

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Office Hours are Mon, Tue, Thurs 9:30 am – 2 pm, Wed. 11 am – 3:30 pm, Fri Closed.

- Sun, Aug 14 9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages in Fellowship Hall, Nursery Care only
 10:30 – 11:30 am Pet Blessing in Fellowship Hall or on the Terrace, depending on weather.
 Pets are welcome in today's worship service provided they are on a leash or in a carrier. Alternatively, there is time to go home after the service and bring your pet back for a blessing, as Brendan will be available until 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a blessing if they wish.
- Mon, Aug 15 6:00 pm BCCUCC Softball team vs. St. John's, Bicknell Field
- Thurs, Aug 18 6:00 pm Softball 'Play In' game for 4th vs 5th place teams, Bicknell Field
- Sun, Aug 21 *Mission Trip Sunday*
 9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
 11 am – 5 pm Conference goes to Camp – a free day at Irons Homestead

AUGUST 14TH WORSHIP SERVICE: **Ushers:** Tom Colby, Trish Sylvester **Greeter:** Sue Terhune

Altar Flowers: Given by Susan and Stephen Terhune in memory of Susan's parents, Maurice and Sally Smith



Birthdays for the Week of Aug 14th *Nathan Bannon, Cara Priolo, Ava Bowman, Annie Priolo, Mariela Alschuler, Julia Mole, Grace Mole, Jake Slye, Rebecca Brenner, Steve Cipoletti, Deb Clarke, Matthew Mason, and Will Hemingway.* Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR THE SUMMER: Susan Rotblat-Walker (August star), Larry Ashley, Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Pat Rude, Susan Seader, Jon Stabach, Tom Wegner, and Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Brendan (401-318 2447) please call on one of the deacons.

Summer Worship Services: 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us this summer - the service is shorter, the dress is casual, so invite a friend! The schedule is below - the sermon titles for each week are italicized and in quotes. Special music is in parentheses, and the special 'treat' is listed at the end.

Aug 21st Mission Trip Sunday "*Stories from Borderlinks*" Chips and Salsa

All are especially encouraged to join us on August 21st as we will have an opportunity to hear a report-back from the mission trippers who went to Borderlinks in Tucson, Arizona this past June. This will be a special Sunday to celebrate our church's mission, how the Spirit has moved us, and how we are "being the church" in the world.

Aug 28th Colors of Summer Sunday "*God's Mandala*" Ice cream cups

Sept 4th Squeeze out the Summer Sunday "*Work Less, Play More*" (Improv Band) Fruit Kabobs & juice

Enjoy a FREE day at Irons Homestead on SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 11 am-5 pm. All churches and people of the Rhode Island Conference are invited to enjoy worship, picnicking, swimming, boating, games, hikes, rock throwing – all the Homestead has to offer - for free. Park in the field by the waterfront. **11 am:** Worship. **Noon on:** Lunch – bring your own. Grills, tables & water available. **Noon – 4pm:** Waterfront open **1 pm:** "Jesus is My Rock" a program for Elementary children lead by Jennifer Geary (open to all ages.) Have morning obligations? Worshipping at your home church? Arrive when you can – we'll be here all day.

Deadline for the September *Bridge* newsletter will be SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST. Please submit all material to Christine at office@bccucc.org by the deadline to guarantee inclusion.

This week we've started the next step in our new journey. Reverend Sue has departed, Reverend Brendan will be providing spiritual guidance for the rest of the summer and Reverend Dale Azevedo is preparing for his move to BCCUCC. As many of you know, Dale will be starting with us as our Senior Minister on Monday, September 12th. His first service with us couldn't have been timed any better as it will be on Gathering Sunday, September 18th. We have lots of planning going on in preparation for having a new Senior Minister join us including Building and Grounds working with contractors to freshen up the paint and rehab a bathroom in the parsonage. Brendan and our church staff, Christine, Andrea, Pat & Paul, all of whom have gone above and beyond in so many ways over the past year, met with Dale this past week to start planning for the upcoming year. We're all excited about starting these new steps and we will continue to keep you up to date as we start this new journey. *Larry Ashley*, former Chair of the Former Search Committee.

