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**Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.**

**Barrington, Rhode Island**

# **2009 ANNUAL REPORT**



All church members are encouraged to attend the

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

in the Sanctuary immediately following worship  
(child care will be provided)

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**WARRANT**  
**for the ANNUAL MEETING**  
**of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC**  
Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**  
in the Sanctuary **immediately after worship.**

The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To receive the Nominating Team's report.

ARTICLE III: To vote on the proposed By-Laws changes.

ARTICLE IV: To hear a report from the Finance Team on the status of the 2009 Budget, and, if appropriate, restore the originally budgeted support of OCWM.

ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Wuth, Clerk

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**MINUTES of the 2008 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
**held APRIL 27, 2008**

Article I: The meeting was called to order at 10:50AM by Moderator Tom Strolla.

Article II: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Nominating Team's report as presented.

Article III: The new ministry teams were asked to meet as soon as is practical and come up with a budget by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, to please let the church office know when their respective chairs for the upcoming church year have been selected.

As requested by the congregation at our Budget meeting in January, Moderator Strolla let the congregation know the steps that were being taken to address our budget deficit situation. The Membership Ministry Team is committed to increasing membership. Buildings and Grounds is looking at ways to possibly increase our rental income without placing too much of a burden on

our staff, while at the same time leaving spaces open for the church's needs. A Stewardship Task Force has been formed to come up with new ways of approaching stewardship. The members of this team are Leslie Peck, Sharon Sylvester, Duncan Maio, Art Edgette, Lisa Bohner, Keith Strickland and Jeff Larsen.

Article IV: A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Wuth, Clerk

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**MINUTES of the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
held JANUARY 25, 2009**

Article I: The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM. After Moderator Strolla offered a prayer, the Warrant was read.

Article II: After the Budget was presented, the meeting was opened up for discussion. The 2009 Budget is a deficit one, as was last year's. It was mentioned that pledging went up for 2009. A "100% pledge" campaign is underway specifically targeting members and friends who do not pledge. It is hoped that these people will at least be able to contribute towards the per capita support that our church sends to the RI Conference. Investment income is down and healthcare costs have gone up and the church is faced with addressing these factors. Many ideas were exchanged as to how we might trim the deficit. We need a more "formalized" Stewardship Team. Last year's drive was run mainly by the Sr. Minister and this should not be the case in the future. At this point, many members volunteered to make follow up calls for the "100% campaign". The Financial Secretary recorded their names. The Church Council has recommended that our support of OCWM be reduced. There was a motion made to approve the budget, which was seconded. Then there was a motion made to amend the budget to restore \$3.5K of the \$7K that had been cut from OCWM. That motion was defeated and the budget was passed as presented with two dissenting votes.

Article III: There was motion made (and passed) to review the budget status prior to the May meeting and to place on the Agenda the possibility of restoring the \$7K cut from OCWM support. Voting on the new By-Laws will also be an agenda item for the May meeting.

Article IV: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and moved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Wuth, Clerk

**SENIOR MINISTER**

**JEFF LARSEN**

What a year! It seems to me that this past year has been a powerfully energetic one. We have been flooded with new faces in worship, overflowing with children in our classrooms, and calendars filled to the brim with people sharing ideas, celebrations and concerns. It has been a challenging year for many, economically and otherwise, but our congregation has stepped forward to help in many cases and ways. It has been a rewarding year as settled minister here – I continue to feel so very blessed to be with you.

The usual blessings happened: weddings, baptisms and funerals; Confirmation, Lent and Advent programs; a mission trip; worship on Sundays but also at special times. Our choirs were terrific, our staff given more work than they could accomplish during regular hours, Christian Education energized by Elizabeth to create new programs that have been very well received, our custodial staff performed magic keeping up with all the various uses of our facility. I couldn't do half of what I do without all their hard work week after week.

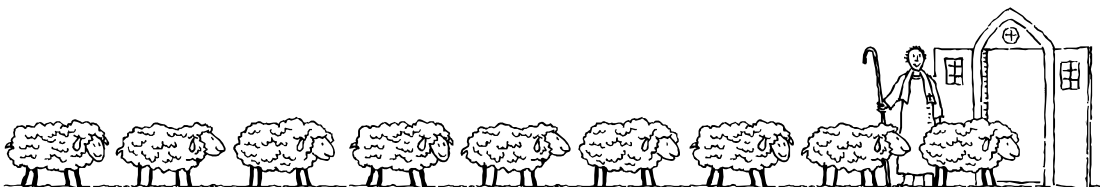
And the unusual blessings happened as well: a special 9-11 reflection time and Veterans Day gathering that meant much to the participants, a solid commitment to being responsive to youth needs in the town that resulted in loud but enthusiastic events like "Battles of the Bands," participation in a community Seder Meal that showed our commitment to maintaining important relationships with other places of worship in town. The lists are long.

In an age that has made volunteerism more difficult with increased demands on so many, we have continued to have amazing support in many, many areas of church work, usually behind the scenes but always greatly appreciated.

Personally, I have noticed more of my hours taken up in one-on-one time with you. I love that opportunity but am often saddened by the stresses and pains resting on so many shoulders in our church family. The open doors of the church offices have been used frequently, as they should, and will continue to welcome in all. Our church is a safe haven and I feel especially blessed that so many know that.

I continue to set goals each year with our Pastor-Parish Relations Team. This past year I accomplished some and failed on others. I did not provide leadership that is marching forward in accomplishing economic balance to our budget. We continue to be working in a financial hole that is deep and not sustainable. I did not do a good job in prioritizing continuing education for myself to stay sharp and up to date in my field and to feel adequately stimulated in soul and mind. (Working on a revision of the church's by laws did not qualify for that! J)

Kathleen and I are so glad to be here with you! Thank you for all that you do for us. God's peace to you all.



