

The church calendar for October can be found on p.14 at the end of this newsletter.

Or access the current version at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>



October 2014

Dear Friends,

As I look towards October I am aware that I will be gone from here for 12 days this month, leading the tour to Turkey. This has been a dream of mine for a long time and I am delighted that I found 25 others willing to join me. We will be gone from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.



From the

**SENIOR MINISTER**

The title of the trip is “Following in the footsteps of Paul” and we will be doing just that. The Apostle Paul, credited with establishing many local churches throughout what is now Turkey and Greece, was one of the primary reasons Christianity developed and thrived following the death of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus was significant for the inner circle of followers but Paul took the message out to the world and brought people into small groups.

To visit places that Paul wrote some letters to – Ephesus and Colossae – see his birthplace, go to towns where he preached, and get a feel for the countryside he walked will be very special for me and, hopefully, for others in the group. Paul is a very controversial person because many believe he took the message of Jesus in a direction not intended by Jesus. Over my ministry I have not particularly liked Paul for this reason. I hope the trip will give me a new understanding of who he was and what he did.

While in Turkey it is my hope to send updates from our trip to the office. Christine will post on them on our website and to Facebook so those who want can “travel” along with us. When we return I look forward to having opportunities to share with many of you what we learned and saw.

Brendan will be taking good care of you while I am gone and I will be keeping you in my prayers. Please keep us in yours also.

Blessings to you all,

**NewsLetter DEADLINE**

The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the November *Bridge* will be Wed., Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.



**DEACONS FOR OCTOBER**

Cheryl Muth (star deacon),  
Liz White, Greg Voigt, and Chris Brady.

*In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787 home) or Brendan ((978) 314-9149 cell) please call on one of the deacons.*

**Clergy and Staff Away**

Jeff Larsen will be away Oct 9-20 on the trip to Turkey.

Andrea Bullard will be away Oct 10-14.



The church office will be closed on Mon, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day.

**Free Wi-Fi** is now available in the CE building and can be accessed without a password. It was designed to be available in certain specific areas (the offices, Room 6, Fellowship Hall and the Library) but a signal is available throughout the building (though weak in some spots).



## Sunday Services for October 2014



October 5	10 a.m.	<i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i> Worship Service with Communion, Church School
October 12	10 a.m.	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
October 19	10 a.m.	Worship Service, Church School (Grades 5 & 6 stay in church)
October 26	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*



### ENDOWMENT EDUCATION SESSION

On **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the Vestry, an Endowment Education session will be held for all who would like to attend. Sponsored by our Endowment and Investment Ministry Team, they will be joined by Jim Sanzi from the Rhode Island Foundation. Attendees will learn about our church's current Endowment and also ways in which they can make the church part of their estate plans.

Refreshments will be provided so attendees can come straight from worship and not miss out on getting their usual coffee and goodies following the service!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. All are welcome.



### Help needed with Coffee Hour

Sign up at coffee hour .....or sign up electronically!

Coffee hour is now being done a little differently with 'self-serve' stations for coffee, decaf and hot water for tea. Ministry Teams still oversee coffee hour, but due to the reduction in size of the teams, additional assistance is needed from congregation members.

Volunteers are being asked to sign up on a specific Sunday to help by providing food, serving or clearing up.

There are **SIGNUP SHEETS AT THE WELCOME TABLE** at the back of Fellowship Hall every month for individuals and families to sign up on a Sunday that will work for them. Or contact Jane Tonn [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net) (401) 289-2349 who is chair of the Membership Ministry Team.

There is also now an **ON-LINE SIGN UP** at the following link where you can sign up for a Sunday that works for you

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B48AFA82BA0FF2-bccucc1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B48AFA82BA0FF2-bccucc1)

To sign up on-line you need to create a SignUpGenius account which is very easy to do.

The only information that is needed is your first and last name and e-mail address. That

way your name can appear correctly on the sign up sheet, and you can receive an e-mail reminder a few days prior to the Sunday that you volunteered to help.

We hope the old saying of many hands make lighter work will be true and this important time of fellowship will continue to be a source of strength for our church. Thank you.



