

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 20	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday</p> <p>6 am Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only</p> <p>After Worship Coffee hour and Easter Egg hunt for children through Elementary grades</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only</p>
Mon., Apr 21	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>No Church Council meeting</p>
Tues., Apr 22	<p>Mission Trippers leave for Philadelphia</p> <p>7 pm Book Group, Coffee Depot</p>
Wed., Apr 23	<p>2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library</p> <p>7:30 pm Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8</p> <p>No choir rehearsal</p>
Fri., Apr 25	<p>9:30 am Collate the May <i>Bridge</i>, Room 6</p>
Sat., Apr 26	<p>9 am – 1 pm Church Clean Up Day</p>
Sun., Apr 27	<p>10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only</p> <p>11 am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary</p> <p>2 – 6 pm Confirmation Class attends Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service</p> <p>Mission Trippers return</p>



Birthdays for the Week of April 20th

*Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, Ed Eberle,
Katie Dubel, Allison Gilmore, Don Paulhus,
Jonathan Stabach, Paula Rooks, Ken Meade,
and Barbara Smith*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR APRIL

Greg Voigt (Star Deacon), Cheryl Muth, Helen Schall,
Sam Sylvester, and Liz White.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff (401 247-1787), please contact a deacon.*

Easter Egg Hunt: Following the 9:15 am service only TODAY there will be a coffee ‘hour’ in Fellowship Hall and an Easter Egg hunt for all children through the lower elementary grades.

We raised \$6,550 for Heifer International during our ‘Fill the Ark’ program this Lent. A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation toward our goal of \$5000. By designating our donation for Cambodia, thanks to a matching gift from an outside foundation, our donation is worth twice as much - \$13,100 - which is enough to purchase 2 arks!!

Church office closings: The church office will be closed tomorrow, MONDAY, APRIL 21ST. In addition, the office may be closed at other times this week as work continues on the installation of a new high efficiency heating and cooling system for the church offices. As a result, they may not always be able to remain open. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by.

The deadline for the May *Bridge* is past but if you still have information for inclusion, please submit it to office@bccucc.org by 9 am Tuesday morning and Christine will do her best to include it.

Special Congregational Meeting: The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship next SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2014 for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended by Church Council. Child care will be provided. The proposed 2014 By Laws showing the revisions will be e-mailed to the congregation for their review prior to the meeting.

Our on-line Church Calendar is a great resource and is now available directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. You can also access it from the church website www.bccucc.org either from the bottom of any page or from the drop down menu under 'What's happening'. It is now the only calendar being used in the church office – and it is up to date with the information we have through the end of June. Please keep Christine informed (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so that the calendar can be updated as needed and kept current. Thank you.

Church Clean Up Day is this SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH from 9 am - 1 pm. Volunteers - both skilled and unskilled - are needed to help with some much needed work around the church and grounds - even if it's only for a short time. Please contact Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or wrbtwks@aol.com to volunteer ahead of time - it helps with planning the projects! Last minute volunteers are also most welcome.

The RICUCC Annual Meeting will take place here at our church on SATURDAY, MAY 3RD from 8 am – 1 pm. Delegates should have received notification from the Conference Office and need to register - early registration is \$20 and ends April 20th. Visitors are also most welcome to attend. Registration is required for everyone going and is only being done electronically this year. You can register at www.ricucc.org, click on the ‘Event Calendar’ link and then on May 3 on the calendar. Want to register but don’t have a computer? Contact the church office at 246-0111.

Help Needed – bakers and servers: As hosts of the RICUCC’s Annual Meeting on SATURDAY, MAY 3RD we will be providing finger food for the main breakfast as well as for the coffee break (breads, muffins, coffee cake etc) so need volunteer bakers to make them as, well as help with serving. If you can help, please contact Joan Miller at 245-5635.

The church photo directory is here! All members and friends who were photographed by LifeTouch or submitted a family photo receive a free directory. Those who haven't yet picked up their copy may do so from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). Additional directories are available for purchase for \$5.00.

