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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

**Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Barrington, Rhode Island**



All church members are encouraged to attend the
ANNUAL MEETING
on **Sunday, June 6th, 2010**
in the Sanctuary immediately following worship

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WARRANT
for the ANNUAL MEETING
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2010
in the Sanctuary **immediately after worship.**

The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To receive the Nominating Team's report.

ARTICLE III: To vote for the adoption of the Affirmation of Welcome (see below)

ARTICLE IV: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE V: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Stoddard, Clerk

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AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME
(proposed statement for adoption at the Annual Meeting)

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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MINUTES of the 2009 ANNUAL MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held JUNE 7, 2009

Article I: After determining that there was a quorum, Moderator Tom Strolla called the meeting to order.

Article II: The Report from the Nominating Team was presented with attention called to positions still open on some Teams. A motion was made to vote. The motion was seconded and

the floor was opened for discussion. There was none. The vote was taken and the report was accepted unanimously.

Article III: Moderator Strolla briefly reviewed how the proposed changes to the By-Laws were presented. A motion to approve the By-Laws was made and seconded. The floor was opened for discussion and as there was none, a vote was taken and the revised By-Laws were accepted unanimously.

Article IV: Tom Colby presented a brief report on the status of the 2009 budget. As we are still in a deficit situation, with a potential for even a greater shortfall during the summer months, the Finance Team recommended that there be no changes to the budget at this time. Concern was expressed by a member of the congregation that we keep in mind our place in the wider church community when it comes time to plan for the 2010 budget.

Article V: A motion was made to dissolve the By-Laws Team. It was seconded and passed.

Article VI: The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Wuth, Clerk

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**MINUTES of the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held JANUARY 31, 2010**

Article I: After declaring that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Tom Strolla. Tom extended thanks to the Stewardship Team, chaired by Lisa and Chuck Bohner, for a very successful campaign and to Tom Colby for his continued hard work on the 2010 budget. Church leadership is very pleased to be able to present a balanced budget for 2010.

Article II: Tom Colby made reference to the letter and details regarding the proposed 2010 budget that was emailed to the congregation. He summarized the main points as follows: no increase in pay for staff; lower shrinkage number; increase in offerings; an expected 5% contribution from Endowment, even if principal is used; some small committee expense reductions; no change from 2009 Missions giving.

He also made note of the policy approved by Church Council that \$15,000 is the maximum of any single pledge that can be used in the operating budget, in order to avoid building a budget around very large probable one time pledge amounts. There are two large pledges that exceed this \$15,000 "maximum".

A motion was made by Marshall Hoyler and seconded by Lisa Bohner to accept the 2010 budget as presented. The budget was unanimously approved without discussion.

Tom Colby outlined the recommendations as to the disposition of the large one time pledge monies (total of \$40,000) in order of priority as follows: \$10,000: bonus to staff, method of distribution to be determined; \$7,000 one time donation to Our Church's Wider Mission; \$7,000 office technology upgrade, training and technical support; \$16,000 additional allocation to the Capital fund. Dick McWhirter made a motion to accept the plan as presented, contingent on the receipt of the funds in excess of \$15,000. Motion unanimously approved.

Article III: Tom Strolla announced that Kim Godfrey will assume the role of chair for the Finance Ministry Team.

Plans are underway to form a Long Range Planning Team to study our needs and resources in the coming years. The group will be led by Tom Colby. Dick McWhirter has agreed to serve as well. The team seeks a broad range of members; anyone interested is asked to contact Tom Strolla. Susan Rotblat-Walker asked those present to think about a 10-12% goal for Mission giving in the context of future budgets.

Lisa Browning presented some information about a proposed Farmer's and Artisan's Market at the church. The Market would take place every Saturday from 9AM-Noon in front of the Education Building. Lisa has done a lot of research on similar farmer's markets and is in the process of obtaining all necessary approvals from the various town boards. Profits from leasing the space (after expenses, including paying a Market Manager) will go to the church. Various related issues such as preserving the church's tax status, appropriate insurance coverage and requirements are currently being investigated.

She sees a very positive community impact, encouraging local economic growth and providing a source for fresh local produce. A task force that Lisa will chair will be assembled to handle the various details including finance, volunteer coordinator, publicity and buildings & grounds.

Article IV: The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Stoddard, Clerk



SENIOR MINISTER

JEFF LARSEN

One evening on the mission trip in West Virginia our group had a campfire out behind the converted school we were living in. We were roasting marshmallows, sharing stories, relaxing tired muscles after a day of tough physical work...and out came a Frisbee. It had been awhile, but after just a few minutes those tricks learned on the college quad so many years ago started to come back. The fingers remembered the grip, the angles of the bounce pass and even the ricochet off the wall came back into focus. When you have done something often enough the memory is in there someplace.

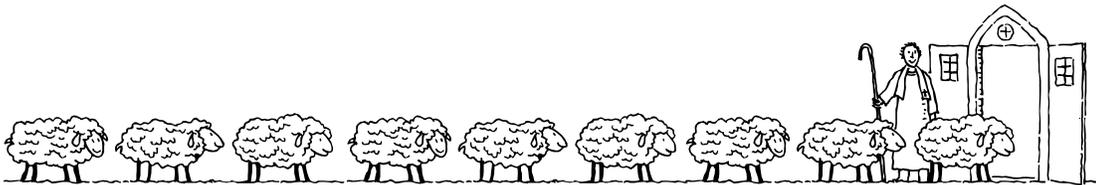
When I was really good at throwing a Frisbee was about the time I began my ministry, shortly after my college days. Another memory from those earliest days of ministry is of making a promise to myself that if my work ever became something that was done by rote, only by memory, I would give it up. I knew from the beginning that ministry required a high level of creativity, vitality, and energy. Some things you can recall how to go thru the motions of – like throwing a Frisbee. Ministry is not like that.

