

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 2	10 am 10 am 10:15 – 5:30 pm After worship 11:20 am 4:30 pm 6 pm	Worship Service with Communion Children’s Communion in Room 6 followed by Church School OWL session, Library Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Conversations about our church, Room 6 Confirmation Class, Room 6 Search Committee, Library
Mon., Mar 3	11 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff’s office Lay Visitation meeting, Library Deacons meeting, Room 6
Wed., Mar 5	7 – 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday service, Sanctuary Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8 Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., Mar 6	1:30 – 3 pm	Women’s Faith Group, Library
Sat., Mar 8		<i>Turn your clocks forward one hour at bedtime!</i>
Sun., Mar 9	10 am After worship 11:45 am – 1 pm 4:30 pm	<i>Stewardship Campaign begins</i> Worship Service, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Berenback Conversations, Fellowship Hall Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 2nd

*Virginia Clark, Lucy and Walter Joachim-DelPoio,
Marjorie Stumpff, Roland Stumpff, Nancy Jencks,
Rebekah Tirrell, Haley Cook, Steve Fairbanks, Megan
Hecht, Mac Saluja, Sara Clemens, Bud Geary, Jane McCabe,
Katie Odjakjian, Nancy Hazard, and Kellan Lane.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Francis Seader (Star Deacon), Steve Peck,
Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, and Stephanie Edwards
*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff 247-1727 (home), please contact a deacon.*

Attention Parents: TODAY is a communion Sunday and there is a special Children’s Communion led by Rev. Jeff Larsen in Room 6. **All children (PreK – 8th grade) are asked to go straight to Room 6 for their 10 a.m. communion service.** They will then go from there to their classrooms for Church School. This is also an Our Whole Lives Sunday so the 7th & 8th graders will meet in Room 9 (rather than the Library) for church school.

Want to learn more about our church? Then come to ‘Conversations about our church’ TODAY with Rev. Jeff Larsen from 11:20 a.m. – Noon in the library. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about who we are, what we believe and why we do the things we do. The session is open to everyone, especially newcomers, and it is hoped that those interested in joining BCCUCC will attend, however attendance does not require you to become a member.

Our next *New Member Sunday* will be APRIL 13TH when we will receive new people into membership of our church. All are invited to become official members, whether you’ve been coming to church a few weeks or many years!

Ash Wednesday Service: This WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH from 7 – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. It is a quiet, reflective time of readings and prayers. Ashes are offered to anyone who would like. All are welcome.

The Regina F. Berenback ‘Conversations’ will take place next SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The event has a new time and format in the hope that more people will be able to attend. Guest speaker will be Kristin Gourlay, NPR Health Care Reporter, who will talk about and discuss *Health Care in Rhode Island*. A light lunch will be served and all are welcome to this free event that is open to the public.

‘Fill the Ark’ for Heifer: During the Lenten season our congregation will raise money to support Heifer International and the less fortunate families they serve. We will join the growing movement “Give Up to Give Back” which strives to end hunger during the season of Lent. We will participate in the “Fill the Ark” program, an interactive and meaningful way to put the sacrificial message of the Lenten season into action. TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH small ark banks and accompanying calendars will be available during coffee hour. Each family is welcome to take ONE ark. By following the daily activities on the calendar the arks will quickly fill with money that will be donated to Heifer. We will launch the program on March 9th and ask that all of the arks be returned on April 6th. We will announce the grand total on Palm Sunday. Visit heifer.org for more information about their organization and this program. Please contact Andrea Bullard if you have any questions (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107)

Learn more about the Apostle Paul: 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. It will take place on SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH at 11:20 am in the library. All are welcome.

Special Congregational Meeting: The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship on SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2014 for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended by Church Council. Child care will be provided.

