



Dear Friends,

Something for us to think about: Our church has a wonderful history of taking our youth on Mission Trips each year. Our young people have had significant experiences that have impacted their lives...and the life of this congregation. There have also been adult "Mission Trips" that many of you have taken – medical, educational, etc.



From the

SENIOR MINISTER

In the back of my mind has always lingered a thought about taking youth on an overseas trip – to experience an even greater cultural-gap time than staying safely within the bounds of this country. Many church youth groups go to Haiti, Puerto Rico and other spots and, in fact, so has this church many years ago. I have been in contact with a church in Wellesley, MA that took their youth to Nicaragua this past spring. I like what they did and what happened to them and would like to consider doing the same in the spring of 2014. You can see information about the 2 organizations they worked with at: elporvenir.org (click on "visit nica" then "work trips"), and thesunrisefoundation.org.

A trip like this would be set up in a very similar fashion as past trips to San Antonio or Biloxi. There would be flights, rather primitive living conditions, physical labor, interactions with locals, and a chance to learn about a new place. The biggest difference would be the cost (for the Wellesley church it was \$2200 each although they had scholarships and fund raisers that were able to lower that figure a bit.) The other difference is that we would be limited to 15 people and the exact adult/youth ratio I don't know yet. This is all very much in the planning stages.

I would like feedback and I would like families of those youth who will be in senior high next year to especially let me know how reasonable it would be for them to go. It could be an opportunity of a lifetime. Please don't let \$\$ stop your enthusiasm – where there is a will there is a way.

Peace to you all,

DEACONS FOR MARCH

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

If in the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, 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.

NewsLetter **DEADLINE**

The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the April Bridge will be Friday, March 15th.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on



Time to Spring Ahead

Saturday, March 9th

One Great Hour of Sharing offering — to be rescheduled

The OGHS offering was to have taken place on Sundays February 10 and 17 — but on both those Sundays the church service was cancelled because of snow. The OGHS collection will be rescheduled for a later date.





LENTEN CALENDAR

We are in the season of Lent and our Sunday worship continues our theme:

“Finding God in Unexpected Places”

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| Sunday, March 3 | 3 rd Sunday of Lent | “In the midst of our blood, sweat and tears” |
| Sunday, March 10 | 4 th Sunday of Lent | “In the gathering and rejoicing of our friends” |
| Sunday, March 17 | 5 th Sunday of Lent | “In the challenges of our lives” |

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24 **PALM SUNDAY** “On the streets of our lives”

Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. when green eco-palms will be distributed.

This will also be New Member Sunday when new members will be received into our church.



Monday, March 25 - Friday March 29 **Holy Week Reflections** 7—7:15 a.m. daily in the Library

During this time of reflection Rev. Jeff Larsen will give a word for the day, provide coffee, and will finish in time for you to head off to work or school. All are welcome to come for this ‘quiet time’ at the start of their day.

Thursday, March 28 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** **Service of Tenebrae and Communion**

7 pm in the Sanctuary

The deacons and clergy will lead this worship service in which the story of Jesus’ passion and suffering will be read, with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion and music. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.



Sunday, March 31 **EASTER**

Easter Sunday begins with a 6:30 a.m. **SUNRISE ECUMENICAL COMMUNION SERVICE** at Osamequin Point* off the Wampanoag Trail, sponsored by several of the Barrington churches. All are invited.

*Osamequin Point is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Route 114).

At 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. there will be **WORSHIP SERVICES FOR ALL AGES** in the sanctuary of BCCUCC, featuring preaching by the Rev. Jeffrey Larsen, a children’s message, and music from the organ and the church’s adult choir at both services. Nursery care will be provided at both services.

Following the 9:15 a.m. service only...there will be Coffee Hour, and an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for children in the lower elementary grades. (see page 8)



Some notices for the end of February.....

Changes in schedule for Sunday, February 24th

The Worship Service will be for All Ages—there will be no church school. Nursery Care is still available for children aged 3 and under.

