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March 2014

Dear Friends,

LENT – that forty day period (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday (March 5th) until Easter (April 20th) when we are invited/challenged to set aside some extra time to reflect on our relationship with God and with all of God’s creation. I like to have some sort of theme that ties the different sermons together and gives us a framework for these 6 weeks. This year it will be, “**Marking Our Journey.**” You will all be offered a bookmark to take home and follow along with the readings I have chosen that will highlight journeys that different Biblical characters have taken. I will start in the first book of the Bible, Genesis, and work up through the resurrection of Jesus. You may want to read additional passages than just the readings of the day.



From the

SENIOR MINISTER

The characters will include Adam & Eve, Joseph and his brothers, David going up the hill to Jerusalem, Jesus’ journey back home at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus’ choice to go to Jerusalem; the journey into the city on Palm Sunday, and the instructions to the disciples after the empty tomb to travel back to Galilee.

I know it is a lot of effort to add something else to life’s busyness, but 5 minutes a day of reading the great stories of the Bible may just give you the breather between the regular events that will help a lot. Many ask, “What are you giving up for Lent” but I ask you to take on something small. If a lot of us are doing it I am sure we will feel the season as a community in a powerful way.

We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday night, March 5th at 7:00 pm with a 30 minute service of preparation. All are welcome.

I hope your journeys over these next weeks are gentle and wonderful,

DEACONS FOR MARCH

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

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

Congregational Meeting



by Church Council.

The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship on

Sunday, March 30th, 2014

for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended
Child care will be provided.

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

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Friday, March 14th.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th



Time to Spring Ahead

Sunday Services in March 2014

March 2	10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion 10 a.m. Children's communion in Room 6 followed by Church school
March 9	Start of Daylight Savings Time <i>Stewardship Campaign begins</i> 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School
March 16	10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School
March 23	<i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School
March 30	<i>Pledge Consecration Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Worship Service, Church School



*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*



**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 5th 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

It is a quiet, reflective time of readings and prayers. Ashes are offered to anyone who would like. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days (not including Sundays) of Lent that lead us to the celebration of Easter. The ashes remind us to spend some time during Lent in honest reflection about the meaning of life and our own relationship with God.

We finally have a new church website up and running! There are a number of people to thank but it was Elizabeth Barnum who had a vision of something new and pushed hard for it. She gathered a small group around her and that group continued on the mission after she left. Thanks to all involved with special thanks to Joanne Judge, Steve Peck, and Christine Wallis.



You can check it out at: www.bccucc.org. As you look at it, please remember that it is still a work in progress, as websites always are, but at least now people can be looking us up and checking out who we are and what we do. There is more material still to be added to the site so please bear with us as we work to get it all posted. There is also an on-line calendar with a link from the bottom of the home page. Again, it will take a little time to get all the information added to the calendar but we'll get it up to date as soon as we can. Your input/suggestions are always welcome...contact Jeff (jeff@bccucc.org) or Christine at the church office (office@bccucc.org).

www.bccucc.org

As our Search Committee is moving forward we have received a number of requests from candidates to learn more and see our website. Now that is possible. As Jeff scanned through it the other day he was reminded of just how many things we have going here and how many people are serving this church faithfully. A huge thank you to all of you as well for all the many things that you do.

A letter to the Congregation from the Search Committee.....

To the members of our church community,

As members of the Associate Minister Search Committee, we want to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. We recently had an orientation meeting with Rev. Bev Edwards, our Conference Minister who will work closely with us. The purpose of this letter is to share with you a brief summary of the Search and Call process in the United Church of Christ.

1. Using the results of after-church listening sessions from 2012 and 2013, working with the Deacons and CEYM, and culling material from our previous Associate Minister job description, we have created a 2-page summary of what we are looking for in a new part-time Associate Minister.
2. Our vacancy is now listed in "UCC Employment Opportunities" for all interested clergy and seminarians.
3. Persons who have been authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile will submit profiles for our committee through the Conference office. The Ministerial Profile includes information about the candidate's educational background, experience, a detailed faith statement, eight written references, a background check form, and a criminal background check. We have already received about a dozen profiles.
4. The names of candidates are held in strict confidence within our committee; we ask you to respect the essential confidentiality of this process. We will make every effort to keep you informed on a regular basis about our progress, both in *The Bridge* newsletter and on the 'Search Committee' bulletin board in the Education building.
5. We will follow up with persons in whom we have particular interest. The follow up will include telephone reference checks, telephone interviews, and requests for sermon tapes. While pursuing these steps, we will also continue to evaluate new Ministerial Profiles.
1. We will select a small number of candidates for personal interviews, following which we will make arrangements for our Search Committee members to worship with them, in their current church setting or in a church setting arranged by our Conference office.
2. We hope to invite at least two candidates back for second interviews, following which we will seek God's guidance and prayerfully make a decision on a candidate.
3. If the candidate we recommend chooses to accept, compensation arrangements will be clarified, and a date for a "Candidating Sunday" will be established.
4. You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate (and family) that weekend in an informal setting as well as the formal worship service. A congregational meeting following the worship service will offer each of you an opportunity to ask questions of the Search Committee, and to vote on the Call to our new Associate Minister.