I continue to be humbled by the opportunity you give me to serve in ministry with you. Another year has passed in our time together and I continue to look forward to going to work each and every day. Thank you for expecting me to give the very best I can to our work together, to never be satisfied with relying only on memory, going through the motions. And thank you also for your forgiveness when I falter.

The calendar was full this past year, as usual. There were high points and low, great joys and deep sorrow. But never for a moment did I feel as though I was in this alone. An amazing church staff, excellent officers and leadership on Ministry Teams, rousing support at programs – our church community was alive. The way we rallied to address and overcome the financial crisis we faced was inspirational. Listening to monthly updates from all the Teams at Church Council meetings, feeling their energy and witnessing their excitement, challenged each of us to keep up the pace. New faces and voices in our midst kept us humble.

We are working on a long-range plan that will help us anticipate more than just the fiscal needs of a vital church in the next decade. Discussions about who we are and how we interact with an increasingly secular world will be on the table in many places of our church life over the next year. I hope you will be part of those discussions. This is not just going through old motions, not as simple as throwing a Frisbee, but imagining and planning for a new world.

Thank you for your support and trust.



ASSOCIATE MINISTER

ELIZABETH BARNUM

Blessings abound! Despite the challenges of a transitioning economy, severe local floods, busy schedules, personal losses, and struggles of all kinds, this community of faith continues to live out its Christian call: praying for one other, being a refuge of hope, welcoming all, worshipping with spirit, educating the young, and shepherding one another in care and comfort. What a joy it is to serve as associate minister!

The 2009-2010 program year in Christian Education and Youth Ministries continued to thrive with the leadership of the CEYM Team, Andrea Bullard, and many volunteers. Andrea and I work together on a regular basis to support children and families in faithful ways and to grow Godly Play. We added a third Godly Play room for our upper elementary children as we embarked on our second year of utilizing the program. The 6th-8th grade Sunday morning classroom continued its exploration of seeking and serving with a rotating team of spirited teachers. We continue to look at ways to adapt and strengthen this program for the middle school age group. The JPF youth group continues to thrive under the leadership of the Pecks. A dedicated group of adult volunteers, under Jeff Larsen's leadership, had a meaningful Mission Trip to West Virginia. Earlier this month, we confirmed a wonderful group of 9th graders who participated in the Confirmation program with dedication, discerning minds, and open hearts.

Adult Education programs continue to explore and experiment with some new programs and rotating leadership. The after-worship group met in the library to continue the *Living the Questions* DVD & discussion series. One of the highlights of my professional work this year was offering a Lenten Series on grief that was well-attended with thoughtful contributions by all. Another highlight for me was helping facilitate a meaningful fall Deacons' Retreat using the spiritual practice of the labyrinth as our focus.

In addition to ministry team support and worship life, pastoral duties that Jeff and I share together continued to keep us busy in 09-10. I find deep meaning in the opportunities to sit, share, and pray with many of you in poignant times of the journey. Also, it has been a joy to welcome new members to this community of faith, albeit sad to say farewells to those who have died or moved to other places.

In addition to the many tasks that keep us busy in the office, sanctuary, library and church school classrooms, I continue to serve on the Ethics Committee of Bradley Hospital and also attend a monthly New Clergy Group. It was a delight for me to attend the U.C.C. General Synod for the first time last June and I look forward to attending the 2030 U.C.C. Clergy Network gathering next month, both of which are part of my continuing education and service to the church experiences.

The work of the church, in these times, requires the continued dedication, service, study, prayer, challenge, and care that this community so warmly exhibits. One of the joys of my work is the opportunity to witness ministry among, between, and with you through each season of the year.

MODERATOR

TOM STROLLA

It has been another busy, challenging, and rewarding year in the life of our church. As you read the annual reports of our ministry teams, you can clearly see the dedication and deep faith each team has as it goes about its work.

The ministries of the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Larsen and the Rev. Elizabeth Barnum continue to bless us. They have unique qualities that they bring to the life of the church, yet also work tremendously well as a team. We are fortunate to have them and we thank them for their unending faith, humor, and energy and also for challenging our faith and helping us grow spiritually.

We had many highlights this year, but one of the most satisfying is that we were able to present a balanced budget to the congregation at our January 31st budget meeting. With a renewed energy from the Stewardship team, led by Chuck and Lisa Bohner, we had a great pledge drive in a tough economy. Their efforts are so very much appreciated by all. Many others gave their time and worked hard to accomplish our goal of a balanced budget and I thank all of you. We also have revised By-Laws in place which were approved at the last annual meeting. Thank you to that ministry team. We formed a Long Range Planning Team and an Open and Affirming Study Team and look forward to the results of their efforts. We have many new ideas and concepts in the works and I think we all see the many new faces attending our Sunday services.

I would like to thank the members of Church Council for their dedication this past year. Your work is appreciated, as is all the work of the various ministry teams. I would also like to thank the office staff for all the work they do throughout the year.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed being your moderator these past four years. While it has been challenging, and at times difficult, I have found it to be a truly rewarding experience and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to serve. We have accomplished much and we have more of God's work to do. One of the things I hear a lot around our church family these days are people saying, "We are in a good place right now." I agree with that and feel blessed to be a part of this great church and church family. Let's keep moving forward!! Peace.

DEACONS

SUSAN SEADER

Our year began with welcoming two new deacons, Cheryl Muth and Francis Seader. In October we held our annual deacon's retreat focusing on our spiritual journey as a group and as individuals. Under Elizabeth's guidance we experienced traveling through a labyrinth as we contemplated our journey.

