

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Jan 25	10 am 10 am – Noon 11:30 am – 12:45 pm 5 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 8 pm 6 – 8 pm	Worship Service, Church School OWL Session, Library Lunch and Turkey Trip program, Fellowship Hall Community Plant-based Potluck, Fellowship Hall Screening of 'Forks over Knives' documentary, Fellowship Hall Senior Youth Group, Library
Mon., Jan 26	10 am 11 am	Bereavement Group, Library Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office
Tues., Jan 27	1 – 2:30 pm 5 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Stewardship Meeting, Library
Wed., Jan 28	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Library
Sat., Jan 31	11 am	Memorial Service for John Hess, Sanctuary
Sun., Feb 1	8:30 am 10 am 10 am – Noon 11:15 am 2 pm	CEYM Meeting, Library Super Bowl Sunday Worship Service with Communion, Church School OWL Session, Library Tailgating Party at Coffee Hour Jr and Sr Youth group go Snowtubing, Yawgoo Valley



Birthdays for the Week of January 25th

*Owen Porter, Carolyn Faulhaber, Joe Schall,
Dick Waterman, Richard Frary, Michael Miniati,
Howard Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, Steve Clemens,
and Garrett Wohrab.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR JANUARY

Stephanie Edwards (Star Deacon), Susan Rotblat-Walker,
Pat Rude, Susan Seader and Francis Seader

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447)
please contact a deacon.*

Lunch and Turkey Trip presentation is TODAY: A free soup lunch and program about the church group's trip to Turkey is happening in Fellowship Hall today from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. All are welcome. Some of you saw Jeff's pictures but this will be a chance to hear from trip members and see a movie created by Kathleen. At this morning's worship service, Jeff will be preaching on one of the sites the group visited related to the Apostle Paul.

Plant Based Potluck and Movie is TODAY: Another plant based potluck has been organized by church member Judy Harff for this evening from 5 – 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by a screening and discussion of the *Forks over Knives* documentary from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a community based event so all are welcome to the potluck, the screening or to both – spread the word! Bring a completely plant based dish (low oil and sodium) to share with 8 people. Invite your friends and family – babysitting available. Please RSVP to judy@2startfresh.com A \$5 p/p donation is requested to cover hall rental.

Super Bowl Worship and Coffee Hour Tailgating Party: Next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, you are invited to wear your favorite team colors to church! The worship service will be divided into 4 quarters with a special half time show! Coffee hour will be a chili cook-off! Bring a crockpot of chili, identify ingredients, and they will be set up on tables with bowls and spoons for people to taste and vote on. Others are invited to bring cornbread. It would be great to decorate Fellowship Hall with tents, banners.....whatever you can think of to get us in the spirit of the day and celebrate the goodness of God's creation. If you can bring chili or cornbread, or can provide banners or tents for Fellowship Hall, please contact Jeff Larsen at 246-0111 x 103 or jeff@bccucc.org.

Changes to OWL and children's schedule for next Sunday: A children's communion service had been scheduled for NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST but it has been postponed so that the children can attend the first part of the special Super Bowl Worship service instead. There will still be church school. Next Sunday's OWL session will now be at the usual time of 10 a.m. – Noon in the library.

The Bereavement Group meets tomorrow MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets this TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH 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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

A Memorial Service for John Hess will take place at our church on SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST at 11 a.m.

Our church newsletter: Copies of the February *Bridge* newsletter are now available for pick up from the vestry table, the rack outside the church office or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take a copy either for yourself or to give to a friend who might be interested in learning more about our church.

Help needed with the pew racks: A small group of dedicated volunteers take care of tidying up and restocking the pew racks on a regular basis, each at their own convenience. We are in need of some additional volunteers to add to the schedule, so if you're interested in helping please contact Christine in the church office (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111).

Jr and Sr Youth Group Snowtubing at Yawgoo Valley: NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST at 2 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate – and friends are also welcome. This will be the 3rd Annual Pre-Super Bowl Snowtubing event at Yawgoo Valley in Exeter, RI. Fresh air, exercise and fun are promised and we'll be back in time for the big game!!! Tickets are \$13 per person for 50 minutes of tubing. *Sorry - no one under 42 inches is allowed.* This has become a very popular family event! 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.

