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February 2013

Dear Friends,

I continue to reflect on, and be renewed by, my sabbatical time of six months ago – my gratitude to you for that opportunity is unending. Just this morning I was thinking that I experienced much more snow this summer (hiking around the Swiss Alps) than I have here in several New England winters. I love snow storms so I am hoping we will make up for the lack very soon.



From the  
**SENIOR MINISTER**

I also want to thank those of you who took the time to read the draft of the book I started on sabbatical. I appreciate the comments and suggestions. I have recently received back the review of a professional editor and am working on rewriting a number of sections. Sometime this spring I hope to have a more finished product to share again.

It is hard to believe that it was seven years ago that you and I began conversations about doing ministry together. Hard to believe that Elizabeth and I have worked together for five years. Seven years is a good benchmark excuse to look at where things are at. The next seven years offer us some significant challenges. Most of you will receive over the next month an invitation to a brief special coffee hour, spread over several dates, in the vestry where we hope to hear some of your thoughts. Please take advantage of this – we need to hear from you.

Enjoy these “winter” days,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeff'.



### Lent begins in February:

Ash Wednesday service of healing and ashes, February 13, 7 pm.  
All are welcome.

Each Sunday from February 17 until Palm Sunday, March 24 we will follow the theme: *“Finding God in unexpected places”* inviting us to consider where God is in our lives. We might be surprised. During these weeks a garden is going to be planted in our sanctuary with different items added each week.

### DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Pat Rude (star deacon), Steve Peck, Francis Seader,  
Susan Rotblat-Walker, and Barbara Smith.

*In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787 home) please call on one of the deacons.*

Reminder - The Rev. Elizabeth Barnum is unavailable as she is on sabbatical until April.

For security reasons the outside door to the church office may be locked during office hours. Please ring the bell for entry.



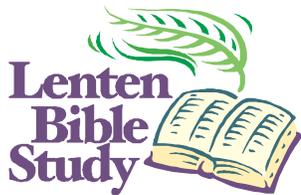
The church office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.

## Sunday Services in February 2013

February 3	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion, Children's communion in Library followed by Church school, OWL session for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders during church school until 12:30 p.m.
February 10	10 a.m.	Worship Service, Church School
February 17	10 a.m.	Worship Service for All Ages No Church School. Nursery Care only
February 24	10 a.m.	<i>Stewardship Kick Off Sunday</i> Worship Service Church School for PreK-Grade 4 only



*Church School for Pre-School through Grade 8 unless otherwise indicated  
Nursery Care available every Sunday morning for infants and children aged 3 and under  
Handicapped Accessible*



**Lenten Bible Study**  
*- one night only!*  
**Tuesday, February 12,**  
**7-8:30 p.m.**  
in the library

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday without pancakes, but with Jeff sharing the themes to be covered during the 6 weeks of Lent from the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome.



**A SERVICE  
OF ASHES  
AND HEALING**

**Wednesday,**  
**February 13 at 7 p.m.**

All are invited to this special half hour service for healing during which ashes will be imposed and the choir will sing.

### Giving in Gratitude

We just finished the season of gifts and here comes the Stewardship Team asking for your financial gift to the Church. It is that time again, and maybe what better time than as we approach Lent? What better time than now when we are asked to consider Jesus's gift to us?

As you think about your pledge for the coming fiscal year, think about the blessings in your life. Every good thing in our lives is a gift from God. Even and perhaps most of all is the gift of life itself. Life, a gift from God! What else can it be?

In return we are both asked and expected to give back a portion of our treasure so that God's work in the world might come to be reality. God has no hands but ours to do the work and no money but what is in our accounts. Think about that. All of God's money is in our accounts.

Is the portion you return to God in proportion to the blessings bestowed in your life? That's all God asks. And that is how BCCUCC can help create God's vision for the world here and now. Like the Magi who made great effort to bring valuable gifts, please make your pledge your best gift.