The presentation by Pastor Nelson Lufafa about the Aids Orphanage in Uganda—scheduled for after worship—has been postponed as his trip was delayed.



JPF youth and parents went Snowtubing at Yawgoo Valley on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3rd. A good time was had by all!

Lay Woman of the Year

Nancy Martin was 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 2nd**

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.

Guest Speaker: RICUCC Minister of Health and Wellness, Peggy Matteson

Note - the breakfast is open to everyone—not just women!! Please consider attending as a way of showing your appreciation for Nancy and all that she does for our church.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Deadline for reservations is Friday, February 22nd

Please make reservations by Friday, February 22nd 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.

Please join members of the Barrington community and Rhode Islanders United for Marriage for a

Barrington Community Meeting for Marriage Equality

on **Tuesday, February 26th** at **6:30 pm**

hosted here at Barrington Congregational Church., UCC.

We are proud to be hosting a community meeting in which we will learn about how we can raise our voices up in favor of recognizing the love and commitment of all of God's children.

Please RSVP to Molly@riunited.org or [401.400.2807](tel:401.400.2807) so that we can make sure there are enough materials for all attending.

Our Justice and Witness Ministry Team is sponsoring this public meeting

*** * IMPORTANT UPDATE:** Navyn needs to know how many people to expect so please sign up by contacting the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org * *

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. For more information go to www.edesiaglobal.org

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.

ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

Stewardship—our annual fund drive to support our church budget—takes place during the month of March.



Matthew 22:37

Pledge packets for everyone will be available for pick up following the worship service on **Sunday, February 24th**. They will be on a table in the Vestry, arranged alphabetically.

Please pick up your pledge packet and save the church the cost of mailing it out.

If you are new and there isn't a pledge packet for you, please accept our apologies and either pick up a blank pledge packet, or contact the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 and we will get one to you.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can give in support of our church during the next fiscal year (July 2013—June 2014), and then fill out your pledge card accordingly.

You are invited to bring your completed pledge card to worship with you on March 10th or 17th, or return it to the church office by March 17th. After that date phone calls will be made.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Special Coffee Hours

If you are on our regular contact mailing list you will have already received or will soon receive an invitation to a special coffee hour in the Vestry. Maybe you've attended one already. The congregation was divided alphabetically into 3 groups for these 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. Thank you.

Altar Flowers



There are still a couple of dates in March when donors are needed to pay for the altar flowers. Each vase now costs \$30.

If you would like to donate one vase on either **March 17 or 24** please contact Betsy Restituyo at 473-8323 or betsyres@yahoo.com

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) or Audrey Rogers (246-1727 or adrogers@cox.net). Thanks.

Coffee Hour Hosts for March

Christian Education and Youth Ministries (CEYM) will host coffee hour in **March**.

The hosts often appreciate assistance so feel free to volunteer to help - by serving or providing food.

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



**7th Annual
Regina F. Berenback Memorial Lecture for Social Action and Justice**

DATE: Sunday, March 17th

TIME: 2:00 pm Talk followed by a cooking demonstration

WHERE: Fellowship Hall, Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

SPONSOR: Justice and Witness Ministry Team of BCCUCC

TOPIC: **Eating with the Ecosystem**

GUEST SPEAKER: Fisherman and environmentalist **Sarah Schumann**

Sarah is a local commercial fisherwoman and is actively involved with oceans and fisheries advocacy and education. Her career goal is devoted to seeing marine commerce and environmental vitality exist synergistically. She is on the Executive Committee of the RI Sierra Club and is the recipient of a TogetherGreen fellowship from the National Audubon Society for the "Eating with the Ecosystems" dinner series. Sarah will discuss her ecosystem-based approach to the challenges the New England fishing industry and marine ecosystems are facing. Following the talk, Sarah will give a cooking workshop demonstration on underutilized species.



ADMISSION: This event is FREE and open to the community. All are welcome.