We profoundly trust that God will guide both our candidates and the members of your Search Committee. We ask you to pray for us regularly. We are blessed with a wonderful church community; with hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful Associate Minister to minister with us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your Search Committee:

Melissa Alschuler, Tom and Kate Colby, Greg Knight, Rev. Jeff Larsen,
Lynne Lehman, Cheryl Muth, Kristen Westmoreland, and Maggie Zarlengo.

Update from the Search Committee: Our committee has been reviewing profiles from a dozen candidates, discussing questions we are going to be asking during interviews, and scheduling a mock interview. We have several candidates that we are very interested in interviewing and should be getting those scheduled soon. We continue to ask for your prayers and welcome any input you might have.

Want to learn more about our church? Then come to

Conversations About Our Church

Sunday, March 2nd 11:20 a.m.—12:10 p.m. Room 6

“Conversations” is an opportunity for those new to our church community to meet each other and learn more about our church, and is also for those preparing for membership. There will be a general overview of our community – why we do things the way we do, our history, sacraments and organizational structure. It is open to all for informational purposes but we also strongly encourage those interested in becoming official members of our church to come to this. New members will be received on Sunday, April 13th, and again in the fall.

Child care will be provided if needed during the “Conversations” session on March 2nd - please call the church office ahead of time so that arrangements can be made. The church office can be reached at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org. This is a very informal gathering so older children are welcome to sit in.



“Living in Covenant”

BCCUCC Stewardship Campaign 2014

Because we the members and friends of this church live in covenant with one another, we promise to provide the resources to sustain and support our worship, minister, staff and programs. Our annual pledge is the fulfillment of this promise, and reflects our gratitude to God for our abundant gifts.

We will kick off our Stewardship Campaign on **Sunday, March 9th**. During worship in March you will be hearing from members of the congregation who will share what covenant means to them. When you receive your pledge card we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can give to the church during the next fiscal year. Please return completed pledge cards on **Sunday, March 30th** when all of the pledges will be dedicated. If you can't make it to church that day, your completed pledge card can be dropped off in the church office ahead of time.

Thank you in advance for your pledge, your promise to support the good news that this community of faith proclaims and inspires throughout the year.

Learn more about the Apostle Paul

Sunday, March 16, following worship at 11:20 a.m. in the church library—led by Jeff

A group from this church will be “Walking in the Footsteps of Paul in Turkey” in the fall (still a few open spots if you are interested). The group has been meeting monthly studying places they will be visiting. Part of that study involves the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. Jeff figures that there may be people interested in discussing Paul who are not going on the trip and is offering an open discussion on this interesting missionary. All are welcome.

“5 Wishes Discussion” continues after church on

Sunday, March 30th from 11:15 am—12:00 pm in the **church library**.

This continues to be a place where some of the end-of-life issues are discussed based on the booklet, “5 Wishes.” Each meeting has different people at it so feel free to join in to look at making decisions we will all have to make at some point.



The “5 Wishes” booklet is available from the church office for anyone who would like one (\$1 each).



Does the church office have your current e-mail address? Don't know? Then please send it to office@bccucc.org and be sure to include your name. Thanks!

New name, time and format for the annual Berenback Lecture

The event has changed its name to Berenback 'Conversations' and will take place following worship on **Sunday, March 9, at 11:45 am** in Fellowship Hall (see below). This is a new time in hopes of making it easier for people to participate. The Justice & Witness Team theme for the year is Health and this year's speaker is Kristin Gourlay, Health Care Reporter, speaking on "Health Care in RI".

We are excited to have Kristin Gourlay as the speaker. In addition to her credentials listed below, she is particularly proud of the variety of protective clothing she's had to wear on assignment, including helmets, waders, safety goggles, and snowshoes! Originally from Chicago, IL, Kristin loves making music, cooking, and spending time with her husband, daughter, dogs, and cat.

We encourage you to mark your calendar, invite your friends (it's open to the public) and plan to attend.

