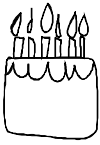


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 24		<i>Celebrating Earth Day</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Special Church School programs
	After church school	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
Mon, Apr 25	11 am	Staff Meeting, Sue's Office
Tues, Apr 26	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Apr 27	4 - 7:30 pm	Mobile Loaves and Fishes prep in kitchen then truck run to Providence
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Sat, Apr 30	7:30 am – 2 pm	RICUCC Annual Meeting, Seekonk Congregational Church UCC
	9 am – 1 pm	Tots Yard Sale and Raffle, Parking lot
	7:30 pm	'Educating Rita', 2 nd Story Theater
Sun, May 1		<i>Music Sunday</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion and Special Music, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	Frank Santos, Jr. Comic Hypnotist Show, Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of April 24th

*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

Stephanie Edwards (star deacon), Abby Ashley,
Larry Ashley, Jon Stabach, Greg Voigt, and Liz White..

In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Sue (781-724-9831) or Brendan (401-318 2447) please call on one of the deacons.

Our church calendar is at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Church School Programs TODAY will be something a little different. Our youth in 7th and 8th grade will be having a guest speaker as part of their series on different religions. Children in PreK – Grade 6 will have a special program in the kitchen. All children should begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families, and come over to the education building after the children's message.

Sing and Celebrate choir rehearse after church school TODAY in Room 9. They will be singing in worship next Sunday, May 1st and again on May 22nd. All children from Grade 1 up are welcome to sing with them. Questions: contact Kate Colby at kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743. Rehearsals also take place after worship on May 8th & 15th.

Prayer Sticks available: Our youth groups have been making prayer sticks for Flint, MI. Prayer sticks can be given as a gift or kept as a reminder to hold the people of Flint, MI in prayer. The prayer sticks will be blessed during TODAY's Earth Day worship service and sold in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour for donations. The proceeds will be sent to the Woodside church (UCC) in Flint, MI to assist them in their efforts in responding to the water crises there. You're encouraged to support the youth group's efforts and help the people of Flint. Thank you.

Justice for the people of Flint: UCC congregations in Michigan and throughout the country have been active in responding to the immediate needs of the people of Flint and in advocating for a meaningful response from local, state and federal leaders. The Senate has an opportunity to do something that would help address this injustice. Your M&J team ask you to take action! Go to this UCC site <http://p2a.co/739hZZI> and urge your Senators to support the city of Flint!

Altar Flower Donors needed: Would you like to pay for either one or both of the altar flower arrangements next SUNDAY, MAY 1ST? Cost is \$30 per arrangement. They can be given as a memorial or celebration of a person or event. Anyone interested should contact Cheryl Muth at 433-2878 or jccbmuth@aol.com. Thank you.

Mission Trip Fundraisers: There are several more fundraisers for the 2016 Mission Trip and tickets for all of them are on sale again TODAY at coffee hour. Tickets for the Hypnotist Show and the Pasta Dinner are also available from the church office during the week, or on-line at www.bccucc.org. There are links from the home page to information about each event and a link to purchase tickets. *Please note that purchasing tickets online includes an additional handling fee.*

w "Educating Rita" THIS SATURDAY APRIL 30TH at 7:30 pm at 2nd Story Theater. The Mission & Justice team is selling tickets for this "Fun-raiser" for a mission trip scholarship. It's a great opportunity for everyone from the church to enjoy a night at the theater together while supporting the mission trip! Tickets are \$20 each and are available at coffee hour or by contacting Chris Brady at cbradyri@aol.com or (401) 639-3849.

w Show by comic-hypnotist Frank Santos, Jr NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 6 - 7 :30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a hilarious, energetic and unique show that you will never forget! Fun for all the family. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for anyone 18 and under. Also available from the church office during the week or online (see above).

w Pasta Dinner SUNDAY, MAY 22ND 5 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Those who attended the one in January will tell you that the food is delicious and not to be missed! Tickets are Adult/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6, Family max \$40. Tickets also available from the church office during the week and online (see above).

Evaluation of our Interim Senior Minister: Included on the back of the insert in today's bulletin is a notice from the Deacons about the evaluation that they need to do for Rev. Sue Remick. We hope that you can help them with this.

