

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We encourage you to take this sheet home to refer to as needed*

Sun, Dec 4	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	1 – 4:30 pm	RICUCC Advent Adventures, Woodridge Church
	5-7 pm	Junior Youth Group, Room 9
Mon, Dec 5	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
Tues, Dec 6	10:30 – Noon	‘White Privilege’ Curriculum study, Library
	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale’s office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Audrey Roger’s home
Wed, Dec 7	7 pm	Possible Deacons meeting, Room 6
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Dec 9	7:30 pm	BHS Jazz Band Concert, Sanctuary
Sun, Dec 11	10 am	Worship Service with special Christmas music, Church School
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library
	5-7 pm	Community Pasta Dinner, Fellowship Hall

## Birthdays for the Week of December 4<sup>th</sup>

*Greg Dubel, Bethia Rosner, Liz Rosenholm, Drew Todd, and Holly Meade.*



If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn’t appear in this list, it’s because we don’t have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 with the information so it’ll appear next year!

**DEACONS FOR DECEMBER:** Pat Rude (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289 3780) or Brendan (401 318 2447), please call on one of the deacons.

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series at BCCUCC:** As part of our ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ celebrations, the Historical Group is organizing a series of concerts. Proceeds will go toward the celebrations. The first two concerts are:

**Jazz Concert:** Barrington High School Jazz Band will give their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual concert in our sanctuary on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are encouraged to come hear this very talented group of musicians.

**Atwater-Donnelly duo** will give a concert of traditional American Folk Music and Dance on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets on sale at coffee hour or from the church office during the week. Learn more at [www.atwater-donnelly.com](http://www.atwater-donnelly.com) Tickets: Adult/Youth - \$15 Seniors (65+) - \$10 Children (2-14) - \$5 Family (4) - \$35.

**‘3 Centuries & Beyond’ Merchandise:** The Historical Group will be selling our 300th Celebration merchandise at coffee hour every Sunday. Please pick up a Calendar for \$12, or order a Tote for \$22, a T-Shirt for \$18, and/or a Fleece for \$42. Pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds will benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items. They make great Christmas gifts! *Please note that orders must be placed by December 4<sup>th</sup> if you want your items in time for Christmas.* Questions, please contact Pat Rude 837-2845 [ru4880@cox.net](mailto:ru4880@cox.net) or Marion Fodor 245-2003 [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net), or email [300th@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org).

**SERRV orders are due in this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Catalogs are available from Helen Schall at coffee hour or contact her at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). Items for sale can also be seen at [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org). Ordering through the church will save you shipping costs and also provides the church with funds to support the 2017 Mission Trip – as well as supporting artisans and farmers worldwide.

**Haiti Bracelets and Cards:** Accomplish some Christmas shopping while helping the *One Egg, Haiti Project*. (Goal - a hard boiled egg every morning for undernourished Haiti children). At coffee hour on SUNDAYS DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> Trish Sylvester will be selling bracelets crafted by women in Haiti, and also some greeting cards. For more information, contact Trish at [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com)

**‘Find Your Four’ Campaign:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> we will be hosting the Rhode Island Energy Challenge's Find Your Four campaign with Malinda Howard from SmartPower. Barrington Congregational Church is the faith community selected in the Town of Barrington to participate in this Rhode Island Energy Challenge: Find Your Four. It is a campaign led by SmartPower with the support of National Grid that asks each of us to pledge to take four simple actions in our homes to reduce our energy use and save money. Malinda will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour to help each of us identify four simple actions in our homes to reduce energy. We are committed to getting 10% of our households to sign up. Our church will receive \$500 from National Grid to be used towards energy efficiency improvements on the church if we meet our 10% commitment. We're counting on members of the congregation to help us win! For more information about the Find Your Four Energy Challenge or to join, go online at [www.FindYourFour.com](http://www.FindYourFour.com)

**Advent Adventures for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** This RICUCC event is on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 4:30 pm at Woodridge Church, 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston. Youth will rotate around 4 different activity centers. All in grades 3-8 are welcome. Cost is \$4 per youth. RSVP to Kirstin Putney 774-991-1555 or [mitchmoon12@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchmoon12@hotmail.com)

**Junior Youth Group** meets SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> from 5-7 pm in Room 9. Open to all in grades 6-8, please join them (and bring a friend) for fun, fellowship and food (pizza and snacks). They’ll also be learning how to make Origami cranes to help celebrate 300 years of our church. Questions? Contact the leaders at [bccjyg@gmail.com](mailto:bccjyg@gmail.com)

**Advent Candle Lighters & Christmas Eve Readers needed:** Dale and Brendan are looking for people to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles on December 11, 18, 24 (at 6 & 10 pm) & 25. Volunteers are also needed to read scripture at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rev Dale Azevedo (401) 246-0111 ext 103 or [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org). Thank you.