## ASSOCIATE MINISTER

ELIZABETH BARNUM

When I wrote my annual report last year, I was just two months into the job and hoped that during those first few months I would become acquainted with the rhythms and rituals of this church, while also tending to preparing for the 08-09 Christian Education program year. A year later, here we are, and as we cycle around the seasons a second time together, I already feel a familiarity with the rhythms and rituals of this place. Not only is it a busy place, but also a spirit-filled place!

Andrea Bullard, our C.E. Coordinator, and I recently spent a morning sitting on the floor as if children in one of the *Godly Play* rooms, dreaming-and-scheming how to infuse the program with even more life in its second year. It has been a joy to witness the youngest among us experience *Godly Play*. It couldn't have happened without the support of parents, volunteers, the CEYM team and the congregation. Thank you!

We're in the process of planning a *Godly Play* day for adults here at BCCUCC in October of this year that we'll also open to the wider community. We continue to review, utilize, and implement Safe Church guidelines and hosted a Safe Church program for the RICUCC, taught by Sue Dickerman of the MACUCC, in February of this year.

Junior P.F., under the leadership of the Pecks, continues to meet and engage in fun social activities and meaningful service projects. It has been a joy to support them! The Confirmation Class was a great group and I especially found the retreat to Craigville Conference Center on Cape Cod a positive & well-received experience for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Similarly, the Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine was such a worthwhile experience for the group of high school youth and adults who chose to reach beyond their comfort zones to learn, grow, and serve during a vacation week. The Battle of the Bands and Pasta Dinner Fundraiser continue to be 'hits' with the youth, adults, and the wider community. We're currently discerning whether the sexuality education program *Our Whole Lives* can be implemented here for our youth in high school & middle school.

While I strongly believe that church is about people, more than programs, as an educator, I also believe in utilizing worthwhile, smart, and effective programs that get people excited and connected – to ideas, to one another, to learning, to spiritual growth, and faith in action. I hope to continue to resource this congregation with solid and exciting materials that are available to us.

A new adult education group has started meeting and will continue to do so in the year ahead. Utilizing a DVD-based program called *Living the Questions*, the group meets to view a short segment of a variety of voices on a theme, preceded by readings and followed by discussion – nurturing reflection and connection.

I continue to be grateful for the positive working relationships I experience with Jeff Larsen, Andrea Bullard, Christine Wallis, and Pat Stoddard on a daily basis, as well as with so many dedicated lay volunteers who express their care for others in countless ways.

I shared with the Pastor-Parish Relations Team, along with my Personnel Review group, that my second year goals and hopes include (1) continuing to deepen my understanding and support of Godly Play as we implement it here, (2) reach out to more families, visitors, and new members, and also (3) continue to develop my ministerial skills & share my enthusiasm in worship life, CEYM, and adult education.

I've had the opportunity to grow professionally & personally in numerous ways through the ministries of this place. The Service of Installation service outside by the river during the autumn was beautiful and meaningful as the wind rushed in at just the right moment in the hymn!

It has been on my wish list for many years to go to a full three-day Godly Play teacher accreditation! After seeing the enthusiasm upon Andrea Bullard's return from the training, I was so excited to also have the chance to do the training.

Also, I've enjoyed participating on a regional and nation level of the U.C.C. I was delighted to have been asked by the RICUCC to attend a Global Ministries meeting last November. The link between the local church and the regional & national settings of the U.C.C. is an important one to me. I hope that I can share that enthusiasm and celebrate that connection in a positive way here at this church. I find our covenantal relationships make the church stronger. I'm participating in a New Clergy Group one afternoon a month and also look forward to attending both General Synod and the pre-synod 2030 Clergy Network in June.

Community involvement is of importance and I've found the efforts of the Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association an important outreach in the community, along with the work of the BAY Team. The BAY Team offered Parenting for Prevention Cottage meetings at our local churches in town this winter. We hope to see even more of that kind of collaboration in the future. Lastly, I begin a term on the Ethics Committee of Bradley Hospital this month.

All this to say, let's keep being-and-doing CHURCH in a myriad of ways – worship, education, and outreach! My hope for all of us is that we continue to grow and deepen in our lives of faith and experiences of community. Amen!



## **MODERATOR**

**TOM STROLLA**

It has been another busy, challenging, and rewarding year in the life of our church. As you read the annual reports of our ministry teams, you can clearly see the dedication and deep faith each team has as it goes about its work. In the next few paragraphs, I will highlight a few.

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Larsen's leadership continues to bless us. His energy, sense of humor, and deep faith is evident. He challenges us and leaves us thinking well beyond the Sunday morning service. We are grateful to have Jeff as our senior minister and look forward to his continuing leadership. We are also blessed to have the Reverend Elizabeth Barnum with us. Elizabeth has brought a new energy and vitality to the Christian Education program with the introduction of the new Godly Play curriculum. The children and teachers really enjoy the program and it is a great learning experience for them. Elizabeth's sermons have also left us with a lot to think about during the course of our week.

September was highlighted by our church auction at Stanley's Boatyard. Those that attended had a wonderful time! It is a major job to organize this event. I thank the team who did all the work finding auction items, caterers, selling tickets, etc. It was a huge success and enough funds were raised enabling us to renovate our church library. If you haven't had an opportunity to check out the library you should see it. It is now a place we can proud of. I would also like to thank the Terhunes for allowing us to use Stanley's boatyard for this event. It is the perfect venue.

October was highlighted by the installation of the Reverend Elizabeth Barnum. On a cool, windy Sunday afternoon, we had a beautiful service on the terrace overlooking the bay. Many hearty souls attended and it was a wonderful moment in the life of our church.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the Annual Budget meeting was held after church. This process continues to be a huge challenge to our church family. A deficit budget was presented to the congregation. We have many programs and a wonderful staff and in order to maintain these things, a balanced budget was once again impossible to present this year. While pledging did grow, so did our expenses. Even with the budget deficit, the budget meeting went very smoothly. There was lively discussion and one of the great things about being a member of the United Church of Christ is that all opinions and voices are welcome. Even with some disagreement, we were able to come to consensus and approve the budget. Thank you to the Finance team for all their hard work in this difficult year.

