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February 2014 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As many have noticed, the wonderful tree that leaned over the entranceway to the church parking lot was taken down several months ago. It was determined that the lean was increasing and careful inspection revealed some ominous cracking. I have missed it. At least one person told me they missed the turn into the driveway because the landmark was gone. It turns out I was not the only one that missed that big old tree. I received a letter a while ago from a member who shared the following and gave me permission to pass it on to you:



From the SENIOR MINISTER

“As trees go, it was not just a tree but to me a symbol of many things, all good. It hung over the entrance to the parking lot in an intimidating way but it had a voice and a strength that said "I will not fall on you. I will shade you when it's hot and I'll give you bright colors in the autumn just before my leaves give way to winter. It was a welcoming sight that has stood through many hurricanes and blizzards and symbolized a congregation that I'm sure has seen many changes but has always stood strongly. There were times when I came to church standing a bit too straight from being a little too proud and full of myself and left a little bent over and certainly more humbled when I was reminded that there were other important things in life than just me. And there were times when I came in heavy with the world on my shoulders and bent over but left straight and refreshed. The tree symbolized why we come to church. It doesn't matter the shape we are in. We are all welcomed.”

Amen to that!

P.S. The writer, Larry Ashley, offered to work with a group to replace the tree. Anyone else interested?

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the March Bridge will be Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.



DEACONS FOR MARCH

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

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



Clergy Away

The Rev. Jeff Larsen will be away January 29-31 & February 14-17.

The Rev. Sharon Key will cover for Jeff when he's away.

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



Please remember to wear your nametag to worship & coffee hour.

Contact the church office or sign up on the sheet under the nametag rack if you need one.

The church office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.

## Sunday Services in February 2014

February 2	10 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
	10 a.m.	Children's communion in Library followed by Church school
February 9	10 a.m.	Worship Service, Church School
February 16	10 a.m.	Worship Service for All Ages No Church School. Nursery Care only
February 23	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*

### Update from Search Committee for our Associate Minister

The Search Committee was officially elected by a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The members are:

Greg Knight, Maggie Zarlengo, Cheryl Muth,

Kristen Westmoreland, Melissa Alschuler, Lynne Lehman,

Tom and Kate Colby (co-committee members), Rev. Jeff Larsen

They will meet with the Conference Minister on January 26<sup>th</sup> and are currently reviewing 9 profiles from candidates.



Come make Valentines for our Homebound on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour. The Deacons will provide all the materials—you supply the creativity!

### Help Needed for Coffee Hour in February

Anyone willing to help with coffee hour on Sundays February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup> is asked to please contact Pat Cordeiro at (401) 433-1713 or [patcordeiro@verizon.net](mailto:patcordeiro@verizon.net)

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



### “5 Wishes Discussion”

continues after church on

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**



from **11:15 am—12:00 pm** in the **church library**.

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

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

### Learn more about the Apostle Paul

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

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

## **New name, time and format for the annual Berenback Lecture**

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

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

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

The Justice and Witness Ministry Team presents  
**The Regina F. Berenback Conversations**

with National Public Radio Health Care Reporter

**Kristin Gourlay**

in a discussion about

***Health Care in Rhode Island***

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

11:45 am ~ 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

***Light lunch provided***

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

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL ARE WELCOME

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



Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

11 am—12:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

*Do you want some new ideas and inspirations to get healthier?*

Your Justice and Witness Ministry Team has organized a Health Fair for after church on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get free information and discover local resources for Women's Health, Massage, Yoga for Kids, Toxins in Our Home, Simple Healthy Nutrition, Parenting, and more from wellness leaders in our community.

We are very fortunate to have Peggy Matteson, the RICUCC Conference Minister of Health and Wellness join us. She will explain the importance of wholistic health - health of body, mind, and spirit in our congregations.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn ways to take care of their own as well as their family's health.

*One last thought...if you don't take care of your body, where will you live?*

A message from your Stewardship Team.....

It's almost time to think about stewardship again. But then if stewardship is how we say thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, isn't it always time to think about stewardship? You will be hearing from us soon.



## Barrington Interfaith Events

### "Easter and Passover: A Deeper Understanding of Two Major Holidays within Christianity & Judaism"

March 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

In the fall of 2013, the Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association sponsored a 3 part series entitled "Wrestling with Moses and Jesus: Why Jews and Christians Need to be Familiar with Each Other's Bibles." There was a great turnout from the community, and a desire was expressed to keep the conversation going as Jews and Christians continue to learn more about each other and understand the ways that our two different faith traditions intersect.

