

Congregational Meeting



NEW DATE!

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

Sunday, April 27th, 2014

for the consideration of the

By Law changes as recommended by Church Council.

Child care will be provided.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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

Tuesday, April 15th.



The church office will be

CLOSED

on Good Friday, April 18th

and Monday, April 21st.

DEACONS FOR APRIL

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

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

Update from the Search Committee:

Our committee has been meeting often and working hard at screening profiles, selecting which ones we want more information from. We will be interviewing shortly.

A message to the congregation from your Buildings and Grounds team....

You may have noticed the new gas meter that was installed by the entrance to the office! We have successfully switched the two furnaces that heat the sanctuary and the education building from oil to gas. The change is expected to eventually save us thousands of dollars in heating costs.

Congratulations Ellen!

After a successful Ecclesiastical Council on March 23rd, Ellen Brady is now preparing for her **Service of Ordination** that will take place in our sanctuary on

Sunday afternoon, June 22nd at 3 pm.

It will be an exciting day for Ellen, her family and our whole church community. All are welcome.

The church photo directory has arrived!!

Church Photo
Directory



All members and friends who were photographed by LifeTouch or submitted a family photo receive a free directory.

There are also some extra directories available for purchase for \$5.00.

Directories are available for pick up during coffee hour on Sunday, March 30th. They will be available during the week from the church office.

Later this spring there will also be a secure on-line copy of the directory available from a link on our new church website. Details on this to follow.

Check out our new on-line Church Calendar

Accessible from our new church website www.bccucc.org either from the bottom of any page or from the drop down menu under 'What's happening'.

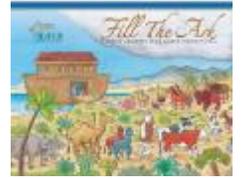
The on-line calendar is the place to go to see what's happening and when. You can also print out a copy of either the monthly, weekly or daily view. The information is currently up to date through the end of April - but the rest will be added as soon as possible! If at any time you see that corrections, changes or additions are needed, please contact Christine at office@bccucc.org so they can be made.

Bonus feature: You can have the calendar send you an e-mail reminder about an event. Now how cool is that!



‘Fill the Ark’ program runs through April 6th

During the Lenten season our congregation is raising money to support Heifer International and the less fortunate families they serve. Church families are following the daily activities on the Heifer calendar and putting money into their arks. Other congregation members are also making financial donations—anyone wishing to do so should make their check payable to BCCUCC and put ‘Heifer’ in the memo line. To date we’ve raised almost \$2000 toward our goal of \$5000.



Make Your Donation Worth Twice As Much!

Matching Gift Opportunity: We recently learned that a foundation is willing to make up to a \$1.2 million dollar contribution specifically for Cambodia, to match other donations made to Heifer International that are designated for the “Cambodian Matching Gift Program”. Information about this challenge can be found at

<http://www.heifer.org/campaign/2014/cambodia-match.html?msource=FDZCC14ZC0001>

Any money that we raise (hopefully our \$5000 goal) will be matched with an equal amount from the foundation—meaning that we have effectively donated \$10,000. CEYM is sponsoring the Ark program and they have agreed that the money should be earmarked for Cambodia, especially as it is one of the poorest countries in the world.

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We ask that all arks be returned on—and other donations made by— **Sunday, April 6th** so that we can announce the grand total on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Visit www.heifer.org for more information about Heifer International and the Ark program.

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

2014 MISSION TRIP

April 22-27, 2014

This year’s Senior Youth Group will be traveling to Philadelphia to attend an Urban Service Camp “...where people matter; faith makes sense; and you and the world begin to change.” Camps are led by a full-time Outreach Coordinator and members of the congregation of Old First Reformed UCC. These guides help campers to learn about Philadelphia, to process their experiences, and to think about ways to serve their own community. We will be paired with service organizations throughout the city such as: helping to sort donations at the local food bank Philabundance; working with children of impoverished families at Cradles to Crayons; working with the homeless population with the Bethesda Project. Please check out <http://oldfirstucc.org> for more information.

The youth that are going on the Mission Trip are Abby Voigt, Duncan Brady, Evan Shoaf, Laura Edwards, and Patrick Collins. They will be accompanied by chaperones Alison Fodor and Francis Seader. Please keep them all in your prayers.



The Concert Handbell Ringers of the Wheeler School

will be playing at BCCUCC in the
10 am worship service on Sunday, April 6th.