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team presents
The Regina F. Berenback Conversations
with National Public Radio Health Care Reporter

Kristin Gourlay

in a discussion about

Health Care in Rhode Island

Sunday, March 9th, 2014

11:45 am ~ 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Light lunch provided

Ms. Gourlay joined Rhode Island Public Radio in July 2012 after being a member of the NPR team in Louisville, Kentucky and Wyoming. She earned her BA in anthropology from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR and her MS from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Ms. Gourlay has won multiple local and national awards for her reporting. Her work has aired on NPR and stations throughout the country.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL ARE WELCOME

The Regina F. Berenback Conversations are hosted annually through a donation by the Berenback family in remembrance of Regina F. Berenback, a longtime member of the Social Action and Justice Ministry Team and a passionate advocate for justice.



**New florist
providing
Altar Flowers**

Wildflower Florist recently closed down - for a number of years they provided our church with the two altar flower arrangements each Sunday.

In their search for a new florist, Carol Louttit and Audrey Rogers, co-chairs of our Chancel Team, visited and spoke with several local florists.

They are pleased to announce that

The Greenery

63 Water Street, Warren
(401) 247-7100

was chosen to provide our altar flowers.

Not only do they do nice floral arrangements but they were also willing to work with us and provide the weekly arrangements at the same cost as previously. We hope you will consider supporting them with your patronage.



Many thanks to Carol and Audrey for all of their work finding a new florist.

Congratulations Ellen!

Ellen Brady will experience the final step in preparation of ordination on

Sunday, March 23rd at 3 PM.

An Ecclesiastical Council of the RI Conference, United Church of Christ will convene here that afternoon to hear a presentation from Ellen and officially vote to ordain her. This is the last step in a long process that Ellen has undergone including her education at Andover Newton School of Theology, field work in various locations, and work with the Church & Ministry Committee of the Conference. Following this Council a date will be set for her service of ordination, to be held here.

The Ecclesiastical Council is open to all.



Do You Play an Instrument?

The Music Team is looking for instrumentalists that would like to play chamber music.

A member of the church who plays violin would like to join others for rehearsal and music leading to a chamber music offering during worship in the future.



Do you play a string instrument, woodwind, flute etc. and wish to dust off your instrument and play again.

Contact Mary Lou Slicker, Music Team co-chair at 245-0085 or RISlick@fullchannel.net

Church Photo Directory



...will
be
arriving
soon!

It's been a busy winter at 461 County Road.....

A new roof was put on the church building (check out the picture on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bccucc). A gas line was brought onto the property at the North end of the Education building and a meter installed. Gas piping was run into the boiler room in preparation for converting our two boilers over to gas from oil. Installation of the gas burners is scheduled to be done soon.

Thank You! THANK YOU!

.....to Melissa Alschuler, Cathleen Joachim, AJ Maio, Kathleen Sullivan, Evan Shoaf, Wendy Bennet, Alexa Bullard, Greg Knight, Leslie Strolla, Carol Strakosch, Jennifer Silva, Betsy Restituyo, Van Edwards, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Kristen Westmoreland, Kim Zeleznik, Traci Harper and Michael Collins for volunteering in church school

.....to Judy Harff and all involved with the Health Fair organized by the Justice and Witness team on February 2

.....to all who helped with the reception following the memorial service for Andy Rosner

.....to Alison Fodor and the high school youth who made the delicious Black Bean Salsa sold as a fundraiser. Thanks also to everyone who purchased some on Super Bowl Sunday in support of the Mission Trip

.....to Steve Peck and Joanne Judge for all of their time and expertise getting the new website up and running

.....to Phyllis and Jay Buckley for organizing the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck run on February 26 and to the many people who made it possible by donating food, warm clothes, preparing food, or going out with the truck. Thanks also to St Andrews Middle School students and chaperones who came in the afternoon to sort clothes and make the chili that went out on the truck to provide some hot food for those who needed it

.....to Liz Rosenholm for working in the church office for a couple of hours every Wednesday morning

.....to all who made Valentines that were sent to our homebound, sick and bereaved

.....and to Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach and Kim Zeleznik for being the JPF leaders and for organizing fun activities and outings for our middle school youth

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

Barrington Interfaith Events

“Easter and Passover: A Deeper Understanding of Two Major Holidays within Christianity & Judaism”

March 18th and 26th, 2014

The holidays of Easter and Passover represent two of the focal points in our Judeo-Christian tradition. We want everyone to be able to explore and experience these holidays in a deeper way.

