

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 26	10 am 10 am – 1 pm 6 – 8 pm	<i>Celebration of Earth Day</i> Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School Final OWL Session, Library (<i>note later end time</i>) Confirmation Class, Library
Mon., Apr 27	10 am 11 am	Bereavement Group, Library Staff meeting, Jeff's Office
Tues., Apr 28	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed., Apr 29	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., Apr 30		<i>Deadline for Annual Reports</i>
Sat., May 2	7:45 am – 1 p m	RICUCC Annual Meeting, Riverside Congregational UCC
Sun., May 3	9:15 am 10 am After Worship 3 – 6 pm	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i> Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Communion and Confirmation, Church School for PreK – Grade 4 only Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Junior Youth Group paint Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of April 26th

*Kenny Meade, Barbara Smith, Elizabeth Glass,
 Paula Movsesian, Charlie McCoy, Nancy Arena,
 Christine Arena, Helen Schall, Mark Dana, Brendan Curran,
 Hayden DiOrio, Maya Kelly, Debbie Mason, and Carol Spiller.*
 Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR APRIL

Greg Voigt (star deacon), Cheryl Muth,
 Chris Brady, and Liz White
*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
 Jeff (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447)
 please contact a deacon.*

Update on the electricity in the Education Building: We are still without electricity in Fellowship Hall and the far end of the education building, but it will hopefully be restored sometime this week. We appreciate your patience and willingness to work around the problem while it is being fixed. Thank you.

Yes – there is still coffee hour! Our coffee hour hosts, the Deacons, are making the coffee in a different part of the building where there is electricity so coffee hour will take place as usual in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Rev. Brendan Curran will be in the office Monday thru Wednesday this week and take Thursday and Friday off.

Headphones Available. There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

Confirmation Sunday is next SUNDAY, MAY 3RD when twelve of our 9th graders will be confirmed. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special Sunday.

Breakfast for Confirmands: Our Membership team will host a breakfast for the confirmands and their families at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3RD before the worship service. The parents of the confirmands should all have received an invitation in the mail, and the Membership team would like to remind them to please RSVP to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) by tomorrow, MONDAY, APRIL 27TH so they can plan accordingly.

Jeff and Kathleen's last day with us will be SUNDAY, MAY 10TH (Mother's Day). Following the service, which will include a special Ritual of Parting, we will be holding an all-church gathering when our church community will gather together and celebrate the 9 years we have spent together. Everyone is invited – including the children!

Help needed for Gathering: If you would like to help with the all church gathering on MAY 10TH, (bringing food, serving, etc) we would love to have you! Please reach out to Christine in the office at (401) 246-0111 or email: office@bccucc.org and someone will get back to you. Thanks.

Update on finding an Interim: The Deacons are working hard to find an interim minister to help us through this time of transition after Jeff leaves. They are in the process of interviewing three candidates. It is their intention to have an interim in place by June, and they are cautiously optimistic that they will be able to do so. We will keep you posted.

The Bereavement Group meets tomorrow, MONDAY, APRIL 27TH from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH 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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Annual Reports Deadline is this THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH. All team leaders, church officers, and clergy are asked to submit an annual report for the past year (May 2014 thru April 2015) for inclusion in the church's Annual Report. Reports should be sent as an attachment to Christine at office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office. For reference, last year's Annual Report can read on the church's website www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

The combined May & June *Bridge* has been published and copies are available for pick up from various locations around the church, including the vestry table, outside the church office, and the back of Fellowship Hall. Visitors are encouraged to take a copy, and others are also welcome to take one either for themselves or to give to a friend who might be interested in learning more about our church. *The Bridge* can also be read on our website www.bccucc.org or we can e-mail it to you if we have your e-mail address – send a request to office@bccucc.org and be sure to include your name.

The RI Conference Annual Meeting will take place this SATURDAY, MAY 2ND at Riverside Congregational Church UCC, 15 Oak Ave., Riverside RI 02915. It will start at 7:45 am with breakfast and end before 1 pm (no lunch). ALL ARE WELCOME. The event is free, but they ask that you register. When registering, you can choose the 'Conversations' that you would like to participate in (there are two sessions). For a list of the conversations or to register on-line, go to <http://rhodeislandconferenceannualmeeting2015.eventbrite.com> or call the RI Conference office at 724-7700.

Junior Youth Group painting: Next SUNDAY, MAY 3RD from 3 – 6 pm, JYG will prep and paint Room 9 in the CE building, followed by a pizza dinner (bring \$5). All youth in grades 6 – 8 are welcome. RSVP or direct questions to bccjyg@gmail.com or speak with the youth group leaders Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach, or Kim Zeleznik.

The Knitting for Others Group is having a Potluck Supper for Kathleen Larsen's last time with the group. It will take place on TUESDAY, MAY 5TH at 6:30 pm at the home of Marty Kee, 3 Briarfield Road., Barrington. If you've been active in the group and haven't yet signed up, please do so by contacting Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. Also, bring any finished projects with you so that they can be distributed.

The Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 7TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group is discussing the book *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and copies are available for purchase from the church office. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, MAY 8TH at 6:30 pm at Venus de Milo restaurant, 75 GAR Highway, Swansea MA. This will be their last get together until the fall. All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP's by Tuesday, May 6th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen date change: BCCUCC is now providing the meal at the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket on SAT, MAY 9TH - teams responsible are Mission & Justice, and Chancel. Anyone willing to assist in any way – either on this date or some future date – are asked to contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizon.com

The Book Group meets on TUESDAY, MAY 12TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Mona Lisa: a Life Discovered* by Dianne Hales. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run: BCCUCC is sponsoring the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) run on WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH. The truck will go to various locations in Providence serving those in need, offering fellowship, food, clothing, and toiletries. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC, they'll leave for Providence around 5:30 and return around 7:30 p.m. There are many jobs involved in getting the truck stocked and ready to serve; so much help is needed with: donations of food items; donations of men's new boxer shorts, t-shirts, white socks and toiletries; preparation of food; going out with the truck and passing out food and clothing from the truck; and cleaning out the truck when it returns to BCCUCC. Collection boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall.

There is an online sign up at www.signupgenius.com for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. 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. If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net; or contact Liz White at 401-245-1098 or lizzyw2@aol.com. For more info about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit www.mlf.org

Jubilation Sunday is MAY 31ST and a special service is being planned for all ages that will take place outdoors on the hillside by the labyrinth, weather permitting. If you would like to volunteer to help or be part of the service – children, youth and adults – please contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org) or Brendan Curran (Brendan@bccucc.org) or call them at the church office (401) 246-0111. The service will be followed by a pot luck hosted by CEYM. So mark your calendar and plan to bring yourself, family and friends, blankets to sit on picnic style or camp chairs, and a favorite dish to share at the potluck.

3rd Annual Senior Women's Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH 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 28th* to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

Have you made a pledge yet? 'Be the Church' is the theme for our Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal period of July – December 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.

RICUCC Summer Camps: Four camps will be run at Irons Homestead this summer, each with 3 age groups – elementary, middle school, and high school. See the flier on the bulletin board for more info or visit their website which has a lot more details including the application forms <http://www.ricucc.org/ministries/outdoor-ministry/>

Volunteers and some **paid staff** are needed to run these camps. Visit the link above for all the details.

TAPIN needs: TAPIN is in need of pots and pans as well as flatware and dishes for their clients. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at TAPIN located beneath the Barrington Library at 281 County Road. They are open from 9 am – Noon, Monday – Friday. To learn more about TAPIN (Touch a Person In Need) as well as volunteer opportunities, visit www.tapinri.com. Questions? Call TAPIN at 401 247-1444.