

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 23		<i>Lay People's 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
Mon, Apr 24	11:30-12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
	3 pm	Membership Team meeting, Library
Tues, Apr 25	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Apr 26	5:30 pm	Mission and Justice meeting, Room 6
	7 pm	RICUCC Board of Directors meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 27	4 – 7:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes RI prep and truck run from BCCUCC
Fri, Apr 28	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, Apr 30		<i>UCC Celebration Sunday</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library



Birthdays for the Week of April 23rd

Don Paulhus, Nora Salamon, Lina Lemos, Jonathan Stabach, Landon Zimmerman, Paula Rooks, Kenny Meade, Barbara Smith, Elizabeth Glass, Paula Movsesian, Charlie McCoy, and Nancy Arena.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir rehearsals are after church in Room 6 on SUNDAYS, APRIL 23RD, 30TH, & MAY 7TH in preparation for singing in church again on Mother's Day, May 14th. All children (boys and girls) Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 for more info.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, APRIL 24TH 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

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, and next meets TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH 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

Help need with Loaves and Fishes truck run: On THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment, for body, mind and soul. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. Our expected return to BCCUCC for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7 and 7:30 pm. As always, 6 people may ride in the truck, and 2 are very welcome to follow behind in a car. All ages are welcome to help prep at the church. For serving purposes, it is best to have adults (and children older than 16) travel to Emmanuel House and Crossroads.

Volunteers are also needed to donate items including juice bottles, granola bars, hard boiled eggs, chips, peanut butter, jelly, bite size candy bars, pudding, fruit, toiletries, men's and women's sweatshirts, women's personal hygiene items, new men's boxers and white socks.

Please use the SignUpGenius to register for donating items (don't forget to include the quantity you're donating), as well as to sign up to help with the prep or go out on the truck. The online sign up is at www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon at the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. Or use this direct link <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 at 401-245-0285 or lizyw2@aol.com, or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net.

Please drop off your donations in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, April 26th*.

UCC Celebration Sunday: On SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, we will be celebrating our church's involvement in the UCC. Don't know what the UCC is? Then that is all the more reason to attend! UCC stands for the United Church of Christ, which is our parent denomination. Our worship that morning will still follow our usual format with hymns, prayers and a sermon, but some elements of the service will focus on deepening our understanding of our denomination and celebrating what it stands for in the larger world context. Come and share in this special day!

'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 – it's by Brendan titled 'You're in the Supernova!'. You can also find past posts there from both ministers if you missed any. Printed copies of recent posts are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Granola/Energy Bars needed: After church on SUNDAY, MAY 7TH the Christian Education & Youth Ministries team is going to have a table at the Tough Tiger mud run at Hampden Meadows School. They will be handing out goodies such as reusable shopping bags and information about the life of our church. They would also like to hand out granola/energy bars and are looking for donations from the congregation. The Tough Tiger folks are anticipating a turnout of about 1000 people, so CEYM is hoping for generous contributions! If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off on the special table in the foyer. Please contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org) if you have any questions.

Brendan's 'Public Office Hours': 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. 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!

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 2ND 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). 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).

Women's Faith Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month and next meets on THURSDAY, MAY 4TH 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 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, MAY 4TH and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or 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 7TH at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at 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.

The Junior Youth Group's annual church sleepover and shoreline clean-up with *Save the Bay* is happening FRIDAY, MAY 12TH - SATURDAY, MAY 13TH. JYG members are invited to gather at the church at 6 pm on FRIDAY 12TH for pizza, games, movies and sleepover. There will be a pancake breakfast the morning of SATURDAY 13TH. 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

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MAY 16TH 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 or 245-4724. All are welcome.

300th Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC: Save the date of SUNDAY, MAY 21ST for the '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 to this free event!

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 to let her know.

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 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.

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!

Weekly Wednesday Noon deadline: Information for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge needs to be submitted by the deadline of Noon on Wednesdays, to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Did you know.....the colorful term of the Rev. Peleg Heath was due to his youth, 26 years of age, and his sincere Christian earnestness and zeal. It is written that he possessed a clean, strong will of unusual vigor, therefore was in conflict with the town and church on some occasions.

The New England Churches had adopted a "Half Way Covenant" by which, if you had been baptized, you could be received into membership of the Church and enjoy all of the privileges except partaking of the Lord's Supper. There being only two preaching services on Sunday, no eBridge, no Sunday School, no Choir, no prayer groups, it was easy to see how people fell into a careless way of living.

During his tenure, there were several lawsuits and disagreements brought before the Church and Town and they usually resulted in satisfactory agreements, due to Rev. Heath's vigorous management. The most interesting case will be revealed in the next issue.

The 'Did you know...' historical segments are brought to you by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' group.