*Your Stewardship Team*

## Special Coffee Hours

Over the next 2 months each person on our regular contact mailing list will receive an invitation to a special coffee hour in the Vestry. We are dividing the congregation into 3 groups for these meetings. It is our intention to treat these as mini Cottage Meetings for the purpose of having brief brainstorming sessions on the future direction of our church, especially as it relates to staffing and programming. We know we cannot be all things to all people, but what can we be and do that honors our commitment to God while meeting the needs of the world around us?

Please take advantage of these invitations when they come to you – your input is needed.



**SHROVE TUESDAY  
on a SUNDAY?**

**YES!!!**

JPF, the Confirmands & CEYM  
invite you to enjoy some  
**PANCAKES** during coffee hour on  
**Sunday February 10.**



Come make  
Valentines for our  
Homebound on  
Sunday,  
February 10<sup>th</sup>  
at coffee hour.

The Deacons will provide all the  
materials— you supply the  
creativity! Thank you.

## Lay Woman of the Year

**Nancy Martin** has been chosen as Lay Woman of the Year for the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC. Nancy is known for her ongoing work with the Lay Visitation Team. She has been an inspiration for many of us over the years as a spiritual leader and seeker. She has been active in many groups, including the Deacons and on Conference committees.

Please plan on attending the

**LAY WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

at **Woodridge Congregational U.C.C.,**  
546 Budlong Road, Cranston RI,

where Nancy and other Honored Lay Women from the different RICUCC churches will be celebrated.

*Note - the breakfast is open to everyone—not just women!!*

**Reservations** are \$15.00 per person  
and can be made by mailing a check (note LWB in memo line) to  
Central Congregational Church, UCC, 296 Angell Street,  
Providence, RI, 02906; or by calling (401) 331-1960.



## Altar Flowers

After holding the price steady for several years, our florist has had to increase the cost of the altar flowers. As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, a donation for each bouquet will be \$30.

If you would like to donate either one or both of the bouquets — on a particular date or at anytime — please contact either Carol Louttit (245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com)) or Audrey Rogers (246-1727 or [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net)).

***The following dates are currently available***

(either for one vase or both) during February and March  
—contact Betsy Restituyo (473-8323 or [betsyres@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyres@yahoo.com)) if you are  
interested in donating for any of these dates:

February 3, 10 and 17, March 17, 24 and 31.



## Being a Deacon

*“ All the disciples...(were)...gathered together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven people from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.” ~ from the book of Acts*

Waiting on tables? That’s what a deacon does?

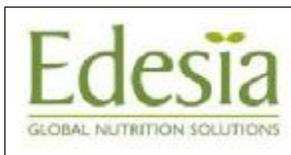
Well, the short answer is “Yes!” A deacon *is* a servant. That’s what the word means in Greek and that’s what deacons are for: to serve.

You’ve probably noticed deacons serving bread and juice to you at a communion worship service. You may have hosted a visit from a deacon bearing you a holiday plant, or heard a deacon helping out our ministers with a biblical reading during worship, or attended a *Tenebrae* service led by a group of deacons. You may even have been involved in a charitable gift from the Deacon’s Fund which helps church members and friends in times of financial need. All of these things deacons do.

You see, the deacon’s original charge and his or her special interests lie in the area of service and charitable work. “Waiting on tables” is a figurative way the bible uses to say that. The job of the deacon is to free up the minister’s time so that he or she can attend to the word of God. As a result, a deacon tends to coordinate more closely with the professional clergy than other church members might.

Piety? Self-Righteousness? No, that is not part of the job description of a deacon in our church. A general understanding of and willingness to explore theological principles helps a deacon in his or her tasks – sure. But the important part of the deacon’s job is in the *servicing* piece. Do you want to help serve? Our church has a place for you.

## From Your Justice and Witness Ministry Team.....



### Edesia Tour

Want a peek behind the scenes at Edesia’s state of the art factory in Providence?

It has been featured on the NBC Nightly News’ “Making a Difference” segment, and on both ABC and Fox News.

Please join us for a tour on.....