I would like to thank the members of Church Council for their dedication this past year. Your work is appreciated, as is all the work of the various ministry teams. I would also like to thank the office staff for all the work they do throughout the year. Another highlight this year was Christine Wallis celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary working at BCCUCC. For many people, Christine is the first voice and face people see when they contact the church and through all the years and changes she has been the one constant. Christine, thank you for all you do. On a personal note, I have enjoyed being your moderator and look forward to serving my final term. We have accomplished much and we have more of God's work to do. We are a great church and a wonderful church family.

## DEACONS

SUSAN SEADER

Our year began with welcoming three new deacons, Abby Randazo, Helen Schall and Sam Sylvester. In October we held our annual deacon's retreat focusing on listening to God and others. Achina Stein, Helen Schall and Chris Brady worked with Elizabeth and Jeff to organize this thought provoking event. One of the outcomes from this time together was the beginnings of some interesting conversations around how we as a Christian community can make a difference in our wider community. Over many months we discussed such topics as economic justice, open and affirming, poverty and war etc. We finally concluded that if we just looked around us, there is much that is being done right here, right now. This does not mean that we will not continue to explore these issues, and we certainly look forward to any ideas that you would like to share.

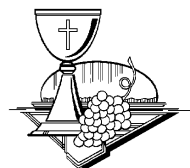
In October we also had the pleasure of participating in the installation of Elizabeth as our new associate minister. She brings with her an abundance of enthusiasm and new ideas. As Deacons we look forward to offering whatever encouragement and support she and Jeff need as they introduce new and alternative ways to worship.

In conjunction with the Christian Education team we continue to either serve communion earlier in the service or have a separate communion in the education building so our children can participate in and learn about this sacred time we have together.

During the course of the year the deacons continued to visit shut-ins and the bereaved with the delivery of plants at Christmas. This Easter we worked with the Chancel Team and reduced the number of plants in the sanctuary and encouraged members of the congregation to take a plant and deliver it to those who are shut-in or recently bereaved. This was well received and we expect to continue this in the future.

We also continued the making of Valentines for shut-ins this year. We have encouraged the congregation to volunteer with the Soup Kitchen and to participate in worship. Other regular duties include serving communion each month, serving at the soup kitchen and being in charge of coffee hour for a month. Our Deacons Fund offering continues to be collected on communion Sundays and we have distributed some of the funds when there was a pressing unmet local emergency, as well as supporting the Women's Resource Center, East Bay Coalition for the Homeless, and Community Soup Kitchen (which has moved to Park Place Church in Pawtucket). The deacons continued to provide pulpit supply ministers when needed. With Mary Lou Slicker's guidance we reviewed and updated the Deacon's Manual. At the suggestion of one of our members, Achina volunteered to host monthly Worship Reflections.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve as head of the deacons and work with Jeff and Elizabeth and all the members of the Deacons. I look forward to serving as chair of Deacons again next year.



This has been an exciting year in Church School. With new curriculum being introduced across the board, a great group of 45 volunteer teachers, and strong leadership from Elizabeth Barnum and Andrea Bullard, the Church School is thriving. Eight of fifteen new members cited the Church School program as one of the primary reasons for joining our church. Currently there are 120 children registered in Church School with an average attendance of 40.

The age group in the nursery was limited to 0 – 3 years. This allowed the children to be in an age appropriate room with age appropriate toys. Godly Play was introduced in the PreK/K and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade rooms. The popularity of this program has been wonderful. Children are asking their parents to bring them to Church School. There is an average of 12 children in each classroom and most of those children come to church on a regular basis. Several teachers have attended Godly Play workshops and Elizabeth and Andrea have become accredited as Godly Play teachers. With this program growing in popularity, we are hoping to expand Godly Play next year and add a third room for our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Bible Trek was the new title of the Bible class expanded to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Simply Serving is for grades 6 and 7 and focuses on using Bible stories and adapting them to caring for the human family and the Earth today. It also focuses on learning about the U.C.C. and how it works locally and world-wide. Seekers & Believers is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and it focuses on major world religions and how they relate today along with the core elements of the U.C.C. They investigated different beliefs, rituals, worship and traditions.

Confirmation is the 9<sup>th</sup> grade program taught by Jeff and Elizabeth. This spring 10 confirmands went on a weekend retreat to the U.C.C. Conference Center in Craigville, Massachusetts. On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 11 confirmands joined the church.

Additional highlights this year included the Christmas Pageant under Amy Gorman's direction and a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

Under the able leadership of Leslie and Steve Peck, with support from Elizabeth Barnum, the Junior PF met on a regular basis and was very active this year. Activities included the Blessing of the Animals, navigating a corn maze, going ice skating in Newport, enjoying an afternoon of laser tag, and helping with the Church School Easter Egg Hunt.

The Senior PF gathered in the fall and spring for meetings, hosting two Battle of the Bands concerts and a pasta dinner which were fundraisers for the Mission Trip. They also met during the winter in preparation for the Mission Trip. Nine high school youth along with 5 adults went on the Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine.

We are planning for Jubilation Sunday on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Summer Church School will be offered in June and July. Thanks to everyone on the CEYM team. Our success this year wouldn't have been possible without all of you.



## **MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM**

This past year the Missions Ministry Team was largely inactive. Under the proposed new 2009 By-Laws, the two separate ministry teams of Missions and Social Action & Justice, will merge to form a single Justice and Witness Ministry Team. We look forward to renewed activity in the area of missions with this new configuration.

During this transitional time, the church office continued to administer the four annual UCC offerings – Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the Christmas Fund - which provide outreach to the greater world. We want to thank the congregation for supporting all of these mission endeavors. Some of the money budgeted for the Missions Ministry Team was used to pay our church's portion of support for the Christian Community Soup Kitchen, the cost of which is shared by all of the participating churches.

## **SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM**

**ANN WOOD  
LAURA WARD**

The SA&J ministry team has had a productive year in our efforts to follow the example of Jesus through education, advocacy, and service. The team has prayed, discussed, and planned together in a most effective way. We've also had lots of support in the form of both action and donations from the congregation.

