

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 12		<i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with special music from the choirs and handbell solo, Church School
	10 am – 12:30 pm	OWL Session, Library <i>Cooking demo and plant based potluck has been postponed</i>
Mon., Apr 13	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	11 am	Staff meeting, Jeff's Office
	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7:30 pm	Mission and Justice meeting, Stephanie Edwards' home
Tues., Apr 14	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Membership Team meeting, Room 6
Wed., Apr 15	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 16	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat., Apr 18	9 am	RICUCC Honored Lay Persons Breakfast, Westerly UCC
Sun., Apr 19	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with special music from Greenwich Bay Brass, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9



### Birthdays for the Week of April 12<sup>th</sup>

*Andrew Collins, Lily Kirk, Jan Roberts, Maya Salem,  
Maeve Hecht, Logan Zonfrillo, Jane Cipoletti,  
Del Jenkins, Aidan Lane, Michael Forzano, Mary Kutcher,  
Francis Seader, and Tracy Gausland.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

### DEACONS FOR APRIL

Greg Voigt (star deacon), Cheryl Muth,  
Chris Brady, and Liz White

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

**No electricity in part of the Education Building:** We are currently without electricity in Fellowship Hall and the far end of the education building including the kitchen and library - and it may take several weeks before it can be restored. As a result, activities and meetings scheduled in the evening for that part of the building are being relocated. This is also why the refrigerator from the kitchen is currently located in the foyer! We appreciate your patience and willingness to work around the problem while it is sorted out. Thank you.

**Yes – there is still coffee hour!** Our coffee hour hosts, the Deacons, are making the coffee in a different part of the building where there is electricity so coffee hour will take place as usual in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**Last call for 'Eggs for Haiti':** Please bring in any remaining plastic eggs containing money for the 'One Egg for Haiti' campaign TODAY or drop them off in the office a.s.a.p. Filled eggs can be placed in the 'nest' on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand). The program is raising money to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti.

**POSTPONED - Plant Based Community Potluck & Cooking Demo:** Due to the lack of electricity in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, this event, originally scheduled for this evening, has had to be postponed to a later date tbd.

**May and June Bridge deadline:** The deadline for the next *Bridge* newsletter is this WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>. Christine will be away on vacation for the second half of May, so she won't be around to prepare a newsletter for June. Therefore, information submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup> should be for anything happening *in both May and June* as the next issue of the *Bridge* will be a combined one. Thank you.

**Graduate information please:** Each year we publish the names of graduates - from high school and from college - in the June *Bridge*. In order to do this we need their names! If a member of your family is graduating this spring, please call the church office (246-0111) or e-mail us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) and let us know their name, from what high school or college they are graduating, and, if they plan to continue their education, at what institution. In order to be included in the combined May and June *Bridge* (see above), information must be in the church office *by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*.

**Greenwich Bay Brass** will provide some of the music at the worship service NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>. Church members Greg Voigt (fugelhorn), Bob Marshall (cornet) and Jack Brinkerhoff (euphonium) are a part of this group. They will play several pieces before the service begins so you are invited to come a little early to hear them.

**Fill the eggs for Haiti:** Please turn in all money filled eggs for Haiti TODAY for the 'One Egg for Haiti' campaign. Filled eggs should be placed in the 'nest' on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) and all money raised will be used to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti. Forgotten your eggs? Drop them by the church office a.s.a.p. Thanks to all who have contributed.

**Nametags:** Please remember to wear your nametag to both church and coffee hour as it helps us get to know one another. If you need a nametag, please contact the church office or sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack in the vestry hallway. Be sure to specify pin, clip or string style of holder.

**Clergy away:** Rev. Brendan Curran will be away next weekend on his Spring weekend off.

*“Be the Church. Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Embrace diversity.  
Reject racism. Forgive often. Love God. Fight for the powerless.  
Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life. God is still speaking.”*



**“Be the Church”**

**July – December 2015 Stewardship Campaign Update**

THANK YOU TO THE 108 HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE MADE A PLEDGE SO FAR.



If haven't yet turned in your pledge card, *please do so as soon as possible*. If you've misplaced yours, additional pledge cards and envelopes are available from the rack outside of the church office and on the sideboard as you enter the Vestry. Your prompt reply is important to allow time for the Finance Team to put together a budget for the upcoming 6 month financial period. This will transition the church back to a calendar year fiscal year.

**The Bereavement Group** meets tomorrow, MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets this TUESDAY, APRIL 14<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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**The Women's Faith Group** meets this THURSDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group is discussing a new book *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and copies are available for purchase from the church office. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Women's Lunch** will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> at Noon in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Women's Faith Group. The group welcomes senior women from the congregation to share this special lunch and fellowship with them. Please RSVP by *Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>* to the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

**The Book Group** next meets TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724 for more information.

**Church Clean Up Day** will be SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. Volunteers – both skilled and unskilled – are welcome, so please consider volunteering some of your time to help – even if it's only for an hour. To help with planning, please sign up ahead of time with Paul Dennis (245-6296 or [wrbtwks@aol.com](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com)). However, last minute volunteers are always welcome. Work gloves are recommended for all volunteers, and as there is always lots of yard work to do, please bring garden tools if possible.

**Annual Reports Deadline** is THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. All team leaders and church officers are asked to submit an annual report for the past year (May 2014 thru April 2015) for inclusion in the church's Annual Report. Reports should be sent as an attachment to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or dropped off in the church office. For reference, last year's Annual Report can read on the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

**The RI Conference Annual Meeting** will take place on SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> from 8—12:30 pm (no lunch) at Riverside Congregational Church UCC, 15 Oak Ave., Riverside RI 02915. Registration begins at 7:45 am. All are invited.

**Soup Kitchen date change:** The date that our church next provides the meal at the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket has been changed at the request of another church. It will now be SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> and the teams responsible this time are Mission and Justice, and Chancel. Anyone willing to assist in any way – either on this date or some future date – are asked to contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at 245-4681 or [diane.todd@verizon.com](mailto:diane.todd@verizon.com)

**Save the Date** of SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> and plan to come to church. It will be Jeff's last Sunday with us so we hope as many people as possible will be able to attend as we say goodbye to Jeff and Kathleen.

**Headphones Available.** There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

**Have you made a pledge yet?** 'Be the Church' is the theme for our Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal period of July – December 2015. Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from your pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. Please put your completed pledge card in the offering plate or return it to the church office as soon as possible. Should you need one, blank pledge cards are available from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. THANK YOU to everyone who has already made a pledge.

**Lost:** The 5th & 6th Grade Attendance Book is still missing from Room 6. It's a blue 3-ring binder. Anyone knowing its whereabouts is asked to contact Andrea Bullard at 246-0111 x 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)

**RICUCC Summer Camps:** Four camps will be run at Irons Homestead this summer, each with 3 age groups – elementary, middle school, and high school. See the flier on the bulletin board for more info or visit their website which has a lot more details including the application forms <http://www.ricucc.org/ministries/outdoor-ministry/>

**SAVE \$25 !!** Register for Summer Camp at Irons by this WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> and receive a \$25 discount. Other discounts are also available: attend more than one week and save \$25 on the second and third weeks. Send more than one child per family and save \$25 for the 2nd, 3rd etc.

**Volunteers** and some **paid staff** are needed to run these camps. Visit the link above for all the details.