## From our Associate Minister .....



Dear Church,

Our faith tradition points to an experience of God alive in our relationships with one another and our world! In this season of change we can reflect on inward and outward journeys. I have a favorite Joseph Campbell quote on the spiritual journey that goes, “Where we had thought to travel outward we come to the center of our own existence and where we had thought to be alone we will be with the whole world.” This month, some of us will be going on a pilgrimage traveling all the way to Turkey to find the Spirit by walking in the footsteps of Paul. We will be in their hearts and they will be in ours! As they travel, perhaps the rest of us staying at home might find the Spirit in the midst of our busy Fall schedule. We can find the Spirit when we take a moment or a breath to feel in communion with life by noticing the beauty of the changing leaves, or by taking a moment to pray for or be grateful for someone we love. Perhaps by going inward in this way we might find God taking us on a journey bringing us closer to each other and making us more able to find peace even amidst all the comings and goings, meetings and partings of our days.

The season of fall and all this coming and going makes me reflect on change. I find myself looking for God in the changes, noticing how accepting change, and allowing ourselves and others the space to grow and change as effortlessly as the leaves do allows us to live in the Love of God more fully. Meeting the kids and being in the Sunday school classes and youth group meetings has brought back memories for me from when I was in Sunday school myself. Strangely enough, I think I was more rigid at age 8 than I am now. I remember visiting a Sunday school class in New Jersey as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader when I (in my mind) righteously demanded of the poor teacher on duty that day to explain what on earth connect the dots and crossword puzzles had to do with the message of Christ! I’m happy to inform you that our programs, to say the least, are somewhat more profound, developed, and fleshed out than this particular class was, however looking back on the story I consider how I now find God’s presence the most in the moments of sharing, the joy, the games, laughing with the kids, and in hearing everybody’s stories. Playing a celebrity guessing game with the junior youth group has reminded me how fast the culture changes. I now know that by not watching TV for a few years I’ve fallen far behind rather quickly with the pop culture. I had to guess Taylor Swift, and when the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders gave me hints that my celebrity was a female folk singer, I guessed, “Joan Baez, Peter Paul and Mary, and Joni Mitchel.” I don’t think I will live that down for a little while. I invite you to notice the ways we are always being called to notice the new information, the new lessons, and the joy of connecting in new ways that God is always inviting us into! And as Taylor Swift says, “In a relationship each person should support the other; they should lift each other up.” In this season of change I invite you to look for God’s presence in your relationships so we can lift each other up in the Love of God together!

Blessings and peace,

*Brendan*



### CONFIRMATION

**Schedule Changes:** The meeting time for the Confirmation class has been moved to Sunday evenings once a month from **6 - 8 pm**. 9th graders who didn't sign up because they couldn't make Sunday morning classes are invited to contact Brendan Curran a.s.a.p. at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x104 if they would like to participate in the program. Also, the date of the January 2015 class has been changed to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The first Confirmation class will be on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** from **6-8 pm** in the library.

**Save the date** of **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** from **1—6 pm** when our confirmands will participate in the RI Conference Confirmation Mission Day at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence. Youth will do service projects all over Greater Providence then gather, share and eat pizza. More details to follow.

### NAME CHANGE

Our youth groups will no longer be known as Pilgrim Fellowships but instead will simply be called the Junior Youth Group and the Senior Youth Group



## Happy Birthday, Richen.



Richen will be 8 years old on October 10, 2014.

Our Church School children, through their weekly offerings, are continuing to support a young Tibetan refugee's education and care this coming year. Her name is Richen Lhamu and she is the oldest of 3 children from an extremely poor farming family living on the India-Tibet border. Her parents are no longer able to care for her so she is at the Tibetan Refugee School in Kalimpong, India, a city of 43,000 in the Darjeeling district. A recent letter from Richen reads:

My dear Sponsor,

How are you all? I am fine and happy here in the school. Our mid-term exams will be started after few weeks so I am working very hard for the exams. On the 6th of July, we celebrated the 79th Birth Anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. During the celebration our school performed song and dance since morning to evening and next day again there was School's Sports and games and cultural programs for all the local people and served them nice Tibetan foods on the occasion. We all enjoyed very much. Thank you for helping me. The weather here is raining every day. How is the weather there?

Your God Child, Richen Lhamu Class V

### Children's Offering Envelopes

Special, pre-dated, children's offering books are available for each child after they have been registered for the 2014-2015 church school year. Please help your child remember their offering and to use the special envelopes that they have been given. The children's offering is collected in the classroom when there is Church School, or can be put in the offering plate on Sunday's when there is no church school.