Toward that end, we have organized a two part series for the Spring of 2014. The holidays of Easter and Passover represent two of the focal points in our Judeo-Christian tradition. We want everyone to be able to explore and experience these holidays in a deeper way.



On Tuesday, March 18 we will have an opportunity to experience The Stations of the Cross so crucial to the understanding of Easter's true meaning. We will have the opportunity to experience the story of the journey that Jesus makes on the path to the cross and resurrection, the central story of the Christian faith. Participants will be invited to listen to the story in a multisensory way that brings it all to life in a reflective, welcoming way.

On Wednesday, March 26 we will hold A Model Jewish Passover Seder for the interfaith community. Experience the telling of the story of the Israelite's Exodus from slavery in Egypt, a tradition that has been observed in Jewish homes for thousands of years with stories, singing, food, and participation by all.



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

Please know that there are a limited number of spaces available for the Seder, so you will need to reserve your spot as soon as possible for this program. (Please also cancel your reservation if you find yourself unable to come – even if it's at the last minute.) RSVP to Jodi Sullivan at 401 245-6536 or [office@templehabonim.org](mailto:office@templehabonim.org)

#### Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 18,  
7:00 to 8:30PM

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

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

#### Model Jewish Passover Seder

Wednesday, March 26,

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

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

*Reservations are required (see above)*

## Godly Play Stories (PreK - 6)



Feb. 2	PreK-Gd 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>Parable of the Great Pearl</i> <i>The Story of Jeremiah</i>
Feb. 9	PreK-Gd 2 Gds 3 & 4 Gds 5 & 6	<i>Saint Valentine</i> <i>Parable of the Leaven</i> <i>The Story of Ezekiel</i>
Feb. 16	Worship for All Ages. No Church School. Nursery care only.	
Feb. 23	PreK-Gd 6	Work and Feast

## Our Whole Lives - Sexuality & Our Faith



UPDATE

The Our Whole Lives Program has reached the halfway point. Six youths and three facilitators met for two full day sessions during which we covered 20 workshops. The students are doing a great job developing community with one another and processing through the materials in a thoughtful and thought-provoking way. We are very proud of them for their participation in what we hope they will look back on as a life-changing course.

We are already thinking about next year's program and are hopeful more adults will consider becoming trained facilitators. If you would like to know more please feel free to speak with Kristen Westmoreland, Ray Zarlengo, Phyllis Buckley or Andrea Bullard.

All high school youth are invited to a  
**Senior PF (youth group)**  
**Game Night**

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6—8 p.m. in the library**

Questions? Contact Alison Fodor at [pumbaboy@hotmail.com](mailto:pumbaboy@hotmail.com)



## Super Bowl Sunday Salsa Sale

Our Senior PF will be selling **Black Bean Salsa and Chips**  
on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

You can also pre-order at coffee hour on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and samples will be available for tasting.. A 16 oz container of the salsa and bag of chips cost \$8.

*A fundraiser for the 2014 Mission Trip*



Please reclaim any dishes or other items belonging to you from the church kitchen.

Any remaining will either be kept for church use or given to TAP IN.



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

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

**Sunday, February 2 2 p.m. SNOWTUBING at YAWGOO VALLEY**

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join in for some Pre-Super Bowl fresh air and fun! They'll be back in time for the big game—with a big appetite for all that yummy food that awaits.

Tickets will be \$12 per person for 50 minutes of snow tubing. Sorry—no one under 42 inches is allowed, but everyone else is invited. As usual, feel welcome to bring a friend.

Those who sign up can either meet at Yawgoo in time for the 2 p.m. time slot, OR youth needing a ride can meet at the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

Bring \$12 + snack money and a signed permission slip. *Anyone going must have a signed waiver.*

R.S.V.P. in advance is necessary for this event. Please see Ginger Stabach, Laurie Dubel, or Kim Zeleznick to sign up and for ticket information, or e-mail [bccjpf@gmail.com](mailto:bccjpf@gmail.com).



## *You spoke, we listened, and now some results!*

The Listening/Sharing sessions conducted in 26 of our churches, and with others, last summer yielded much important information. There are many strengths, many successes and many accomplishments in our churches. And there also challenges, aspirations and yearnings. Very many of you said: "Wouldn't it be great if we could share with, and learn from, our friends in our sister churches?"