**Wednesday evening, February 27**  
from **6-7 pm.**

Executive director (and member of our congregation) Navyn Salem will lead the tour of the nonprofit facility that is saving the lives of children around the globe. Those who went on the tour last year may want to come back to hear about some new programs and developments that she will highlight.

A **carpool** will meet at the church parking lot at **5:15 pm** to travel to Providence **OR** meet us at Edesia, 88 Royal Little Drive, Providence 02904.

### ONGOING COLLECTIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Men’s Clothing for *The George Hunt Help Center*, in Providence. Men’s shirts, jeans, trousers, jackets, hats, sweaters, boots, shoes, sneakers, and belts are always popular—but all clean men’s clothing in good condition is accepted. Toiletries are also always needed. *Collection box in the Vestry.*



Canned food items for *Tap In* located here in Barrington. *Collection bins in the Narthex* (where the greeters stand).

### The Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

If you would like to assist with the soup kitchen at any time — maybe by providing a main dish or salad or fresh fruit or granola bars, or going to help serve at the kitchen — please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or [diane.todd@verizon.com](mailto:diane.todd@verizon.com).



*Please read and familiarize yourself with the following important information:*

### **If the fire alarm goes off in the Sanctuary.....**

1. There is one alarm for the entire facility (Church and Education buildings), so we don't know which building a fire may be in, or if it's a false alarm.
2. Stay calm and quiet. The minister will ask for you to proceed to the nearest fire exit. The sanctuary has 3 exits—one near the pulpit, and two at the back of each aisle.
3. Ushers will assist the congregation with evacuating the building.
4. An usher will go ahead down each of the three staircases to make sure that a fire is not blocking an exit. They will report back to the sanctuary "street-side clear/blocked", "water-side clear/blocked". The minister will announce to the congregation and re-direct as necessary.
5. The ELEVETTE MUST **NOT** BE USED.
6. Please be especially sensitive to those who will need assistance on the stairs as USING THE ELEVETTE IS **NOT** AN OPTION. Offer assistance as you are able.
7. DO **NOT** GO INTO THE VESTRY—instead exit the building immediately via the large double front doors, or via the back door if coming down the stairs by the pulpit.
8. Once outside, proceed to the far (commuter) parking lot. If possible go via the back of the buildings to keep the driveway clear for emergency vehicles.
9. The minister will continue to advise calm until the building is evacuated.
10. The children will have been evacuated from the Education building to the far (commuter) parking lot and parents can meet their children there.

### **Book Cart**

You are invited to take books from the book cart at the back of Fellowship Hall or to add books that you've finished reading that you think others might enjoy. In addition to both fiction and non-fiction books, there are also some large print books and audio books.



### **Volunteer Needed**

Is there a VOLUNTEER who would like to be responsible for keeping the book cart organized? If so, please contact the church office. Thanks.



### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Our congregation will join with other churches and denominations throughout the United States in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Thanks to the combined efforts of the UCC Church World Service and eight other denominations, literally millions of dollars are raised and disbursed to needy people throughout the world. This fund touches the lives of refugees, disaster victims, politically suppressed societies, those suffering from human rights injustices, as well as many who suffer from chronic hunger and poverty.

We are taking the offering a little earlier than usual so that it doesn't conflict with our Stewardship program. Leaflets about this year's campaign and OGHS envelopes will be included in the Sunday worship bulletins on **February 10 and 17**. However, you don't need an OGHS envelope to make a donation and donations may be sent directly to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, and please mark the memo line "OGHS". Thank you.

## Godly Play Stories (PreK - 6)



Feb. 3	PreK-Gd 2 Gds 3-6	<i>Parable of the Leaven</i> <i>The Story of Daniel</i>
Feb. 10	PreK-Gd2 Gds 3-6	<i>Parable of the Mustard Seed</i> <i>The Story of Job</i>
Feb. 17	Worship for All Ages. No Church School. Nursery care only.	
Feb. 24	PreK-Gd2 Gds 3-6	<i>Parable of the Parables</i> No Church School

## Confirmation Program



### Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>

Instead of a regular class the confirmands will help with a service project. They should go to church but leave the service when the younger children leave for church school and go to Fellowship Hall to help set up and start cooking the pancakes that will be served at coffee hour. They will also help with the cleanup afterwards. Expect to stay until about noon.