In conjunction with the Christian Education team we continue to either serve communion earlier in the service or have a separate communion in the education building so our children can participate in and learn about this sacred time we have together.

During the course of the year the deacons continued to visit shut-ins and the bereaved with the delivery of plants at Christmas. This Easter we continued to work with Chancel and reduced the number of plants in the sanctuary and encouraged members of the congregation to take a plant and deliver it to those who are shut-in or recently bereaved. This was well received and we expect to continue this in the future.

We also continued the making of Valentines for shut-ins this year. We have encouraged the congregation to volunteer with the Soup Kitchen and to participate in worship. Other regular duties include serving communion each month, serving at the soup kitchen and being in charge of coffee hour for a month. Our Deacons Fund offering continues to be collected on communion Sundays and we have distributed some of the funds when there was a pressing unmet local emergency as well as supporting the Women's Resource Center, East Bay Coalition for the Homeless, and Community Soup Kitchen. The deacons continued to provide pulpit supply ministers when needed.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve as head of the deacons and work with Jeff and Elizabeth and all the members of the Deacons. I look forward to seeing fresh faces in the deacons next year and to having Abby Randazzo serve as our new chair.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM

**LYNNE LEHMAN
ANDREA BULLARD**

Church School this year has continued to grow steadily. Under the leadership of Elizabeth Barnum and Andrea Bullard, the program has exceeded our expectations. Our numbers confirm this.

Classes were restructured this year. There are three Godly Play rooms. Pre K – Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd Grades; and 3rd through 5th Grade. Our 6th through 8th Graders were “Seekers”. They explored different religions and learned about the UCC. Thanks to a small but dedicated group of volunteers, these programs enjoyed success. Our hope for the future is that more people will volunteer to train and teach so these programs can continue to grow.

Our program year began on Rally Sunday, September 13th to welcome everyone back. The morning kicked off with “Teacher Tea and Treats”. Registration for Church School took place throughout the morning. After church, everyone was able to tour the classrooms during Open House. Then everyone enjoyed our annual CEYM picnic. This year we broke with traditional hot dogs and went with pizza and salads.

Fortunately we were able to provide two paid nursery care people each week. This has been very helpful as we have grown in this area too.

On October 24th CEYM sponsored a Godly Play Day which was made available to area churches as well as our members. It was a success. It offered teacher training and was led by an accredited Godly Play Teacher Trainer.

During the year Andrea was able to attend three Godly Play workshops and Elizabeth attended two. They also went to Franklin, MA to do a Godly Play information session. Elizabeth also attended the annual NEAUCE meeting on Cape Cod in May, 2010.

Advent had CEYM helping to prepare materials for the Jesse Tree which was in the church sanctuary throughout the season along with Advent Art which was prepared by several older children.

Our Lenten Lollapalooza took place on Palm Sunday and offered pretzel making, palm crosses and seasonal crafts. We are now preparing for Jubilation Sunday on May 23rd. The story of Jonah will be the theme.

During the year our youth programs enjoyed lots of activities. The JPF took part in the Blessing of the Animals in the fall. They played laser tag in November and later went ice skating in Newport and helped at the Soup Kitchen in April. They were ably led by Steven and Leslie Peck.

The SPF helped with the pasta dinner, held a car wash, helped with the Battle of the Bands and helped with the Easter Bonnets. All these events were fund raisers for the mission trip which many went on.

The Confirmation Class helped at the Soup Kitchen in December with CEYM members and were led throughout the year by Jeff and Elizabeth.

Adult Education this year offered many study opportunities which were enjoyed by all.

In reflecting on this past program year, it is wonderful to realize how popular and growing all of our ministries programs are. As we plan for Jubilation Sunday May 23rd and think about the opportunities for the future, we would like to thank everyone on the CEYM team. Their support, enthusiasm, cooperation and great ideas have made all the accomplishments this year possible. Thank you one and all.



JUSTICE AND WITNESS MINISTRY TEAM

**ANN WOOD
LAURA WARD**

The J&W ministry team is a new team created by the 2009 BCCUCC By-Laws' merger of the Social Action & Justice ministry team and the Missions ministry team. It has been a busy year of transition as we have incorporated the duties and goals of both teams. Here are some of the highlights of our activities this year:

- Pie Sale (May 2009 and 2010) and Progressive supper (October 2009) supporting BCCUCC's participation in the New England Green Start program for renewable energy.
- After-church luncheon and discussion regarding immigration with panel members Don Anderson, Executive Minister for the RI Council of Churches, and BCCUCC member and US Coast Guard officer Tom Lennon. Helen Schall was moderator.
- Thanksgiving food drives for Tap-in with help from our 6-8th graders who made and distributed bags for collecting food.
- Holiday gift card sale with donations of cards (for pharmacy, grocery, toys, discount stores) donated to the Women's Resource Center and a monetary donation to the Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund; Mitten/Hat Tree with donations to Tap-in.
- SERVV catalogue sale (conducted by Helen Schall) with proceeds donated to the BCCUCC Mission Trip to West Virginia.
- Lenten coffee hour collection for Holy Joe's Café, the UCC military chaplains' fund.
- Regina Berenback Memorial Lecture for Social Action & Justice: Keith Stokes, Executive Director of the RI Economic Development Department delivered a lecture entitled "Enacting the Lively Experiment: How Diversity Has Driven the Rhode Island Economy Past, Present & Future."
- All-church mission project: Assembling Church World Service hygiene kits for distribution at disaster sites. We plan to increase efforts to support CWS next year.
- RI Interfaith Power & Light Cool Congregations Workshop.
- A one-time dispersal of left-over Missions funds as follows: \$1400 to the RI Conference's Haiti fund, \$400 to the Mission trip, \$200 to Borderlinks, \$100 to Bread for the World, \$250 to Back Bay Mission, \$450 for hygiene kits and a donation to Church World Service. Continued the annual BCC donation of \$200 to the RI Conference Soup Kitchen.
- Overseeing the UCC Missions Collections: Neighbors-in Need, Christmas Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Strengthen the Church.