They are an auditioned high school handbell ensemble celebrating their thirty-fourth year. Their performance credits include multiple performances with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, and recordings with Ed Sweeney and with the Empire Brass Quintet, as well as their own CDs. The group tours annually, usually throughout the United States and Canada, and recently to Bermuda in March 2011. The ringers perform on six octaves of Malmark handbells and seven octaves of Malmark Choirchimes®.

We are very fortunate to have them come play at our church and you won’t want to miss it!

Godly Play Stories (PreK - 6)



- Apr. 7 PreK-Gd 2 *Faces of Easter 5, 6, & 7*
 Gds 3 & 4 *Knowing Jesus in a New Way (KJNW) 5 & 6*
 Gds 5 & 6 *The Parable of the Deep Well*
- Apr. 13 PreK-Gd 2 *Work & Feast*
 Gds 3 -6 *Jesus & Jerusalem: The Story of Holy Week*
- Apr. 20 & 27 No Church School. Nursery Care Only
 (Nursery Care will be provided at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, April 20)

Confirmation Program



Sunday April 13th
11:15 am—1:30 pm
 Jeff will take the class on an historical tour of Barrington followed by lunch and class with Sharon Key. Parents are invited to come for the tour.

Sunday, April 27th
2—6 pm

The Confirmands will attend the Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service (Yom Hashoah) at Temple Emmanuel in Providence at **3 pm**. Drama, music, story telling and poetry are often used in the programming. Meet at BCCUCC at 2 pm, return by 6 pm.

Reminders:

Confirmation Retreat is Friday—Saturday, May 9 – 10
 Confirmation Sunday is May 11



CEYM is hosting a **Lenten Lollapalooza** for all ages on **Sunday, April 13th** 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, April 20th.

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

BCCUCC to host Rhode Island Conference UCC Annual Meeting



On **Saturday, May 3rd** we are hosting the RI Conference, UCC Annual Meeting at our church. 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!

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team is looking for help with several maintenance and clean-up projects on

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 26th

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Volunteers — both skilled and unskilled — are welcome, so please consider volunteering some of your time on April 26th to help with some much needed work around the church and grounds - even if it's only for an hour.

So that they have some idea of how many people will be participating and what jobs can be scheduled, please sign up ahead of time by contacting Paul Dennis (245-6296 or wrbtwks@aol.com) of Buildings and Grounds or the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org). However, last minute volunteers are also most welcome!



There is always lots of yard work that needs to get done so if possible please bring garden tools for working on the grounds. Work gloves are also recommended for all volunteers.



One Great Hour of Sharing



Our congregation joins with other churches and denominations throughout the United States in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering on Sunday, April 13th. 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. Leaflets about this year's campaign and OGHS envelopes will be included in the worship bulletin. Donations may also be sent directly to the church office. Checks should be made payable to BCCUCC, and mark the memo line "OGHS". Thank you.



...TO MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2014-2015 AND RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PLEDGE CARD. THANK YOU.



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 (you can sign up on line) or by making a donation on line. This year everyone is walking together as a community rather than having teams from each church. 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 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.

In addition, *1149 Restaurant* (1149 Division St, East Greenwich, RI) will donate 20% of the total guest check amount to our CROP Hunger Walk from now until April 5th.

The Dine Out Group are taking advantage of this offer to raise money for our local CROP Walk by eating there on April 4th (see page 7 for details).



To participate in these great opportunities to raise more money to help fight hunger, just inform your server that you would like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk Giveback! Certificates for *Not Your Average Cause* are available for use at NYAJ on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. By eating at these two restaurants, others can eat!



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 Monday, April 14th. 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 2014

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 Monday, April 14th.

Thank you for your donation.



The Dine Out Group
will cross the bay to eat at
Eleven Forty Nine restaurant
1149 Division Street, East Greenwich RI
on **Friday, April 4th** at 6:30 PM.

Join us as we eat out and raise money to fight hunger - 1149 will donate 20% of the guest check amount to our Barrington/East Bay CROP Hunger Walk!

For more information on the restaurant & directions go to <http://restaurant.elevenfortynine.com>

Reservations are required - contact Helen Schall by *Sunday, March 30th* at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4723 .

Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others

The group will next meet on
Tuesday, April 15th
from **7 - 9 p.m.**

at the home of Marty Kee,
3 Briarfield Road, Barrington.

Hope you can join us for a productive evening of knitting (or crocheting) and fellowship.

We had a large group of knitters at Liz Rosenholm's in March all working on blue and yellow 'Boston Strong' scarves for the Marathon. What a glorious riot of color it made – different blues and yellows, multiple patterns for the stripes and lots of good conversation. There are many others in the congregation also working on the scarves to be blessed and given to Boston marathon runners in April. A big thank you to all of the knitters.