To that end, your Rhode Island Conference is sponsoring a Conference-wide learning and sharing event to provide an opportunity where this can happen:

### **When Churches Gather: A Celebration for Communication, Collaboration and Cooperation**

on Saturday, March 1, 2014 (snow date, March 8) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street in Providence

A light breakfast will be available. Every member of all Rhode Island Conference churches is invited!

You can choose to participate in any one of the following sessions:

1. Ministry across the ages (Intergenerational Ministry) led by Rev. Ruth Hainsworth
2. Music Ministry, led by Bob Nolan
3. Health Ministry, led by Peggy Matteson
4. Christian Education Ministry with Children, led by Kristin Putney
5. Christian Education Ministry with Adults, led by Rev. George Peters
6. Outdoor Ministries, Irons Homestead, led by Rev. Jennifer Geary
7. Ministry of Stewardship, led by Susan Rotblat-Walker
8. Justice, Witness and Mission Ministry, led by Tracy Baran and Rev. Sharon Key
9. Leadership in Ministry, led by Rev. Claudia Demick
10. Technology and Productivity in Ministry, led by Ray Christian
11. Youth Mission Event, led by Aidan Kelley
12. Church Growth Topics, led by Rev. Cleo Graham, Rev. Todd Yonkman and Rev. Nicole Yonkman

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



A youth mission event is being organized for teenagers, and there will be special craft activities for school age children, as well as childcare for small children.

Registration materials and session descriptions will be available in each church by February 1.

*Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this time of sharing, learning and meeting new friends.*



### **BCCUCC to host Rhode Island Conference UCC Annual Meeting**

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

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





## Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) catering truck on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** to various locations in Providence, to serve food, basic clothing, and hygiene products to the homeless and others in need.

Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC. Once ready the truck will "hit the streets" and return to BCCUCC around 7:30 p.m.

There are many jobs involved in getting the truck stocked and ready to go out so we need lots of volunteers to make it happen. Help is needed with:

- donations of food items\*
- donations of warm clothing and toiletries\*\*
- preparation of food
- going out with the truck and giving out food and clothing from the truck to those in need
- cleaning out the truck when it returns to BCCUCC

**we need  
your help!**

\* Food items needed for stocking the truck include: granola bars, single-serve applesauce and pudding, cookies, potato chips, peanut butter and jelly, bread, hard boiled eggs, fruit, water bottles, juice bottles and milk.

\*\* There will be collection boxes at church for new or gently used warm clothing (sweatshirts, sweatpants, winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, socks) toiletries and new underwear.

### **Please sign up if you can help.....**

There is an online sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). The next page will list Active SignUps for our church - the only one currently listed is 'Mobile Loaves and Fishes Wed Feb 26'. Click on the link to access the sign up sheet.

You will need to create an account by giving your first and last name and your e-mail address. You can then sign up for whatever you would like and your name will appear on the sign up sheet as you listed it when you created your account. You can even schedule it to send you an email reminder a few days beforehand!

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net). For more info about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit [www.mlf.org](http://www.mlf.org).

## **UCC New England Women's CELEBRATION IX "Together We Can..."**

**March 28-30, 2014 Portland, Maine.**

**How wonderful it is ... for God's people to live together in harmony.**

**-Psalm 133:1**



**What is the New England Women's Celebration?** The New England Women's Celebration takes place every four years at various locations in New England. The purpose of the Celebrations is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church and Conference setting. It is organized by women from United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations across New England, however women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend.

The Celebration includes worship, workshops and forums, keynote speakers, music, Bible study, *Connections* (workshop for youth age 14+) and more.... For more information or to register visit [www.uccwomenscelebration.org](http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org), or pick up a brochure from either the vestry table or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Helen Schall is on the Celebration IX Coordinating Team and will be happy to talk with anyone about the event.

*Note: The early registration deadline has been extended to January 31<sup>st</sup>.*

# Thank You! THANK YOU!

.....to all those who volunteered as readers and candle-lighters during the Advent and Christmas season

.....to Marina Zabinski and the choir for the Christmas Cantata they sang during worship on December 22<sup>nd</sup>

.....to Kim Zeleznik, Alexa Bullard, Amanda Colby, Walter DelPoio, Lucy DelPoio, Matthew Zeleznik, and Christina, Michael & Sydney Blundin for acting in the Manger skit at the 5 pm service on Christmas Eve, and to Francis Seader for his technical prop support by building the door

.....to Ginger Stabach, Kristen Westmoreland, Carol Strakosch, Betsy Restituyo & Laurie Dubel for helping the children with the Advent Crafts