*****This is IMPORTANT and a change from last year*****

Each youth or family needs to reserve and pay for their OWN tickets by going to www.yawgoo.com/snowtubing.htm. Please read the cancellation/refund policies at Yawgoo described in detail. Yawgoo also requires a signed waiver from all participants.. *Tickets go on-line beginning at Noon on Thursday, January 29th* and can be purchased up to two hours before the event. However, if you wait too long, tickets will sell out. Yawgoo Valley recommends checking the weather before purchasing.

Each person should print and bring with them the confirmation payment page and waiver. If any youth needs a ride, a signed BCCUCC permission form is also needed. Snacks are available for purchase in the lodge.

Any youth not attending with their families who needs a ride must R.S.V.P. to the leaders at bccjyg@gmail.com. Please also use this email address for any questions you may have, or speak with Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach or Kim Zeleznik.

The Knitting for Others Group will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD at the home of Kathleen Larsen, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. The group is currently working on knitting caps for newborn infants. For more info on the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Women's Faith Group have chosen a new book to read and discuss and copies are available to purchase from the church office. The book is *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor and it costs \$12. The group next meets on THURS, FEB 5TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome – and they don't have to be from this church.

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH at 6:30 pm at The Old Grist Mill Tavern, 390 Fall River Ave., Seekonk MA. Ignore superstition and come to a Valentine's dinner! All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP's are required by Monday, February 9th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

Kindness: Pay it Forward On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH a number of activities will take place both during the worship service and at coffee hour afterwards under the banner of 'Kindness: Pay it Forward'. These include:

- Launch of the **One Egg Haiti** program – an *eggstravaganza* to raise money to provide eggs for children in Haiti. Members of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force will be participating in the worship service and will share information about the needs in Haiti. At coffee hour you can help make a 'nest' and plastic eggs will be handed out to take home to fill with coins, bills or checks. Filled eggs can be *eggchanged* each week for empty ones. The program will continue through Lent.
- **Valentine making** for our homebound and college kids: At coffee hour on Feb 8th, the congregation is invited to make Valentine's for our homebound and also for our college kids away at school. The Deacons provide all of the materials – you provide the creativity. *Please contact Cheryl Muth jcbmuth@aol.com with the names and addresses of college students. Thank you.*
- **Book Collection:** Donations of new or gently used books will be collected from Feb 8th and during Lent. A collection basket will be in Fellowship Hall. Books will be donated to such organizations as TAPIN and the Women's Resource Center. This is part of the UCC's 'Reading Changes Lives' initiative.
- **Bake Sale for 'One Egg for Haiti':** We hope you will contribute and buy a delicious baked good to help our spring fundraiser on February 8th in Fellowship Hall. The Mission and Justice Ministry Team and the Christian Education Youth Ministries (CEYM) are co-sponsoring "One Egg for Haiti" this spring, a fundraiser that will provide one egg a day for Haiti's orphan children. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit this cause. If you have any favorite recipes for breads, muffins, pie or cake, please consider contributing a baked good for the sale. For further information, contact Stephanie Edwards at sedwards@rwu.edu or Judy Meissner at jwonder@cox.net.

Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation: Jeff Larsen will lead this study that will take place over two sessions – SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 15TH AND 22ND from 11:15 am – Noon. Based on experiences from the Turkey trip last fall, this will be a chance to examine the formation of Christianity in the early years after Jesus. In preparation, please read Revelations, chapters 2 and 3. All are welcome.

Service Project: All youth in Grades 9-12 are invited to participate in this year's Service Project from April 20 – 22. We will be partnering with *Save the Bay* to clean up our shorelines. Youth interested in participating should contact Brendan at 246-011 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org

Mobile Loaves and Fishes will be going out on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH to Harrington Hall, a men's shelter in Cranston. Prep will begin at the church at 4:00 pm. A signup genius has been set up for volunteers willing to help in a number of different ways - donate food, help with prep, go out on the truck etc. Go to www.signupgenius.com and under 'Find a Sign Up' put in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. This will take you to the MLF Sign up sheet. We will also be collecting men's underwear, socks and travel size toiletries to hand out – a collection bin will be in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Liz White lizzyw2@aol.com, Jay and Phyllis Buckley pbuckley6@cox.net. More details are also in the February *Bridge* newsletter.

Coffee Hour Sign Ups: Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour in February – sign up sheets are at the back of Fellowship Hall during coffee hour, or use the on-line sign up sheet at www.signupgenius.com.

Children's Bulletins: We have two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12 – available for pick up from the basket on the table in the narthex as you come into church. If you forgot, please feel free to go get one!