If your child doesn't have a set of children's envelopes, please see Andrea Bullard to register your child and get a set of envelopes.

### Our Whole Lives — Sexuality & Our Faith

Lifespan Comprehensive Sexuality Education offered 2014-2015 for Grades 7 & 8

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The program begins with **PARENT ORIENTATION** on **Sunday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** from **11:15 a.m.—1 p.m.** in the church library.

All parents who have already signed up a child should plan to attend this orientation. Parents who are interested in having their youth participate but need more information are also encouraged to attend.

**OWL Registration:** The class is filling up quickly and space is limited so please remember to register your child by contacting Andrea a.s.a.p. at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107. For more information about the OWL program contact Andrea or look on the [church website](#) under the 'Education' and 'Youth' links and click on 'OWL'.

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The **first OWL session** for the **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants** will be held on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the church library.

The other sessions will be held on **October 26**, November 9 & 15, January 11 & 25, February 1 & 22, March 1 & 8, April 12 & 26, and May 10 from **10 a.m.—Noon** in the church library.





## Junior Youth Group for Grades 6-8

On **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** the Junior Youth Group will be the hosts at the Christian Community **Soup Kitchen** located at Park Place Congregational UCC, 71 Park Place, Pawtucket RI 02860. We will provide all the food needed and serve the meal. Youth are asked to meet in the church library at **2:30 pm** before leaving for Pawtucket. Return time to church will be approx. **5:30 p.m.**



### RSVP and Sign Up to provide food:

A SignUpGenius at the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945acaa2fab9-oct2> lists all of the needs and is also where you can RSVP to let the leaders know that you are going. Even if you are unable to go to the Soup Kitchen we ask that you please sign up to provide food. Non-perishable items can be left in the church kitchen during the week — just be sure to mark it clearly for the Soup Kitchen.

Stay tuned for some type of outside walk/ hike in late October or early November. Date to be announced.

Contact JYG leaders Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach or Kimberley Zeleznik at [bccjpf@gmail.com](mailto:bccjpf@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to their e-mail list. All youth in grades 6 thru 8 are welcome!



## Senior Youth Group for Grades 9-12

All in grades 9-12 are welcome to come hiking for the Senior Youth Group trip to the Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown RI on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from **1—4:30 pm**.



Those with large cars that can fit lots of people and are able to car pool are extra encouraged to attend.

The trip costs \$6 per person but if there are ten or more of us it will only cost \$3 per person, so all who are able to come are even more encouraged to than usual! Friends in Grades 9-12 are also welcome. Reminder: All youth attending must bring a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.

RSVP by Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to Brendan Curran at [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 104



The **Sing & Celebrate Choir** is open to all children in Grades 1-5. Rehearsals begin **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** after worship in Room 9. They will meet regularly through October.

The choir sings in church periodically throughout the year and holds practice after worship when needed. They welcome more voices, both girls and boys, to join them for this fun way to enhance worship. The choir is directed by our organist and choir director Marina Zabinski, assisted by Kate Colby. For more information speak with Marina or contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or [kcolby@hillsideplastics.com](mailto:kcolby@hillsideplastics.com)

### OWL group donates to Youth Pride Inc.

Last spring the Our Whole Lives team found that there was an overage in their budget. They asked the youth what they thought they should do with it, and the whole group decided to make a donation to Youth Pride Incorporated in Providence.



“YPI is the state’s only safe drop-in space dedicated to meeting the social, educational and emotional needs of young people throughout the state impacted by their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.”

YPI sent us a kind letter thanking us for our donation.



**THANK YOU.....** to everyone who has registered their child/youth for 2014-2015. Our Safe Church Policy requires that all children from Nursery through 12th Grade be registered in order to participate in programs offered here at the church—including Church School, Youth Groups, Confirmation and OWL. Each child needs their own registration form.

**If you haven’t yet registered your child/youth,** please do so by completing a registration form - available from outside Andrea’s office or from the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Parents who registered their child in 2013-14 need only update and initial last year’s form — see Andrea.

## Living the Lesson

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Jeff taught the 5th and 6th Grade Church School class. To help them live out the scripture lesson of the day (Matthew 20:1-16 - the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard) he took them after church to harvest veggies for local food pantries at the McCoy Community Farm in Warren.

