

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 2	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion in Library, then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
Mon, Apr 3	11:30 – 12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation Group meeting, Library
Tues, Apr 4	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Liz Rosenholm's home
Wed, Apr 5	7 pm	Lenten Service, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Deacons meeting, Room 6
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
	7:30 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
Thurs, Apr 6	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group meeting, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Apr 9		<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate choir, Lenten Lollapalooza
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library



Birthdays for the Week of April 2nd

Celeste Knight, Larry Cater, Susan Clemens, Luke Short, Jean Arnold, Andrew Lennon, and Bob Mason.

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 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.

Children's Communion will take place in the library this SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND. All church school children should be dropped off in the church library by 10 a.m. After their service, they will go to their regular church school classes.

Sunday Sermon Series in Lent: The many different facets of prayer are being explored through a weekly sermon series called 'Encountering God'. If you missed any of the sermons, or want to listen to them again, you can hear them on the 'Sermon Archive' page of our church website www.bccucc.org under the 'Worship' tab. Unfortunately, last Sunday's service didn't get recorded, so there is no sermon to listen to from March 26th.

Chancel Fund: Please see the insert in today's bulletin about making a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Money from the fund is used in a variety of different ways that enhance the worship experience, including flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Easter – read about them all on the insert.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals are now in Room 6 after church. This SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND will be their last rehearsal before singing in church on Palm Sunday, April 9th. All children Grade 1 & up are welcome to sing. Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 for more info.

Fundraiser for Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat Center will take place this SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND from 2 – 4 pm at Chepachet Union Church, 1138 Putnam Pike, Chepachet RI 02814. They will host a Sugar Eat (Maple sugar on snow party), and also have maple candy, dill pickles, doughnuts, devilled eggs and drinks. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. For more info go to www.ironshomestead.org or contact (401) 710-9478 or ironshometead@ricucc.org.

Thinking about joining the church? If you were unable to make it to 'Conversations about our church' last Sunday, but are interested in joining our church on April 23rd – it's not too late. Please contact our Senior Minister, Rev. Dale Azevedo, to express your interest by *Sunday, April 9th*. Contact him at dale@bccucc.org or 401 246-0111 ext 103. He looks forward to hearing from you.

Lenten Lollapalooza: CEYM is hosting a Lenten Lollapalooza for all ages on PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH. The children will leave worship after the children's message and go to Fellowship Hall for the Lollapalooza which will run into coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join them during coffee hour in making palm crosses, cards for One Egg Haiti, and other crafts.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We are gathering each Wednesday (thru April 5th) at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year's meditations come from Robert Fulghum's classic book, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. This week's will be the last one so we hope you can join us.

Public Office Hours: As a way of making themselves more accessible to the congregation, Rev. Dale Azevedo and Rev. Brendan Curran will be offering public office hours! 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. The pastors are here for you! Brendan will be having public office hours EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3PM-5PM at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, starting Friday, March 31st. All who would like to visit him during that time are welcome! Stay tuned to find out Rev. Dale's public debut!

Mission Trip ‘envelope’ fundraiser update: Many thanks to all who have supported our mission trip by taking an envelope off our “board of many dwelling places” in Fellowship Hall and made a donation. Money received this past week has brought us \$433 closer to our goal. If you haven’t yet taken an envelope you are encouraged to do so, and also to return envelopes that have been taken. Envelopes can be put in the offering plate or dropped off or mailed to the church office and the fundraiser will run thru Easter Sunday. Your support will help cover the cost of the trip for those going to Orland Maine to help build homes for low-income families, with any additional money going to h.o.m.e.

‘From the River’s Edge’ – the Pastor’s blog. Be sure to check out the church’s website www.bccucc.org to read the latest posting. (Dale will be posting a new one on April 1st – no joke!!) A link will be included in the next *eBridge*. Printed copies will be available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Church: Reports of immigration raids, along with the Trump Administration’s stand on immigration and deportation of undocumented immigrants has caused some churches to declare themselves “Sanctuary Churches” that offer a safe haven for individuals who fear deportation. There are many factors involved in deciding whether a church will declare itself a Sanctuary Church. We would like to form an ad-hoc committee to explore those factors and produce information to present to the congregation. The congregation would be asked to vote on any declaration of a sanctuary church. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net.

The Bereavement Group will meet on MONDAY, APRIL 3RD 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

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Freemont Avenue, 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 Liz (245-9098 or lizzozier@cox.net) know if you are coming. Contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net) for more info.

Women’s Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, to begin discussion of a new book, *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 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, APRIL 6TH and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Book Group will meet WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH (*note the change of date*) at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *The Keepers of the House* by Shirley Ann Grau: ‘Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1965, *The Keepers of the House* is Shirley Ann Grau’s masterwork, a many-layered indictment of racism and rage that is as terrifying as it is wise.’ (Amazon) All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

RICUCC ‘Passion of Christ Retreat’ at Irons Homestead, APRIL 13 – 15. This experiential retreat begins with supper on Maundy Thursday evening and ends with breakfast on Saturday morning. Participants will encounter the last supper, crucifixion and death of Jesus through a variety of media. Several spiritual practices included but not limited to art, music, meditation, movement, silence and sharing will be offered. Good Friday includes an interactive Way of the Cross on the trails, weather permitting. All participation is voluntary. Learn more at www.ironshomestead.org

Maundy Thursday: There will be a Service of Tenebrae on MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The deacons and ministers lead this worship service in which the story of Jesus’ passion and suffering is read, with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.

Good Friday Walk: You are invited to join the ministers (Dale and Brendan) on GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH for a prayerful walk through town during which we will pause at certain points to reflect on the seven final statements uttered by Christ from the cross. On the walk we will take time to honor Christ’s passion together and meditate on the presence of the cross as well as the living Christ in our own community and in our lives. The walk will begin at the church at Noon and will be 3.2 miles long – ending up back at the church. We hope you can join us for this sacred time.

Easter Sunday: On SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH, there will be three different opportunities to worship as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. All are welcome:

6 am *Ecumenical Sunrise Communion Service* at Osamequin Point, located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Rte 114).

9:15 am and 11 am *Worship Service for All Ages* in the Sanctuary.

After the 9:15 am service only, there will be *Coffee Hour* and an *Easter Egg Hunt* for children in the lower elementary grades. Children are asked to bring a basket.

The Settlers, a film about the Israeli settlers in Palestine, will be shown on MONDAY, APRIL 17TH 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 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.

Save these important dates! Brought to you by the ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ Historical Group:

Sunday, May 7th at 7 pm: Yale Whiffenpoofs will give a concert in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. Ticket details to follow.

Sunday, May 21st at Noon: ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC. Hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, cake, live music and more!! Plan to come and be part of this fun celebration. All are invited.