Please support this church event with your attendance



Collection during Lent

Once again this Lenten season we are collecting monetary donations for the Holy Joe's Café run by UCC military chaplains. The chaplains invite soldiers in war zones into a safe and informal place where they can receive spiritual care and good coffee. Thanks to the support from many different UCC churches, more than 125 chaplains are now able to participate in this Coffee House Ministry. Go to www.holyjoescafe.org to read more.

Baskets for your monetary donations will be found on the coffee tables during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall during Lent. Please be generous and support this ministry. Our chaplains are a first line of defense against the emotional and psychological issues faced by our troops.

Join the Mission

The Justice and Witness Team invites you to a brief meeting after church on Sunday, March 10th in the library.

We are looking for ideas to accomplish our Mission 4/1 Earth: a new national project for all churches of the United Church of Christ.

The mission is for the resurrection of planet earth during the 50 days of Pentecost: April 1—May 19, 2013. Together the churches of the UCC hope to plant 100,000 trees, engage in 1 million hours of earth care, and write and send 100,000 advocacy letters on environmental concerns. It is an opportunity to live out our faith — in unity, as one church — for the sake of our fragile planet Earth.

Learn more at <http://www.ucc.org/news/mission-for-one-earth-website.html>

Let's see what we can do here at BCCUCC to help reach these goals! Come to the meeting and share your ideas.



MISSION 4/1 EARTH:
50 Great Days

Help needed for the Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
 on **Saturday, **March 9th** ***Note the last-minute change in date*



The **Music Team** and the **Endowment and Investment Team** are responsible for providing and serving the meal at the soup kitchen on Saturday, March 9th. They are looking for additional volunteers to help them — maybe by providing a main dish or salad or fresh fruit or granola bars or going to help serve at the kitchen.

Please contact Mary Lou Slicker at (401) 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net if you can help, or for more information. Thanks.

If you would like to assist with the soup kitchen some other time — please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizon.com.

6th Annual Interfaith Conference on Climate Change
 RI Interfaith Power and Light presents
ECO: Inspired Solutions for a Sustainable Future
Thursday, March 7, 2013 5—9 p.m.



Roger Williams Park Casino, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence RI

Pre-registration is required. Attendee registration is \$50 (includes dinner). More information and registration available online at www.ri-ipl.org or via mail at PO Box 697, North Kingstown, RI 02852

Blankets Needed

TAPIN still needs **blankets & comforters** of all sizes for local families. If you have any that you could donate, you are welcome to drop them off in the church office, or take them directly to TapIn which is open Mon-Fri from 9am-Noon.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**Sunday, April 28th
2013**

2:00 p.m.

(1:30 p.m. registration)



East Bay/Barrington CROP Hunger Walk

Walk starts & ends at
 Barrington Congregational Church, UCC,
 461 County Road, Barrington

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

Visit <http://www.cropwalk.org/> to learn more and become part of the movement

Questions? Want to participate? Contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.org for more information.

You can also raise funds online by going to www.cropwalkonline.org/barringtonri where you can sign up to participate and then e-mail the link to family and friends anywhere in the world so that they can contribute online into your efforts to relieve hunger and poverty.

The RIC-UCC Haiti Task Force is pleased to announce

Haitian Hoopla VII

Friday, April 12th from 7—11 p.m.

Providence Marriott, 1 Orms Street, Providence, RI
 A fun filled evening with Live Entertainment, Wine, Specialty Drink, Food Stations, and Heavy Appetizers.