Our team has prayed, debated, and laughed together while striving to follow the ways of Jesus.

The goal for next year will be to continue to increase our congregation's financial contributions to missions while still keeping our efforts to educate about and advocate for issues of social justice paramount. We are grateful for the support of our generous and committed congregation, and would welcome any ideas for future projects.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM

PAUL DENNIS

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team has again been active working to improve and preserve our church facilities and parsonages.

Major improvements completed this year included the renovation of the front exterior of the church including replacing damaged clapboard, painting, structural repairs, and installation of new front entry doors that are historically appropriate (and beautiful!). The hot water heating unit in our recently renovated library was upgraded to be much more efficient and quieter. The old kitchen range was replaced with a new commercial duty gas range. Nearing completion is the rebuilding of the stonewall which was collapsing in the front of the education building. Also included in this work are improvements to the foyer and library exterior entrances with all new user friendly code compliant handrails.

Impressive redecorating of the vestry entry was coordinated by the B&G and Membership Teams. New carpet and painting as well as new furnishings have resulted in a warm and welcoming lower entrance to our sanctuary, paid for by a generous donation from church members. The adjacent parlor redecorating project uncovered structural problems with the walls enclosing the elevette which needed to be reinforced. New wallpaper, carpet, ceiling tiles and painting can now go forward in that area.

The church participated in a RISE energy audit which resulted in a major upgrading of almost all electric lighting fixtures in both the church and education building at a very low cost to the congregation. Recognition of our church's use by community groups and service organizations was instrumental in qualifying us for these improvements.

Church clean up day was a success this spring with a number of church members helping out. Boy Scouts from all three Barrington troops also helped by painting the kitchen, repairing and painting the carriage sheds, and cleaning up. During the recent spring flooding the church buildings were not affected but both parsonages ended up with water in the basement. Our thanks go to Jeff, Kathleen, and Elizabeth for all the time they spent cleaning up the mess.

The Buildings and Grounds Team would like to acknowledge the help of our church administrative staff and church member volunteers who help us fulfill our mission. Special thanks are due to our custodial staff who have been working short handed this past year.





"...for I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"

Matthew 25:35

Our mission is to assist in making our church a welcoming and friendly place to worship. Our goal is to help create a church where all people feel free to participate in the life of the church. We continue to welcome new members and visitors with gifts and hospitality, organize greeters for each Sunday service, and provide information to members at coffee hour. All church members are encouraged to wear their nametags and to search out visitors and new members at coffee hour. We all can extend hospitality to each other in our church family.

As always, the Membership Ministry Team seeks greeters for Sunday worship throughout the year. We also check to make sure that coffee mugs or CDs and Welcome Brochures are available during the church service for visitors new to the church and we are grateful to Pat Stoddard for her assistance in this effort. Gift mugs are now purchased by the Membership Ministry Team, through Carol Louttit, and are stored in the new credenza in the vestry entryway to be given by the ushers to first-time visitors to the church.

In the Fall, the Membership Team addressed concerns about the spread of the H1N1 virus, as it related to greeting and shaking hands. As a result of information about UCC policy and our discussions, greeters were asked to wait until those attending service indicated their preference for handshaking or not, and hand sanitizer was provided. Many unique and useful innovations for greeting ensued.

Two members of the team, Paula Movsesian and Lynn Hoy, worked with the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team on the beautiful renovation of the Vestry entryway. Plans are underway for continued renovation of the parlor. Much thanks to Lynn, Paula, and Sue Terhune of Building & Grounds, for this fine and much appreciated effort.

Twice a year, the team is involved in hosting new members as they join the church family. We meet new members before the service, assist with the signing of the church membership book, give corsages, take photographs to be displayed, and provide a cake at New Member Sunday coffee hour. New member photos are displayed in the Welcome Center and at the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Marilyn Packard-Luther and Lynn Hoy send cards to new members following their joining the church. Also, the Membership team provides babysitters when there are New Member meetings after church.

In May, our team welcomed eight Confirmands by hosting a reception for them and their families before worship. We offered corsages, assisted in the signing of the church membership book, took photographs of each Confirmand for display outside Fellowship Hall; forty-eight attended the reception for a warm welcome. We also provided a cake at coffee hour to welcome these Confirmands into the church family.

Continuing initiatives include the Welcome Center. The attractive Welcome Center continues to be set up by the Membership Team twice a month, as needed, with a bright and attractive

backboard, and information about the church events and activities. Greeters can sign up at the Welcome Center, nametags can be ordered, and, as hoped, the Welcome Center serves as a focal point for those visiting the church.

This year, the Membership Team has made sure that return visitors are offered a nametag so that they are able to participate more fully in church activities.

As with other teams, our members serve at coffee hour, participate in the Soup Kitchen, and send a representative to Church Council meetings.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

PATRICIA STODDARD

The past year has been rich with musical experiences for those that provide this gift to the congregation and for those whose worship experience has been deepened. Marina Zabinski continues to lead us with skill and grace. She has assumed the lead role for the Sing & Celebrate Choir, with the able assistance of Kate Colby and Betsy Restituyo. Barbara Ward also continues to lead the White Church Ringers, while sharing her knowledge with Pat Stoddard and Diane Henderson and providing them the opportunity to direct some of the bell choir pieces in the past year.