**Staff Christmas Gift:** *A message from Dale and Brendan...* “During the weeks of Advent you will find in the pew racks an envelope marked “Staff Christmas Gift.” We are blessed to have wonderful people working here who give more hours to our church than expected or are compensated for. We therefore invite you to join with us in giving them a gift during these holidays. Your gifts will be divided up among six different people; Christine and Pat in the office, Andrea our CE Coordinator, Marina at our organ, and Paul & John on the custodial staff. Each staff person will receive this gift according to the number of hours they work. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.”

**Christmas Services:** Since Christmas is falling on Sunday this year, we will be hosting only two services on Christmas Eve along with another one on Christmas Day. Please note the change in times from last year. **Christmas Eve: Dec 24 @ 6 pm** The early service will once again be our rendition of the Christmas pageant. Brendan’s famous puppets will be returning to star in this service although we promise there will be a new twist with an actual journey to the manger. **Dec 24 @ 10 pm** Our later service will be a more traditional service of lessons and carols led by Marina and the choir. Dale will be delivering a brief Christmas message as we come together to welcome God’s promise of *Emmanuel*, “God with us”. **Christmas Day: Dec. 25 @10 am** Families and people of all ages are invited to join us for worship on Christmas morning. This service will be celebratory, simple and child friendly. And, yes, there WILL be presents.

**Pageant Volunteers needed:** The CHRISTMAS EVE Pageant at the 6 pm service will soon be upon us, and the puppets of Bethlehem will be making their way to Barrington. This year we will be changing the pageant a little bit – journeying to the Sanctuary from Fellowship Hall. We need involvement from people of all ages as we did last year to pull this off. We had a great time and I’m sure this year will be another joyful success! Below is a list of the characters. *Our deadline to sign up for the pageant is December 4<sup>th</sup>.* Please contact Brendan (401-318-2447 or [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)) to reserve your part - or he might be recruiting you! **CAST – Narrator** (*age 12 and up*). **3 Prophets. 2 Townspeople. Angel Puppet** (*3 strong high school students or adults operate this larger puppet*); **3 Sheep** (*3 people fifth grade and up- we need one large adult sized sheep, a medium sized person sheep, and a little sheep! We need lively sheep with strong personalities! Must be able to baaaah!*) **2 adult shepherds** (*We need two shepherds to guide our sheep... literally. The sheep can’t see where they are going in the sheep puppets.*) **4 Innkeepers** (*We need four innkeepers who are also able to act as ushers and guide people to the sanctuary when the congregation walks in procession to the church.*) **Mary** (*Mary is a large puppet- we need a teenager or an adult.*) **Joseph** (*Joseph is a large puppet – we need a teenager or adult.*) **Wise Men/Kings** (*Three lively characters are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. One needs to be a teenager or an adult.*) All participants must be able to attend a rehearsal on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am – 1 pm. Final rehearsal will be Christmas Eve (main characters and puppeteers from 4:30 pm, and children thru age 10 at 5:30 pm.)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. They are making red hats for newborns or premies as part of ‘Little Hats, Big Hearts’ [www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts](http://www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts), and making items for the mitten tree. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, and the group is always pleased to see new faces. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 of [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)

**Pasta Dinner:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> our Mission and Justice Team will be hosting a Pasta Dinner from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit ‘English for Action’, a nonprofit in RI that helps immigrants through education and ESOL courses. Tickets can be purchased at coffee hour or from the church office. Adult/youth \$10; Child under 12 \$6; Family maximum \$40. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated. Tickets also available at the door.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> from 1 - 2:30 pm in the church library. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group next** meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> (note that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday). at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell. For more info, contact Helen Schall 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

**Deacons Fund:** On Communion Sundays a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons’ Fund. This fund, which is administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and the surrounding community. We have had a lot of requests for assistance recently, and the fund is running very low. Any donations you can make would be much appreciated by those who come to us looking for help. Thanks.

**Keypad lock** installation was postponed a week due to inclement weather. They will be put on the entrance doors to the Education building in the kitchen and by the church office. A code will be required for entry which will be provided to those who need it. Once the change is made, current Education building keys will not work in any of the outside doors, so please enter via the doors with keypads. The locks in the church building will remain the same.

**Have you completed an Estimate of Giving card?** Many thanks to the 123 households who completed and returned their Estimate of Giving (EOG) Card for 2017 – that includes 12 ‘new’ households that haven’t pledged before! If you haven’t yet filled one in we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We need to wrap up the Stewardship Campaign and give a final dollar amount to the Finance Team so that they can work on a church budget for 2017, based on that figure. If you need an EOG Card, you can find one on the rack outside the church office or from the side in the vestry hallway. You can also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) with your Estimate of Giving for 2017.

**Deadline for 2016 Reimbursable Expenses:** The end of our current fiscal period is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any invoices or expenses that you need to be reimbursed for, please fill out vouchers (which must be signed by the leader of your ministry team) and send them to the church office, with receipts attached, as soon as possible. Vouchers are available from the folder at the front of Pat’s desk in the church office. *Expenses turned in after Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged to next year’s budget!*