Welcome to Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

We believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.

If you are visiting today for the first time we especially welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again. You can learn more about our church from our website www.bccucc.org where you can also read our monthly *Bridge* newsletter, and 'Jeff's Weekly'. In addition we send out weekly Ennouncements via e-mail. If you'd like to be on our e-mail list, please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org and we will happily add you.

Help needed with Soup Kitchen: Food donations are needed for the Soup Kitchen on SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. Please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 if you would like to donate or with questions.

Eat out and raise money to fight hunger! *Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant* in Seekonk (1125 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA) will donate 15% of the total check amount to the Barrington/East Bay CROP Hunger Walk on **Tuesdays in April**. Certificates for *Not Your Average Cause* are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall for use at the Seekonk NYAJ, or just inform your server that you'd like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk Giveback.

The Book Group meets this TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St., Warren. They will discuss *Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's history making race around the world* by Matthew Goodman. All are welcome. For more information on the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group meets this WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church library. Both caregivers and patients with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia are welcome. The group is open to all - not just members of this church. It is a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net.

The Bereavement Group meets twice a month and will meet, MONDAY, APRIL 28TH from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, MAY 1ST from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the church library. All women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions are welcome. They will continue discussion of their new book, *Evensong* by Gail Godwin. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for the discounted price of \$12. For info about the group contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com.

The Men's Group will meet again on SUNDAY, MAY 4TH from 8:30-9:30 am in Room 6. All men are welcome to come and engage in some interesting conversation, led by Jeff Larsen.

2nd Annual Senior Women's Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH 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 29th* to the church office (246-0111), Nancy Martin (273-1078), Carol Louttit (245-2299) or Jane Tonn (289-2349) to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

Have you made a pledge yet? 'Living in Covenant' is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal year (July 2014 – June 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.

Instrumentalists Wanted: A church member who plays violin would like to join others for rehearsal and music making, leading to a chamber music offering in worship. Do you play a string instrument, woodwind, flute etc. and wish to dust off your instrument and play again. Contact Music co-chair Mary Lou Slicker: RISlick@fullchannel.net or 245-0085

Our new church website www.bccucc.org is up and running with more information regularly being added - check out new posts under 'Latest News' on the home page. Let Christine know (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) if there's information you think should be included, or corrections made – or any errors you find. There are still some blank pages that need to be worked on, and that will happen as soon as possible. We hope you will use the website as an additional tool to keep you up to date with what's happening at church. Hopefully, visitors will also find the information on our website helpful as they look around for a church community with whom to connect and worship.

Guest speaker, Rabbi Jeff Summit will present *Delicious Peace: Coffee, Music and Religious Harmony in Uganda* at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd, Barrington, on SUNDAY, MAY 4TH at 2:30 pm. The program is free and open to the community. Rabbi Summit – a renowned ethnomusicologist - has lived in Eastern Uganda with the Abayudaya, a tribe who self-converted to Judaism 95 years ago. In 2004, a member of the tribe, JJ Keki, traveled on foot knocking on the doors of his Jewish, Christian and Muslim neighbors, asking them to put aside their differences and join him to create an extraordinary partnership based on trust and emphasizing peace. Thus, Delicious Peace (Mirembi Kawomera), a cooperative of small-scale farmers came together to grow fair-trade coffee. To promote their endeavor they compose music, encouraging others to work alongside. All are welcome to come hear their compelling story about music and the creation of interfaith peace. Delicious Peace coffee will be served during the reception following.

2nd Annual 'Choral Festival' will be presented by Bristol County Chorus on SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, Bristol. Choirs from several Bristol churches will participate both individually and also as a massed chorus. Free tickets are available at Paper, Packaging and Panache, or from choir members (including Carol Spiller). A free will donation will benefit Bristol Good Neighbors and East Bay Food Pantry. For more info, call 253-8106.