

SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on August 20th and 27th, 2017

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

Change in office hours for August 23rd through Labor Day:

The Church Office is OPEN Tues & Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm, and CLOSED Mon, Wed and Fri.

Sun, Aug 20	9:30 am 12 – 7 pm	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only RICUCC - Free Fun Day at Irons Homestead
Mon, Aug 21	6 pm	Softball 'Play In' Game (4 th vs 5 th place), Bicknell Field
Tues, Aug 22	11 am 6 pm	Staff meeting Softball Play Off Game 1 (Seed 2 vs Seed 3), Bicknell Field
Wed, Aug 23		<i>Office Closed (Christine away but other staff will be in as usual)</i>
Thurs, Aug 24	3-5 pm 6 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren Softball Play Off Game 2 (Seed 1 vs Winner of 'Play In' Game), Bicknell Field
Sat, Aug 26	10 am	Memorial Service for Zoe Woodruff, Sanctuary
Sun, Aug 27	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Aug 28	6 pm	<i>Office Closed (Christine away but other staff will be in as usual)</i> Softball Final (Winner of Game 1 vs Game 2), Bicknell Field
Tues, Aug 29	11 am 7 pm	Staff meeting Book Group, Library
Wed, Aug 30		<i>Office Closed (Christine away, but other staff will be in as usual)</i>
Thurs, Aug 31	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, Sep 3	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of August 20th: Doug Dubel, Will Short, Wyatt Bullard, Sara Slye, Larry Ashley, Alison Fodor, Benjamin Holmes, Marion Primiano, Heather Sugg, and Nancy Brex.

Birthdays for the Week of August 27th: Linda Marshall, Cheryl Muth, Michael Zeleznik, Jacob Koble, and Amy Barkat. Please keep them in your prayers.

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!

Altar Flowers

On August 20th the altar flowers are given by Pat Stoddard and family in loving memory of her father, Laurent N. Dion (MIA Vietnam 8-17-1967); and are also given by Susan and Howard Rotblat-Walker in memory of their granddaughter, Julia Alice Rotblat.

On August 27th the altar flowers are given by Jane and Douglas Tonn in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.



DEACONS FOR AUGUST: Abby Ashley (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289-3780) please call on one of the deacons.

Clergy notes: Rev. Dale Azevedo broke his clavicle (collarbone) playing church softball on August 8th and had to undergo outpatient surgery to repair it on August 18th. He will be recuperating at home for a few days before returning, initially part time, to the office. On Sunday, August 20th we welcome the Rev. Kathy Henry to lead worship and preach. Rev. Brendan Curran will be back at work on Monday, August 21st and will lead worship and preach on August 27th. Please remember that Dale's day off is now Monday and Brendan's is Friday.

Pick your favorite hymn! During the summer, the ministers aren't choosing the hymns for each Sunday, but instead are giving the congregation the chance to select them. So think about what you'd like to sing and be ready with your request at Announcements time. Only three can be sung each week - but over the course of the summer, that's 33 hymns!!

Sermons on line: If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so by going to the church website www.bccucc.org and clicking on the post on the home page, or by going to the 'Worship' tab and clicking on 'Sermon Archive' in the drop down menu. Past sermons can also be found there.

Staff vacation and change in office hours: Christine will be out of the office from Wed. Aug 23rd through Labor Day. During her absence the church office will be open from 9:30 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, and closed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The clergy and other staff will still be in the office as usual so if you plan to stop by, you might want to call ahead to make sure that someone is there. Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.