The McCoy Community Farm was established in 2013 to grow nutritious fresh produce for the RI Community Food Bank and local food pantries. The one acre farm is the generous donation of Dr. Charles McCoy and his wife, Dr. Lory McCoy. The crops are planted by a volunteer farmer, Chris Clegg of Four Town Farm.



Approximately 31 Volunteers (including Jeff and the youth) picked 3,056 lbs of veggies that day and harvested:

- \* 67 lbs of Tomatoes
- \* 298 lbs of Eggplant
- \* 81 lbs of Peppers
- \* 2,610 lbs of Butternut Squash

They were able to harvest lots of surplus squash thanks to Four Town Farm. Sunday's harvest provided vegetables to 4 local food pantries and the Amos House.

Total harvested to date is 12,859 lbs! They have exceeded their goal of 10,000 lb.



If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, please inform either the ministers or the church office. A confidential message can be left for Jeff Larsen at 246-0111 x 103 or [jeff@bccucc.org](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or for Brendan Curran at 246-0111 x 104 or [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org).

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



**If you are new to our church and reading our newsletter for the first time...** we welcome you and invite you to participate in any activities or events that are of interest to you. This *Bridge* newsletter is full of information about everything that's happening – copies are always available in the Narthex and vestry hallways, outside the church office, and on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall—feel free to take an extra one and give to a friend. If you have questions about anything, feel free to call the church office (401) 246-0111) where either a member of staff or minister will be very happy to help you.

Much of our communication is now done via e-mail so if you'd like to receive our monthly *Bridge* newsletter, weekly Ennouncements, or Jeff's Weekly, please give us your e-mail address by contacting the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or, on a Sunday, include the information on the pew pad that's located at the end of each pew.

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

### **The Mission and Justice Team encourages you to join the UCC Take Action Network**

In the United Church of Christ, we do justice. We started in the 60's with the Civil Right movement. We've been advocating for gay rights since the 70's. We took on environmental racism in the 80's. And in 2005, we were the first church in America to endorse marriage equality. We're doing justice. Join us.

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/join-the-network/>

### **Unaccompanied children at the border**

The Mission and Justice Ministry Team has chosen Children's Welfare as our theme for this year's activities. It almost seems long ago that we were hearing about all the unaccompanied children crossing at our southern border as it just isn't making the news anymore. However, just because it isn't on the news doesn't mean the situation has changed.

We lift up those children this month and encourage you to find out more about what is happening, what some of the causes are and how any of us might respond. There's a lot of material on the UCC website, and a good place to start is the background and reflection provided by Derek Duncan, Global Ministries Associate for Global Advocacy and Education (and a speaker hear at BCCUCC many years ago). Here's the link:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/getting-to-the-root-of-it/worth-the-risk-consider-the.html> .

### **Reading Changes Lives**

September was the kick-off for the UCC all-church initiative – Reading Changes Lives. Congregations across the nation are participating in a “Church-Wide Read” to provide us with a common ground for understanding the literacy crisis in the U.S. Our hope is that, through reading and discussion, we will come together, stimulate conversations, and facilitate learning within and beyond our churches.



Did you know that 1 in 5 adults lack the basic reading skills beyond a fourth grade level? Or that almost 85% of all young people in the juvenile court system are illiterate?

Participate in this unique, all-church initiative, the United Church of Christ's inaugural One Read of the inspirational book, *Hot Dogs & Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age*, by Rob Shindler. Copies will be available in the church office in October.

Borrow or buy the book (\$7.00) and watch for more information about discussion times.



### **Getting ready for Christmas? Check out the SERRV catalogs.**

SERRV catalogs will be available starting in October and continuing into the first week of December. SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. SERRV sponsors small scale, on-the-ground programs to bring practical training and business support to their artisan partners - particularly women - to extend their earning potential into the future.

Helen Schall will have catalogs available at the piano in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. You can also go to the SERRV website at [www.serrv.org/](http://www.serrv.org/) to view the items. Ordering through the church will save you shipping costs and provide the church with funds to support the 2015 service project.

Contact Helen at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) for more information.



A message from the Mission and Justice Team about child welfare (their focus for the year):  
**Did you know that TAPIN serves an average of 1,600 individuals in the East Bay Community each month, many of them children?**



## Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN

The Mission and Justice Ministry Team is once again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the TAPIN food pantry and their Thanksgiving program. The various different houses of worship in the area are being asked to supply specific food items. This will be to supplement the items that TapIn receives from the RI Food Bank.



