

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Apr 9		<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate choir, Lenten Lollapalooza
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library
Mon, Apr 10	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, Apr 11	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	3 pm	Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP), Library
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Wed, Apr 12	7 pm	Book Group, Library
Thurs, Apr 13		<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
	7 pm	Tenebrae Service with Communion, Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	Choir rehearsal after service
Fri, Apr 14		<i>Good Friday</i>
		Church Office CLOSED
	Noon	Good Friday Walk (begins and ends at church)
Sun, Apr 15		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	6 am	Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care Only
	After 9:15 am service	Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour
	11 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care Only



Birthdays for the Week of April 9th

Duffy Macaulay, Gabi Sclafani, Tom Colby, Sean Lennon, Andrew Collins, Jan Roberts, Maeve Hecht, and Jane Cipoletti.

If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn't appear in this list, it's because we don't have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

DEACONS FOR APRIL: Susan Seader (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, 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.

Chancel Fund – deadline is tomorrow: All are invited to make a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Money from the fund is used in a variety of different ways that enhance the worship experience, including paying for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary at Easter. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information about how the fund has been used, and for the donation form. Completed forms with payment can be put in the offering plate or returned to the office.

Lenten Lollapalooza: CEYM is hosting a Lenten Lollapalooza for all ages on PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH. The children will leave worship after the children's message and go to Fellowship Hall for the Lollapalooza which will run into coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join them during coffee hour in making palm crosses, cards for One Egg Haiti, & other crafts.

Sing and Celebrate Choir is singing this Sunday during the worship service. There is no rehearsal after church today, but there are rehearsals (in Room 6) on SUNDAYS, APRIL 23RD, 30TH, AND MAY 7TH in preparation for singing in church again on Mother's Day, May 14th. All children Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 for more info.

Thinking about joining the church? If you were unable to make it to 'Conversations about our church', but are interested in joining our church on April 23rd – it's not too late. Please contact our Senior Minister, Rev. Dale Azevedo, to express your interest *by this Sunday, April 9th*. Contact him at dale@bccucc.org or 401 246-0111 ext 103. He looks forward to hearing from you.

Public Office Hours: As a way of making themselves more accessible to the congregation, Rev. Dale Azevedo and Rev. Brendan Curran will be offering public office hours! In our current times people often think they can only come talk to a pastor or visit the pastors at the church if there's an emergency. The ministers want the congregation to know that they are here for you always whether you have a pastoral care concern, if you'd like to talk about faith and spirituality, or simply if you'd like to have a friendly visit. The pastors are here for you! Brendan is having public office hours EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3PM-5PM at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. All who would like to visit him during that time are welcome! Stay tuned to find out Rev. Dale's public debut!

Mission Trip 'envelope' fundraiser update: Many thanks to all who have supported our mission trip by taking an envelope off our "board of many dwelling places" in Fellowship Hall and made a donation. Money received this past week has brought us \$279 closer to our goal. If you haven't yet taken an envelope you are encouraged to do so, and also to return envelopes that have been taken. Envelopes can be put in the offering plate or dropped off or mailed to the church office and the fundraiser will run thru Easter Sunday. Your support will help cover the cost of the trip for those going to Orland Maine to help build homes for low-income families, with any additional money going to h.o.m.e.

Altar Flower list: The Chancel team would like to establish 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 to let her know.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Be sure to check out the church's website www.bccucc.org to read the latest posting from Dale titled 'Pushback on Politics' that went up on April 1st. A link was included in this week's *eBridge*. Printed copies are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the church library. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Book Group will meet WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH (*note the change of date*) at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *The Keepers of the House* by Shirley Ann Grau: 'Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1965, *The Keepers of the House* is Shirley Ann Grau's masterwork, a many-layered indictment of racism and rage that is as terrifying as it is wise.' (Amazon) All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

RICUCC 'Passion of Christ Retreat' at Irons Homestead, APRIL 13 – 15. This experiential retreat begins with supper on Maundy Thursday evening and ends with breakfast on Saturday morning. Participants will encounter the last supper, crucifixion and death of Jesus through a variety of media. Several spiritual practices included but not limited to art, music, meditation, movement, silence and sharing will be offered. Good Friday includes an interactive Way of the Cross on the trails, weather permitting. All participation is voluntary. More at www.ironshomestead.org *Deadline is Apr 10th*.

Maundy Thursday: There will be a Service of Tenebrae on MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The deacons and ministers lead this worship service in which the story of Jesus' passion and suffering is read, with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion and music. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.

Good Friday Walk: You are invited to join the ministers (Dale and Brendan) on GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH for a prayerful walk through town during which we will pause at certain points to reflect on the seven final statements uttered by Christ from the cross. On the walk we will take time to honor Christ's passion together and meditate on the presence of the cross as well as the living Christ in our own community and in our lives. The walk will begin at the church at Noon and will be 3.2 miles long – ending up back at the church. We hope you can join us for this sacred time.

Easter Sunday: On SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH, there will be three different opportunities to worship as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. All are welcome:

6 am *Ecumenical Sunrise Communion Service* at Osamequin Point, located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Rte 114).

9:15 am and 11 am *Worship Service for All Ages* in the Sanctuary.

After the 9:15 am service only *Coffee Hour* and an *Easter Egg Hunt* for children in the lower elementary grades.

Easter Egg Hiding and Hunt: On EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the lower elementary grades and younger *following the 9:15 am service only*. Please bring a basket. In order for the children to find some eggs, there needs to be an egg hiding session earlier on Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Andrea Bullard if you would like to help with this fun activity at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

The Settlers, a film about the Israeli settlers in Palestine, will be shown on MONDAY, APRIL 17TH at 6:30 PM, at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence. "*The Settlers*, a Shimon Dotan documentary, is a compelling, must see, tour de force outline of the Israeli Settlement issue fueling the last fifty years of Middle East Conflicts", according to Michael Berkowitz in The Huffington Post. Discussion will follow the film. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact eastbaycitizens4peace@hotmail.com or 401-247-3004. Co-sponsoring the event are the East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Weaver Library, the Mission and Justice Ministry of the Barrington Congregational Church UCC, and the American Friends Service Committee – South East New England.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH 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 or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

The Bereavement Group will meet again on MONDAY, APRIL 24TH from 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at 245-8031 or jsbeeb@aol.com

An **Interfaith Poverty Conference** will take place on THURSDAY, MAY 11TH from 8 am - 12:30 pm at RI College, Providence. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr, and there will also be workshop choices available. More details at www.tinyurl.com/RIpoverty2017 where you can also purchase tickets. There is a reduced rate (\$10 discount) for groups of 3 or more so anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. There's also a flier about the event on the back table in Fellowship Hall.

Save these important dates! Brought to you by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' Historical Group:

Sunday, May 7th at 7 pm: Yale Whiffenpoofs will give a concert in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. Ticket details to follow.

Sunday, May 21st at Noon: '3 Centuries and Beyond' Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC. Hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, cake, live music and more!! 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. Plan to come and be part of this fun celebration. All are invited.

Did you know.....After the establishment of the Town in 1717, the Rev. Samuel Torrey became the first minister of the Town and Church. His term must have been satisfactory until December of 1725 when his request for a salary increase was denied. In June of 1726 the request was again denied by the Town and Church and it was agreed to dismiss the Rev. Torrey, thus a search for a new minister began. A new settled minister was hard to come by. After approximately five different candidates for the position, Mr. Peleg Heath was called and accepted as the new minister in 1728. His was a colorful term of 12 years which will be explained in a later issue.

The 'Did you know...' historical segments are brought to you by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' group.