We started the year with a Call for More Human Immigration Policy penned by Susan Rotblat-Walker. This was presented to the Church Council, which did not endorse the resolution, but did approve that the team forward it to the RI Conference for discussion at the Autumnal Meeting. The Conference supported the resolution which proposed that Governor Carcieri reconsider the implications for immigrants of his Executive Order: The Illegal Immigration Control Order.

In November, we sponsored a chili luncheon and viewing of the UCC Marriage Equality film. This film provided a balanced view of the UCC 2006 General Synod resolution supporting marriage equality. Helen Schall led an interesting discussion with members of the congregation and our confirmands.

Holiday collections included a highly successful Thanksgiving Food Drive for Tap-In spearheaded by Gabi Sclafani. About 40 bags of groceries were collected. Lori McCoy came up with a new approach to the holiday giving tree. Over \$1100 in gift cards for various retail stores and utility companies were donated to the Women's Resource Center of the East Bay. These cards helped 86 families. We also sponsored our ever popular Mitten Tree. Ann Wood made sure that both Tap-In and Amos House received hats and mittens.

We repeated last year's Lenten collection for Holy Joe's Café. The congregation donated \$282 worth of Equal Exchange fair trade coffee to our UCC Chaplains overseas.

The team continues its stewardship of the Regina Berenback Memorial Lecture series. Former Senator Lincoln Chafee was our speaker at the third annual lecture. He presented a short talk outlining his view of US foreign policy in the coming years. Most interestingly, he entertained a

number of stimulating questions from the audience. This event was well attended by both church members and the community. Thanks to Steve Berenback for all his help with the many details.

The team continued the tradition of decorating the sanctuary with greens and flowers for Earth Sunday. Our environmental advocacy projects included Green Lenten Tips for the Bridge newsletter and education about the Aveda #5 cap collection and the Whole Foods #5 tub collection. The team's fundraising efforts have supported BCCUCC's participation in New England GreenStart's renewable sources of electricity. In this regard, we are planning a pie sale for late May and a Progressive Dinner for October 2009.

Other upcoming mission efforts include our Mother's Day flower sale and Father's Day chocolate sale in support of grocery cards for Tap-In.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM**

**PAUL DENNIS**

Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team was active again this year improving and preserving our church facilities. Significant improvements this year include the administrative office renovation. The main office rooms were opened up and new carpet was installed. New office space for the Christian Education Coordinator and an office workroom were created by the conversion of room 3. All rooms were freshly painted by the office staff and volunteers, and new blinds were installed.

The foundation plantings on the south side of the church were totally redone removing the old yews. The plantings in the front of the church were also redone and the brick walkway was totally re-set and extended, paid for by a very generous donation from a church member. Also in the front of the church brick foundation repairs were done prior to the front steps being refurbished by the B&G team and new handrails will be installed.

The CE building work list included improvements to the heating system. The library has been completely renovated with funds raised by the Auction team. Their vision and hard work has made this room into a warm and comfortable space for church groups to meet. Other improvements in this building included upgrading to ADA plumbing fixtures in one of the bathrooms near the library and a new cement wheelchair ramp at one of the terrace doors accessing Fellowship Hall. New portable stairs for the stage provide much safer access.

Maintenance of the parsonages included tree removal at Fireside and some interior painting and carpeting at Nathaniel Road.

Funding capital expenditures continues to be a concern. An analysis of these expenditures shows that the average annual expense is around \$30,000/year. Since the church has been funding our Capital Improvement Fund at less than that our reserves have been severely depleted.

In addition to the B&G team members I would like to acknowledge the help of our church administrative staff and custodians and a small core group of dedicated church members who help us fulfill our mission. Special thanks to the Boy Scouts of Troop 6 for once again participating in church cleanup and help when requested throughout the year.

## **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

The 2009 By-Laws proposes the elimination of this team as it has been inactive for a number of years due to a lack of leadership and insufficient team members. However, Cheryl Muth, a former member of the team, has continued the important ministry of sending cards to members of the congregation who are ill, in the hospital, recently bereaved, or who are celebrating the birth of a baby. We are grateful for her ministry.

## **MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

**PAT CORDEIRO**



*"...for I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"*

*Matthew 25:35*

Our mission is to assist in making our church a welcoming and friendly place to worship. Our goal is to help create a church where all people feel free to participate in the life of the church. We continue to welcome new members and visitors with gifts and hospitality, organize greeters for each Sunday service, and provide information to members at coffee hour. All church members are encouraged to wear their nametags and to search out visitors and new members at coffee hour. We all can extend hospitality to each other in our church family.

As always, the Membership Ministry Team seeks greeters for Sunday worship throughout the year. We also check to make sure that coffee mugs or CDs and Welcome Brochures are available during the church service for visitors new to the church.

Twice a year, the team is involved in hosting new members as they join the church family; we take photographs to be displayed, and provide a cake at New Member Sunday coffee hour.

In April, our team welcomed eleven Confirmands by hosting a reception for them and their families before worship. We offered corsages, photographs, pastries and fruit, good conversation, and a warm welcome. We also provided a cake at coffee hour to welcome these Confirmands into the church family.

New initiatives include the Welcome Brochure; thanks to Phyllis Buckley and Jeff Larsen an attractive Welcome Brochure was developed, to include information about the church events and activities.

This spring the Membership team also set up a Welcome Center at Coffee Hour to provide easily accessible information to everyone attending. Greeters can sign up at the Welcome Center and new nametags can be ordered; brochures and materials, including copies of the Bridge, are available.

As with other teams, our members serve at coffee hour, participate in the Soup Kitchen, and send a representative to Church Council meetings.

## MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

PATRICIA STODDARD

This has been a year to give thanks for the many musical blessings that we enjoy in this church. At a time when many churches do not have a regular vocal choir, our adult Vocal Choir continues to stay the course and add that special touch to our morning worship from September through mid-June. Marina Zabinski's thoughtful direction, coupled with her excellent musical ability at both the organ and the piano, has opened many musical doors for us all.

