

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 15		Emerging Church Sunday
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:30 am	Community Connection Team meeting, Room 9
Mon, Apr 16	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room
Tue, Apr 17	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Apr 18	6 – 8 pm	Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 19	1:30 - 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Apr 20		<i>Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Apr 21	9 am – 1 pm	Church Clean Up Day
	9 – 11 am	JYG and SYG meet for breakfast then help with Church Clean Up
Sun, Apr 22		Ecological Justice Day
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Nursery Care only
	11:30 am	Mission and Justice Speaker # 3, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Senior Youth Group, Room 9 and Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of April 15th: *Jane Cipoletti, Mikey Forzano, Mary Kutcher, Francis Seader, Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, and Jennifer Collins.* 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.

Today's Guest Preacher – The Rev. Chris Davies: Chris is a Connecticut native and a Cleveland transplant and a wandering Irish Rover at heart. She loves the church deeply, and is committed to finding ways to continue to bring the gospel into the world. She attended Smith College for her undergrad work and Andover Newton for both a Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. Chris grew up in the United Church of Christ, and was baptized and ordained within her home congregation in Connecticut. She has served at the local church level at two churches in Connecticut, on the Connecticut Conference Board of Directors (class of 2004), and as a delegate to the United Church of Christ's General Synod in 2005, 2007, and 2015. She is currently serving on the National Staff of the United Church of Christ as the Program Manager of Congregational Assessment, Support, and Advancement. Chris is a queer femme, a local beer enthusiast, and a creative networker of communities. She is passionate about justice and Jesus, and is the founder and curator of the Queer Clergy Trading Cards, a project bringing visibility to queer clergy, using humor and irreverence to help change the conversation highlighting the common awe (and absurdities) in faith work. Chris lives in Cleveland, OH, where she is still seeking community and continuing to learn in faith and live justly, serving Christ in all things.

Community Dinner: Tickets are on sale TODAY at coffee hour for the community dinner being held SUN, APRIL 29TH, from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The home-made pasta dinner is a fundraiser to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Take-out, vegetarian and gluten free options all available. Tickets are \$10 each, children age 6 and under are free. Tickets available from the office during the week. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.

144 envelopes fundraiser: The "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations" is still on display in Fellowship Hall. 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 to everyone who has already taken an envelope and made a donation – it is much appreciated.

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.

Interested in joining our church but didn't make it to 'Conversations about our church' last Sunday? Our next New Member Sunday will be on May 6th. If you're interested in joining, please contact the Rev. Dale Azevedo a.s.a.p. so that he can arrange a time to meet with you and some of the other people who were unable to make it to the session last Sunday. If you did attend 'Conversations' and are planning on officially joining the church, we ask that you please return your completed 'Family Information Form' to the church office so that we have the necessary information for our records. Thanks to those who have already done so. We look forward to welcoming a number of new members on May 6th.

Please wear a nametag: It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.

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 – or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Renewal Team Update: The seven strategic teams that were formed are all busy working. The teams are: Congregational Care, Communication, Community Connection, Capital Improvement, Building Usage, Grow Endowment, and Stewardship. There is a shared enthusiasm and excitement among them to keep BCCUCC the great church that we are. The Renewal Team always welcomes input and questions from the congregation - 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 – see above), 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 is ongoing on MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, except on holiday Mondays. There is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Mid-Week Recharge: All are 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 19TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library and are reading *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.

JYG/SYG meeting: The youth groups are invited to meet in Room 9 at 9 am this SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST for a light breakfast. At 9:30 we will help with the annual church clean-up until 11 am. While we help with the clean-up, the youth group will also work on preparing the youth group vegetable garden for planting. Last year the youth planted a thriving vegetable garden that provided Tap-IN with fresh produce on a regular basis. Let's continue the tradition this year!

Church Clean Up Day is this SATURDAY, 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. You're also very welcome to stop by to help even if you didn't sign up ahead of time!

Mission and Justice Speaker Series #3: Next SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND at 11:30 am in the church library, Rev. Donald Anderson, Executive Minister for the RI State Council of Churches will join us to share the many activities that the Council provides, including advocacy at the State House. The Council just celebrated its 80th year in the fall. To watch a video of that service go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhuMqjQ5q80>. All are welcome to come hear him speak.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, APRIL 23RD 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.

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. In what feels like a very personal debut novel, the award-winning poet Alyan, her lyrical skills on full display, traces four generations of the Yacoub family as they are forced into the ranks of the Palestinian diaspora. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH 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

Loaves and Fishes truck run – additional help still 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. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help. Additional help is still needed - to volunteer, 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).

Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle takes place SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH from 8 am – 12 pm in our Park and Ride lot. There's also face-painting from 9 – 11 am. Raffle prizes have been provided by over 30 local businesses. For a list of prizes or to preorder raffle tickets, please contact tots.barrington@gmail.com. Tots' Cooperative Nursery School has rented space at our church for over 50 years!

JYG & SYG (Belated) Earth Day Community Clean-up: Youth are invited to meet in Rm 9 on SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 28TH. We will leave the church at around 9:15 to go out and clean up our community by picking up trash along the bike path and/or by the river. In the past we have partnered with Save the Bay but we have noticed that there is plenty of garbage to clean up right here in the East Bay! We have developed the annual tradition of having a trash pick-up for Earth Day. We will return to the church by 11:30, wash our hands, and have pizza for lunch. Pick up between 12:00-12:30.

Community Dinner is SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29TH, from 5-7 pm. See previous page for all the details. Tickets on sale TODAY at coffee hour or from the office during the week. 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.

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