Softball: BCCUCC's softball team next plays on MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH vs. St. John's. Spectators are encouraged to come and cheer on the BCCUCC team! Then on THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH the 4th place team plays the 5th place team to determine which team goes into the playoffs. (*At the time of writing, don't know if BCCUCC will be playing in this game*). Games are played at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. Copies of the schedule are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall, or at the church website www.bccucc.org.

Calling all musicians: Marina invites musicians from the congregation to join her in providing music for the summer worship services. If you're a singer or instrumentalist and would like to share your musical talent one Sunday, please volunteer by contacting Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or marinazab62@yahoo.com. She will also be happy to accompany you if needed. Marina and the minister have to approve all music used in worship. On SUN, SEPT 4TH, musicians are invited to bring their instruments to church to form an **improv band**.

Fellowship Hall Chairs Update: The new chairs are getting rave reviews! Pledges that have been made to date have now covered the cost of 160 chairs and 2 chair racks – thank you for your generosity! If you've pledged but have not yet made your donation, please do so as soon as possible. *Our goal is to purchase 40 additional chairs, so if you have not yet contributed to the project, you are most welcome to do so at this time.* Please make checks payable to BCCUCC with 'chairs' in the memo line.

Nursery Help Wanted: Andrea Bullard is looking for one, two or three people to work in the nursery during the worship service on Sunday mornings. This is a paid position and you must be at least 18 years of age. Please contact Andrea andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107 for more information.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD 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 or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Book Group next meets TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, at the Coffee Depot at 7:00 pm to will discuss *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks: 'In her gorgeously written novel of ambition, courage, retribution, and triumph, Brooks imagines the life and character of King David in all his complexity, from his humble childhood through old age.' (Booklist). For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

East Bay Citizens for Peace: The next in a series of monthly viewings of "Democracy Now!" broadcasts will take place on TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD at 7 pm in the Herreshoff Community Room of Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope Street, Bristol. The topic will be *Nuclear Disarmament*. The viewing will be followed by discussion and is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org or call 247-9728.

The Bereavement Group will not meet again at the church until MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH at the later time of Noon in the church library. If anyone needs to contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner, with a bereavement issue over the summer, you may reach her at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Our 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. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office.

Rev Sue's email account has been closed. If you have any reason to reach Sue please contact the church office. Her home address is 923 Washington Street, Whitman, Mass. 02382

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Thank you from Rev Sue: "I am very grateful for the thoughtful gifts that were presented to me on my last Sunday here at BCCUCC. It was so very generous of you. I am even more grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve here in Barrington by the River with such a fine staff and a great congregation! I will treasure my time with you. I hope you will forgive me any wrongdoings so that I will remain as a fond memory in your hearts. You will remain in my heart always. May God bless you with calm seas and gentle winds but if you do face any storms in life, hold on to the One who can see you through. God Bless. Rev. Sue"

East Bay Food Pantry Seeks Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to pick up fresh produce from local farms and deliver the produce to their location at 150 Franklin Street in Bristol. The pantry is open on Wednesdays to anyone in need from the area to come choose nutritious meals to help feed their families. Volunteers deliver mostly fruits and vegetables, with the occasional load of eggs. Contact Karen Griffith if you can help: karen@eastbayfoodpantry.org or 401-423-0910. Church members Charlie and Lory McCoy own the McCoy Community Farm, 106 Birch Swamp Road Warren; one of the farms that supplies the food pantry. Please call 401-949-2917 if you would like to help weed and harvest the crops.

'These Days' Daily Devotions for Living by Faith: These booklets are made available free by your Deacons and anyone is welcome to take a copy. Copies for July – Sept are on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

In case you missed it: *Our new Senior Minister will be the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Azevedo.* The congregation unanimously approved his appointment on June 19th and he will begin his ministry with us in mid-September. Brochures with information about him are available for pick up

Free Summer Concert Series at Burr's Hill Park, Warren on WEDNESDAYS at 6 p.m. The Church Street Coffeehouse has teamed up with the Warren Recreation Department and the Town of Warren to present a broad spectrum of music from the folk, Celtic, classical, jazz, blues, country, and western swing genres to good old rock & roll. Schedules are available online at www.churchstreetcoffeehouse.com (click on Warren Summer Concert Series), The George Hail library, The Coffee Depot, and Warren House of Pizza. The rain dates for most shows will be the following day but check the schedule. *Please leave your four-legged friends home.*

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