We are blessed to have the Vocal Choir's presence at weekly worship services from September through mid-June. The Bell Choir offers selections once a month and the Sing & Celebrate Choir participates in worship regularly throughout the year.

Last December, both the vocal and bell choirs participated in an Advent service together, providing the congregation with extra seasonal music that was well received. During Lent, the vocal choir sang the *Requiem* by John Rutter during worship; they had been preparing since the previous fall and it certainly showed in their thoughtful presentation. Music Celebration Sunday was a very spirited day with all the choirs lending their special touch to the service. The focus was on music throughout the service, including a very touching reflection time that incorporated scripture, readings and hymns.

If you have a musical gift to share with the congregation, please speak to Marina about your interest. We especially encourage any children that might be interested in singing to join the ranks of the children's choir. The summer is a great time for small groups or soloists to add their musical touch to the worship service. We are grateful to those church members that have contributed to the music we have enjoyed this year and hope to hear from more of you in the coming year.



USHERING MINISTRY

ROBERT KALOOSTIAN

As in the past, our main effort is to prepare and organize the sanctuary before and after the church service. Our ushers do a great job of seating our congregation in a friendly and timely manner. I would like to thank Dave Gregory for recruiting our new ushers and also thank all our ushers for serving this past year.

This past April, a group of ushers, together with the Members at Large, made food for the Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Congregational Church in Pawtucket. This August, we look forward to serving coffee hour to our congregation.

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM

STEPHANIE EDWARDS

The Chancel Ministry Team assists in maintaining the beauty of the sanctuary by scheduling weekly flower arrangements for the altar, arranging for the cleaning and pressing of the church and communion linens, and polishing the brass and silver trays and plates that are used for different occasions.

The Chancel team consists of six members, who schedule two weekly flower arrangements from donors who would like to honor a loved one or a special occasion. The flowers are delivered on a standing order from Wild Flower Florist in Barrington. The team also distributes the flowers after church services to members who are housebound, recently bereaved, or celebrating a special occasion such as a baptism or wedding anniversary.

The Chancel Fund (established in 2009) continues to be supported by generous donations from the congregation. The Fund is used to purchase the poinsettia plants at Christmas time and a range of Easter plants for the decoration of the sanctuary. Through an arrangement with Check the Florist in Providence, the Church receives favorable pricing for the plants. Prior to Christmas, the Deacons delivered 20 poinsettia plants to the housebound or recently bereaved. In addition, 22 poinsettia plants decorated the sanctuary. Following Easter church services, 20 plants that decorated the sanctuary were delivered by the Deacons to the housebound or recently bereaved.

The Chancel Fund is also used for the purchase of silk flowers, linens, banners, and other decorations for the sanctuary as recommended by the Minister or Associate Minister. In 2010, the Chancel Team approved the use of the Fund for the purchase of new banners to celebrate the start of Church School in September (Rally Day) and for battery-powered candles for use on Christmas Eve.



LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

NANCY MARTIN

We are a vital part of our church's mission - one of the many ways we "minister to one another," attending to the wants and needs of our church family. Our vision projects a welcoming community of connection and caring whether our people can participate directly in church life or at a physical distance because of illness, lack of mobility, stressful situations or grief from the loss of a loved one. Through a personal presence - sitting next to someone or sharing on the phone - we communicate our eagerness to serve and assure confidentiality in what passes between us. Our experiences are with people in their and our wholeness as we perceive relationships of equality where each is receiving and giving what is meaningful. No one of us is expected to have the answers to perplexing problems or a professional "helping" background. We come as we are to meet with our fellow travelers on life's journey just as they are and know that is enough. As Rachel Naomi Remen said in her essay *In the Service of Life*, "We are servers in the wholeness and mystery in life." I so highly value the dedication of the team in bringing their warmth, heart and understanding to this service.

More team members are needed and most welcome. We meet usually on the first Monday of the month at 3:30 PM in the library. If you feel called to this ministry, please call me, Nancy Martin, at 273-1078, even if your schedule can't accommodate the meeting.



PERSONNEL TEAM

CLYDE SLICKER

Personnel took an active role, helping to set in motion the staff performance-review process and working cooperatively with finance and others to create a bonus plan for staff in 2010. In addition, Personnel is working as liaison with our Associate Minister on implementing our Safe Church Policy as well as beginning to update our church's Employee Handbook.

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

JIM MCCARTNEY

The PPRT continues to meet every 2 months. It continues to be responsive to the needs of the congregation and of the ministers in this very positive time of growth.



Our deepest thanks to the congregation for making the 2010 pledge drive an outstanding success. As shown below we exceeded our goal of \$369,500 a 4% increase.

Pledge drive results:	2010	2009	2008
	Pledges	Actual	Actual
Active Households:	348	323	313
Pledging Households:	188	180	176
Operating Pledges	\$371,187	\$355,293	\$348,837
Extraordinary Pledges**	40,000		
Total pledge dollars:	\$411,187		

** Household pledges in excess of \$15,000 for 2010. For example a household pledge of \$18,000 would be accounted for as: Operating Pledges of \$15,000 and Extraordinary Pledges of \$3,000.

Response Results: Total pledged support to 2010 Operations is \$371,187, or 4.5% over 2009 levels (as of January), not including extraordinary pledges. Over 80% of pledging households increased or kept their pledge at current levels, which is quite an accomplishment given the current economy. New pledges were received from 24 households for a collective total of \$17,394, which nearly offset the \$20,320 in dropped pledges.

