

April 20, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Thurs, Apr 20

1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
6:30 – 8 pm Historical Group, TomWegner's home

Sat, Apr 22

9 am – 1 pm Church Clean Up Day
Evening Mission Trippers return

Sun, Apr 23 *Lay People's Sunday*

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
After Worship Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11 am – 1 pm Korean Church meets in the Library

Mon, Apr 24

11:30-12:30 pm Bereavement Group, Library
3 pm Membership Team meeting, Library

Tues, Apr 25

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
1 – 2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library

Wed, Apr 26

5:30 pm Mission and Justice meeting, Room 6
7 pm RICUCC Board of Directors meeting, Library
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Apr 27

4 – 7:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep and truck run from BCCUCC

Fri, Apr 28

3 - 5 pm Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren

Sun, Apr 30 *UCC Celebration Sunday*

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service, Church School
After Worship Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am – 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

1 – 4 pm OWL Session, Library

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The weekly deadline for information to be included in the eBridge and Sunday Announcements is Wednesdays at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

Thursday - Saturday

Help Wanted for Church Clean Up Day this Saturday!

This **Saturday, April 22nd** from 9 am – 1 pm volunteers from the church, together with members of Boy Scout Troop 6, will come together to clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. **Volunteers from the church of all abilities (skilled and unskilled) and ages are welcome**, even if you can only be there for a short time. Sign up is appreciated - contact Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or wrbtwks@aol.com to volunteer. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.



Brendan's 'Public Office Hours'

As Brendan is away on the Mission Trip he will not be at The Coffee Depot this Friday. He'll resume them next Friday, April 28th from 3-5 pm.

Sunday

Lay People's Sunday

Dale and Brendan will be in church this **Sunday, April 23rd** but they have turned over leadership of the service to 'Lay People,' and some deacons and church members will be leading worship. We hope that you can join us this Sunday, which will include a celebration of Earth Day and decoration of the sanctuary.

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir

Rehearsals will be held after church in Room 6 on **Sundays, April 23rd, 30th, & May 7th** in preparation for singing in church again on Mother's Day, May 14th. All children (boys and girls) Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 or Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118 or for more info.

Not able to make it to church?

If you missed worship some Sunday, or want to hear a sermon again, you can listen to the sermons online [at this link](#).

Do you like to give the altar flowers on a specific date each year?



TheChancel team would like to establish a list of those wishing to donate AltarFlowers on or close to a specific date every year. The arrangements can be in memory of loved ones, in honor of those persons dear to you, or in celebration of an event (birthday, anniversary etc). If you have a specific date you're interested in, please contact AudreyRogers at 246-1727 or adrogers8@cox.net to let her know.

Your help is needed

Help needed with Loaves and Fishes RI truck run



On **Thursday, April 27th** volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment, for body, mind and soul. Volunteers are needed to help with prep (from 4 pm) as well as to go out on the truck a little later. Donations of food and clothing items are also needed. [Click on this link](#) to take you to the SignUpGenius where you can read more about what

is needed and to sign up to help or donate.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net.

Please drop off your donations in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, April 26th*. Thank you.

Granola/Energy Bars needed to help spread the word about BCCUCC!

In an effort to get the word out about our church, on **Sunday, May 7th** the Christian Education & Youth Ministries team is going to have a table at the Tough Tiger mud run at Hampden Meadows School. They will be handing out goodies such as reusable shopping bags and information about the life of our church. They would also like to hand out granola/energy bars and are looking for donations from the congregation. The Tough Tiger folks are anticipating a turnout of about 1000 people, so CEYM is hoping for generous contributions! If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off on the collection table in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. Please contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org) if you have any questions.

This Week

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group meets again on **Monday, April 24th** from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information, contact the facilitator [Betsy Brenner](#)

Memory Impairment Support Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, April 25th** 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 McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

UCC Celebration Sunday

On **Sunday, April 30th**, we will be celebrating our church's involvement in the UCC. Don't know what the UCC is? Then that is all the more reason to attend! UCC stands for the United Church of Christ, which is our parent denomination. Our worship that morning will still follow our usual format with hymns, prayers and a sermon, but some elements of the service will focus on deepening our understanding of our denomination and celebrating what it stands for in the larger world context. Come and share in this special day!



Coming Soon

Yale Whiffenpoofs in Concert at BCCUCC - tickets on sale now

On **Sunday, May 7th at 7 pm**, as part of the '3 Centuries and Beyond' Concert series, the world famous Yale a cappella group *The Whiffenpoofs*, will be giving a concert in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. Tickets are available online at www.Whiffenpoofs.com/Tickets or at the door. We expect this to be a popular concert so you might want to purchase your ticket online while they last!