Viewing Holy Week from a Multitude of Christian Eyes

On **Tuesday, March 18**, the entire interfaith community is invited to join us at St. James Church as we explore the story of Easter from the Congregationalist, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian traditions. We will experience the meaning of Easter through the lens of worship, service, story, and interpretation to bring everyone to a deeper level of understanding. (time and location below)



A Model Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community

On **Wednesday, March 26**, everyone in the interfaith community is invited to attend a Passover Seder which will serve as a model of the way that Jews celebrate the holiday in their homes. Experience the telling of the story of the Israelite's Exodus from slavery in Egypt with stories, singing, food, and participation by all. (time and location below)



We hope that you will decide to join us for these programs, both of which are sponsored by the Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association; they are free and open to the entire community. Your admission to either is a donation of food to Tap-In.

Reservations required for the Seder: While there is no need to reserve a space for the Easter program at St. James, we need to know how many people are attending the Model Passover Seder for the purpose of seating and food preparation. (Please also cancel your reservation if you find yourself unable to come to the Seder – even if it's at the last minute.) There are a limited number of spaces available for the Seder so you will need to reserve your spot as soon as possible. **RSVP** to Jodi Sullivan at 401 245-6536 or office@templehabonim.org

Viewing Holy Week and Easter from a
Multitude of Christian Eyes

Tuesday, March 18,

7:00 to 8:30PM

St. James Lutheran Church
49 Middle Highway, Barrington RI
(401) 246-0227

Model Jewish Passover Seder

Wednesday, March 26,

Please arrive by 6:45 so we can begin promptly by 7:00 pm

Temple Habonim
165 New Meadow Road, Barrington RI
(401) 245-6536

Reservations are required (see above)

Lenten Days Apart

Rev. Jennifer Geary is offering a Lenten series at Iron Homestead. You are invited to attend one, some or all of the five days of guided soul work being offered between March 21st and April 14th. Each day begins at 9:30 AM and concludes by 2:30 PM. The cost per day is \$30.00 which includes lunch.

March 21 (Friday) - Where are you going and who is going with you?

March 27 (Thursday) – What do people whisper about you?

April 2 (Wednesday) – What's got you tied in knots?

April 8 (Tuesday) – What's the best thing that could happen in your life right now?

April 14 (Monday) – What have they done with our Lord? Stations of the Cross.



For more information visit <http://www.riucc.org/ministries/irons-homestead/programs/> Registration is required.

Godly Play Stories (PreK - 6)



Mar. 2	PreK-Gd 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>Parable of the Mustard Seed</i> <i>The Story of Ezekiel</i>
Mar. 9	PreK-Gd 2 Gds 3 & 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>The Story of St. Patrick</i> <i>Parable of the Prodigal Son</i> <i>The Story of Daniel</i>
Mar. 16	All Grades	Special Coffee Hour Prep
Mar. 23	PreK-Gd 2 Gds 3 & 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>Faces of Easter 1 & 2</i> <i>Knowing Jesus in a New Way (KJNW)</i> <i>The Story of Job</i>
Mar. 30	PreK-Gd 2 Gds 3 & 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>Faces of Easter 3 & 4</i> <i>KJNW 3 & 4</i> <i>Parable of the Prodigal Son</i>

Attention 7th & 8th graders

On **Sunday, March 2nd** your church school class will be in Room 9 because the library is being used for the OWL session.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, March 2nd

10 a.m.

Room 6



led by Rev. Jeff Larsen

All children (PreK - 8th grade) are asked to go straight to Room 6 for their 10 a.m. communion service. They will then go from there to their classrooms for Church School.

Our Whole Lives - Sexuality & Our Faith



The next session is

Sunday, March 2nd

10:15 am—5:30 pm

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!

ROCK-A-THON AND SLEEPOVER

from 6 p.m. *Friday, March 21st to 7:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22nd at BCCUCC.

JPF members will 'rock' in rocking chairs from 6:30—11 pm to raise money for their spiritual overnight visit to St John the Divine Cathedral in NYC in April, 2014. Following the rock-a-thon they will sleep in the church library, and be picked up by parents at 7:30 am on Saturday morning.

During the evening there will be pizza, movie, snacks, drinks, card and board games. Youth are asked to bring \$5 for pizza dinner, a sleeping bag, pillow, overnight bath basics, board or card games and a sitting cushion. If you have a rocking chair, please let us know and bring that also!

Participants are asked to collect at least \$25 in pledges. A sponsorship form is available.

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, March 19th to Laurie Dubel at lauriedubel3@gmail.com, 245-5126, 787-3190

**The organizers are aware that the date coincides with a BMS Sports Night. If some want to arrive late that is alright but it must be coordinated ahead of time with the leaders.*



Planning Meeting for Trip to St John the Divine in NYC

For those going on this trip, there is a planning meeting for participants and parents on Sunday, March 23rd. It will take place following worship and will be in the library. Trip dates are Friday, April 4th-Saturday, April 5th.