.....to Melissa Alschuler, Kim Hoyt, Kim Zeleznik, Leslie Strolla, Kathy Sullivan, Evan Shoaf, Betsy Restituyo, Wendy Bennet, Carol Strakosch, Anita DiMatteo, Jennifer Silva, Laurie Dubel, Kristen Westmoreland, Van Edwards, Alexa Bullard, Greg Knight, Kathy Sullivan, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Michael Collins and AJ Maio for volunteering to help with Church School

.....to Susan Seader, Sue Terhune, Bernie Hawes and everyone who helped them with the planning and execution of the celebrations for Jeff's 40th anniversary of ordination. Thanks also to all who made a donation for Jeff's gift

.....to all who generously made a donation for the staff Christmas bonus

.....to all in the congregation who made donations for the Mitten Tree, Giving Tree, and toys for Children's Friend:

- The Mitten Tree received donations of 60 pairs of mittens & gloves, 40 hats, 12 scarves, and some warm socks including some wonderful donations from the Knitting for Others group and many hats made by Judy Harff's Girl Scout troop. All of the Mitten Tree donations went to Amos House
- \$1000 was collected for the Women's Resource Center—the biggest item was toys with eight \$50 gift cards (\$200) to Toys R Us. Many thanks to Lory McCoy for doing all of the behind the scenes work for the Giving Tree
- 2 truckloads of toys were donated to Children's Friend. Thanks to Kathleen and Jeff Larsen for once again organizing this collection and delivering the toys to Providence before Christmas

Many thanks to everyone who helped make someone else's Christmas a little brighter through their donation

.....to all who donated to the UCC Christmas Fund that provides assistance to clergy and lay staff of the UCC

.....to all who purchased items from the SERRV catalog and to Helen Schall for organizing the sale. In addition to helping the people from developing countries who made the items, approximately \$400 was raised for our Mission Trip Fund

.....to all who made donations to the Chancel Fund that paid for the plants delivered by the Deacons to the homebound, sick and bereaved, as well as the plants used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Thanks also to the Deacons for delivering them

.....and to all who volunteered and supported the recent Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the 2014 Mission Trip.

*A note from Jeff.....*

Thank you for the wonderful party you all threw me celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination anniversary back in December. And thank you for the generous gifts. It was an amazing event for me to see people from previous churches and get to reflect on the meaning of my ministry over these years. It was especially meaningful for me to share that with this particular congregation – the best one of all! Now it is time to get back to work on the next...40?



*Thank You!*

Dear Congregation,

Many thanks to everyone who made a donation to the staff Christmas bonus. We are very grateful for your generosity in appreciation of our work.

Barrington Congregational Church is a special place and we are fortunate to work in such a caring environment, to have Jeff as our 'boss', and to work with such a friendly congregation.

We will continue to work hard and do our best as we minister together doing the work God is calling us to do here at BCCUCC.

With much appreciation,

*Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Jack, Paul, Jim & John*

## Book Group

next meets on

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

at The Coffee Depot  
501 Main Street, Warren.

**All are welcome!**

They will discuss the book

**Don't Ever Get Old**  
by Daniel Friedman



Short chapters, crackling dialog, and memorable characters make this a standout debut. With his curmudgeonly lead, Friedman ensures his intergenerational detective story maintains a pitch-perfect tone. The underlying theme of revenge balances a wacky plot that evokes Elmore Leonard. (Library Journal)

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



The Dine-Out Group will eat

at Bluewater Grill  
32 Barton Ave, Barrington

Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Come join us—any and all are welcome!

Yes - they do separate checks.

Reserve your seat by contacting Sue Black at [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com) or call 245-2772 by noon on Monday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

Got anything red to wear?



## THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

continues to meet on **Mondays** from

**12:30—1:30 p.m.** in the **church library**

(No meeting Feb 17<sup>th</sup>— Presidents' Day)

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.

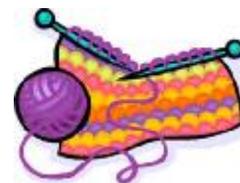
## Knitting (and Crocheting) for Others

The group next meets on

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

from **7 - 9 p.m.**

at the home of Audrey Rogers  
12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington (246-1727)



Members of the group work on a variety of different projects to be given away to others including prayer shawls, helmet liners for soldiers, hats for newborns, and chemo caps. Patterns are available. New ideas for knitting projects are always welcome and so are new knitters (or crocheters). Anyone interested may join this group for knitting, crocheting, and fellowship. Contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)), with any questions.