PLANS FOR 2010

Analysis and Follow Up: Pledge payments will be monitored by Stewardship and the Financial Secretary so follow-up contact with pledgers (both under and over payers) can take place and the Finance team can be alerted to significant fluctuations throughout the year. We'll look into a display to show people their pledge dollars at work; perhaps a graphic depiction of a thermometer with pledge dollars received to date compared to amounts pledged for the year.

Long Term Strategic Planning group: We'll participate in this effort to try to develop a responsible long-range stewardship program.

2011 pledge drive: Develop a plan for the 2011 pledge drive that continues the momentum, fits the needs of the church and contributes to another year of a balanced budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT**JOHN LOERKE****SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 2009****Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Endowment</u> ^{Note A}	<u>Total</u>
Revenues				
Pledges, Gifts and Offerings	390,316	46,959 ^{Note B}	10,000	447,275
Investment Income or Loss	24,740 ^{Note C}	208	88,674	113,622
Rentals	22,845			22,845
Other	<u>9,192</u>			<u>9,192</u>
Total Revenues	<u>447,094</u>	<u>47,167</u>	<u>98,674</u>	<u>592,935</u>
Expenses				
Staff	301,046			301,046
Missions	37,911		27,478 ^{Note D}	65,389
Church Life/Christian Education	14,147			14,147
Buildings & Grounds	72,438			72,438
Capital Improvement	25,000	42,822 ^{Note E}		67,822
Office	<u>10,039</u>			<u>10,039</u>
Total Expenses	<u>460,581</u>	<u>42,822</u>	<u>27,478</u>	<u>530,881</u>
Change in Net Assets	-13,487	4,345	71,196	62,054
Net Assets 12/31/08	<u>90,041</u>	<u>20,963</u>	<u>852,795</u>	<u>963,799</u>
Net Assets 12/31/09	<u>76,553</u>	<u>25,308</u>	<u>923,991</u>	<u>1,025,853</u>

Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Assets				
Cash and Investments	149,918	25,308	923,991	1,099,217
Receivables and Other Assets	<u>12,015</u>	<u>2,125</u>		<u>14,140</u>
Total Assets	<u>161,932</u>	<u>27,433</u>	<u>923,991</u>	<u>1,113,357</u>
Deferred Income & Liabilities				
Prepaid Pledges	25,460			25,460
Funds--for designated purposes	32,562			32,562
Other	<u>27,357</u>	<u>2,125</u>		<u>29,482</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>85,379</u>	<u>2,125</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,504</u>
Net Assets	<u>76,553</u>	<u>25,308</u>	<u>923,991</u>	<u>1,025,853</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

- Note A The Endowment account balance is held in various funds subject, in certain cases, to terms significantly restricting the Church's use of the principal balance. See Endowment Team report on page 18 for further details.
- Note B Includes Auction Proceeds of \$15,836.
- Note C Includes receipts from Endowment Funds of \$23,817.
- Note D Includes disbursements to Operations of \$23,817.
- Note E Includes Library Renovation funded with Auction Proceeds of \$15,836.

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

KIM GODFREY

In 2009, the church experienced a deficit of \$13,487, considerably less than the budgeted loss of \$47,609 due to much better than expected income from pledges, offerings and gifts, and lower than anticipated church life, facilities and office expenses.

BCCUCC achieved a balanced budget for 2010 thanks to an exceptionally successful stewardship campaign and by keeping staff expenses unchanged, continuing to limit the capital improvement contribution to less than long-term annual needs, and holding missions support below historical levels.

Two very generous, possibly non-recurring, pledges were received for 2010. Rather than including the entire amount of these large pledges in the operating budget, a portion amounting to \$40,000 was allocated to one-time expenditures. In addition to approving the 2010 budget at the Annual Budget Meeting on January 31, 2010, the Congregation voted to apportion the \$40,000 as received in the following amounts and order:

- \$10,000 for one-time payments to our staff (these funds have been received and were disbursed in April)
- \$7,000 for additional Missions/Our Church’s Wider Mission support
- \$7,000 for office technology
- \$16,000 for capital improvements

Thanks to outgoing Finance Team chair Tom Colby for his leadership and hard work over the past several years. Thanks also to Treasurer Matt Stein and to Assistant Treasurer John Loerke who assumed the role of treasurer during Matt’s sabbatical, and to all the team members for keeping the church’s money aligned with our mission.

2010 OPERATIONS BUDGET *

Revenue	
Pledges	\$358,500 **
Offerings & Gifts	41,500
Investments	47,000
Rentals	<u>22,750</u>
Total	\$469,750
Expenses	
Staff	\$299,886
Missions	41,500
Church Life	16,446
Buildings & Grounds	75,900
Capital Improvement Fund	25,000
Office	<u>11,000</u>
Total	<u>\$469,732</u>
Change in net assets	<u> \$18</u>

* This budget was approved at the Annual Budget Meeting held on January 31st, 2010. For the minutes of the meeting, see page 2.

** Pledge income in the 2010 Operations budget excludes \$40,000 from two extraordinarily large pledges. See the Finance Ministry Team report above.

ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM

LEE MILLER

2009 saw recovery in the market value of the Endowment portfolio. At the end of 2009 the market value of the total assets was \$856,812. In addition to the Endowment Fund the ministry team also has responsibility for \$67,178 in five directed funds.

The most significant change in 2009 was the decision to participate in the Ocean State Endowment Fund which is managed by Citizens Bank. Our endowment fund is divided between three investment managers: \$230,700 at Rhode Island Foundation, \$125,928 with the UCC in Pawtucket, and \$500,184 with Ocean State.