**BCCUCC has been asked to donate the following items for the Thanksgiving Packages:**

**Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Boxes of Brownie Mix**

*Other food items may also be donated, but these are the ones needed for the Thanksgiving food packages.*

TapIn plans to provide Thanksgiving Food packages for **over 400 families** and is very appreciative of the donations from everyone that enables them to do this.

The TapIn Thanksgiving Food collection will **begin on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and end on November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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TAPIN, (Touch A Person in Need) is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers from our community. If you have time available and you want to help, there is always room for more volunteers to help in a number of different ways. To volunteer or for more info call TAPIN at 247-1444 between 9 am and Noon, Mon—Fri or visit [www.tapinri.com](http://www.tapinri.com)

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

## 2014 Neighbors In Need Imagining Another World Is Possible

Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering. Like most UCC congregations we will receive the NIN offering on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Look for information in the Sunday bulletins and at the Membership table during coffee hour, or visit [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin)

Please make checks payable to BCCUCC and write 'NIN' on the memo line. Thank you.



Thanks to all who participated in the blood drive held on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

13 pints were donated surpassing our goal for the drive of 12 pints.

Because of your generosity, potentially 39 people benefitted from the gift only YOU can give.

### No more men's clothes, please.

We are no longer collecting men's clothing as the place they were taken to, The George Hunt Help Center in Providence, has closed down. Many thanks to all who helped with this collection in the past.

### '5 Wishes' booklets

The 5 Wishes program challenges us to think about end of life issues and provides a way of discussing them with loved ones. Copies of the "5 Wishes" booklet are available from the church office — a \$1 donation is welcomed to cover the cost. Learn more at <http://www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php>



**Please remember to wear your nametag** for both the worship service and at coffee hour—it helps us get to know each other and is particularly welcoming for newcomers.

**Need a nametag?** Sign up on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.

**Lost your nametag?** Please double check the nametag rack before requesting a new one !!!

## Soup, Salad and "Turkey"

### A Fall Luncheon for All Seniors

The Membership team is sponsoring a fall luncheon get together for all senior BCCUCC members and friends. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon** in Fellowship Hall. After a lunch of soup and salad, Jeff Larsen will share highlights of the recent trip to Turkey. All seniors are welcome to join us for lots of fellowship, food and Jeff's presentation.



**Please RSVP** to Christine in the church office *by Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>* 401-246-0111 x101 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). If you need transportation or can provide it let Christine know when you RSVP. Also as it is a week day carpooling is encouraged to avoid parking issues.



The **Dine-Out Group** will eat at

**The Wharf Tavern**  
215 Water St, Warren RI

on **Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

All are welcome (singles and couples).

**RSVPs are required by Wed, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**  
to Sue Black at 245-2772 or  
[sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com)

The Women's Faith Group will begin meeting again on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**.

They usually meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from **1:30—3 p.m.** in the library.

They have yet to choose a new book to discuss.

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

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



## Book Group

next meets on

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**  
at **The Coffee Depot**  
501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**

They will discuss the book

***The Martian* by Andy Weir**

"Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there."

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



## Knitting for Others (and Crocheting)

The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and will start meeting again on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** from **7 - 9 p.m.** in the church library.

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

For more information contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)



## THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

will next meet on **Monday, Sept 29**  
**12:30 —1:30 p.m.** in the church library  
(future dates will be determined then)

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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

## The Memory Impairment Support Group

will meet on **Tuesdays, October 11 and 25**  
from **1—2:30 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net). The group is open to all – not just members of this church.

### Trouble hearing the worship service?

In addition to the regular hearing assists, we have two sets of full headphones (that cover both ears) available in the church for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the same hearing assist units but make it easier to hear the service than with the single earpiece.



If you would like to use a set during the worship service, please check with an usher for availability.



Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on your donations—whether from a pledge or a gift in the offering plate—to pay the clergy and staff, all of the bills, for children and youth programs etc.

Thank you for financially supporting your church.

### Phyllis Buckley to receive 'Partner in Faith' award

Church member, Phyllis Buckley, is being honored with a 'Partner in Faith' Award from the RI State Council of Churches. Phyllis is being recognized for her work with 'Mobile Loaves and Fishes' and also for getting young people involved. She will receive the award at the 5th Annual...

