

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr 6	8:30 am 10 am	CEYM meeting, Library Worship Service with Communion and Wheeler School Concert Bell Choir, Church School
	After worship After Worship	Confirmation Class, Room 6 Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:30 am 1:30 pm 2 pm	Meeting for Turkey Trip participants, Library Registration for CROP Walk, St John's Episcopal Church CROP Walk begins, St John's Episcopal Church
Mon., Apr 7	11 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Lay Visitation meeting, Library Deacons Meeting, Library
Wed., Apr 9	2:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Choir Rehearsal, Vestry Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8
Sun., Apr 13		<i>Palm Sunday and New Member Sunday</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i>
	8:30 am 10 am After Worship	Men's Group, Library Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Church School Lenten Lollapalooza for All Ages, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am 11:15 am 6 pm	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Confirmation Class Field Trip, Lunch and Class Search Committee, Library



Birthdays for the Week of April 6th

*Jean Arnold, Andrew Lennon, Bob Mason, Eric Hall,
Faith Van Ness, Camilla Heningway, Duffy Macaulay,
Gabi Sclafani, Tom Colby, Sean Lennon,
Andrew Collins, Janet Roberts, and Maya Salem*

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.*

Have you made a pledge? '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 TODAY or return it to the church office as soon as possible. Should you need one, blank pledge cards are available from the ushers. If you didn't receive a Stewardship letter in the mail please let the church office know so we can add you to our mailing list. Additional pledge packets that include the Stewardship letter are available for pick up from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. THANK YOU to everyone who has already made a pledge.

The church photo directory is here! All members and friends who were photographed by LifeTouch or submitted a family photo receive a free directory. There are some extra directories available for purchase for \$5.00. Directories are available for pick up or purchase again TODAY during coffee hour after the service. They will also be available during the week from the church office. Later this spring there will also be a secure on-line copy of the directory available from a link on our new church website. Details on this to follow.

Heifer Arks and donations due TODAY! Please put your filled ark in the large ark set up on the table in the Foyer outside Fellowship Hall. Others can make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$5000 by putting cash or checks into the donation jar there. Checks should be made payable to BCCUCC with 'Heifer' on the memo line. By earmarking our donation for Cambodia, whatever we donate is being matched by an outside foundation - so our \$5000 goal, will be worth \$10,000!! Visit heifer.org for more info. If you forgot your ark, please return it to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can announce our grand total next Sunday, Palm Sunday. Questions? Contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107)

A direct link to our on-line Church Calendar is now available at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. You can also access it from the church website www.bccucc.org either from the bottom of any page or from the drop down menu under 'What's happening'. It is now the only calendar being used in the church office – and it is up to date with the information we have through the end of June. Please keep Christine informed (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so that the calendar can be updated as needed and kept current. Thank you.

CROP Walk: This year's Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk takes place TODAY at 2 pm, with registration at 1:30 pm, and will begin and end at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. It's not too late to walk or to make a donation - walk up registrations are welcome. To make a donation, either see Helen Schall at coffee hour or visit www.cropwalk.org then click on the 'Find a CROP Hunger Walk' interactive map to get to the Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk page. This year everyone is walking together as a community rather than having teams from each church.

Eat out and raise money to fight hunger! There's another great way to raise additional funds to help fight hunger.... *Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant* in Seekonk (1125 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA) will donate 15% of the total check amount to the Barrington/East Bay CROP Hunger Walk on **Tuesdays in April**. Certificates for *Not Your Average Cause* are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall for use at the Seekonk NYAJ, or just inform your server that you'd like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk Giveback.

Lenten Lollapalooza is next SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH after worship in Fellowship Hall. Come make pretzels, palm crosses, and various other Lenten crafts. Hosted by CEYM, all ages are welcome to participate.

Palm Sunday is next SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH. During the worship service we will be receiving new members into our church. We will also be giving out green eco-palms in recognition of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We hope you can join us for worship next Sunday as we welcome the newest members of BCCUCC.

