

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 1		Easter Sunday
	6:15 am	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 & 11 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt for young children
Mon, Apr 2		OFFICE CLOSED
Tue, Apr 3	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Marion Fodor's home
<i>Wed, Apr 4 – Fri, Apr 6 the church office will be open mornings only from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm</i>		
Wed, Apr 4	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 5	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
	6-7 pm then 7-8 pm	'God in America' final viewing then discussion, Library
Fri, Apr 6		<i>Dale will be 'on call' for pastoral emergencies today.</i>
Sun, Apr 8		Stewardship (Tithing Your Time)
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion in Library then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:30 am – 1 pm	Conversations about our Church, Library



Birthdays for the Week of April 1st

Celeste Knight, Susan Clemens, Luke Short, and Jean Arnold. Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

DEACONS FOR APRIL: Chris Brady (star), Abby Ashley, Jon Stabach, Kim Zeleznik, and Bernie Hawes. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

Easter Egg Hunt: TODAY following the 9:15 am service only there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the lower elementary grades and younger. Older children are asked to wait and allow the younger children to find some eggs first!

Coffee Hour will take place TODAY between the two services. All are welcome to come to Fellowship Hall, located at the far end of the Education Building, for some light refreshment following the 9:15 am service only.

144 envelopes fundraiser: In Fellowship Hall you will notice a "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations." Each "leaf envelope" has an attached dollar amount. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount on it that appeals to you and return your offering to the church office. Your offerings will fund our service project/trip to the Navajo Nation where we will be restoring sustainable food systems on the reservation and learning about Navajo culture. If we all contribute what we can to this fundraiser, we will be very close to our goal for this year. Thank you for supporting the mission trip. *"And then during coffee hour I saw a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."* Rev:22:2 (slightly adapted.)

Thank You to everyone who made a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Your generosity made possible the purchase of the plants that are decorating the sanctuary this Easter Sunday, as well as the 16 plants that have already been delivered by the deacons to the homebound, ill, or recently bereaved. The Fund is also used to help pay for other things that enhance the worship experience, or are needed in the sanctuary.

Office Hours this week: The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2nd. Christine will be away April 4th – 10th so the office will be open for shorter hours as follows: Wednesday – Monday, April 4th – 9th open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 10th being open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

Dale's day off: Starting this week, Rev. Dale Azevedo will be taking Fridays as his day off. This is being done for a number of reasons, the most important of which is that it allows him to be more available to the congregation throughout the week. He will once again be in the office and open for evening meetings on Mondays. Since this also means that Dale and Brendan will share the same day off, one of them will always be "on call" each Friday for pastoral concerns. The "on call" pastor will be listed on the church calendar everywhere it is available. We hope this is a positive change.

Interested in joining our church, or maybe just learn more about who we are? Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library next SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 6th. For planning purposes, if you would like to attend 'Conversations' please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, April 3rd at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org – also let us know if you need child care which we are happy to provide if requested.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the weekly eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

Ministry Team members needed: The Membership Team is in the process of helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Anyone interested in serving – perhaps on a particular team – should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com.

Renewal Team Update: On Saturday, March 17th thirty two congregational members shared a morning workshop with our consultant Rev. Steve Sterner. The morning included breakfast, worship, and information regarding our process. Rev. Sterner spoke about the changes churches are going through today and the challenges they face. Our seven strategic teams: Congregational Care, Communication, Community Connection, Capital Improvement, Building Usage, Grow Endowment, and Stewardship had the opportunity to meet and begin to make plans. All seven teams are now presently meeting. There is a shared enthusiasm and excitement present to keep BCCUCC the great church we are. A shout out of THANKS to Dick McWhirter, Tom Colby, John Loerke, Barbara Wuth, Kate Colby, Paul Dennis and Bill Block for a great presentation they recently gave regarding our church's finances and goals. We always welcome input and questions. Feel free to contact Dale, Heather Williamson, Helen Schall, Eric Ela, Tom Colby, Larry Ashley or Marion Fodor.

We want to hear from you: As part of the Capital Improvement Team's data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), we'd be interested in hearing your thoughts on building repairs and improvements. Have you noticed something that should be repaired or could really use an upgrade? Or do you have a building improvement idea? Then drop us an email at BCCUCCBG@gmail.com. Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

Mindful Mondays will be ongoing on MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed (which includes tomorrow, April 2nd). The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Knitting for Others Group: Meets TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD from 7-9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. RSVP to Marion at smfodor@cox.net or 245-2003 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.

Lenten Mid-Week Recharge has officially ended, but all are still welcome in the Meditation Room on WEDNESDAYS from 12:30 – 1 pm when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or there will be a short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times for use by the congregation and community, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to begin a new book *Girl at War* by Sara Novic. Copies are available for purchase from the office. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Brendan's Community Office Hours are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, APR 5TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, APRIL 9TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

'Church: Alive and Thriving' Workshops: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH & 14TH. Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. More info and register at <https://www.ricucc.org/eventdetail/11005636> *Deadline for registration is next Sunday, April 8th.*

Church Clean Up Day is SAT, APRIL 21ST from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers of all abilities (skilled & unskilled) and ages are welcome, even if you can only be there for a short time. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 will also be assisting. 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.

Book Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All welcome!

Loaves and Fishes truck run – help needed: On THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the truck to Providence. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food and load the truck (beginning at 4:30 pm in the BCCUCC kitchen), go out on the truck and serve the people, and also donate the various food, clothing and toiletry items needed. There's a SignUpGenius with more info and to register for any of these things at www.signupgenius.com - search using the e-mail office@bccucc.org, or go directly to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>

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

Community Dinner: On SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29TH, from 5-7 pm there will be a community dinner in Fellowship Hall to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Tickets go on sale next Sunday, April 8th and are \$10 each, children age 6 and under are free. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.

Save the date of SUN, MAY 20TH when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC for another concert at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Dale and Brendan both write articles for the blog. If you missed reading a post you can find them on the church website www.bccucc.org – there's a link to them on the home page. For those without computers, printed copies of the most recent ones are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our complete Church calendar can be viewed online from our website or directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>