Free Fun Day at Irons Homestead: All churches and individuals of the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ are invited to picnic and play at Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI 02857, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH from Noon – 7 pm for FREE! Boating, Swimming, Volleyball, Soccer, Horseshoes, etc, etc. Grills and tables will be ready for your picnic. For more info visit the Irons website at www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead or contact Rev. Jennifer Geary at 401 710-8478 or ironshomestead@ricucc.org

We're moving ahead with the Riverwalk Accessibility Project: Thanks to several recent generous donations we've now raised just over \$22,000 which is sufficient to get the project started (but not enough to get everything done that is needed). Buildings and Grounds have chosen a contractor to do the work and after the necessary permits have been obtained, work should begin in a few weeks. Additional donations are needed if we're going to be able to complete more features of the original proposal like install an ADA automatic door from the terrace into Fellowship Hall, put up new fencing, and do any landscaping. Donation forms are available from the table in the vestry or at the back of Fellowship Hall, or you can just put your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Riverwalk'. THANK YOU to everyone whose donation is making this project become a reality! We want to make our church buildings more accessible and welcoming to everyone.

Roof repairs: Work begins on MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST (and is expected to last all week) to repair several of the flat roof areas of the Education building. This includes the roof over the entire section of the building from Brendan's office and the workroom, up to the Foyer; and also the roof over Rooms 8 and 9. Past experience has taught us that debris comes down from the ceilings as they work on the roof, so those areas have been prepared by being covered in plastic so many of the rooms will be unusable until the work is completed and the rooms put back as they were.

Community Office Hours are when our ministers make themselves available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. All are welcome to visit them at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Brendan is there on Thursday afternoons from 3 – 5 pm. Dale was having them on Wednesday mornings from 8 – 10 am but has had to put them on hold until further notice while he's recovering from his surgery.

Softball Update: The BCCUCC softball team has had yet another amazing win, this time coming back from being behind 0–10 to beat St John's 16-12 on August 14th. At the time of writing our record is 3 wins and 3 losses. Due to scheduling conflicts, the rained out game against Temple Habonim will be considered a draw. We won't know where BCCUCC stands at the end of the regular season until our final game is played on August 17th. The team will either be playing the 'Play In' game on MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST or the first round of the play off on TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND. The post season games are all listed on the calendar above. Spectators are encouraged to come and cheer on the team! All games begin at 6 pm and are held at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln Ave.

Memorial Service: There will be a memorial service for Zoe Woodruff who passed away on August 11th, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH at 10 am in the sanctuary. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial donations to Barrington Congregational Church.

Book Group next meets on TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *The Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothchild: "Irreverent, witty, bittersweet, *The Improbability of Love* draws an unforgettable portrait of the London art scene, but it is also an exuberant and unexpected journey through life's highs and lows and the complexities of love and loss." (From the publisher). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

Dale's 100 mile bike ride – postponed! Due to his shoulder injury, Dale will no longer be participating in the 'Bike to the Beach Century Ride' on September 2nd. The 100 mile bike ride from Boston to Newport goes through Barrington and raises awareness and money for Autism. Don't worry, Dale - there's always next year!

Save the date of SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH when Elisabeth von Trapp will give a concert here at 4 pm. Details to follow. Elisabeth is a granddaughter of Maria & Baron von Trapp of 'Sound of Music' fame. <http://www.elisabethvontrapp.com>

'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 by Dale Azevedo "The Problem with Anti-White Discrimination". You can also find past posts if you missed any. Printed copies of recent posts are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

2017-2018 Church Calendar is filling up! The staff continues to add things to the 2017-2018 Church Calendar and you can view it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

Choir loft curtain: The pew cushion project is now complete with the replacement of the curtain around the choir loft to match the new pew cushions. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who made it all possible, and to the Chancel Team and Buildings and Grounds who oversaw the project. The old red pew cushions are now being used by another church.

Summer Musicians wanted: During the summer there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. She is available to accompany you as needed. There aren't many Sundays left this summer so don't delay!

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10th – 12th grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10th – 12th graders to start thinking about participating in the upcoming program year. Letters and information will be mailed to you this summer with an invitation to register. For more information about OWL visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/>

Bibles needed: As part of their outreach ministry to those in need, Riverside Congregational Church, UCC, holds a breakfast every week followed by a Bible Study. In the last few months they have given away about 100 Bibles so are in continuous need for more! A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Cheryl Muth.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

Please wear a nametag: It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.