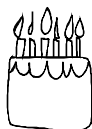


# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 8		<b>Stewardship Sunday - Tithing Your Time</b>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion in Library then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:30 am – 1 pm	Conversations about our Church, Library
	11:30 am	Communications Team meeting, Room 9
Mon, Apr 9		<i>Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only</i>
	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room
Tue, Apr 10	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	3 pm	Usher meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Wed, Apr 11	Noon	<i>Deadline for the eBridge</i>
	5:30 pm	SPRT meeting, Dale's office
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 12	3 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
		<i>No community office hours today</i>
Fri, Apr 13		<i>Dale will be 'on call' for pastoral emergencies today.</i>
	10 am – 3 pm	'Church: Alive and Thriving' Workshops at Seekonk Congregational Church
Sat, Apr 14	10 am – 3 pm	'Church: Alive and Thriving' Workshops at BCCUCC
Sun, Apr 15		<b>2030 Sunday (Emerging Church Sunday)</b>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:30 am	Community Connection Team meeting, Room 9



## Birthdays for the Week of April 8<sup>th</sup>

*Bob Mason, Gabi Sclafani, Tom Colby, Andrew Collins, Jan Roberts, Aven Sheets, and Maeve Hecht.*  
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.

**DEACONS FOR APRIL:** Chris Brady (star), Abby Ashley, Jon Stabach, Kim Zeleznik, and Bernie Hawes. 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.

**Children's Communion** is TODAY at 10 am in the library. Children wishing to attend should go directly over to the library – located at the far end of the education building. Following their communion service, the children will go to their regular church school classes.

**Clergy away:** Brendan is away this weekend for his 'Spring Weekend Off'. He'll be back in the office tomorrow.

**Interested in joining our church, or maybe just learn more about who we are?** Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for 'Conversations about our Church' TODAY from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. Child care is provided.

**Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal:** TODAY at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals are every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to come sing with us as we prepare to sing in church on Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more info or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or speak with our organist, Marina Zabinski.

**Community Dinner:** Tickets go on sale TODAY for the community dinner being held SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The dinner is a fundraiser to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Tickets are \$10 each, children age 6 and under are free. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.

**144 envelopes fundraiser:** In Fellowship Hall you will notice a "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations." 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 will 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. If we all contribute what we can to this fundraiser, we will be very close to our goal for this year. Thank you to everyone who has already taken an envelope and made a donation – it is much appreciated.

**Deadline for registering** for the 'Church: Alive and Thriving' Workshops is TODAY. This 2 day event – sponsored by the RI Conference of the UCC - has been organized by Rev. Dale Azevedo and is for both clergy and congregation members. All are welcome and may choose to attend either one or both days. See next page for all the details.

**Office Hours this week:** The church office will be open from 9:30 – 12:30 pm tomorrow, Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be open regular hours on Tuesday as Pat will be in the office. Christine returns on Wednesday.

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**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.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Lenten Mid-Week Recharge** has officially ended, but all are still 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.

**NO Community Office Hours this week** (Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>) as Brendan is attending a workshop in Boston.

**‘Church: Alive and Thriving’ Workshops:** FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>. Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. FRIDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. More info and register at <https://www.ricucc.org/eventdetail/11005636> *Deadline for registration is TODAY.*

**Women’s Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**Church Clean Up Day** is SAT, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers of all abilities (skilled & unskilled) and ages are welcome, even if you can only be there for a short time. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 will also be assisting. Sign up is appreciated - contact Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or [wrbtwks@aol.com](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com) to volunteer. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.

**Mission and Justice Speaker Series #3:** On SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> at 11:30 am in the church library, Rev. Donald Anderson, Executive Minister for the RI State Council of Churches will join us to share the many activities that the Council provides, including advocacy at the State House. The Council just celebrated its 80th year in the fall. To watch a video of that service go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhuMqjQ5q80>. All are welcome to come hear him speak.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All welcome!

**Loaves and Fishes truck run – help needed:** On THURSDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the truck to Providence. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food and load the truck (beginning at 4:30 pm in the BCCUCC kitchen), go out on the truck and serve the people, and also donate the various food, clothing and toiletry items needed. There’s a SignUpGenius with more info and to register for any of these things at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) - search using the e-mail [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or go directly to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaacae2aa75-mobile3> If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).

**Community Dinner:** On SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, from 5-7 pm there will be a community dinner in Fellowship Hall to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Tickets go on sale TODAY and are \$10 each, children age 6 and under are free. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.

**Save the date** of SUN, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC for another concert at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church’s service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.

**Ministry Team members needed:** The Membership Team is in the process of 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](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com).

**Renewal Team Update:** On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> thirty two congregational members shared a morning workshop with our consultant Rev. Steve Sterner. The morning included breakfast, worship, and information regarding our process. Rev. Sterner spoke about the changes churches are going through today and the challenges they face. Our seven strategic teams: Congregational Care, Communication, Community Connection, Capital Improvement, Building Usage, Grow Endowment, and Stewardship had the opportunity to meet and begin to make plans. All seven teams are now presently meeting. There is a shared enthusiasm and excitement present to keep BCCUCC the great church we are. A shout out of THANKS to Dick McWhirter, Tom Colby, John Loerke, Barbara Wuth, Kate Colby, Paul Dennis and Bill Block for a great presentation they recently gave regarding our church’s finances and goals. We always welcome input and questions. Feel free to contact Dale, Heather Williamson, Helen Schall, Eric Ela, Tom Colby, Larry Ashley or Marion Fodor.

**We want to hear from you:** As part of the Capital Improvement Team’s data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), we’d be 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 us an email at [BCCUCCBG@gmail.com](mailto:BCCUCCBG@gmail.com). Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

**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!

**Our Church calendar** can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have meetings or activities planned, please send them to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.