The Women's Faith Group will meet on

**Thursdays, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

They will be discussing the book

*The Light Between Oceans*  
by M. L. Stedman



Copies are available for purchase from the church office for the discounted price of \$12.80

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

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

## The Memory Impairment Support Group

will meet on Wednesdays, January 29<sup>th\*</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net). The group is open to all – not just members of this church.

\* *The meeting on Jan 22 was postponed to Jan 29 due to snow.*

## The Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

The **Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team** together with the **Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (JPF)** are responsible for providing and serving the meal on **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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



Want to learn more about our church? Then plan to come to ....

### Conversations About Our Church

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

“Conversations” is an opportunity for those new to our church community to meet each other and learn more about our church, and is also for those preparing for membership. There will be a general overview of our community – why we do things the way we do, our history, sacraments and organizational structure. It is open to all for informational purposes but we also strongly encourage those interested in becoming official members of our church to come to this. New members will be received on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and again in the fall.

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

Our altar flowers each week are provided by a local florist and paid for by donations from members of the congregation. The flowers can be given as a memorial, or in thanksgiving, or to celebrate a special occasion. Donors can choose to pay for either one or both of the arrangements (\$30 each) and also have the option of taking them home after the service. If they choose not to take them, they are delivered to church members who are sick, homebound or recently bereaved.

If you are interested in paying for altar flowers on a Sunday in February or March please contact Betsy Restituyo at 310-0384 or [betsyres@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyres@yahoo.com).



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

## Family Footnotes

### Baptisms

**Sydney Grace Blundin**

Daughter of Christina and Michael Blundin



**For in the one spirit we were all  
baptized into one body.**

1 Corinthians 12:13

### Pastoral Visit Reminder

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

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

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



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Barbara Ward, Andy Rosner,  
and Jim McCartney

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

Joanne Ela on the death of her mother;

Jean Arnold on the death of her mother;

the family of Emil 'Duke' Faubert;

and the family of Dianne Eaton.



## 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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### Our Mission Statement

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people, ministers to one another, works for justice and peace, and renders loving service to God's world.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2014</h1>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <p style="text-align: right;">EPIPHANY 4</p> 10 am Worship Service with communion 10 am Children's Communion in Library then Church School After worship Sing & Celebrate Choir (S&CC) rehearsal, <i>Rm 9</i> 11am-12:30 pm Health Fair, <i>F'ship Hall</i> Coffee Hour Salsa Sale Fundraiser 2 pm JPF Snow tubing, <i>Yawgoo Valley</i> 4:30-6pm Confirmation Class, <i>Library</i>	<b>3</b> 11am Staff meeting, <i>Jeff's office</i> 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 3:30 pm Lay Visitation, <i>Library</i> 7:30 pm Deacons, <i>Room 6</i>	<b>4</b>      7 pm PPRT, <i>Jeff's office</i>	<b>5</b> 2:30 pm Memory Support Gp, <i>Library</i>   7 pm Book Group, <i>Coffee Depot</i> 7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>6</b> 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <p style="text-align: right;">EPIPHANY 5</p> 8:30 am CEYM meeting, <i>Library</i> 10 am Worship Service, Church School After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Rm 9</i> After Worship Valentine making, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 11:30am-1:30 pm Meeting for those going to Turkey, <i>Library</i>	<b>10</b> 11am Staff meeting, <i>Jeff's office</i> 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i> 7 pm B&G, <i>Room 6</i> 7:30 pm J&W, <i>Lib'y</i>	<b>11</b>      7-9 pm Knitting group, <i>Audrey Roger's home</i>	<b>12</b>      7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>      Deadline for March Bridge  6:30 pm Dine Out, <i>Bluewater Grill</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <p style="text-align: right;">EPIPHANY 6</p> 10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Rm 9</i>	<b>17 Presidents' Day</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2:30 pm Memory Support Gp, <i>Library</i>   7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>20</b> 1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, <i>Library</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <p style="text-align: right;">EPIPHANY 7</p> 10 am Worship Service, Church School After worship S&CC rehearsal, <i>Rm 9</i> 11:10 am '5 Wishes' Discussion, <i>Library</i>	<b>24</b> 11am Staff meeting, <i>Jeff's office</i> 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, <i>Library</i>  7:15 pm Church Council, <i>Room 6</i>	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Collate Bridge, <i>Room 6</i>	<b>26</b> 4 pm Mobile Loaves & Fishes truck prep, <i>Kitchen</i> , then take truck to Providence   7:30 pm MA, <i>Rm 8</i> 7:30 pm Choir, <i>Vestry</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	