A portion of the ticket sales is benefiting our church's 300th Anniversary celebrations and preservation efforts.

'3 Centuries and Beyond' Birthday Picnic - Save the date!

On **Sunday, May 21st** there will be a special birthday picnic after worship to celebrate our church's 300th anniversary. There'll be hot dogs, hamburgers, cake, ice cream, music and more! All are invited. The congregation is being asked to make salads to accompany the picnic – sign up sheets are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Plan to come and be part of this free, fun celebration.



Knitting for Others Group

Knitting for Others Group meets **Tuesday, May 2nd** from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. They continue to work on prayer shawls and other projects and can provide patterns and help for newcomers. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please let Barbara know if you are coming (245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com). This will probably be the last session until the fall so we hope many can make it. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net).



Women's Faith Group

Meets on **Thursday, May 4th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, to continue with, *A Man called Ove* by Frederick Backman. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office (\$13). All women are welcome, including from other faiths and churches. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

NAMI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. The group is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. Their next meeting is **Thursday, May 4th** and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Interfaith Poverty Conference

Organized by the RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. **Thursday, May 11th** from 8 am - 12:30 pm at RI College, Providence. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr, and there will also be workshop choices available. More details at www.tinyurl.com/RIPOverty2017 where you can also purchase tickets. There is a reduced rate (\$10 discount) for groups of 3 or more so anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Junior Youth Group Sleepover and Service Project

The Junior Youth Group's annual church sleepover and shoreline clean-up with *Save the Bay* is happening **Friday, May 12th - Saturday, May 13th**. JYG members are invited to gather at the church at 6 pm on Friday 12th for pizza, games, movies and sleepover. There will be a pancake breakfast the morning of Saturday 13th. We will join **Save the Bay** for a shoreline clean-up later that morning, leaving from the church in car-pools at 9 am. Parents are encouraged to join in for the clean-up! We will be at the clean-up site from 10 am-12 pm. The event concludes at the church at 12:45 pm. Junior Youth Group (JYG) is open to any youth in Grades 6–8. Questions or to sign up to go - contact Rev. Brendan Curran at 246-0111x104 or Brendan@bccucc.org



Book Group

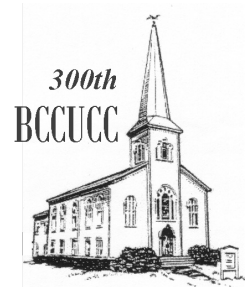
Book Group will meet **Tuesday, May 16th** at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *Mothering Sunday: a Romance* by Graham Swift. "Set in 1924, in an England still reeling from the loss of young men to the Great War, this elegiac tale offers a haunting portrait of lives in a world in transition." (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

'3 Centuries and Beyond'

Did you know.....

.....the colorful term of the Rev. Peleg Heath was due to his youth, 26 years of age, and his sincere Christian earnestness and zeal. It is written that he possessed a clean, strong will of unusual vigor, therefore was in conflict with the town and church on some occasions.

The New England Churches had adopted a "Half Way Covenant" by which, if you had been baptized, you could be received into membership of the Church and enjoy all of the privileges except partaking of the Lord's Supper. There being only two preaching services on Sunday, no eBridge, no Sunday School, no Choir, no prayer groups, it was easy to see how people fell into a careless way of living. During his tenure, there were several lawsuits and disagreements brought before the Church and Town and they usually resulted in satisfactory agreements, due to Rev. Heath's vigorous management. The most interesting case will be revealed in the next issue.



'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



If you missed reading any of the posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Community Noticeboard

Confessions of a Cardiologist

How does your diet impact your health? Which foods cause inflammation or increase the risk of cardiovascular and other chronic diseases? Ask the doctor! Dr. Robert Ostfeld, a preventative cardiologist from NYC will be the guest speaker on **Thurs, Apr 20th** in Providence. [Details](#)

Foster Care Info Session

A child needs you! Boys Town of New England are holding a Foster Care Info Session on **Tuesday, April 25th** at 7 pm in Warren. [Details](#)

Mental Health Recovery Day

All are invited to rally at the RI State House on **Wednesday, May 3rd** in support of a Recovery-Oriented Mental Health System in Rhode Island. [Details](#)

Please Support the Barrington High School After Prom

Volunteers and donations are needed for this year's BHS 'After Prom' held after the **Fri, May 12th** Senior Prom [Details](#)

Providence Singers Concert

'Northern Voices' with Aurea Ensemble and music of Scandinavia and the Baltics. **Saturday, May 13th** at 7:30 pm in Providence, and **Sunday, May 14th** at 3 pm in Bristol. [Details and ticket information](#)

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