Holy Week Early Morning Reflections: Rev. Jeff Larsen will lead these each morning during Holy Week, MON - FRI, APRIL 14TH -18TH from 7 - 7:15 a.m., in the church library. He will give a word for the day, provide coffee and will finish in time for you to head off to work or school. All are welcome to come for this 'quiet time' at the start of their day.

Holy Week and Easter Services: MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH 7 pm - Service in the Sanctuary. No Good Friday service. EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH - 6 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion at Osamequin Point. - 9:15 and 11 am Worship Services for All Ages in the Sanctuary. After the 9:15 service - Coffee Hour and Easter Egg for children aged through lower elementary grades.

Chancel Fund: Help beautify the sanctuary this Easter by making a donation to the Chancel Fund. Included in today's bulletin is a donation form with all the details and a donation envelope. A member of the Chancel Fund will be at the piano in coffee hour to take your donation and completed form, or put them in the offering plate. Thank you.

Special Congregational Meeting: The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship on SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2014 for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended by Church Council. Child care will be provided.

Help Needed – bakers and servers: Our church will be hosting the RI Conference of the UCC's Annual Meeting on SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. A group of volunteers from our church is already working on what we need to do as hosts, and they need some additional help. We will be providing finger food for the Peace Breakfast as well as the coffee break (breads, muffins, coffee cake etc) and need volunteer bakers to make these foods. Also needed are people to help with serving. If you can help, please sign up at the table in coffee hour TODAY or contact Joan Miller at 245-5635.

The April Bridge newsletter can be read on our church website www.bccucc.org or pick up a copy from the vestry hallway, the rack outside the church office, or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Men's Group: Are there any men interested in gathering occasionally before church to share men-related issues of faith or otherwise? Bring your coffee and come to the church library next SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH from 8:30-9:30 am, and meet with Jeff Larsen. Open to all, no set agenda, casual. Bring ideas.

Women's Faith Group will meet THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH 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 begin 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.

The Bereavement Group meets twice a month and will meet, MONDAY, APRIL 14TH & 28TH 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.

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet on WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 9TH & 23RD 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.

Holy Joe's Café Collection: We continue to collect monetary donations during Lent for the Holy Joe's Café run by UCC military chaplains in Forward Operating Bases, hangar bays, hospitals, aid stations and makeshift chapels. Collection baskets will be on the coffee hour table. Money raised is used to purchase Equal Exchange Coffee that is sent to the Holy Joe's Café project and sent overseas to where it is needed.

Our new church website www.bccucc.org is up and running with more information regularly being added - check out the new posts under 'Latest News' on the home page. Let Christine know (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) if there's information you think should be included, or corrections made – or any errors you find. There are still some blank pages that need to be worked on, and that will happen as soon as possible. We hope you use the website as an additional tool to keep you up to date with what's happening at church. Hopefully, visitors will also find the information on our website helpful as they look around for a church community with whom to connect and worship.

The Book Group next meets on TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren. They will discuss *Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's history making race around the world* by Matthew Goodman. All are welcome.

The Knitting Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Marty Kee, 3 Briarfield Road, Barrington. All are welcome to join them to knit or crochet items to be given away. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net

Instrumentalists Wanted: A church member who plays violin would like to join others for rehearsal and music, leading to a chamber music offering during worship. Do you play a string instrument, woodwind, flute etc. and wish to dust off your instrument and play again. Contact Music Team co-chair Mary Lou Slicker: RISlick@fullchannel.net or 245-0085

Is your child interested in Sacred Dance? Earlier this year some girls performed a Sacred Movement piece during worship. It didn't require a lot of practice and they had fun doing it. We are hoping to do this a couple of times a year & plan on keeping the routines short & simple. More parents & children are needed to make this happen - dance experience not required. If interested, please contact either Jennifer Silva 401 219-0734 or Meghan Kiley 401 954-6421.