Income paid to the church was \$28,217 which will increase for 2010 to a planned distribution of a fixed 5.5% from the total fund or approximately \$45,000.

Plans have been made to activate the 1717 Society to further enhance the future growth of the Endowment Fund.



AUDITOR'S REPORT

SUSAN ROACH

I have examined the financial records of the Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, for the year ended December 31, 2009. My examination included validating the balance sheet, cash receipts, payments, contribution reports and internal controls. I found the files detailed, complete and very well-organized. All questions I had regarding clarification were handled promptly and professionally by Pat Stoddard, Financial Secretary. Based on the work performed, the records appear to accurately reflect the financial position of the organization at December 31, 2009.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Mission Statement</p> <p>The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 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.</p>
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NOMINATING MINISTRY TEAM REPORT for 2010-2011**GREG VOIGT**

The Nominating team's slate of nominees to fill the various vacancies in the ministry teams and to serve as church officers is presented below. The nominees for election at the Annual Meeting are indicated by * or #

* denotes new members or individuals who are beginning a new term

denotes new members completing an unexpired term

Please note that:

- Officers and delegates serve a 1 year term and can serve up to 4 consecutive terms.
- Members at Large and ministry teams members serve a 3 year term (unless otherwise noted) and can serve 2 consecutive terms.
- Those listed as "ex-gratia" assist with the work of a ministry team but are not official members of the team.
- The number that appears in parentheses after a ministry team's name indicates the number of members in the group according to the 2009 By-Laws.

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<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
MODERATOR		AUDITOR	
* Pat Cordeiro	2011	* Susan Roach	2011 3 rd term
CLERK		CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE (3)	
* Lorraine Keeney	2011	Caroline Halliwell	2011 2 nd Term
TREASURER		Sue Simpson	2012
* Matt Stein	2011 3 rd Term	* Steve Peck	2013
ASSISTANT TREASURER		DELEGATES TO RI CONFERENCE (3 + one youth)	
* John Loerke	2011 2 nd Term	* Jennifer Geary	2011
HISTORIAN		*	2011
* John Faulhaber	2011	*	2011
		*	(youth) 2011

MINISTRY TEAMS (listed alphabetically)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Duncan Maio	2011
Art Edgette	2011
Maureen Jean	2011 2 nd Term
Keith Strickland	2012 2 nd Term
Susan Terhune	2012 2 nd Term
Simeon Hawes	2012
* Lori Rosa	2013
* Bud Geary	2013

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM (6)

Holly Ogden	2011
Carol Louttit	2011
Audrey Rogers	2012
# Bethia Rosner	2012
* Cheryl Muth	2013
*	2013
Lynda Cook	ex-gratia

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH
MINISTRIES TEAM (8 + one youth)**

Amy Gorman	2011 2 nd Term
John Loerke	2011 2 nd Term
Debbi Summers	2011 2 nd Term
Kristen Westmoreland	2011
Louise House	2012
#	2012
Lynne Lehman	2013 2 nd Term
*	2013
#	(youth) 2012
Carol Strakosch	ex gratia

DEACONS (12)

Van Edwards	2011 2 nd Term
Susan Seader	2011 2 nd Term
Helen Schall	2011
Sam Sylvester	2011
Abby Randazzo	2011
Marshall Hoyler	2012 2 nd Term
Cheryl Muth	2012
Francis Seader	2012
* Liz White	2013
* Greg Voigt	2013
* Barbara Smith	2013
*	2013

**ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT
MINISTRY TEAM (6)**

Helen MacDonald	2011 2 nd Term
Tom Lennon	2012 2 nd Term
Bob Mason	2012
Paul Movsesian	2012
* Lee Miller	2013 2 nd Term
* Joan Miller	2013 2 nd Term

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM (6)

Leslie Strolla	2011 2 nd Term
#	2011
Kim Godfrey	2012 2 nd Term
George Bolton	2012
*	2013
*	2013

**JUSTICE and WITNESS MINISTRY
TEAM (8)**

Nancy Arena	2011 2 nd Term
Lory McCoy	2011
Ann Wood	2012 2 nd Term
Laura Ward	2012 2 nd Term
Steve Fodor	2012 2 nd Term
* Stephanie Edwards	2013
*	2013
*	2013

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

This is a non-elected group of people.

Marcy Goss
Nancy Martin
Lois McCartney
Joan Miller
Janet Morrison
Stew Morrison
Barbara Simpson
Clyde Slicker
Barbara Smith
Marjorie Stumpff
Barbara Ward

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Lynn Hoy	2011 2 nd Term
#	2011
Moyne Cabbage	2012
Fred MacDonald	2012
* Carolyn Faulhaber	2013
* Jane Tonn	2013
* Kristen/EJ Anderson	2013
* Sue Black	2013
Marilyn Packard-Luther	ex gratia

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM (5)

#	2011
Rich Simpson	2012
#	2012
Carol Spiller	2013 2 nd Term
*	2013

NOMINATING MINISTRY TEAM (5)

The members of this team are recommended by the Moderator for election

Bernie Hawes	2011
#	2011
Marylouise Gamache	2012 2 nd Term
*	2013
*	2013

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (5)

This team is selected by the Moderator, ministers, and Deacons

Marshall Hoyler	2011
Phyllis Buckley	2012 2 nd Term
Laurie Lennon	2012
Sharon Sylvester	2013 2 nd Term
*	2013

PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM (3)

Members are elected to 2 year terms

Paula Rooks	2011
* Ellen Brady	2012
*	2012

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (5)

3 members are elected to serve for one year¹ and 2 members to serve for two years².