Help Needed with church school activity: On SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH during church school time all the children will be making food for coffee hour. CEYM is looking for volunteers to help the children with the preparation. This is a terrific opportunity to spend quality time with our children. We are looking for some new faces to help out with this project. Please consider volunteering to help. Contact Andrea Bullard to sign up 246-0111 ext 107 or andrea@bccucc.org

Instrumentalists Wanted: The Music Team is looking for instrumentalists to play chamber music. A member of the church who plays violin would like to join others for rehearsal and music leading to a chamber music offering during worship in the future. Do you play a string instrument, woodwind, flute etc. and wish to dust off your instrument and play again. Contact Mary Lou Slicker, Music Team co-chair at 245-0085 or RISlick@fullchannel.net

Our new church website is up and running, though still very much a work in progress. Check it out at www.bccucc.org

A fun night out at the theater – SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH. As a fundraiser for the Hope Center in Cranston, the Justice and Witness Ministry Team has organized a night out at 2nd Story Theater in Warren to see a preview performance of ‘Le Dindon or The Dupe’. A block of 50 tickets has been reserved for our group, so invite friends to come along. Described as a ‘late-winter blues panacea’ this French farce is full of laughter, l’amour, misunderstandings and mistaken identities. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at coffee hour. For further info or tickets e-mail Chris Brady cradyri@aol.com.

Two interfaith events that explore Easter and Passover have been organized by the Barrington Clergy Association.

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

On TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH all are invited to explore the story of Easter from the Congregationalist, Episcopal, Luther and Presbyterian traditions. Experience the meaning of Easter through the lens of worship, service, story and interpretation to bring everyone to a deeper level of understanding. 7 – 8:30 pm at St James Lutheran Church, 49 Middle Highway.

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH all are invited to attend a Passover Seder which will serve as a model of the way that Jews celebrate the holiday in their homes. Experience the telling of the story of the Israelites Exodus from slavery in Egypt with stories, singing, food and participation by all. 7 pm (arrive by 6:45 pm) at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd.

All are invited to these interfaith events. *Reservations are required for the Seder* and seating is limited. RSVP to Jodi Sullivan at (401) 245-6536 or office@templehabonim.org

Landscape Planning Meeting: On MONDAY, MARCH 24TH at 7 p.m. in the church library there will be a meeting for anyone interested in long term landscape planning of our church property. A number of changes have taken place in the past year including the removal of two large trees that were diseased or damaged. This has prompted an interest in how we can improve the grounds in the long-term. All interested are invited to attend this meeting hosted by the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team.

The Knitting Group next meets on TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Freemont Avenue, Barrington. All are welcome to join them to knit or crochet items to be given away. Some members are planning to knit scarves in the blue and yellow colors of ‘Boston Strong’ for the Old South Street Church Marathon Scarf Project. The goal is to present every runner with a scarf at their annual Blessing of the Athletes that takes place the day before the Boston Marathon. There are 35,000 runners so many scarves are needed! For more information on this project or the knitting group see the March *Bridge* or contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net.

Book Group next meets on MONDAY, MARCH 17TH at 7 p.m. at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. All are welcome! They will discuss the book *A Lady Cyclist’s Guide to Kashgar* by Suzanne Joinson. “Present and past meld into an exploration of conflicting traditions in an impressive debut that shifts smoothly between 1920s Turkestan and present-day England.” For more info on the group contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

‘5 Wishes’ discussion: Last week’s ‘5 Wishes’ discussion was cancelled due to illness. The next discussion has been scheduled for SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH at 11:20 am in the library. The ‘5 Wishes’ program challenges us to think about end of life issues and provides a way of discussing them with loved ones. All are welcome. Copies of the ‘5 Wishes’ booklet are available from the church office – a \$1 donation is welcomed to cover the cost.

The Bereavement Group is now meeting every other week and will meet MONDAY, MARCH 10TH & 24TH from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

UCC New England Women’s Celebration IX: *Registration closes March 15th*. It will take place in Portland, Maine from FRI – SUN, MARCH 28TH - 30TH and 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 or pick up a brochure from the vestry table or the back of Fellowship Hall. Helen Schall or Susan Rotblat-Walker will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Collection of hats, scarves etc: For those who can't attend but want to be a part of the New England Women’s Celebration IX (see above), there will be a collection box at church for the donation of items for the mission focus of the Celebration. Attendees have been invited to take hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and new white socks which will be given to Grace Street Ministries for their work with the homeless in Portland, ME. Please help them by donating these items.

Women’s Faith Group: The group will meet THURSDAYS, MARCH 6TH & 20TH from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the church library. The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They plan to watch and discuss a couple of videos on March 6th and begin discussion of their new book – to be decided – on March 20th. Contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com for more info.

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet on WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12TH & 26TH from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church library. Both caregivers and patients with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia are welcome. The group is open to all - not just members of this church. It is a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net.