Many thanks also to Duncan Maio who will be transporting the finished scarves to the Old South Church in Boston for distribution to this year's runners.

Members of the group work on a variety of different projects for different causes including prayer shawls, helmet liners for soldiers, and hats for newborns. Patterns are available. New ideas for knitting projects are always welcome and so are new knitters (or crocheters).

Contact Mary Lou Slicker with any questions or for more information at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.



Book Group next meets on
Tuesday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.
at **The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren.**

All are welcome!

They will discuss the book

Eighty days : Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's history-making race around the world
by **Matthew Goodman.**

On November 14, 1889, two young female journalists raced against one another, determined to outdo Jules Verne's fictional hero and circle the globe in less than 80 days. The dramatic race that ensued would span 28,000 miles, captivate the nation, and change both competitors' lives forever.

The Women's Faith Group will meet on

Thursdays, April 3rd & 17th and May 1st & 15th from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the **library.**

They will conclude the discussion of the DVD on the *Emerging Church* and begin discussion of the novel *Evensong* by Gail Godwin.

Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$12.

The group will also meet on **Thursday, June 5th** at **Noon** for the second annual

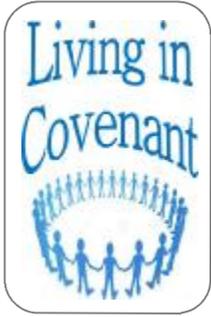
Women of Faith - Senior Ladies Lunch



Sandwiches, salad and strawberry shortcake will be served. This will be the group's last meeting until the fall. The Women's Faith Group welcomes all women from BCC UCC as well as women from other faith traditions. For this gathering we especially welcome senior women from the congregation to share lunch and fellowship.

RSVP for the lunch by *Thursday, May 29th*. Please contact the church office 246-0111, Nancy Martin 273-1078, Carol Loutitt 245-2299 or Jane Tonn 289-2349 to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.



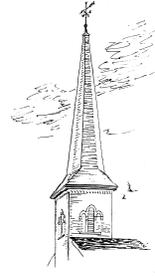


‘Living in Covenant’ is the theme for this year’s

Stewardship Campaign

Church members & friends were recently mailed a letter asking that they make a pledge for our next fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015). Included was a pledge card that indicated the amount they had previously pledged. Please take time to read the letter and prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2014-15 to financially support the work and mission of our church. We are totally self-supporting and rely on your pledges to carry out our mission. Completed pledge cards should be returned on **Sunday, March 30th** which is **Pledge Dedication Sunday**, or returned to the office as soon as possible afterwards.

If you didn’t receive a letter in the mail please let the church office know office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can add you to our mailing list. Additional pledge packets are available for pick up from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. Thank you.



Did you know that it costs approximately \$1200 per day to run our church? Please think about this when you consider your contribution.

Men’s Group?

Are there any men interested in gathering occasionally before church to share men-related issues of faith or otherwise?

Bring your coffee and come to the church library **8:30-9:30 am, Sunday, April 13th** and meet with Jeff Larsen.

Open to all, no set agenda, casual. Bring ideas.

Please Note.....

Should you choose to ‘**Unsubscribe**’ from any of the emails sent from the church — Ennouncements, *The Bridge*, Jeff’s Weekly etc — we will no longer be able to send you ANY emails that we send out using Constant Contact.



THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

meets every other week

and will meet **Monday, April 14th & 28th**
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 infor, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

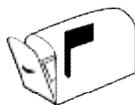
The Memory Impairment Support Group

meets Wednesdays, April 9th & 23rd

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.

Barbara Ward
Waterview Villa
1275 S. Broadway, Room 317
East Providence RI 02914



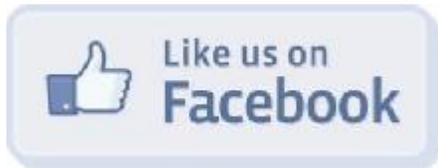
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ADDRESS CHANGE

Dot Muth
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Family Footnotes



Fred Pierce,
Marina Zabinski,
and Jeff Larsen.



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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www.bccucc.org



Christine is working on getting the link to the calendar to work directly!

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.

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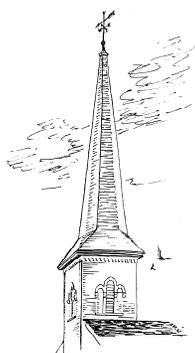
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