Silent Auctions and Awesome Raffles

A Special Award Presentation to:

Len and Cherylann Gengel

who have just opened up an orphanage in Haiti honoring their daughter Britney's last wishes before she died on Jan 12, 2010 in the earthquake in Haiti. (www.BeLikeBrit.org)



Ticket Prices

Purchased <u>before</u> March 12		Purchased <u>after</u> March 12	
Single Ticket	\$60	Single Ticket	\$70
2 Tickets	\$110	2 Tickets	\$130
Table of 8	\$425	Table of 8	\$500

Pay on-Line: <https://www.wepay.com/xmzm78x/events/haitian-hoopla-vii>

Or mail checks made payable to 'UCC' to:
 UCC, Attn: Janet Igo, 524 Valley Rd, Middletown RI 02842

All proceeds benefit the Haiti Task Force Mission for healthcare, education and orphan relief.

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

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



SAVE THE DATE!! We're hitting the trampolines at Sky Zone in East Providence on **Sunday afternoon, March 3rd**. All kids in grades 6 thru 8 are welcome, including a middle school friend if you'd like to bring one.

Space will be limited, reservations necessary, and prompt RSVP will be a must. This is sure to be a great outing! Mark your calendars and anticipate an e-vite with more details.

Questions? Contact JPF leaders: Laurie Dubel dubel@cox.net and Ginger Stabach at gstabach@gmail.com

**Our Whole Lives
Sexuality & our Faith**



Sunday, March 3rd
OWL session from start of church school until 12:30 p.m. in the library.

Godly Play Stories (PreK - 6)



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| Mar. 3 | PreK-Gd 6 | <i>Faces of Easter 1 & 2</i> |
| Mar. 10 | PreK-Gd 6 | <i>Faces of Easter 3 & 4</i> |
| Mar. 17 | PreK-Gd 6 | <i>Faces of Easter 5, 6 & 7</i> |
| Mar. 24 | PreK-Gd 2
Gd 3-6 | Knowing Jesus in a New Way 1 & 2
<i>The Mystery of Easter</i> |
| Mar. 31 | Easter Sunday
Worship for All Ages (at 9:15 and 11 a.m.)
Nursery care only. | |

Confirmation Program



**Sunday March 10th
11:15 am—12:15 pm**

Room 6

Meeting with the Rev. Sharon Key.

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**Thursday, March 28th
7 p.m.**

Attend Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary with your families.

Reminders:

Confirmation Retreat at Craigville from Friday to Saturday, April 5-6.

Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.



CEYM is hosting a **Lenten Lollapalooza** for all ages on **Sunday, March 24th** after church in Fellowship Hall.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to join them in making palm crosses and other crafts.

Egg Hunt for Kids
after 9:15 service



There will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for children in the lower elementary grades following the 9:15 service on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Please bring a basket!

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Help needed with EASTER EGG HIDING

In order for the children to find some eggs, there needs to be an Easter egg hiding session earlier on Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Andrea Bullard if you would like to help with this fun activity andrea@bccucc.org



We invite you to make a donation to the

Chancel Fund

Money donated to this fund will be used to help beautify the Sanctuary – including the purchase of spring flowers to decorate the church this Easter.

You are invited to make a donation in any amount, large or small.

Donations to the Chancel Fund may be made in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for, or celebration of, someone or something (a person, birthday, anniversary, etc). All dedications will be listed in a special insert to be included in the Easter bulletins.

Easter plants will also be purchased from the Fund for delivery to the homebound, sick, or recently bereaved from our congregation.

Please complete the donation form below and return to the church office with your donation by Wednesday, March 20th. Alternatively, the completed form and donation can be put in the offering plate or left with a member of the Chancel Ministry Team who will be at the piano in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour following Sunday services.

Chancel Fund Donation Form **Easter 2013**

Please read carefully all of the information above before filling in the donation form below.

I would like to donate \$ to the Chancel Fund.

Donations are welcome in any amount.

Please make checks payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church' and mark memo line "Chancel Fund".

Please put the following dedication in the Easter bulletin insert:

Given by
(please print clearly)

In memory of
.....

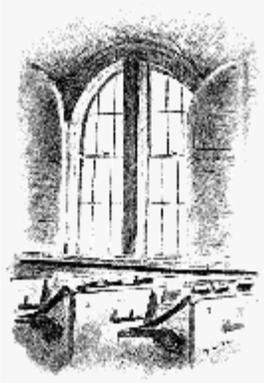
In thanksgiving for
.....

