

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 29		Choir Celebration Sunday
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:30 am	Communications Team meeting, Room 7
	11:30 am	Membership Team meeting, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Community Pasta Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Apr 30	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, May 1	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Pat Rude's home
Wed, May 2	7 pm	Deacons' meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 3	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	6 – 7 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, May 4		<i>Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, May 6		UCC Sunday/ New Member Sunday
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion and Reception of New Members, Children prepare for Jubilation Sunday during Church School time
	1 pm	BCC Miracle Mudders take part in Tough Tiger, Hampden Meadows School



Birthdays for the Week of April 29th: Nancy Arena, Christine Arena, Helen Schall, Mark Dana, Brendan Curran, Hayden DiOrio, Maya Kelly, Debbie Mason, Carol Spiller, Elizabeth Meade, Katrina Swihart, and Susan Doss. 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.

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

DEACONS FOR APRIL: Chris Brady (star), Abby Ashley, Jon Stabach, Kim Zeleznik, and Bernie Hawes. **DEACONS FOR MAY:** Joe Judge (star), Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader and Steve Fodor. 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.

Community Pasta Dinner: Tickets are on sale TODAY at coffee hour for the dinner being held TONIGHT 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, children 6 and under are free. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help support the mission trip.

144 envelopes fundraiser: The "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations" is 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 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. Thank you.

Good news from our Renewal Team!

The Renewal Team is excited to report that the seven strategic teams have been busy researching information and gathering data in their goal to complete phase one of our process. There is an energy and excitement among team members about their results. Thank you all for your hard work. (*See below for how you can help two of the strategic teams with their research and data gathering*).

There will be a Strategic Team Feedback Session on SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, from 8:30-10:00 in the library. We encourage everyone on all seven strategic teams to be present to facilitate communication and share their enthusiasm. A continental breakfast will be offered.

The Renewal Team is in monthly contact with Rev. Steve Sterner, our consultant, as is Dale individually.

On SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, the Renewal Team will report to the entire congregation during the Annual Meeting.

As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions. We welcome all input. Go teams, go!

Rev. Dale Avezedo, Larry Ashley, Tom Colby, Erik Ela, Marion Fodor, Helen Schall, Heather Williamson

The Capital Improvement Team wants to hear from you: As part of their data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), they're 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 them an email at BCCUCCBG@gmail.com, or speak with Larry Ashley. Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

The Community Connection Team needs your help to gather data on the "unofficial" outreach that congregational participants are performing in the community. They'd appreciate receiving responses to the following questions:

1. What are ways that you connect with the community? (Note: we are defining community as the East Bay)
2. Do you volunteer for an organization, either as a representative of the church or on your own? If so which organization and what type of service do you provide?
3. What are the issues facing members of the East Bay community about which you are the most passionate?
4. Do you perceive that there are unfulfilled needs in the community? If yes, what are these needs?
5. Are there people in town or in the East Bay that we should be engaging regarding unfulfilled needs?

Please send your responses to Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com Printed sheets with these questions are also on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Planning to join our church next Sunday? Then please be sure to return your completed Family Information Form, together with the New Member Bio form, to the church office *by tomorrow, Monday, April 30th* so that we can make the necessary preparations for next Sunday. They can be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to office@bccucc.org. Thanks to those who have already returned them. If you need new forms, there are copies in the rack outside the church office. We look forward to welcoming a number of new members next week on New Member Sunday, May 6th.

Ministry Team members needed: The Membership Team is 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.

May Worship: We hope you can join us for worship on these special Sundays in May: NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, MAY 6TH - a number of new members will be officially joining our church. CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 13TH - five of our 9th graders will be confirmed into full membership, following several months of preparation with Brendan. JUBILATION SUNDAY, MAY 20TH - the theme will be ‘The Web of Life’ and the service will be led by our church school children.

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.

Knitting for Others Group: Meets TUESDAY, MAY 1ST 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 or 396-8607 so she knows how many to expect. This will be the last get-together before they break for the summer. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@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.

Women’s Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 3RD from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library and are reading *Girl at War* by Sara Novic. Copies are available for purchase from the office. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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.

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, MAY 3RD from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Join the BCCUCC team to run the Tough Tiger Race next SUNDAY, MAY 6TH at 1 pm, to support Hampden Meadows School. We’re excited to have formed a team – *BCC Miracle Mudders* - captained by Rev. Dale Azevedo, with team members Elizabeth Azevedo, Brendan Curran, Amy Barkat, Tim Milisauskas and Sophie Milisauskas. If others want to join the team they are encouraged to do so. This is an all-ages event and the course is geared toward young families, so everyone is welcome to participate. If interested please contact Dale *before Thursday, May 3rd* at 246-0111 x 103 or dale@bccucc.org. Go to www.hampdenmeadowspto.org for more information about the race.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MAY 7TH 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 or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 8TH 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

26th Annual “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” is SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 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 12th. Anyone interested should call (401) 247-1444 or email info@tapin.org by May 1st.

Atwater-Donnelly, the folk duo, return to BCCUCC to give another concert on SUNDAY, MAY 20TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church’s service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018. Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour beginning next Sunday, May 6th, then from the church office during the week, or at the door.

Annual Reports: It’s fast approaching that time of year again – time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2017 – May 2018. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office *by Monday, May 28th*. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC’s 2018 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 10th following the 10 am worship service.

Book Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 29TH, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Since We Fell* by Dennis Lehane. “After a breakdown, ex-journalist Rachel Charles lives a reclusive life. She has, however, a supportive husband -- until a chance encounter snatches away everything she holds dear. With sharply acute characterization, this is classic Lehane”. (The Guardian). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

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 – or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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.