU!

.....to Marina and the choir for making Jubilation Sunday extra special
.....to Kate Colby and Kate Loos for their dedication to the Sing and Celebrate Choir
.....to the ushers on Jubilation Sunday for being so helpful
.....to CEYM for the delicious picnic after the Jubilation Sunday service
.....to all of the P.O.G ribbon wavers on Jubilation Sunday
.....to Mary Lou Slicker for making the cloth bags being used for the Worship Bags
.....to Amy Gorman, Kristen Westmoreland, Elizabeth Barnum, Carol Strakosch, and Lynne Lehman for volunteering in Summer Church School and Play and Pray
.....to Francis Seader for modifying the focal shelf for the fourth Godly Play room
.....to Buildings & Grounds and the custodians for their help in preparing the newest Godly Play room. Thanks also for installing an air conditioner in the C. E. Coordinator's office
.....to everyone (both church and community members) who helped with the Band Jam on June 17: Elizabeth Barnum, Jodi Boland, Jay and Phyllis Buckley, Andrea Bullard, Steve and Sue Clemens, Van Edwards, Alison Fodor, Steve and Marion Fodor, Jennifer Geary, Chuck Kellner, Laurie and Tom Lennon, Duncan Maio and Kristen Westmoreland, Leslie and Steve Peck, Melissa Ray, Patty Schwartz, Kathy Sullivan, and Laura Ward. Special thanks to Scott Clemens for all of his organization of the youth and the bands
.....and to all of the volunteers who helped at the Boston String Quartet and Jim Cole Concert on June 30: Jean, Jasmine and Zachary Arnold, Nancy Martin, Fred and Helen MacDonald, Laura Ward, Carol Louttit, Pat Stoddard and Christine Wallis. Thanks also to everyone who provided goodies for the reception afterward.

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

The church would like to publicly acknowledge the generosity of **D. Mulcahey's Pump Service and Wells** of Harmony, RI. When contacted to work on the well pump behind the education building, not only did he come and clean the point, but he also gave us a working used pump and tank—to replace the ones that were stolen—and then also donated all of his labor. We are very grateful.



SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:
September - Membership Team
October - Endowment Team &
Delegates

Soup Kitchen:
October 22 - Deacons

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

May 22 – 178

May 29 – 94

June 5 – 117

June 12 – 181

June 19 – 115

June 26 – 73

July 3 – 66

July 10 – 73

July 17 – 80

July 24 – 72

July 31 – 89

August 7 – 45

August 14 – 46

August 21 – 55

Letters from our mailbox



On June 16th of this year Marion Gallant went home to our Lord. In the days immediately following her departure we were all in shock as this had come much sooner than we expected. Jeff and Elizabeth were wonderfully supportive helping us through those first days without Marion. The members of the church family came out in numbers unexpected to show their support for us. The service at the church was beautiful and expertly handled by Jeff even to the point of incorporating a cry from Marion's youngest great grandchild. We wish to thank everyone from Jeff, the organist, the ushers and all the members of the church who were there for us in our hour of need.

Harold Gallant and Family



August 8, 2011

Dear Church Friends,

How thoughtful of you all to remember me in your prayers, cards and the beautiful flowers delivered yesterday after church. I still have some more surgery to go through but I know it will be made much easier thinking of all of you.

Fondly,
Barbara McWhirter

Donations were made to TapIn and the Bay Team from proceeds of the June Band Jam hosted by the high school youth & parents of the church. The following were received:

Dear Youth,

Tap-In thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contribution of \$450 to TapIn. It was greatly appreciated.

Fondly,
Tap IN

Thank you so much for the very generous donation of \$450 [to the Barrington Adult Youth Team/BAY Team] from the recent Band Jam. We are so grateful for your leadership and commitment to substance free youth programming. Enjoy these summer months!

Kathy Sullivan

During the summer we said goodbye to Ken York who retired after working part time at the church for 17 years as one of our custodians. We thank him for his many years of loyal service, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Family Footnotes



Congratulations to . .

**Lyndsay Thurston and Elliot Carhart
married July 30th, 2011**



Rick Browning, Barbara McWhirter;
Barbara Heyman; Nancy Arena;
Kate Bonneau's grandson, Ryan;
Ann Wood's granddaughter, Sydney;
Jane Knight's brother, Jay;
Kate Loos' father, Robert;
Cheryl Muth's aunt, Dorothy Winstanley;
and Jeff Larsen's mother, Jane.

Baptisms

Quinn Douglas Bireley

Son of Douglas & Maya Bireley

Reese Abigail Bireley

Daughter of Douglas & Maya Bireley

Gia Firenze Perry

Daughter of Raymond & Jessica Perry

Griffin Charles Weldy

Son of Nils and Michaela Weldy
Grandson of Peter and Karin Weldy



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

1 Corinthians 12:13

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

Harold Gallant on the death of his wife, Marion;

Helen Schall on the death of her sister, Lois;

Abby Randazzo on the death of her father, Dwight Moody, Sr.;

Steve Kitchin on the death of his mother, Joyce;

and to Sue Terhune on the death of her mother, Sally Smith.



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