In celebration of
.....

Please complete & return with your donation by Wednesday, March 20th

Thank you for your donation.

ONGOING SANCTUARY WINDOWS RESTORATION



Some of you may have noticed that we are moving ahead with our church sanctuary windows restoration project. We have auditioned several contractors to find the right combination of painting ability, glazing skill, and double hung windows rehabilitation expertise. Catanzaro Painting has proven that they can do this work for us at a reasonable cost of approx. \$1800 per window.

Donations from the congregation specific to this project will be welcomed and noted on a special dedication plaque.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

.....to Anita DiMatteo, Alexa Bullard, A.J. Maio, Kristen Westmoreland, Melissa Alschuler, Carol Strakosch, Jennifer Silva, Kim Zeleznik, Michael Collins, Van Edwards, Susan Short, Chris Brady, Phyllis Buckley, Cathleen Joachim, Laurie Dubel, Francis Seader, Betsy Restituyo, Ginger Stabach, Greg Knight, Evan Shoaf, Kathy Sullivan, & Kate Loos for helping with Church School

.....to everyone who prepared a Godly Play story but was snowed out!

.....to Helen Schall, Sharon Sylvester & Lily Sylvester for leading and serving the Children's communion in the Library

.....to Cheryl Muth for volunteering to keep organized the Book Cart in Fellowship Hall, and to Clyde Slicker for also volunteering

.....to all who donated blankets and/or comforters for TapIn to give to local families in need

.....to Dick Fairfield for repainting all of the wooden door stops in the education building

.....to everyone who volunteered to help with coffee hour during February—even if they weren't able to actually do it because snow caused the cancellation of the church service!

.....to everyone who bought tickets and/or made a donation for the Mission Trip's Pasta Dinner fundraiser on January 27th. Your generosity is much appreciated

.....to Mary Louise Gamache and her team of helpers for all of their hard work shopping for, preparing and cooking the pasta dinner

.....to Hale Summers for all that he did for the Mission Trip Fundraisers as part of his BHS Senior Project.

.....to all who ordered fruit and to Ray Zarlengo for once again doing all of the behind the scenes work for the Citrus Sale

.....to Cheryl Muth who purchased Valentines Cards to mail to all of our homebound and college kids—especially as the congregation was unable to make any Valentines because the blizzard caused church to be cancelled

.....to Jay Buckley and to Boy Scout Troop 6 who took up the carpets from Jeff's and Elizabeth's offices in preparation for the installation of new ones

.....to our custodians—Paul, John and Jimmy—for their work in cleaning and painting Elizabeth's office while she's away on sabbatical

.....to Sue Terhune for her help in the purchase of the new carpeting, as well as touching up the paintwork in Jeff's office before the new carpet arrives

.....and to Francis Seader for creating the Lenten landscape box in the sanctuary. Be sure to come to church each Sunday during Lent—weather permitting **J**—to see it 'grow'.

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



The Dine-Out Group will meet
on Friday, March 8th
at 6:30 p.m.

at S.S.Dion,
520 Thames Street, Bristol RI

Those wishing to go should make
reservations by *Sunday, March 3rd* with
either Helen MacDonald (437-0254 or
fhmacdonald@yahoo.com)
or Barbara McWhirter (247-1228 or
bjmcwhirter@cox.net).

ALL ARE WELCOME – SINGLES AND COUPLES.

Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others

The group will next meet on
Tuesday, March 5th
from **7 - 9 p.m.**

at the home of Marion Fodor
12 Katie Drive, Warren.

For directions contact Marion at 245-2003 or smfodor@cox.net



We have welcomed a couple of new people into the group – a crocheter this time. We are continuing to work on prayer shawls, chemo caps, scarves for the annual UCC conference this summer and projects of our own design. Please join us.

