

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
Mon, May 1	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
Tues, May 2	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Barbara Wuth's home
Wed, May 3	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 6 No Choir rehearsal
Thurs, May 4	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
	7 – 8:30 pm	Mission and Justice meeting with EBCP, Library
Fri, May 5	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, May 7		<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>
	9:15 am	Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service with Confirmation and Communion, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	2 – 6 pm	OWL Session, Library
	7 pm	Concert by Yale Whiffenpoofs, Sanctuary



## Birthdays for the Week of April 30<sup>th</sup>

*Christine Arena, Helen Schall, Brendan Curran, Hayden DiOrio, Maya Kelly, Debbie Mason, Carol Spiller, Elizabeth Meade, Katrina Swihart, Susan Doss and Andrew Cooke.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

**DEACONS FOR MAY:** Chris Morton (star), Joe Judge, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, 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 continue after church in Room 6 on SUNDAYS, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> in preparation for singing in church again on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. All children (boys and girls) Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Kate Colby [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or 246-1743 for more info.

**UCC Celebration Sunday:** This SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, we will be celebrating our church's involvement in the UCC. Our worship 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.

**Confirmation Sunday:** Our worship service on SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> will include the confirmation of six of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders. They have been working with Rev. Brendan Curran since the fall and are now making the choice to be confirmed as full members of the church. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate this important step in their faith journey.

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** Be sure to check out the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) to read the latest posting – Dale is posting a new one very soon. You can also find past posts there 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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)) if you have any questions.

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:bwuth54@gmail.com)). This will 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)).

**Women's Faith Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month and next meets on THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto: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 4<sup>TH</sup> and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto: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 7<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at [www.Whiffenpoofs.com/Tickets](http://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. Tickets are \$20 each plus \$1.87 handling fee, or children/students are \$10 plus \$1.28 fee. There is also a \$30 ticket (+\$2.31 fee) for seats in the front two rows!

**The Junior Youth Group's** annual church sleepover and shoreline clean-up with *Save the Bay* is happening FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>. JYG members are invited to gather at the church at 6 pm on FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> for pizza, games, movies and sleepover. There will be a pancake breakfast the morning of SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>. 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](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)

**Interfaith Peace Parade:** On SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> from 4:30 – 6 pm all are encouraged to join the Interfaith Peace Parade being held to celebrate the origins of Mother's Day! Participants are invited to gather at 4:30 pm in the parking lot of St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. Bring diapers or baby wipes to donate to Project Undercover, an organization that helps mothers in need. The community will then walk to Police Cove Park where there will be prayers and poems for peace shared from different faith communities, song, and a reading of Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day proclamation. We hope you will participate in this joyful Springtime community event! Bring a picnic basket if you wish! Questions? Contact Brendan Curran at 246-0111 x 104 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)

**Music Sunday:** Mark your calendars for SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> as we celebrate Music Sunday with some special music in worship from our choirs and musicians. We hope you can join us as we recognize the important role of music in worship.

**Book Group** will meet TUESDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome.

**300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC:** On SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm there will be a 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic here at the church. Hosted by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' historical group, this FREE event is open to everyone in the church. We're renting a large grill and food includes hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, baked beans, a variety of salads, cake and ice cream. Live music will be provided by the 3 person band 'Celtic Modern' which plays an upbeat blend of Celtic Tunes and American Folk Rock. There will also be a bouncy house for the kids, in addition to the playground. This should be a really fun and historic event so we hope you can join us. RSVP's helpful (see below).

**RSVP's needed for the picnic:** For planning purposes, we ask that you please RSVP to [300<sup>th</sup>@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org) to let us know if you're coming to the 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic (see above) and how many. If you don't have access to email, there is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. We want to make sure there's plenty of food for everyone!

**Salads needed for picnic:** 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. Thanks to those who've already signed up!

**Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior?** If so this announcement is for you! We will be hosting our annual Baccalaureate Service on SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> and it will be handled a little differently than in the past. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office by 5/21 ([office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111); 2) get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office and return it; 3) don't worry about wearing a gown to church (regular church clothes will suffice). If you have any questions, talk with Dale ([dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org)). And Congratulations!

**Graduation information needed for newsletter:** We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school etc, by publishing the names and graduation information in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the information to the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) by Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Information needed is name of graduate, high school or college from which they're graduating, what college or further education they may be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

**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](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net) to let her know.

**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. All are welcome!

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

**Family Footnotes:** Some of our church members recently moved to Atria. Their new addresses are:  
Carolyn and John Faulhaber, 147 Bay Spring Ave, Apt 321, Barrington RI 02806. (401) 246-0367.  
Nancy Martin, 147 Bay Spring Avenue, Apt 354, Barrington RI 02806.