We are also grateful for the many years of volunteer service provided to the music program of this church by Barbara Ward. She has energetically given music time to our youngest members during Church School, ably founded and directed the White Church Ringers for 24 years, and directed and accompanied the Sing & Celebrate Choir. The Sing & Celebrate Choir has also been enthusiastically assisted during this transitional time by Lisa Bohner with continued support from Betsy Restituyo.

In addition to the adult Vocal Choir's weekly offerings, we are also blessed with monthly musical offerings by the White Church Ringers and the Sing and Celebrate Choir. If you have a musical gift to share with the congregation, please speak to Marina about your interest. The summer is a really nice time for small groups or soloists to add their musical touch to the worship service. Special recognition goes out to Greg Voigt, who has regularly contributed his terrific playing on the trumpet and cornet to our worship life throughout the church year. He also encourages participation from our youth in his efforts, which is a key to the future of our programs.

In a departure from the usual Christmas Concert offering, the various choirs each made special contributions to Sunday worship services in December. The feeling was that more of the congregation would hear the result of their efforts and, judging from the response, this idea was well received. The vocal choir (and additional musicians) presented a stirring contemporary Cantata, *And This Shall Be a Sign*, which included scripture readings, making for a meaningful introduction to the holiday season. The White Church Ringers played 4 pieces during another worship service, and Jeff deftly crafted a sermon around one of the pieces. The Sing & Celebrate Choir also added 2 pieces to the worship service that included the Christmas Pageant.

The White Church Ringers presented a wonderful holiday concert at the Town Library, with other musical groups, leading up to the annual tree lighting at the Town Hall. It was an opportunity for the group to ring some secular holiday music, a nice treat! Special thanks go out to Pat Stoddard, who ably assumed the White Church Ringers Director's role in December upon the unexpected absence of Barbara Ward. Christine Wallis also stepped in to accompany the Christmas Pageant and played beautifully for the 11 PM Christmas Eve service.

We know there are many talented musicians in our congregation and invite you to share your gifts with all of us. Program suggestions are always welcome.



## **CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM**

**CHERYL MUTH**

The Chancel Ministry Team schedules 2 weekly altar arrangements from donors who would like to honor a loved one's memory or commemorate an occasion. The flowers are from Wild Flower Florist of Barrington.

Check the Florist of Providence continues to provide us with 80 beautiful Poinsettia's at Christmas and 24 spring plants at Easter which are distributed by the Deacons to Shut-ins and recently bereaved members of the congregation.

Prestige Cleaners of Barrington donates the cleaning of our large altar linens and hangings on a quarterly basis which we very much appreciate.

A Chancel Fund was created at Easter through generous donations from the congregation that provided the plants the Deacons delivered, the beautiful palms used to decorate the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, silk flowers to use on the altar when needed and new linens for Communion.

## **USHERING MINISTRY**

**ROBERT KALOOSTIAN**

As in the past, our main effort is to prepare and organize the sanctuary before and after the church service. Our ushers do a great job in seating our congregation in a friendly and timely manner. I would like to thank all our ushers for serving this past year.

This past January, a group of ushers, together with the Members at Large, enjoyed serving at the Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Congregational Church in Pawtucket. In January, Ushering along with Buildings and Grounds finalized plans for emergency evacuation of the church.

This August, we look forward to serving coffee hour to our congregation.

## **LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM**

**NANCY MARTIN**

Connection is what happens when we feel we belong to a group. Connection is what the Lay Visitation Ministry team does, especially with members of our church family whose connecting patterns have been altered through lack of mobility and aren't able to join in worship or church activities. This could be temporary or long term through illness. Others can benefit from a call or visit when life's challenges welcome some extra support in a caring presence. Dealing with the death of a loved one is another reality where having someone to offer one's listening, sharing and heart can help lessen stress. We do care about each other, and still it's so easy for us to get caught up in the busyness of our lives. Yet we know that making the time to connect, to be present as a non-judging friend who respects the confidentiality of our coming together, expresses the compassion of Jesus' calling.

If you would like to connect with this care giving ministry, please call Nancy Martin or the church office. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 3:30 pm in the church library. In the event that meeting time isn't feasible for you, we can develop some alternatives.

**PERSONNEL TEAM**

**JOHN LOERKE**

Personnel coordinated the performance-review process, encouraging active dialog between the church staff and the relevant oversight teams. Compensation changes for the staff were documented and implemented on a timely basis.

**PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM**

**JIM MCCARTNEY**

The PPRT - Phyllis Buckley, Lynne Lehman, Jim McCartney, Sharon Sylvester and Marshall Hoyler - continued to meet every other month with Rev. Jeff Larsen and Rev. Elizabeth Barnum. We continue in our role of support of the ministers and as a conduit of congregational concerns.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

**LISA BOHNER**

*“The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger”*

In recent years the Stewardship Team has not been consistently staffed and has relied on ad-hoc members to step in year to year to assist with the Stewardship drive and follow-up. A task force was formed last year to explore some ideas that will hopefully alleviate our current financial shortfall and actively involve more of our membership at large. Lisa and Chuck Bohner have agreed to chair the campaign for 2010, and are already at work gathering information and researching for that effort.

Given the current state of our economy, we are very pleased that our plate collections including pledge support remains strong for 2009.

	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Active Households:	300	313	323
Pledging Households:	174	176	177
Total pledge dollars:	\$ 347,479	\$ 348,837	\$ 332,718
	Actual	Actual	Budgeted
Economic Stimulus		\$6,848	

Rev. Jeffrey Larsen recruited members for the special Stewardship Task Force to come up with a fresh approach to increase the church’s revenue. While there was a general consensus that no one likes to “ask” for money, pledges contribute 78% of church revenue. With only 57% of households pledging, how, why and when we should solicit contributions is worth further examination. Some of the task force recommendations were:

- **Economic Stimulus Appeal:** In spring 2008 the federal government mailed out checks ranging from \$300 to \$1,500 to qualifying tax paying households with the hope that people

would spend the cash and stimulate the struggling economy. The task force felt this was an opportunity to make an appeal to the wider church community requesting that members donate all or a portion of this unexpected income to the church. Twenty six (26) members donated a total of \$6,848 to this appeal, including 2 who increased their annual pledge.