Help us buy 12 more chickens for Haiti: We've now raised enough money to purchase 38 chickens for the Haiti One Egg Project and our goal is to buy 50 by the end of April! Can you help us reach that goal? Chickens cost \$10 each and your donations will be used to buy chickens for a new community farm in Haiti. The eggs they produce will be hard boiled over charcoal fires by women in the community, and given to Haiti children (an egg a day), providing them much needed nutrition. Chick and egg bags are available at the Haiti collection table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Questions? Email Lily Sylvester – lilysylvester29@gmail.com or Trish Sylvester – trishsylvester@gmail.com.

GospelFest: The 4th Annual GospelFest will be held TODAY at 6:30 pm at the Global Heritage Hall Atrium, Roger Williams University, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol. Free and open to the public. All welcome. Featuring Michael Évora and the Prism of Praise Community Gospel Choir; and Jonathan Richter and the RWU Chorus. See flier on bulletin boards.

Information needed about the weathervane: As many of you know, the weathervane that was on top of our steeple broke last year, so it was taken down. As a decision is made about a possible replacement, the Buildings and Grounds team is looking for information about its history. Do you know what happened to the weathervane when the steeple blew off in the hurricane of 1938? Do you know anything about any previous weathervanes? Please contact Paul Dennis at wrbtwks@aol.com or 245-6296 if you can help. Thanks.

Rev. Jeff Larsen had to undergo surgery on April 15th to repair a prolapse of his ileostomy, and there were some complications the following day. He's getting better and is now home from the hospital. Jeff and Kathleen are asking for prayers for his healing and recovery. Cards may be mailed to 279 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford ME 04005.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH 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 or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck run is THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH. The MLF truck will leave BCCUCC to go serve people at Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence. Prep begins at 4 pm in the kitchen. As always, people are needed to help with prep, go out with the truck, provide food items, and also donate men's new underwear, socks and toiletries. There is an online sign up at www.signupgenius.com if you can help with any of these things. Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. The next page will list Active SignUps for our church - click on 'Mobile Loaves and Fishes, April 27' to access the sign up sheet. Alternatively, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3>.

To volunteer directly or if you have questions, please feel free to email or call Liz White (lizzyw2@aol.com or 245-0825) or Jay and Phyllis Buckley (pbuckley6@cox.net or 245-1098).

RICUCC Annual Meeting takes place THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH from 7:30 am - 2:00 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC, 600 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, MA 02771. Authorized ministers, delegates and any interested persons are invited to attend. Come hear our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, speak about the Mission and Purpose of the United Church of Christ and what the Holy Spirit envisions for our future. Come to share in worship, review Annual Reports, and discover resources for ministry. Registration is required. Go to www.ricucc.org, click on the calendar of events, then on April 30th. Or visit <http://www.ricucc.org/event/rhode-island-conference-annual-meeting/>

Tots' Cooperative Nursery School is having their annual Yard Sale and Raffle THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH from 8 am – Noon in the commuter parking lot. Raffle prizes include Boston Red Sox tickets, a professional financial planning session, Lemon and Line Jewelry, a Vineyard Vines clutch, and gift cards and donations from local businesses. Raffle tickets can be preordered at www.totscooperative.org. See the fliers on our bulletin boards for more information.

Music Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1ST. Music plays an important role in worship and we hope that many will attend the worship service next week which will include some special music from our choirs and musicians, and also a handbell solo.

The Bereavement Group meets MON, MAY 2ND at 10 am in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome - participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031 for more info.

Book Group next meets MON, MAY 2ND at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss 'Girl Waits with Gun' by Amy Stewart. All welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

Knitting for Others Group: The group meets on TUESDAY, MAY 3RD from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Pat Rude, 5 Seabreeze Lane, Bristol (401) 396-8607. Please RSVP if you plan to attend as you will need the code to enter North Farm. The group continues to make prayer shawls, but also welcomes suggestions for other projects that help others. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net All knitters & crocheters welcome.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 5TH from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They have chosen a new book *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry, and copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$12. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

From your Mission and Justice Ministry Team: East Bay Citizens for Peace is presenting "*Democracy Now! The War and Peace Report*" Topic: *Peace, Justice and the 2016 Elections* on THURSDAY, MAY 5TH at 7 pm at Rogers Free Library, Herreshoff Community Meeting Room, 525 Hope Street, Bristol RI. The viewing of this broadcast will be followed by discussion and is free and open to the public.

There is a Nursery Nook available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to adjust the volume.) However, we believe God put the wiggle in children – so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! You and your child are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary if you prefer.

Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour – it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.