### Reminders:

Confirmation Retreat at  
Craigville from Friday to  
Saturday, April 5-6.  
Confirmation on Pentecost  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 2013 Service-Learning (Mission) Trip



There are still **some spaces available** for more participants—both high school youth and adults – contact Jeff Larsen **a.s.a.p.** if interested.

To: Washington, D.C.

When: Sunday, April 14—Friday, April 19

Partner Organization: Youth Services Opportunities Project (YSOP)

Theme & focus: Homelessness & poverty in D.C. and also here in Rhode Island

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For more information about YSOP, visit [www.ysop.org](http://www.ysop.org)

## Our Whole Lives

– Sexuality & our Faith



Sun., Feb. 3 – OWL session from start of church school until 12:30 p.m. in the library.

## Junior Pilgrim Fellowship — JPF — (aka Middle School Youth Group)

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

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:30—4 p.m. SNOWTUBING at YAWGOO VALLEY

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join in for some Pre-Super Bowl fresh air and fun! Meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. to coordinate carloads. After leaving at 12:45 p.m. SHARP they'll snowtube from 2—3 p.m. and return to church by 4 p.m. They'll be back in plenty of time for the big game—with a big appetite for all that yummy food that awaits. As usual, feel welcome to bring a friend.

R.S.V.P. is necessary for this event. Please contact Laurie Dubel at [dubel@cox.net](mailto:dubel@cox.net) or Ginger Stabach at [gstabach@gmail.com](mailto:gstabach@gmail.com) by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.



Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> After church school PANCAKES AT COFFEE HOUR

JPF will be joining with the Confirmands and CEYM in providing pancakes for the congregation to enjoy at coffee hour. JPF should go to church and church school first, and then meet up in Fellowship Hall after church school is over to serve the pancakes and help with clean-up afterwards.

# Thank You! THANK YOU!

.....to Anita DiMatteo, Jennifer Silva, Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach, Evan Shoaf, Betsy Restituyo, Michael Collins, Elizabeth Barnum, Kristen Westmoreland, Phyllis Buckley, Lucy Strolla, Leslie Strolla, Francis Seader, Kate Loos, Susan Short, Greg Knight, Cathleen Joachim, & Carol Strakosch for volunteering in Church School.

.....to CEYM for organizing the Advent Crafts on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

.....to all those who baked and/or bought at the Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Mission Trip on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

.....to all those who purchased items from SERRV. Proceeds went to the Mission Trip Fund.

.....to the carolers from JPF (and others) who brought joy to the residents at Atria Bay Spring, Orchard View Manor, and East Bay Manor on December 9<sup>th</sup> when they went caroling.

.....to the lay leaders who participated in the December confirmation class.

.....to all those who participated in the Story of Mary during the December 16<sup>th</sup> worship service: Annika Rosenholm, Amy Gorman, Walter Joachim, Laurie Dubel, Amy Harff, Louise House, Ginger Stabach, Jonathan Stabach, Stephanie Edwards, Laura Edwards, Tom Colby, Melissa Alschuler, Amanda Colby, and Erin Gamache.

.....to all who donated to the UCC's Christmas Fund.

.....to all who made donations to the Chancel Fund that paid for the plants that decorated the Sanctuary at Christmas and for the plants that were delivered by the Deacons to our homebound, sick and bereaved.

.....to Lory McCoy for once again organizing this year's Giving Tree and then delivering all of the gift cards to the Women's Resource Center. Thanks to all who made a donation.

.....to all those who knit, crocheted, or purchased the hats, gloves and scarves for the Mitten Tree, and to Stephanie Edwards for delivering them all to Crossroads in Providence.

.....to Kathleen Larsen for organizing the Toy Collection and to Jeff for delivering all of the donated toys to Children's Friend in Providence. Many thanks to everyone who donated toys, games, bikes etc.....a total of three truckloads were collected!!!

