

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 27	10 am 10 am – 1 pm After Worship (approx 11 am) 1 – 4 pm 2 – 6 pm	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only OWL Session, Library Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary Church Clean Up (postponed from yesterday) Confirmation Class attends Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service Mission Trippers return
Mon., Apr 28	11 am 12:30 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Bereavement Group, Library
Tues., Apr 29	7 pm	Pastor Parish Relations Team (PPRT), Jeff's office
Wed., Apr 30	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8 Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., May 1	1:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat., May 3	8am – 1 pm 2:30 pm	RICUCC Annual Meeting, Sanctuary and CE Building BCCUCC leaves to serve meal at Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
Sun., May 4	8:30 am 8:30 am 10 am 10 am 10:15 am – 2 pm 11:15 am	CEYM meeting, Library Men's Group, Room 6 Worship Service with Communion Children's Communion Service in Room 6, then Church School OWL Session, Library Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of April 27th

*Elizabeth Glass, Paula Movsesian, Charlie McCoy,
Nancy Arena, Christine Arena, Helen Schall,
Mark Dana, Debbie Mason, Carol Spiller,
Brittany Bennet, Cynthia Loomis, and Elizabeth Meade.*

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.*

Special Congregational Meeting TODAY: The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship TODAY for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended by Church Council. The proposed 2014 By Laws showing the revisions were e-mailed to the congregation for their review prior to the meeting and copies were available from the office. A few copies are also available today.

Church Clean Up. Due to rain forecast yesterday, the Church Clean Up was postponed to TODAY from 1 – 4 pm. Volunteers - both skilled and unskilled - are needed to help with some much needed work around the church and grounds - even if you're only available for some of the time. There is lots of yard work that needs to get done so if possible please bring garden tools. Work gloves are also recommended for all volunteers. The Boy Scouts from Troop 6 will also be volunteering and will be helping with various projects including sweeping up the sand from the parking lots.

The RICUCC Annual Meeting will take place here at our church this SATURDAY, MAY 3RD from 8 am – 1 pm. This is an exciting event where about 100 people from churches around the state converge to make decisions and become educated about the issues related to our denomination and local churches.

As hosts, we are responsible for a number of things and we need a few more volunteers to help with the following:

- a crew of folks to help in the parking lot from 7:45—9:00 am and to direct folks to enter the Education Building through the large doors on County Road, as registration will be in the lobby of the Education Building.
- provide healthy breakfast food such as fruit, and cheese and crackers,
- provide baked goods (breads, muffins, coffee cake etc) for the breakfast and mid-morning break
- serve from 7:45-9:00 am
- serve at the break at about 10:30 am
- serve the catered lunch at 12:30 pm
- folks to put away the tables and chairs at the conclusion of the meeting

Joan Miller is coordinating the food donations and serving – contact her at 245-5635 if you can help. Lee Miller is organizing the parking. If you are able to help in any of the other ways please contact Susan Rotblat-Walker at rotblatwalker@gmail.com or 323-2109 to sign up. It will be greatly appreciated!

All volunteers are asked to please wear their name tag. If you need a nametag, contact the church office and Christine will be happy to make one for you before Saturday's meeting.

Delegates should have received notification of the meeting from the Conference Office and they need to register if they haven't yet done so. Visitors are also most welcome to attend. Registration is required for everyone going to the meeting (but not for the volunteers) 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 3rd on the calendar where there's the link to register. Want to register but don't have a computer? Contact the church office at 246-0111. You can also register at the door. Lunch is provided.

Update from the Associate Minister Search Committee: The committee is in the exciting process of interviewing candidates and reviewing their records. They have had a wide assortment of people applying for the position and feel they are narrowing it down to some excellent choices.

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

The Dine Out Group will meet for their last get-together of the year on FRIDAY, MAY 9TH at 6:30 p.m. at one of their favorite restaurants, S. S. Dion, 520 Thames Street, Bristol. To make a reservation, contact Sue Black at sueandjimblack@gmail.com or (401) 245-2772, by Tuesday, May 6th. All are welcome—both singles and couples.

The Knitting for Others Group next meets on TUESDAY, MAY 13TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Marty Kee, 3 Briarfield Road, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join them for an evening of knitting/crocheting and fellowship. For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Book Group meets on TUESDAY, MAY 20TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St., Warren. They will discuss *Flora* by Gail Godwin. For more information on the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.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.

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.

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH AND 28TH 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 next meets on MONDAY, MAY 12TH 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.

JPF Spring Bike Ride will take place on SUNDAY, MAY 18TH at 1 pm. All 6th – 8th graders welcome. Meet in Shaw's parking lot adjacent to the bike path and travel to Colt State Park. Please bring money for a stop at Del's or ice cream. Plan to be back at Shaw's for 3 pm. E-mail Ginger Stabach or Kim Zeleznik at bccJPF@gmail.com with any questions!

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.

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. It is now the only calendar being used in the church office – and is up to date with the information we have through the end of June. Please inform Christine (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thanks.

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.

Graduate information please: Each year we publish the names of graduates - from high school and from college - in the June *Bridge*. In order to do this we need their names! If a member of your family is graduating this spring, please call the church office (246-0111) or e-mail us at office@bccucc.org and let us know their name, from what high school or college they are graduating, and, if they plan to continue their education, at what institution. In order to be included in the June *Bridge*, information must be in the church office by Monday, May 12th.

Church photo directory: 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.

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour. It helps us get to know each other and is particularly welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office.

Save the date: The Service of Ordination for Ellen Brady will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND at 3 pm. All are invited.

Guest speaker, Rabbi Jeff Summit will present *Delicious Peace: Coffee, Music and Religious Harmony in Uganda* at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd, Barrington, next 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 (Mirembe 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 TODAY at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, Bristol. Choirs from several Bristol churches will participate both individually and also as a massed chorus in this FREE concert. A free will donation will benefit Bristol Good Neighbors and East Bay Food Pantry.