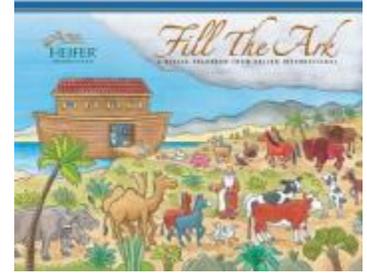
‘Fill the Ark’

March 9th—April 6th

During the Lenten season our congregation will raise money to support Heifer International and the less fortunate families they serve. We will join the growing movement “Give Up to Give Back” which strives to end hunger during the season of Lent.

We will participate in the “Fill the Ark” program, an interactive and meaningful way to put the sacrificial message of the Lenten season into action.

On March 2nd & March 9th small ark banks and accompanying calendars will be available during coffee hour. Each family is welcome to take one. By following the daily activities on the calendar the arks will quickly fill with money that will be donated to Heifer.



We will launch the program on **March 9th** and ask that all of the arks be returned on **April 6th**. We will announce the grand total on Palm Sunday. Visit www.heifer.org for more information about their organization and this program.

Please contact Andrea Bullard if you have any questions (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107)

Can You Help?



On Sunday, March 16th during church school time all of the children will be making food for coffee hour. CEYM is looking for volunteers to help the children with the preparation. This is a terrific opportunity to spend quality time with our children. We are looking for some new faces to help out with this project. Please consider volunteering to help. Contact Andrea Bullard to sign up 246-0111 ext 107 or andrea@bccucc.org



Landscape Planning Meeting

Monday, March 24th

7 p.m. in the church library.

The meeting is for anyone interested in long term landscape planning of our church property. A number of changes have taken place in the past year including the removal of two large trees that were diseased/damaged.

This has prompted an interest in how we can improve the grounds in the long-term. All interested are invited to attend.

Hosted by the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team



Coffee Hour Hosts for March

Christian Education and Youth Ministries (CEYM) will host coffee hour in **March** with the assistance of the 7th & 8th graders.



Special coffee hour foods will be made by all of the church school children on March 16th. See above to find out how you can help!

To learn more about the work of the team, be sure to talk to the servers.

MARIJUANA ANONYMOUS MEETING

Wednesday evenings

7:30- 8:30 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. For more information about MA visit

<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/>

Our Mission Statement

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, 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.



CONFERENCE-WIDE LEARNING AND SHARING EVENT

The RI Conference of the UCC is holding a Conference-wide learning and sharing event **Saturday, March 1st** from **8:30 am to Noon** at **Central Congregational Church**, 296 Angell Street in Providence. (Snow date, March 8th). Every member of all Rhode Island Conference churches is invited. The event has been organized to provide an opportunity for members of the different churches to get together and share ideas and learn what works in other churches. 12 different sessions are being offered on a variety of different topics. For more information visit www.ricucc.org and click on the link under 'Upcoming Events'. All are encouraged to attend this time of sharing, learning and meeting new friends.



Last call for

UCC New England's Women's Celebration.
March 28-30, 2014 Portland, Maine.



Registration closes March 15th. Find out more at <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org/>

For those who can't attend but want to be a part of the New England Women's Celebration IX there will be a collection box at church for the donation of items for the mission focus of the Celebration. Attendees have been invited to take **hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and new white socks** which will be given to Grace Street Ministries for their work with the homeless in Portland, ME. Please help by donating these items.

RICUCC Sacred Dance Workshop

Saturday, March 22, 2014

10:00 – 11:45 am

Seekonk Congregational Church Sanctuary, 600 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, MA

This FREE workshop will teach leaders and children to plan a sacred processional or sacred dance for a worship setting. No previous dance experience necessary! Come and join us and plan for an Easter or Pentecost worship!

Workshop leader: Kristin Putney – (training for leaders – children welcome with pastor, parent or leader)

- Workshop will include:
- * creative ways to utilize all ages and skills,
 - * use of hoops, ribbon sticks and other props,
 - * examples of music, robes and collars
 - * variety of dance routines



Contact Kristin Putney at 774-991-1555 or at mitchmoon12@hotmail.com



BCCUCC to host Rhode Island Conference UCC Annual Meeting

On **Saturday, May 3rd** we are hosting the RI Conference, UCC Annual Meeting. This is an exciting event where about 100 people from churches around the state converge to make decisions and become educated about the issues related to our denomination and local churches.