.....to all who supported the J&W fundraiser for the church and went to see *Amadeus* at 2nd Story Theater. Over \$500 was raised! Thanks also to the J&W team—especially Stephanie Edwards and Sharon Sylvester—for organizing the event.

.....to the counters who count and deposit the collection each week—Bethia Rosner, Doug Tonn, Dave Gregory, Sheila Hutton, Mary Jacobs and Mary Kutcher. Special thanks to Sheila Hutton's team who counted in the cold this week when the heating wasn't working in the Education building!

.....to Jay Buckley who takes the church's recycling to the Recycling Center each week.

.....to all who responded to the call for volunteers to help in the church office. If you haven't been asked to do anything yet, don't worry—Christine has your name on a list and will be calling you as needed! Special thanks to the following volunteers who are coming in each week: Nina Robertson to run off the bulletins, Deb Clarke to stuff the bulletins, Lynne Lehman to stock up on coffee hour supplies in the kitchen, and Liz Rosenholm to cover the office on Wednesday mornings.

.....to all who attended the *Duella Noted* a cappella concert on January 11<sup>th</sup> - and to Greg and Molly Voigt for arranging it. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, over \$1100 was collected for the Mission Trip.

.....and to everyone who submitted information for this *Bridge* by the deadline. It was much appreciated J

*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*



## Save on the cost of office supplies :

The church office can get up to \$20 a month off its office supply bill by sending in used inkjet cartridges for recycling. We invite you to drop any off at the church office and help us save some money. Thanks!



The Dine-Out Group will begin meeting again in March.

Save the date of Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

when the group will eat at S. S. Dion.

More details in the March *Bridge*.

## Book Group

next meets on

Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.



at The Coffee Depot  
501 Main Street, Warren.

They will discuss the book

**Uninvited Guests by Sadie Jones**

Set in an old manor house deep in the English countryside in the early years of the 20th century, this breakout novel tells the story of an unexpectedly dramatic day in the life of an eccentric, rather dysfunctional, and unforgettable family.

**All are welcome!**

For more info contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)

## Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others

The group will next meet on

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

from 7 - 9 p.m.

at the home of Kathleen Larsen,  
7 Fireside Drive, Barrington



The group will continue to work on prayer shawls as well as other knitting projects. Patterns are available. New ideas for knitting projects are also welcome and so are new knitters (or crocheters).

Contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)) with any questions.

The Women's Faith Group will meet on

**Thursdays, February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

from 1:30—3 p.m. in the library.



They will continue their discussion of the book

*The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister.

Copies of the book are available for purchase at a discounted price from the church office.

The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions.

For more information contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com), or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

## The Barrington Community Choir



....is a newly formed group of people from

the Barrington area who are interested in coming together as a community in song, and they are looking to grow! Directed by two local church music directors - Brittany Dyer from St. James's and Jason Hervieux from St. Brendan's - the Barrington Community Choir is reaching out to local congregations and others in order to increase membership and interest.

Anyone interested should e-mail with their name and phone number to [BarringtonCommunityChoir@gmail.com](mailto:BarringtonCommunityChoir@gmail.com).



## Marijuana Anonymous Meeting

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

7- 8 pm in Room 8

These weekly meetings are open to the public and are for anyone struggling with marijuana addiction – the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana.

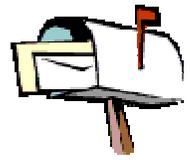
The group uses the 12 Step program and the current format is a beginners step meeting..

For more information about this group check out <http://www.eastbayri.com/news/barrington-support-group-helps-with-marijuana-addiction/>

or see their Facebook page [www.http://www.facebook.com/RIMABoredNoMore](http://www.facebook.com/RIMABoredNoMore)

For more info about Marijuana Anonymous (MA) visit [www.marijuana-anonymous.org](http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org)

## Letters from our mailbox



Dear church friends,

Thank you all for the holiday gift of the decorated Norfolk Pine. It has helped to brighten up our home for Christmas. You all have been so kind to me over the past years.

