

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 15		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	6 am	Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care Only
	After 9:15 am service	Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour
	11 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care Only
Mon, Apr 17		Office Closed
	Noon	Mission Trippers leave for h.o.m.e. in Orland, Maine
Tues, Apr 18	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Apr 19	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 20	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6:30 – 8 pm	Historical Group, Tom Wegner's home
Sat, Apr 22	9 am – 1 pm	Church Clean Up Day
		Mission Trippers return in the evening
Sun, Apr 23		<i>Laity Sunday</i>
	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

## **Birthdays for the Week of April 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Michael Forzano, Mary Kutcher, Francis Seader, Whitney Holmes, Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, Jennifer Collins, Katie Dubel, and Clare Knight.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn't appear in this list, it's because we don't have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

**DEACONS FOR APRIL:** Susan Seader (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, and Pat Rude. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289 3780) or Brendan (401 318 2447), please call on one of the deacons.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** On EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the lower elementary grades and younger **following the 9:15 am service only**. Older children are asked to please wait and allow the younger children to find some eggs first before they go out looking!

**The Mission Trip is this week!** The Mission Trippers leave, MONDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> and head to Orland, Maine for 6 days to work with the H.O.M.E. Cooperative, building homes for low income families. The group of 13 includes 9 youth (Matthew Bowman, Amanda Colby, Walter Joachim DelPoio, Bobby and Doug Dubel, Zane Maio, Olivia Noyes, Evan and Colin Stabach) and 4 chaperones (Greg Dubel, Susan and Francis Seader, and Rev. Brendan Curran). Please keep them in your prayers.

**Mission Trip Fundraiser results:** The Mission Trippers would like to thank all those who have supported the 'envelope' fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$4,000 and have raised \$4,400! This will cover the cost of the mission trip and will make it possible for us to offer a gift to the H.O.M.E. Cooperative. All those going on the Mission Trip express their gratitude to the congregation and give thanks to God! **J** Donations will be collected through Easter Sunday so if you would like to make a donation it's not too late – additional donations received will be added to the gift to H.O.M.E.

**Brendan's Public Office Hours – cancelled this week:** Brendan is away on the Mission Trip this week, so won't be at the Coffee Depot on Friday. His public office hours will resume on FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>. Each week Brendan makes himself available to anyone who would like to visit him at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren on Friday afternoons from 3 – 5 pm. In our current times people often think they can only come talk to a pastor or visit the pastors at the church if there's an emergency. The ministers want the congregation to know that they are here for you always whether you have a pastoral care concern, if you'd like to talk about faith and spirituality, or simply if you'd like to have a friendly visit. All who would like to visit Brendan during that time are welcome! Stay tuned to find out Rev. Dale's public debut!

**Church Clean Up Day** is SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to join the Boy Scouts of Troop 6 to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers 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](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com) to volunteer. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.

**Altar Flower list:** The Chancel team is establishing a list of those wishing to donate Altar Flowers 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 each year you'd like to donate the altar flowers, please contact Audrey Rogers at 246-1727 or [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net) to let her know.

**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 27 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 – these have included the brass handrails for the altar steps, a contribution toward the cost of the new carpet, and improvements to the sound system.

**The Settlers, a film about the Israeli settlers in Palestine**, will be shown on MONDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence. “*The Settlers*, a Shimon Dotan documentary, is a compelling, must see, tour de force outline of the Israeli Settlement issue fueling the last fifty years of Middle East Conflicts”, according to Michael Berkowitz in The Huffington Post. Discussion will follow the film. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [eastbaycitizens4peace@hotmail.com](mailto:eastbaycitizens4peace@hotmail.com) or 401-247-3004. Co-sponsoring the event are the East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Weaver Library, the Mission and Justice Ministry of the Barrington Congregational Church UCC, and the American Friends Service Committee – South East New England.

**Women’s Faith Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month and next meets on THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, to continue discussion of *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are available for purchase (\$13) from the church office. All women are welcome, including from other faiths and churches. For more information contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or [jtom2@cox.net](mailto:jtom2@cox.net).

**Sing and Celebrate Children’s Choir** rehearsals will be held after church in Room 6 on SUNDAYS, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & MAY 7<sup>th</sup> in preparation for singing in church again on Mother’s Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. All children (boys and girls) Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Kate Colby [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or 246-1743 or Marina Zabinski [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org) or 726-5118 or for more info.

**The Bereavement Group** next meets on MONDAYS, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> and MAY 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 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 at 245-8031 or [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com)

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, and next meets TUESDAY, APRIL 25<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 information contact Jim McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.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 4<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**Yale Whiffenpoofs in concert at BCCUCC:** As part of the ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ Concert series, the world famous Whiffenpoofs a cappella group from Yale University will give a concert in our sanctuary on SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at [www.Whiffenpoofs.com/Tickets](http://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 benefitting our church’s 300th Anniversary celebrations and preservation efforts.

An **Interfaith Poverty Conference** will take place on THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. There’s also a flier about the event on the back table in Fellowship Hall.

**The Junior Youth Group’s** annual church sleepover and shoreline clean-up with *Save the Bay* is happening FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup> - SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>th</sup>. JYG members are invited to gather at the church at 6 pm on FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> for pizza, games, movies and sleepover. There will be a pancake breakfast the morning of SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 12:45pm. 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 246-0111 x104 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)

**Book Group** will meet TUESDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome.

**300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC:** Save the date of SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup> as there will be a ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ Birthday Picnic following worship. Hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, cake, live music and more!! 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 fun and historical celebration. All are invited.

**Our complete church calendar** can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.

**‘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](http://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.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) - and be sure to include your name!

*Happy Easter and thank you for worshipping with us today.*