We need some **VOLUNTEERS** to be greeters, help in the parking lot, serve coffee and other things from 8:00 am until about 1:30 pm. If you are able to give a few hours please call the church office and sign up. It will be greatly appreciated!



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

Book Group

next meets on
Monday, March 17th
at 7 p.m.
at The Coffee Depot
501 Main Street, Warren.



All are welcome!

They will discuss the book
A Lady Cyclist's Guide to Kashgar
by Suzanne Joinson.

“Present and past meld into an exploration of conflicting traditions in an impressive debut that shifts smoothly between 1920s Turkestan and present-day England.”

**For more info on the group contact
Helen Schall at 245-4724 or
helenschall@hotmail.com**

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

is now meeting every other week
and will meet **Monday, March 10th & 24th**
12:30—1:30 p.m. in the church library

The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

New members are always welcome.

Questions or for more info, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group

meets Wednesdays, March 12th & 26th
from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the church library.

The group is open to both caregivers and patients and is for individuals, couples, and families looking for a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies for dealing with the variety of changes and losses involved with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net. The group is open to all – not just members of this church.

Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others

The group will gather on
Tuesday, March 11th
from **7 - 9 p.m.**
at the home of Liz Rosenholm
15 Freemont Avenue, Barrington



We welcome new people all the time. We continue to work on prayer shawls, hats, scarves and hats for newborn babies. Recently we sent a number of items with the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck that dispensed them along with their food items in Providence.

We also have an exciting new project—to knit scarves in the blue and yellow colors of ‘Boston Strong’ for the Old South Street Church **Marathon Scarf Project**. Their goal is to present every runner with a scarf at Old South Church’s annual Blessing of the Athletes during two services on Sunday, April 20th, the day before the marathon. For more information visit <http://www.ucc.org/news/boston-marathon-scarf-project-02212014.html>

Scarves should be made in the colors of **royal blue and yellow**, the official colors of the Boston Marathon, measuring approximately **4-6 inches wide** and **60 inches long**. (Organizers suggest using the official Boston Athletic Association colors Pantone 109C and Pantone 294C as a guide).



There are 35,000 runners so get those needles busy! Scarves will be accepted at Old South Church through April 5th.

Come join us for an evening of busy hands and fellowship.

For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or RISlick@fullchannel.net.

The Women's Faith Group will meet on
Thursdays, March 6th & 20th
from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the library.



On March 6th they will watch and discuss two DVD's ‘Emerging Voices, Emerging Church’ and ‘Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture’

On March 20th they will begin discussion of a new book tbd.

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, or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

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

Write Letters in Lent

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team has focused on health and wellness issues this year. The foundation of good health is having proper nutrition. We know that many people around the world are going hungry each day. Hopefully, we will raise funds through the CROP walk to help with programs to end hunger (see below). However, we also thought, that as a Lenten devotion, we could all try to do something about global hunger by contacting our congressional representatives.



We encourage you to visit the following website and write to those leaders. Bread for the World is often a partner with the UCC in letter writing advocacy. You will find an easy to submit e-mail letter addressing reforming U.S. food aid at the Bread for the World website: www.bread.org/hunger/us/ Under 'How You Can Help' on the right side of the page, click on the 'Write to Congress' tab.



EastBay/Barrington CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

Sunday, April 6th is the date of this year's CROP Hunger Walk

2:00 p.m. (1:30 p.m. registration)

Walk starts & ends at St John's Episcopal Church, UCC, 191 County Road, Barrington

The money raised will help people struggling to feed their families – both around the world and around the corner. Again this year, 25% of the funds raised will benefit TAPIN and Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

You can help by walking and asking friends and family to support you (also by signing up on line) or by supporting an individual or the team either at church or online. To find out more about CWS go to www.cwsglobal.org and to sign up for or to give to the walk go to www.crophungerwalk.org/barringtonri. You can also check out their Facebook page 'Barrington/EastBay Crop hunger walk'



Support the CROP Hunger Walk by eating out!

If you eat out any Monday in March and any Tuesday in April at *Not Your Average Joe's* in Seekonk, 15% of your bill (excluding alcohol and taxes) will be given to the Barrington/East Bay Crop Hunger Walk. This is another way that you can support the hunger prevention programs of Church World Service and, locally, TAPIN and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. 'Not Your Average Cause' certificates are available at coffee hour for you to present when you dine there. .



Collection during Lent

Once again this Lenten season we are collecting monetary donations for the Holy Joe's Café run by UCC military chaplains.

"HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ is a place where the chaplains in the small Forward Operating Bases, hangar bays, hospitals, aid stations, and their makeshift chapels are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the lonely and the wounded. They all can get gourmet coffee, a reminder that the world they willingly left behind still cares."