Fondly,  
Barbara McWhirter

May Smith called to thank everyone at the church for the lovely Christmas Tree plant she was given, and also to thank the deacon who delivered it to her. May loves her church and misses it very much since she is no longer able to attend. She wished everyone a happy holiday



I wanted to express my appreciation to all of the members of our congregation who donated warm mittens, hats, and scarves (many of them beautifully handmade) to the Mitten Tree in 2012. On December 24 we delivered 20 pairs of gloves and mittens, 19 hats, and 29 scarves to families at Crossroads RI. Thank you for helping us make the winter season warmer for so many people!

Stephanie Edwards  
For the Justice & Witness Team



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Your unexpected gift will aid our mission to feed our homeless and needy brothers and sisters in the Providence area. The number of people who have come to depend on our canteen truck has increased dramatically this past year. We invite you to join us in this outreach! Especially dear to us are Liz White and Jay & Phyllis Buckley, who eagerly participate on a regular basis and are committed to this outreach.

On behalf of your friends at  
Barrington United Methodist Church,

Faythe Hedrick  
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Mission &  
Outreach Chair

Dear BCCUCC people,

My thanks for the calls and cards and visits (home and hospital) during and after my recent stay at Miriam Hospital AND for the lovely January 13<sup>th</sup> flower arrangement from the church.

As it has always been for us, Stew and I realize how lucky we are to be a part of BCCUCC.

With love,  
Janet Morrison

To the Barrington Congregational Church:

Thank you for your kind donation of lots of food! As usual, BCC came through for TAPIN in a very big way! We could not have helped 400 families without the help of folks like you. Thank you so much.

Kate Notley  
2012 TAPIN Thanksgiving Co-chair

Many thanks to all of the congregation for their support and donations to the Giving Tree and the Women's Resource Center for Bristol and Newport Counties. \$1,015 worth of gift cards were delivered to the center the week before Christmas, which included a \$20 gift card donation from Shaws Supermarket. We brightened the holiday for many women and their families.

Lory McCoy  
For the Justice and Witness Team

To the Barrington Congregational Church,

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) would like to thank you for your in-kind donation of Gift Cards in support of our programs and services. Gifts like these help to ensure that we are able to maintain our work within our communities.

The WRC provides comprehensive services to families affected by domestic violence. Services include an emergency safe home, a 24 hour helpline, court advocacy, counseling for adults and children who witness, community outreach, support groups, and a youth violence prevention program offered in our schools.

We are proud to be one of the six member agencies of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. You are helping fulfill our hopes and dreams of one day living in a community free from interpersonal violence.

Thank you again for always thinking of our clients. Wishing you peace,

Lori N. DiPersio  
Executive Director



Dear Congregation,

It is with grateful hearts that we, the lay staff of your church, thank you for your very generous donations to this year's Staff Christmas Bonus. We are humbled by your generosity, and are very appreciative.

We will continue to serve the church to the best of our ability and feel blessed to be working with two wonderful clergy, Jeff and Elizabeth, and for such a great congregation.

With many thanks,

*Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Jack, Paul, Jimmy and John*

### Help Needed for Coffee Hour in February



Anyone willing to help with coffee hour for one or more of the Sunday's in February is asked to please contact Pat Cordeiro at (401) 433-1713 or [patcordeiro@verizon.net](mailto:patcordeiro@verizon.net)

There are many ways to help — by setting up, making the coffee, providing food, serving, or clearing up.

Anyone interested in serving on our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee is asked to please contact Jeff Larsen at [jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 103



**NewsLetter DEADLINE**

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

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



### Notification when there's a death in the church family

Your Deacons voted at their last meeting that, with the family's permission, the church would send out a brief e-mail notice about the death and funeral arrangements of a church member or their immediate family (parents/children).

This was in response to several suggestions that having a death announced on Sunday morning was often too late for people to get to calling hours or a service.