#### 2014 Heroes of Faith Breakfast

Thursday, October 30, 2014 7:30—10 a.m.

#### Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston RI

Individual ticket \$35 ~ Full table (10 seats) \$350

The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at <http://heroesoffaith2014.eventbrite.com> For more info on the event, see the flier on the bulletin board.

The link also lists the recipients of the five 'Heroes of Faith Awards' one of whom is Rabbi Jim Rosenberg, former Rabbi at Temple Habonim in Barrington.

### Bulletins for the Homebound

If you or someone you know is no longer able to attend church and would like to receive the weekly bulletin and announcements, please let the church office know so that a copy can be mailed to them each week. Contact Christine in the church office at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

### Usher Needed

There is an opening for an usher to serve on the current schedule which runs through the end of January 2015.



The ushers are divided into teams of four people and are scheduled to serve once every four weeks. You can switch with another usher if a conflict arises, or ask one of the substitutes to fill in for you.

The ushers assist at the beginning of the service by arriving early, preparing the sanctuary and then seating the congregation as they arrive. At the end of the service they tidy up the sanctuary before leaving.

If this is a ministry that you might be interested in doing, please contact the Usher Ministry chair, Bethia Rosner at 383-5538. Thank you.

**The RI Conference of the UCC** will hold their **Autumnal Meeting** on **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014** at **Newman Congregational Church, UCC.**

Delegates are asked to save the date. Visitors are also most welcome. Watch the weekly communications for details.



Mark your calendars....

Christmas Eve services will be at the following times this year:

5 pm Family Worship Service with Pageant

9 pm Worship Service with music from the Vocal Choir

11:30 pm Contemplative Worship Service

The MA and RI Conferences of the UCC present:  
**SUPER SATURDAY! October 25, 2014 8 am - 3:45 pm**

Keefe Regional Technical High School, Framingham, MA

Join hundreds of pastors and lay leaders from across two Conferences for a day of worship, workshops, forums, networking, a marketplace, and keynote address by the Rev. Linda Jaramillo, executive Minister of the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.



For all the details including registration, go to [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) and click on the Super Saturday link under Upcoming Events, or go directly to [www.macucc.org/supersaturday](http://www.macucc.org/supersaturday). Copies of the brochure are also available outside the church office, and there's also a link to it in our weekly Ennouncements. *Registration Deadline is Oct. 10.*



Please support the **RI UCC Outdoor Ministry**  
and **Summer Camp for our Children, Youth and Families**  
at **Irons Homestead**

by participating in the **6-Hour Fundraiser**  
being held on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**.

You are invited to participate by sponsoring Jennifer Geary, our Director at Irons Homestead, who will walk/run in the RI 6-Hour Ultra Marathon being held in Warwick, RI on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$12,000 to insure modest stipends for the camp counselors and nurses.

During 2014, there were 31 registered campers, ages 8 - 18, but sadly 12 of them had to be turned away because there weren't enough volunteer staff. 100% of the staff has been volunteers. In 2015, they would like to offer modest stipends to the counselors and nurses. They plan to start the camping season able to assure parents and campers that they have the appropriate staff in place for the entire summer.

Every one of you is asked to participate in this fundraiser. No pledge amount is too small or too big. You can sponsor Jennifer for an amount per mile or go metric and pledge per kilometer. You can name a maximum amount that you are willing to contribute or offer a set donation. Pledge forms should soon be available from the rack outside the church office.

You can find out more about Irons Homestead at the RICUCC website: [www.RICUCC.org](http://www.RICUCC.org) – click on “Camp and Retreat”. “Like” the Irons Homestead Facebook page so you can follow Jennifer's progress during the race on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

“Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone” is more than a slogan or a phrase. It is the lifeblood of the Ministry and Mission of the United Church of Christ. Thank you for supporting Summer Camp at Irons Homestead!



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual East Bay and Aquidneck Island  
**‘Out of the Darkness’ Community Walk**  
sponsored by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Bristol Town Beach at Colt State Park.**

Registration 10:00 am with leisurely walk stepping off at 11:00 am.

The walk is a way to raise funds to increase awareness about suicide, support research to help eliminate suicide and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness, depression and substance abuse with the hope that those in need will feel comfortable seeking help before it is too late. The walk is also a wonderful way to honor and remember those who have died as a result of suicide.