Chaplain Andrew Sholtes (HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ Blogspot).

Please support our chaplains and troops by contributing to the baskets set out on the coffee hour table during Lent. These funds will be used to purchase Equal Exchange Coffee that will be sent to Holy Joe's Café.

A Fun Night Out and a Fundraiser All in One!

Join us for a preview performance of

"Le Dindon or The Dupe"

at 2nd Story Theatre
28 Market Street, Warren

on **Saturday, March 15.**



The theater's bar opens at 7:00 pm.
and the performance starts at 8 pm.

We have a block of 50 tickets reserved for our group, so invite your friends to come along! Presented by 2nd Story Theatre as a "late-winter blues panacea," this French farce is full of laughter and l'amour, misunderstandings and mistaken identities.

Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 each and will be available at coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. The church will receive \$9 from the sale of each ticket. All proceeds will be donated to the Hope Center, located in Cranston, RI, which provides high quality therapeutic services for those suffering from memory impairment and their caregivers (<http://hopealzheimerscenter.org>).

Please email Chris Brady for tickets or further information (cbradyri@aol.com).

*This event is sponsored by
your Justice and Witness Ministry Team.*

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches invites you to a screening of

Robert Reich's remarkable film

Inequality for All

on **Sunday, March 16th**

to be shown at two locations
(choose the best for you)

3 PM

Beneficent Congregational Church,

300 Weybosset St., Providence, RI 02903

&

7 PM

Providence Friends Meeting House

99 Morris Ave, Providence, RI, 02906

There is no charge in either location, faith-based resources will be provided, and following each screening, we will encourage a discussion of the issues raised in the film.

TAPIN donations

Touch A Person In Need

Thank you to all who continue to bring food for TAPIN. Donations of non-perishable items may be placed in the bins in the Narthex or taken directly to TAPIN. Comfort foods such as mac and cheese and cans of chili are most appreciated on cold days.



TAPIN is also grateful for donations of blankets, sheets, and kitchen items. They can be dropped off at TAPIN from 9 am - Noon, Monday through Friday.

The support of all the churches in Barrington is AWESOME!

For more information about TAPIN go to www.tapinri.org or call 401 247-1444. Volunteers are needed to help at TAPIN as well as be drivers of folks to medical appointments..

Please consider how you might help TAPIN touch a person in need.

A Goodwill Collection Bin is located near the kitchen door in the large parking lot of our church - for the collection of clothing, shoes and small toys. Clothing can be in any condition - just not damp or moldy. Old, stained or torn clothing is sold for salvage and is recycled. 100% of your donations benefit the RI Community. For more information www.goodwillri.org



Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour. Don't have one? Sign up on the sheet below the nametag rack and one will be made for you and put in the rack in the Vestry hallway.



**PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER**

Lisa Browning

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Letters from our mailbox



To the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

I would very much like to thank you for permitting me to rent the Parsonage at 4 Nathaniel Road for the last six months. It is a wonderful home and quite comfortable. There were nights when I was very happy to be going home to such a great space.

And many thanks for the quick response from both Paul Dennis and Jay Buckley to the couple of small hiccups - yikes mice! - that came along. I am always impressed when such good people give so much to the church community. They are the community.

I have been used to paying rent out of my second check each month. All of a sudden I received that pay check and did not have to pay rent. I have decided that in lieu of rent I would like to make a \$1200 donation to BCCUCC out of that pay check. I would hope that it might be put back into the parsonage in any way that you see fit (utilities for the remainder of the winter, some project that you wish to do, or even to start a small account to maintain the parsonage). I am doing this because you have been very generous to me, and I am grateful.

BCCUCC was my church home for many years, my children were raised as active participants in the church. BCCUCC has meant a great deal to me. Carin is very active in The Salem United Church of Christ in Palmyra, PA—she does the book group, kids sing, etc—and I look forward to becoming part of that community.

Sincerely, Cindy Steger



Dear Friends:

I wish to thank you for the flowers that were sent to me recently. They were much appreciated. In addition Kathleen brought me a lovely prayer shawl which has felt so comfy on these cold days . I also enjoyed her visit very much.

Fondly,
Flo Fairfield

Thank you to the congregation for the altar flowers delivered to my door last Sunday by the wonderful Phyllis Buckley. Jeff, the deacons, my farmer's market pals, and so many members of the congregation have been in touch to support my family and to honor the passing of my mom. I am remind how much I treasure my church family.

Many thanks.
Jean, Jasmine & Zachary Arnold

Dear White Church Family,

Thank you for your kind words, cards and prayers on the recent passing of my sister, Carla.