### Pastoral Visit Reminder

If you or a church member you know is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit of any kind, please let us know.

You can call the church office (246-0111) or contact the minister directly to leave a confidential message:

Jeff - ext 103, [jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org)



## Family Footnotes

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

Jim Black,  
Robert and Jill Grey,  
and Diane Kitchin's mother, Nancy.

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

Cheryl Muth on the death of her mother,  
Marjorie Tingle;  
and to Joyce Mabey on the death of her sister,  
Shirley Aniello.



## Ways to keep up with what's happening at BCCUCC.....

- **The Bridge** newsletter is posted on our church website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). It is also e-mailed out to everyone on our church's e-mail list and hard copies mailed to those without e-mail or have requested it. Additional copies are also available for pick up at church.
- The **Announcement** sheet is included in the Sunday bulletin each week. It is also posted to the church's website at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) the prior Friday afternoon. Click on the "Weekly Announcements" tab on the left hand side.
- A mid-week **Ennouncements** is sent out via email to everyone on the church's e-mail list.
- **'Jeff's Weekly'** is sent out by e-mail most Thursdays — written by Jeff Larsen it usually contains a brief preview of the subject of his upcoming sermon. *Jeff's Weekly is only sent to those who have specifically requested it*, so be sure to let us know at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) if you want to be included on this e-mail list.
- Our **Facebook page** can be viewed by everyone—even if you don't have a Facebook account. Find it at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc). If you 'Like' the page you will then receive our newsfeeds on your page, which includes postings of *The Bridge* and Ennouncements.



### 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.



### Our church is on Facebook....

Check it out at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) and then 'Like' us so that you get our news feeds.

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

*Note: You don't have to have a Facebook account in order to access our page.*

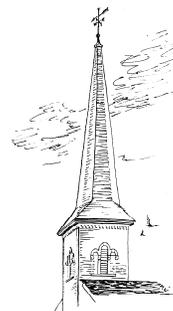


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 2013</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> EPIPHANY 4 10 am Worship Service with Communion, Children's Communion in Library then Church School, OWL Session from Ch Sch thru 12:30 pm, <i>Library</i> 12:30 – 4 pm JPF go Snowtubing at Yawgoo Valley	<b>4</b> 12:45 pm Staff mtg 1:30-2:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 3:30 pm Lay Visit'n <i>Library</i> 7:30 pm Deacons, <i>Room 6</i>	<b>5</b> 7-9 pm Knitting Gp, <i>Fireside Parsonage</i> 7 pm Stewardship mtg, <i>Jeff's office</i>	<b>6</b> 7 pm MA (Marijuana Anonymous), <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>7</b> 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> LAST EPIPHANY/TRANSFIGURATION <i>OGHS offering (wk1)</i> 8:30 am CEYM meeting, <i>Library</i> 10 am Worship Service, Church School At Coffee hour - Valentine Making At Coffee hour – Pancakes (hosted by JPF, Confirmands and CEYM) 1-4:30 pm Outside use Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> 12:45 pm Staff mtg 1:30-2:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7 pm B&G mtg, <i>Rm 6</i> 7 pm J&W, <i>Rm 6</i> and 7:30 pm, <i>Library</i>	<b>12</b> 7-8:30 pm Pre-Lenten Bible Study, <i>Library</i>	<b>13</b> Ash Wednesday 7 pm Ash Wed. service for healing Choir rehearsal after service 7 pm MA, <i>Room 8</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Bridge Deadline</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> LENT 1 <i>OGHS offering (wk2)</i> 10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only	<b>18</b> Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 pm MA, <i>Room 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>21</b> 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>Stewardship KickOff Sunday</i> LENT 2 10 am Worship Service, Church School for Grades PreK – 4 only	<b>25</b> 11:30 am Staff mtg 1:30-2:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7:15 pm Church Council, <i>Room 6</i>	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Book Group, <i>Coffee Depot</i>	<b>27</b> 5:15 pm Meet in parking lot to carpool 6-7 pm Tour of Edesia 7 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>28</b>		