- **Education:** A comprehensive list answering frequently asked questions about Stewardship was written by the task force to help educate the community about why pledging is a vital component to maintaining the operations of the church. An edited version was enclosed in the Economic Stimulus appeal. A high level, narrative budget was also crafted to summarize church operations in broad terms as a reminder of how the money is used. Many felt that future Stewardship teams should keep education a priority throughout the year.
- **Timing:** Stewardship work is often concentrated in the fall, arguably the busiest time of the year for families, and culminates in a request for support when people are gearing up for the holidays. The task force wondered if an appeal during the Lenten season, when people have more time to contemplate their faith, would be more successful. Church Council felt that changing the financial year introduces unnecessary confusion in the community. A year-round Stewardship appeal seems prudent, though further study is needed.
- **Other Income Sources:** Fundraising through auctions, sales and designated gifts for missions all continue to generate income, largely from the same membership population. While at times overwhelming, the multiple opportunities to give highlight our church community's many passions. Expanding our income opportunities through facility rental fees may be another income source. It was also noted that many members choose to support specific projects or capital improvements in lieu of annual sustaining pledge contributions. With a strong history of such giving, this may provide a platform for a larger capital improvement campaign in the future. The church may also benefit from a more formal approach to estate planned giving, which should also be explored.
- **Campaign 2009:** Three church members were asked to speak for 3 minutes during Sunday worship services in the fall of 2008 leading up to Stewardship Sunday on October 19<sup>th</sup>. During these "Stewardship Moments" people spoke about what the church meant to them and the importance of making a pledge. United Church of Christ materials and resources were used for the 2009 pledge campaign, and were not immediately recognized as pledge materials for Barrington Congregational Church. Several church members did not recognize the pledge mailing as coming from their church and discarded it before reading it, thereby delaying a number of pledges. Critical follow-up phone calls assisted by the Church Council resulted in securing significant additional pledges. In early January 2009, a second mailing was directed to those church members and friends that did not pledge, resulting in additional support.

We continue to be blessed by the on-going financial support from our community of faith. As a church, we continue to explore the complex issues around church membership and giving. Everyone's financial support, large and small, is important to the future of our church and its local and global ministries.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MATTHEW STEIN**

**Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	<u><b>Full Year 2008</b></u>	<u><b>2008 BUDGET</b></u>
1 Pledges, Gifts & Plate Offerings	\$ 381,820	\$ 370,249
2 Other income	\$ 52,058	\$ 34,900
Rental	<u>\$ 22,221</u>	<u>\$ 24,300</u>
Total Income	\$ 456,099	\$ 429,449
Staff	\$ 296,119	\$ 290,100
Church Life/Christian Ed.	\$ 15,025	\$ 16,472
3 Buildings	\$ 78,835	\$ 78,620
4 Capital	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Missions	\$ 43,953	\$ 45,776
Office/Misc.	<u>\$ 9,536</u>	<u>\$ 11,100</u>
Expenses	\$ 468,468	\$ 467,068
Net Income	\$ (12,370)	\$ (37,619)

	<u><b>End of 2008</b></u>
Checking	\$ 73,916
Money Market	\$ 20,325
CDs	\$ 98,992
Other	\$ 80
Total Assets	\$ 193,314
Liabilities	\$ 103,831
Equity	<b>\$ 89,483</b>

- 1 Sum of Total Pledges, Pledges Prior Year, and Total Offerings and Gifts
- 2 Sum of Special Offerings, Committee Income, Total Investments, and Total Other
- 3 Church, Education Building, and Parsonages
- 4 Includes property insurance and worker's compensation insurance in 2008

The Treasurer obtained a credit card for staff use in 2008. The card holder is the church with the Clergy, Office Staff and Christian Education Coordinator issued individual cards with a combined credit limit of \$1000. Staff use the sign-off procedures for issuing checks to approve credit card purchases.

**FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM**

**TOM COLBY**

Although 2008 was budgeted for a large loss, we finished with a smaller loss than planned. This was due, in large part, to income finishing well above anticipated levels. Expenses on the whole were in line with expectations. There were several expenses that were higher than expected; the total energy cost was about \$2,500 more than budgeted. In all, the budget anticipated a \$37,000 loss; in fact it was only \$16,000.

In looking at the projected loss for this year and the options that are available for achieving a balanced budget in future years, the members of the Finance team concluded that the most palatable solution is increasing income. We believe the budget is already lean and further cuts in expenses will lead to the elimination of programs or functions. The team anticipated that this would be unacceptable to many members of the congregation.

On behalf of the Finance Team let me extend our appreciation to the counters who faithfully tally the plate offerings every week.



**2009 OPERATIONS BUDGET \***

Revenue:	
Pledges:	332,718
Offerings & Gifts:	35,986
Investments:	33,200
Rentals:	<u>23,500</u>
Total:	<u>425,404</u>
Expenses:	
Staff:	300,766
Missions:	39,700
Church Life:	16,172
Building & Grounds:	77,775
Capital Improvement Fund	25,000
Office	<u>11,100</u>
Total:	<u>472,013</u>
Change in net assets	<u><u>- 46,609</u></u>

\* This budget was approved at the Annual Budget Meeting held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For the minutes of the meeting, see page 2.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**SUSAN ROACH**

I have examined the financial records of the Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ for the year ended December 31, 2008. I found the files detailed, complete and very well-organized. All questions I had regarding clarification were handled promptly and professionally by Pat Stoddard, Financial Secretary. Based on the work performed, the records appear to accurately reflect the financial position of the organization at December 31, 2008.



**ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM**

**LEE MILLER**

2008 was a very bad year for the stock markets and our Endowment Fund did not escape this negative environment. 2008 ended with a total market value for the fund of \$797,000. 39% is invested in the stock and bond markets; \$207,000 with The Rhode Island Foundation (which was down 26%) and \$106,000 with the Rhode Island Conference of the UCC (which was down 35%). The balance (\$485,000), due to the question of market performance, has been invested in CDs. This 61% did not participate in the market drop.

The Endowment Ministry team also has investment oversight of five restricted accounts with a total of \$54,440.

The Endowment Ministry Team plans to reestablish *The 1717 Society* in 2009 for the purpose of encouraging additional gifts to the Endowment Fund.

	<p><b>Our Mission Statement</b></p> <p>The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people, ministers to one another, works for justice and peace, and renders loving service to God's world.</p>
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**NOMINATING MINISTRY TEAM REPORT for 2009-2010**

**GREG VOIGT**

The Nominating team’s slate of nominees to fill the various vacancies in the ministry teams and to serve as church officers is presented below. The nominees for election at the Annual Meeting are indicated by \* or #

\* denotes new members or individuals who are beginning a new term

# denotes new members completing an unexpired term

The proposed new 2009 By-Laws – which will also be voted on at the annual meeting – include changes to some of the ministry teams. The Nominating team was asked to fill the various vacancies *according to the proposed 2009 By-Laws* in which:

- Christian Fellowship Ministry Team is eliminated.
- The Missions Ministry Team and the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team are merged to form a single new Justice and Witness Ministry Team.
- The Endowment Ministry Team becomes the Endowment and Investment Ministry Team.
- The length of a term changes for the Stewardship Ministry Team.
- The number of people on a team changes for the Chancel Ministry Team and the Ushering Ministry Team.

Please note that:

- Officers and delegates serve a 1 year term and can serve up to 4 consecutive terms.
- Members at large and ministry teams members serve a 3 year term (unless otherwise noted) and can serve 2 consecutive terms.
- Those listed as “ex-gratis” assist with the work of a ministry team but are not official members of the team.
- The number that appears in parentheses after a ministry team’s name indicates the number of members in the group according to the proposed 2009 By-Laws.

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<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>MODERATOR</b>		<b>AUDITOR</b>	
* Tom Strolla	2010 4 <sup>th</sup> Term	* Susan Roach	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
<b>CLERK</b>		<b>CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE (3)</b>	
* Pat Stoddard	2010	Richard Almquist	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
<b>TREASURER</b>		Caroline Halliwell	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Matt Stein	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	*	2012
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>		<b>DELEGATES TO RI CONFERENCE (3 + one youth)</b>	
* Jon Hoy	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	* Beverly Travers	2010 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term
<b>HISTORIAN</b>		* Rich Staples	2010
* Bethia Rosner	2010 4 <sup>th</sup> Term	* Betsy Staples	2010
		* (youth)	2010

## MINISTRY TEAMS (listed alphabetically)

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Jay Buckley	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Paul Dennis	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Duncan Maio	2011
Art Edgette	2011
Maureen Jean	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Keith Strickland	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Susan Terhune	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Simeon Hawes	2012
Nelson Hawkins	ex gratis

### CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM (6)

Sue Terhune	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Holly Ogden	2011
Carol Louttit	2011
* Stephanie Edwards	2010
* Jan Cornish	2012
*	2012

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM (8 + one youth)

Lynne Lehman	2010
# Kathy Sullivan	2010
Amy Gorman	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
John Loerke	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Debbi Summers	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Kristen Westmoreland	2011
* Louise House	2012
*	2012
*	(youth) 2012

### DEACONS (12)

Mary Lou Slicker	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Achina Stein	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Christopher Brady	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Bill DeWitt	2010
Van Edwards	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Susan Seader	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Helen Schall	2011
Sam Sylvester	2011
Abby Randazzo	2011
* Marshall Hoyler	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Sue Simpson	2012
*	2012

### ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT MINISTRY TEAM (6)

Lee Miller	2010
Joan Miller	2010
Helen MacDonald	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Tom Lennon	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Bob Mason	2012
* Paul Movsesian	2012

### FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM (6)

Ronald House	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Joachim Weissfeld	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Mike Hoyt	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Leslie Strolla	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Kim Godfrey	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* George Bolton	2012
Tom Colby	ex-gratis

### JUSTICE and WITNESS MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Ginger Cater	2010
Gabi Sclafani	2010
Steve Berenback	2010
Nancy Arena	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Lory McCoy	2011
* Ann Wood	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Laura Ward	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Steve Fodor	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Rich Staples	ex gratis
Mackenzie Cater	ex gratis

### LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

*This is a non-elected group of people.*

Jan Cornish
Marcy Goss
Nancy Martin
Lois McCartney
Joan Miller
Janet Morrison
Stewart Morrison
Clyde Slicker
Barbara Smith
Marjorie Stumpff
Barbara Ward

**MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (8)**

Steve Terhune	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Paula Movsesian	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Pat Cordeiro	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Phyllis Buckley	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Lynn Hoy	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Jane Cloutier	2011
* Moyne Cabbage	2012
* Fred MacDonald	2012
Marilyn Packard-Luther	ex gratis

**MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM (5)**

Mary Kutcher	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Carol Spiller	2010
#	2011
* Rich Simpson	2012
*	2012
Pat Stoddard	ex gratis

**NOMINATING MINISTRY TEAM (5)**

*The members of this team are recommended by the Moderator for election*

Jim McCartney	2010
#	2010
* Greg Voigt	2011 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Bernie Hawes	2011
* Marylouise Gamache	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term

**PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (5)**

*This team is selected by the Moderator, ministers, and Deacons*

Jim McCartney	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Sharon Sylvester	2010
Marshall Hoyler	2011
* Phyllis Buckley	2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
	2012

**PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM (3)**

*Members are elected to 2 year terms*

Clyde Slicker	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
Peter Weldy	2010
* Paula Rooks	2011