We would love to have your participation as a walker, donor or volunteer. To register and/or donate go to [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org) then to Community Walks.

For questions or further information contact event chairs Neil and Laurie Kiely at (401) 396-9141 or [neil@marketinginmotion.com](mailto:neil@marketinginmotion.com)



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](http://www.goodwillri.org)

## ALTAR FLOWERS DONORS NEEDED

The two floral arrangements that beautify our altar each week are provided by *The Greenery* florist in Warren but are paid for by members of the congregation. The donors have the option of paying for one or both arrangements (\$30 each) and may take them home, or have the Chancel team give them to someone. A dedication in the Sunday bulletin indicates who gave the flowers and in whose memory or for what celebration.



The Chancel team is looking for people willing to be called upon to donate flowers when there is an opening. There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall, or contact Audrey Rogers at [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net) or (401) 246-1727. Thank you.



Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

7 pm

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

SAVE THE DATE!

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

During the worship service on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will toll the bell and remember by name our loved ones *who have died since last All Saints' Day (November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013).*

The congregation is asked to please submit names *ahead of time* by contacting the church office at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) no later than Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.



Keep up to date with what's happening at BCCUCC by using our on-line Church Calendar. It is kept up to date and lists everything that's happening at the church.

Access it directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or go to the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and click on the link on the bottom of any page.

Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thanks.

## Family Footnotes

Congratulations to . . .



**Ben White and Kristen McKenzie**  
married September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Ann Wood,  
William Buckley,  
Ozzie Rosenholm,  
and Louise Hawkins.

## Memorial Service and Celebration of Life *Natalie H. Perry*

January 13, 1929—July 27, 2014

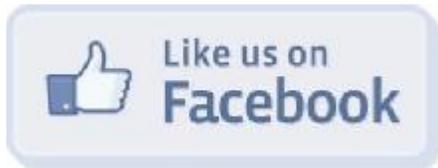
Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11 a.m.  
Barrington Congregational Church, UCC  
The Rev. Charlie Simonson will officiate.  
A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

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

Louise Hawkins on the death of her  
husband, Nelson;

and to the family and friends of Rev. Ray Bradley.





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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.



### 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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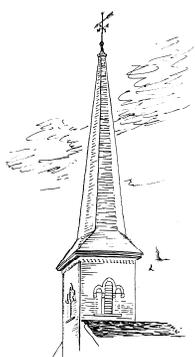
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Paul Dzedzic, John Cordeiro

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2014</h1>			<b>1</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 PM Deacons' Meeting, Room 6 7:30 PM Marijuana Anonymous, Room 8	<b>2</b> 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Women's Faith Group, Library 7:00 PM PPRT, Jeff's Office	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:30 PM JYG meet to go to Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, Library
<b>5</b> Pentecost 17 <i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service with Communion, Church School 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM OWL Session, Library	<b>6</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office 3:30 PM Lay Visitation meeting, Library 7:00 PM Finance Team meeting, Room 6	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Book Group, The Coffee Depot	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 PM Marijuana Anonymous, Room 8 7:30 PM Mission & Justice meeting, Library	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Dine Out Group, The Wharf Tavern	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Pentecost 18 10:00 AM Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only	<b>13</b> Columbus Day Office Closed 7:00 PM Buildings and Grounds meeting, Rm 6	<b>14</b> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Memory Impairment Support Group, Library 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knitting for Others group, Library	<b>15</b> Bridge Deadline 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 PM Marijuana Anonymous, Room 8	<b>16</b> 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Women's Faith Group, Library	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Pentecost 19 TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection begins 8:30 AM CEYM meeting, Library 10:00 AM Worship Service, Church School (Gds 5&6 stay in church) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Class, Library	<b>20</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office 7:15 PM Church Council meeting, Room 6	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 PM Marijuana Anonymous, Room 8	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Collate Bridge, Room 6	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM - 3:45 PM Super Saturday Event, Framingham MA
<b>26</b> Pentecost 20 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM OWL Session, Library 10:00 AM Worship Service, Church School 11:15 AM Endowment Education event, Vestry 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM SYG Hiking Trip, Norman Bird Sanctuary	<b>27</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office	<b>28</b> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Memory Impairment Support Group, Library	<b>29</b> 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 PM Marijuana Anonymous, Room 8	<b>30</b> 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Heroes of Faith Breakfast, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet	<b>31</b>	