

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 22		<b>Ecological Justice Day</b>
	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
Mon, Apr 23	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Apr 24	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	11:30 am	Book Group, The Coffee Depot
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Apr 25	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 26	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	4:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes RI prep in kitchen, then truck run to Providence
Fri, Apr 27		<i>Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Apr 28	8 am – Noon	Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle, Parking Lot
	9:15 am	JYG & SYG leave for Community Clean Up
	2:45 pm	Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket (Food drop off by 2:30 pm)
Sun, Apr 29		<b>Choir Celebration Sunday</b>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:15 am	Membership Team meeting, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Community Pasta Dinner, Fellowship Hall



**Birthdays for the Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Dale Azevedo, Katie Dubel, Clare Knight, Lina Lemos, Jon Stabach, Paula Rooks, Kenny Meade, Barbara Smith, Elizabeth Glass, Charlie McCoy. 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.

**Mission and Justice Speaker Series #3:** TODAY 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. All are welcome to attend.

**Community Dinner:** Tickets are on sale TODAY at coffee hour for the community dinner being held next SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 will all be available. Tickets are \$10 each, children age 6 and under are free. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated but walk-ins are also very welcome. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help support the mission trip.

**144 envelopes fundraiser – thanks to everyone who has responded so far:** 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 help 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.

**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](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com).

**Interested in joining our church** but didn't make it to ‘Conversations about our church’ on April 8<sup>th</sup>? Our next New Member Sunday will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 ‘Conversations’.

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 information needed. Thanks to those who have already done so. We look forward to welcoming a number of new members on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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.

**‘From the River's Edge’ – the Pastor's blog.** The latest posting from Brendan ‘While it was still dark’ is on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

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

**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 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](mailto:BCCUCCBG@gmail.com). Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**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.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome!

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**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.

**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.

**Loaves and Fishes truck run – additional help still needed:** On THURSDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the truck to Providence. Volunteers 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 but some items are still needed. There's a SignUpGenius with more info and sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) - search using the e-mail [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or go directly to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3> Donations can be dropped off ahead of time in the kitchen. 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](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).

**Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle** takes place SAT, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> from 8 am – 12 pm in our Park and Ride lot, with face-painting from 9 – 11 am. Raffle prizes provided by over 30 local businesses. For a list of prizes or to preorder raffle tickets, contact [tots.barrington@gmail.com](mailto:tots.barrington@gmail.com). Tots' Cooperative Nursery School has rented space at our church for 60 years!

**JYG & SYG (Belated) Earth Day Community Clean-up:** Youth are invited to meet in Rm 9 on SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>. 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.

**Choir Celebration Sunday:** We hope you can join us for worship next SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> when there will be extra music during the worship service as we celebrate the ministry of our choirs and music director, Marina Zabinski.

**Community Dinner** is SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**Church member and local historian Van Edwards** will present *What is New About Old Barrington Village?* on MONDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm at the Barrington Public Library. The event is free, open to the public, and refreshments are provided. Sponsored by the Barrington Preservation Society. See the fliers on the bulletin boards for more info.

**Knitting for Others Group:** Meets TUESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> from 7-9 pm at the home of Pat Rude, 5 Seabreeze Lane, Bristol. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. RSVP to Pat at [ru4880@me.com](mailto:ru4880@me.com) or 396-8607 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).

**Join Team BCCUCC and run the Tough Tiger Race!!** Rev. Dale is captaining a team to run the Tough Tiger on SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 to support Hampden Meadows School. So far Rev. Brendan has signed up, and they are hoping for more people to join them. This is an all-ages event. If you are interested please contact Dale *before May 3<sup>rd</sup>*. 246-0111 x 103 or [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org). Go to [www.hampdenmeadowspto.org](http://www.hampdenmeadowspto.org) for more information about the race.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stamp Put Hunger Food Drive"** is SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> and all local donations go to TapIn. Please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver to TapIn to stock their food pantry which serves hundreds of East Bay residents. Last year, this food drive collected 4,376 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community. Volunteers are also needed to unpack, sort and organize the food donations at TapIn on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should call (401) 247-1444 or email [info@tapin.org](mailto:info@tapin.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Save the date** of SUN, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.