It is truly comforting to be a part of such a caring community.

Sincerely,
The Buckley Family

Family Footnotes

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Lee Miller
and
Bob Zabinski
(husband of Marina)

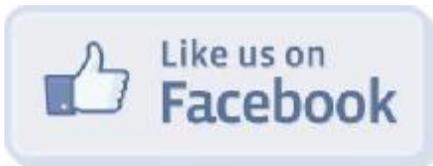
We offer our prayers, support and sympathy to....

Jay Buckley on the death of his sister, Carla;
Bill Ward on the death of his father, Bill;
Bethia Rosner on the death of her husband, Andy;
Lory McCoy on the death of her mother, Berta Snady;
Carol Costello and Janet Gausland on the death of their brother, Bob Reid;
and to the family and friends of Barbara Heyman.



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.



www.facebook.com/bccucc

Be sure to **'Like'** us to get our news feeds including the *Bridge newsletter* and Ennouncements that are posted to it.

And suggest our Facebook page to your friends!

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

Our Mission Statement

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, 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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2014</h1>						1 8:30 – Noon RICUCC Event, <i>Central Congo</i> 2:30 pm Soup Kitchen (JPF)
2 LAST EPIPHANY 10 am Worship Service with communion 10 am Children's Communion in Room 6, Church School 10:15am – 5:30 pm OWL, <i>Library</i> After Worship Sing & Celebrate choir reh, <i>Rm 9</i> 11:20 am 'Conversations About Our Church', <i>Room 6</i> 4:30 - 6pm Confirmation Class, <i>Room 6</i> 6 pm Search Committee, <i>Library</i>	3 11am Staff meeting 3:30 pm Lay Visitation, <i>Library</i> 7:30 pm Deacons, <i>Room 6</i>	4	5 Ash Wednesday 7-7:30 pm Ash Wed Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i> 7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i>	6 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	7	8 Turn Clocks Forward One hour
9 <i>Stewardship Campaign begins</i> LENT 1 10 am Worship Service, Church School After Worship Sing & Celebrate choir rehearsal, <i>Room 9</i> 11:45 am – 1 pm Berenback Conversation, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	10 11am Staff meeting 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7 pm Finance, <i>Lib'y</i> 7 pm B&G, <i>Room 6</i> 7:30 pm J&W, <i>Stephanie Edwards'</i>	11 7 pm Membership Meeting, <i>Fireside Parsonage</i> 7-9 pm Knitting group, <i>Liz Rosenholm's</i>	12 2:30 pm Memory Support Gp, <i>Library</i> 6 pm Search Committee, <i>Library</i> 7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	13	14 <i>Deadline for Bridge</i>	15 Fun Night Out at 2 nd Story Theater 7 pm Bar opens 8 pm Performance
16 LENT 2 10 am Worship Service, Church School After Worship Sing & Celebrate choir rehearsal, <i>Room 9</i> 11:20 am 'Learn more about Paul' with Jeff, <i>Library</i>	17 11am Staff meeting 7 pm Book Group, <i>Coffee Depot</i> 7:15 pm Church Council, <i>Room 6</i>	18 7 pm Interfaith Event about Easter, <i>St James Lutheran</i>	19 7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	20 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	21 11 am Memorial Service for Barbara Heyman, <i>Sanctuary Reception, F'p Hall</i> 6 pm JPF Rock-a-thon & Sleepover, <i>Lib'y</i>	22 7:30 am JPF Sleepover ends 10-11:45 am RICUCC Sacred Dance, <i>Seekonk Cong'l</i>
23 <i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i> LENT 3 10 am Worship Service, Church School After Worship Sing & Celebrate choir reh, <i>Rm 9</i> After Worship Meeting (with parents) for JPF going on NYC Trip, <i>Library</i> 3 pm Ecclesiastical Council for Ellen Brady, <i>Sanctuary</i>	24 11am Staff meeting 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7 pm Landscape Planning Meeting, <i>Library</i>	25	26 2:30 pm Memory Support Gp, <i>Library</i> 6:45 pm Community Seder, <i>Temple Habonim</i> 7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Pledge Dedication Sunday</i> LENT 4 10 am Worship Service, Church School After Worship Congregational Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> After Worship Sing & Celebrate choir reh, <i>Rm 9</i> 11:20 am '5 Wishes' discussion, <i>Library</i>	31 11am Staff meeting	March 9 th – April 6 th Heifer 'Fill The Ark' program (p. 9) Sunday, March 9 th – 30 th Stewardship Campaign. (p. 4) Mark your April calendar for Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk - April 6 th at 2 pm (p. 12)				