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (5)**

*3 members are elected to serve for one year and 2 members to serve for two years.*

* Ron House	2010
* Todd Harff	2010
*	2010
* Lisa Bohner	2011
* Chuck Bohner	2011

**USHERING MINISTRY COORDINATOR (1)**

Bob Kaloostian	2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term
* Dave Gregory	2012

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**REPRESENTATION AT RI CONFERENCE and NATIONAL UCC**

The following individuals from Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, served during the past year in the capacity indicated:

**RI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (RICUCC)**

Susan Rotblat-Walker	Past President of the Board of Directors; Executive Committee
James Elder	Investment Committee
Lee Miller	Investment Committee
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Larsen	Church Education Committee
Helen Schall	Justice and Witness Division., Women of the RI Conference, UCC

**CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES at the NATIONAL UCC**

Susan Rotblat-Walker	General Ministries
Helen Schall	General Synod Delegate

**FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS**

**BARBARA WUTH, CLERK**

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

This report covers the 12 ½ month period from mid April, 2008 through the end of April 2009. (The Annual Meeting was held before the end of April in 2008 so the statistics only went to mid April). The categories shown are also requested each December for the United Church of Christ Yearbook Report (see page 24).

**NEW MEMBERS (21)**

4/20/08	11/16/08	4/6/09
Elizabeth Barnum	Jessi Champion	Carey Bowman
Chuck Bohner	Vinny Champion	Shelby Bowman
Lisa Bohner	Carole Costello	Judy Harff
Carolyn Gammell	Janet Gausland	Todd Harff
Douglas Tonn	Lisa Graham	Carrie Kurland
Jane Tonn	John Kelley	Kate Loos
	Lauren Pollard	Kathleen Sullivan
	Lori Rosa	

**CONFIRMATIONS (11)**

4/26/09	
Allison Bannon	Cara Priolo
Hannah Hearn	Brianna Shoaf
Andrew Hemingway, Jr.	Connor Slye
Hannah Lennon	Alex Stein
Kenneth Meade, Jr.	Nathan Ward
Catherine Muth	

**LETTERS OF TRANSFER RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHURCHES (13)**

Elizabeth Barnum	Lisa Graham
Chuck Bohner	Carey Bowman
Lisa Bohner	Shelby Bowman
Carolyn Gammell	Judy Harff
Douglas Tonn	Todd Harff
Jane Tonn	Kate Loos
Jessi Champion	

**TRANSFER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS - OUT (1)**

Michael Comer

**REINSTATEMENT OF INACTIVE MEMBERS TO ACTIVE STATUS (3)**

*These memberships had been listed as 'Inactive' in prior statistical records.*

Denise Zonfrillo	Carolyn McGarry
David Zonfrillo	

**BAPTISMS**

**Infants and Children (9)**

Isabella Leanne Champion  
Caitlin Joyce Kiley  
Claire Kathleen Kiley  
Lainey Grace Cormack  
Sage Elizabeth DelPonte

William Karl Short  
Elijah Joseph Short  
Luke David Short  
Addison Lynne Brougham

**MARRIAGES (4)**

Sophia Grace Califano and Joshua Spaete  
Thomas Bradford Materne and Micaela Roe Hall  
Andrew Dennis Henault and Emily Samantha Perkins  
Anne Elizabeth Colella and James Everson

**DEATHS**

**Members (4)**

Hope Rankine  
Janice S. Greenslade  
Hedwig 'Hedi' Fitz  
Dorothy L. Quigley

*Formerly Active Member*  
Henry B. Morris

**Others (7)**

Thomas J. Birch  
Florence Bertha Urquhart  
Albert C. Allen  
Irene J. Seeley  
Virginia Marilyn Klinkman  
Leola McClarran  
Robert S. Messinger, Sr.

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 15, 2008: 441

Between Apr 16, 2008 and April 30, 2009 the following changes occurred:

Additions to Active Membership (35)

11 - Confirmation  
21 - New Members  
3 - Reinstatement to Active Membership

Losses to Active Membership (??)

4 - Death  
1 - Transfer Out  
41 - other reasons (moved away,  
were inactive, etc)

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2009: 441 + 35 - 46 = 430**

*(see next page for further explanation)*

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

*reflecting changes in the membership that occurred  
between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.*

The membership statistics are collected at the end of each calendar year and reflect the changes that took place during that year. They are then submitted to the National Office of the United Church of Christ in the form of the Yearbook Report, and appear in the UCC Yearbook.

Active Membership as of 12/31/2008 was 430 (see following table for breakdown).

<i>From the Yearbook Report Form:</i>	
<b>Statistics for January 1 – December 31, 2008</b>	
Active Membership as of 12/31/2007	430
Additions during year:	
Confirmation	12
Confession of Faith	0
Letters of Transfer	8
Reaffirmation of Faith	6
Losses during year:	
Death	4
Transfer	1
Other removals	36
Active Membership as of 12/31/2008	415

*Note: The information listed on pages 22 and 23 reflect those changes that took place between April 16, 2008 and April 30, 2009, as opposed to the information above, which is for changes between January and December 2008.*

Between January 1, 2009 and April 30, 2009 there were the following changes in ACTIVE membership:

- + 7 New Members
- + 11 New Members (by Confirmation)
- + 1 Inactive Membership reactivated
- 1 Deaths of Active Members
- 3 Active Members moved to Inactive

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2009 is  $415 + 7 + 11 + 1 - 1 - 3 = 430$**



All are invited to attend the  
**Annual Meeting**

of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

As always, church members are encouraged to make every effort  
to attend this very important church meeting.

*Child care will be provided.*

Coffee hour will take place in Fellowship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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**Senior Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Larsen**

**Associate Minister The Rev. Elizabeth D. Barnum**

**Organist/Choir Director: Marina Zabinski**

**Office Administrator: Christine Wallis**

**Office Assistant and Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard**

**Christian Education Coordinator: Andrea Bullard**

**Custodians: Jack Salvaggio, Frank Wyrostek,  
Ken York, Jim Salvaggio**