For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net)

Book Group

next meets on

Tuesday, March 19th

6:30 - 8 p.m.

at **The Coffee Depot**
501 Main Street, Warren.

All are welcome!

They will discuss the book

Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner

'A lyrical exploration of an enduring friendship between two couples through good times and bad.' (Booklist)

For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com



The Women's Faith Group will meet on

Thursdays, March 7th and 21st

from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the **library.**

They will continue their discussion of the book

The Gift of Years by Joan Chittister

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 ch12299@aol.com, or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net



Help the church office save money



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!

Mark your calendars for an event sponsored by East Bay Center, Inc., Family Care Community Partnership, The BAY Team, and Barrington Schools Parent Teacher Organizations.....

Stressed Out?

Join us for dinner and a movie!

RACE TO NOWHERE: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture

Tuesday, April 23 6-9 p.m. Barrington Public Library

Free Dinner served during an ideas fair where attendees will collect resources on healthy ways to deal with stress *Panel of Experts* to discuss stress and our children *Free Raffles* for family entertainment *Healthy Ideas Booths* *Seating Limited!*

The work of the church continues

....despite the snow!

Even though the Sunday worship services on February 10 and 17 were cancelled due to snow, the work of the church continued and the bills still needed paying.

Please try to make up for the donations that you would have made on those two Sundays and keep your pledge up to date.

Thank you.



Take 10 With Your Kids

Have fun playing one-on-one with each child for 10 minutes daily to create a bond that will endure for years to come

Do: Let your child pick the activity—play a game, bake a treat, read, build a fort
Make it a game—create slips of paper with ideas and put in a jar to choose from each day

Notice the good in your child. Make only positive comments while you play

Don't: Correct, criticize or suggest improvements
Ask leading questions to try to teach a lesson

Parenting is prevention

A message from The BAY Team.



www.facebook.com/bccucc

'Like' us on Facebook so that you get our news feeds — including notice of when church is cancelled due to snow!!

Letters from our mailbox

Dear White Church family,

Thank you so much for the generous use of your facilities for our Mobile Loaves and Fishes run. We have grateful hearts!! We all felt a great sense of community and warm hospitality.



With heartfelt gratitude,

The St. Andrew's School Community *(the card was signed by all the participants!)*

Editors Note: A group of students and adults from St. Andrew's School used our kitchen and Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 25 to prepare food and sort through donated clothes for the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck that went out from here on Saturday, January 26. We were happy to have our facilities used for such a great purpose.

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers following the passing of Jay's brother.

Your cards, well wishes, flowers and prayers are heartfelt.

With gratitude,

The Buckley Family



Thank you so very much for the honor of selecting me as laywoman of the year for 2013. I was indeed surprised and delighted for this church has been such a large part of my life in the loving, learning and caring experienced through its hearts in so many dimensions. The exquisite roses from the lovely altar arrangement continue to remind me of this grace and God's infinite blessings.

Gratefully,

Nancy Martin

Family Footnotes

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Jim Black

Paul Dennis

Dave Gregory

Leslie Strolla

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

Paula Movsesian on the death of her mother,
Jacqueline Kelly;

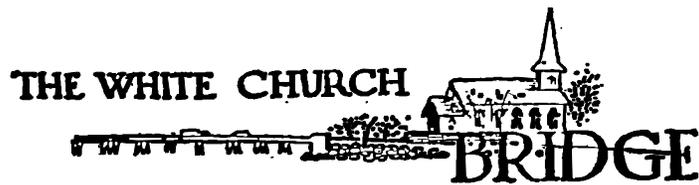
Jay Buckley on the death of his brother;

to the family of Anne Thurber;

and to Al Butler on the death of his wife, Dottie, back in December—
with apologies for omitting his name from the February *Bridge*.



March 2013 Newsletter



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.