Lisa Bohner	2011 ²
Chuck Bohner	2011 ²
* Todd/Judy Harff	2011 ¹ 2 nd Term
* Greg Voigt	2011 ¹
*	2011 ¹

USHERING MINISTRY COORDINATOR (1)

Dave Gregory	2012
* Bethia Rosner	2013

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REPRESENTATION AT RI CONFERENCE and NATIONAL UCC

The following individuals from Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, served during the past year in the capacity indicated:

RI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (RICUCC)

Susan Rotblat-Walker	Past President of the Board of Directors; Executive Committee
James Elder	Investment Committee
Lee Miller	Investment Committee
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Larsen	Church Education Committee
Helen Schall	Justice and Witness Division, Women of the RI Conference, UCC

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES at the NATIONAL UCC

Susan Rotblat-Walker	General Ministries
Helen Schall	General Synod Delegate



FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

PAT STODDARD, CLERK

May 1st, 2009 – May 15th, 2010

This report covers the 12+ month period from the beginning of May 2009 through mid May, 2010. The categories shown are also requested each December for the United Church of Christ Yearbook Report (see page 24).

NEW MEMBERS (19)

11/22/09

Kate Bonneau
Anne Danzberger
Jack Huse
Meredith Huse
Greg Knight
Jane Knight
Claudia Pierce
Fred Pierce
Barbara Simpson
Laurie Smith
Paul Smith

03/28/2010

E.J. Anderson
Kristin Anderson
Caitlin Bass
Steffen Bass
Beth Buckley
William Buckley
Bud Geary
Jennifer Geary

CONFIRMATIONS (8)

5/2/10

Rebecca Bendheim
Laina Caesar
Erin Gamache
April Harff

Michael Miniati
Daniel Roach
Hale Summers
Cameron Voigt

LETTERS OF TRANSFER RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHURCHES (8)

Jack Huse
Meredith Huse
Jane Knight
Barbara Simpson

Caitlin Bass
Beth Buckley
Bud Geary
Jennifer Geary

TRANSFER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS - OUT (4)

Jennifer and Brian Cook
Weston Cook

Beverly Parsons

TRANSFER OF INACTIVE MEMBERS - OUT (3)

Robin Long Sanderson
Kristine and Daniel Harrington

BAPTISMS

Infants and Children (8)

Andrew Robert Graham
Jaden Christopher Gomes
Parker Nils Weldy
Lydia Bradley Carscaddon
Hadley Bliss Carscaddon
Maximus Stephen Reynolds
Owen Matthew Porter
Hayden James Harper

Adult (1)

Frederick Monty Pierce

MARRIAGES (4)

Lauren Irene Stoddard and Daniel Vickery Lawler
Caroline Anne O'Connor and Daniel Ryan LaFave
Alison DiPierro and Thayer Harris
Frederick Monty Pierce, Jr. and Claudia Jean Forrest

DEATHS

Members (7)

Gail Davis
Vera Eaton
Ronald A. House
Lucille Roehr
Ada Mahler
Edward Thurston
Barbara Cornwell

Formerly Active Members

Anna Fiore-Smith
Gayle Grossman

Others (18)

Sandra M. Blacketor
Robert E. Brayton
Phyllis Marie Adams
Dorothy Ciosek
Stephen T. Burrows
Esther Sadlier
Kenneth M. Beaver
Virginia Burns Crandall
Marianne Kowald
Emily L. Olson
Janet A. Getek
F. Robert Lee
Raymond C. DeWall
Dorothy E. Pickhardt
Karen Ethel Crisman
G. Stanley Berge
Warren Frank Richards
Annie Crawley

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 30, 2009: 430

Between May 1st, 2009 and May 15th, 2010 the following changes occurred:

Additions to Active Membership (27)

8 - Confirmation
19 - New Members

Losses to Active Membership (13)

7 - Death
4 - Transfer Out
2 - other reasons (moved away,
were inactive, etc)

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 10, 2010: 430 + 27 - 13 = 444

(see next page for further explanation)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

*reflecting changes in the membership that occurred
between January 1st and December 31st, 2009.*

The membership statistics are collected at the end of each calendar year and reflect the changes that took place during that year. They are then submitted to the National Office of the United Church of Christ in the form of the Yearbook Report, and appear in the UCC Yearbook.

Active Membership as of 12/31/2009 was 431 (see following table for breakdown).

<i>From the Yearbook Report Form:</i>	
Statistics for January 1 – December 31, 2009	
Active Membership as of 12/31/2008	415
Additions during year:	
Confirmation	11
Confession of Faith	1
Letters of Transfer	9
Reaffirmation of Faith	8
Losses during year:	
Death	6
Transfer	3
Other removals	4
Active Membership as of 12/31/2009	431

Note: The information listed on pages 22 and 23 reflect those changes that took place between May 1, 2009 and May 15, 2010, as opposed to the information above, which is for changes between January 1 and December 31, 2009.

Between January 1, 2010 and May 15, 2010 there were the following changes in ACTIVE membership:

- + 8 New Members
- + 8 New Members (by Confirmation)
- 2 Death of Active Member
- 1 Transfer out

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 10, 2010 is $431 + 8 + 8 - 2 - 1 = 444$



All are invited to attend the
Annual Meeting

of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2010

immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

As always, church members are encouraged to make every effort
to attend this very important church meeting.

Child care will be provided.

Coffee hour will take place in Fellowship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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Senior Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Larsen

Associate Minister The Rev. Elizabeth D. Barnum

Organist/Choir Director: Marina Zabinski

Office Administrator: Christine Wallis

Office Assistant and Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard

Christian Education Coordinator: Andrea Bullard

Custodians: Jack Salvaggio, Ken York, Jim Salvaggio