Interested in joining our church? Then come to 'Conversations' on Sunday, March 17th after worship (see page 2 for details). New Member Sunday will be April 1st

Barrington Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ.
461 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

Telephone: (401) 246-0111

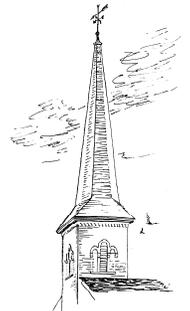
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MARCH 2013

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

- **The Bridge** newsletter is posted on our church website at 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 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 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. If you 'Like' the page you will then receive our newsfeeds on your page, which includes postings of *The Bridge* and Ennouncements and church cancellations due to bad weather.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:45 am RICUCC Lay Women's Breakfast, <i>Woodridge Cong'l</i>
3 LENT 3 10 am Worship Service with Communion, Children's Communion in Library then Church School for PreK-Gd 6 OWL Session from Ch Sch to 12:30 pm, <i>Lib</i> After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Room 9</i> 1-5 pm Outside use of <i>Fellowship Hall (Red Brick)</i> 1-3:30 pm JPF go to SkyZone, <i>East Providence</i>	4 11:30 am Staff mtg 1:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 3:30 pm Lay Visit'n <i>Library</i> 7:30 pm Deacons, <i>Rm 6</i>	5 7 pm Membership mtg., <i>Room 6</i> 7 pm Knitting group, <i>Marion</i> <i>Fodor's home</i>	6 7 pm MA (Marijuana Anonymous), <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	7 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	8 6:30 pm Dine Out at SS Dion in Bristol	9 2:45 pm Soup Kitchen (Music, Endowment) <i>Note – this is a change of</i> <i>date</i> <i>Move clocks ahead 1 hour</i>
10 <i>Collection of Stewardship gifts</i> LENT 4 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> 10 am Worship Service, Church School After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Room 9</i> After Worship Mission 4/1 Earth mtg, <i>Library</i> 11 am – Noon Special Coffee hour N-Z, <i>Vestry</i> 11:15-12:15 pm Confirmation Class, <i>Room 6</i> 3 pm CROP Walk meeting, <i>Library</i>	11 11:30 am Staff mtg 1:30pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7 pm B&G mtg, <i>Rm 6</i> 7 pm Finance, <i>Rm 7</i> 7:30 pm Justice and Witness mtg, <i>Library</i>	12	13 7 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	14	15 <i>Deadline for April</i> <i>Bridge</i>	16
17 <i>Collection of Stewardship gifts</i> LENT 5 10 am Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School 11:20 – 12:10 pm Conversations, <i>Room 6</i> 2 pm Berenback Lecture, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	18 11:30 am Staff mtg 1:30-pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7:15 pm Church Council, <i>Room 6</i>	19 6:30 – 8 pm Book Group, <i>Coffee Depot</i>	20 7 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	21 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	22 9 am Collate Bridge, <i>Room 6</i>	23
24 <i>New Member Sunday</i> PALM SUNDAY 10 am Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Church School After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Room 9</i> After Worship Lenten Lollapalooza, <i>FH</i>	25 7 am Reflection, <i>Library</i> 11:30 am Staff mtg 1:30-2:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i>	26 7 am Reflection, <i>Library</i>	27 7 am Reflection, <i>Lib</i> 6 pm PPRT, <i>location</i> <i>tbd</i> 7 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> <i>No choir rehearsal</i>	28 Maundy Thurs 7 am Reflection, <i>Lib</i> 7 pm Tenebrae service, <i>Sanctuary</i> After Service, Choir rehearsal	29 Good Friday 7 am Reflection, <i>Library</i> OFFICE CLOSED Noon Ecumenical Service, <i>Barr</i> <i>Presb'n Church</i>	30
31 <i>Kick off for Mission 4/1 Earth</i> EASTER 6:30 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service, <i>Osamequin Point</i> 9:15 am & 11 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only After 9:15 service Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt for lower elementary grades	<h1>March 2013</h1>					