

# SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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

*The Church Office is OPEN Mon, Tues & Thurs, 9 am – 1 pm, Wed, 11 am – 1 pm; and CLOSED Fridays*

Sun, Aug 6	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only
Tues, Aug 8	11 am	Staff meeting
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	6 pm	BCCUCC Softball Game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field
Wed, Aug 9	8 – 10 am	Dale's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, Aug 13	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	4 – 9 pm	RICUCC Haitian Hoopla '10', Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth
Mon, Aug 14	6 pm	BCCUCC Softball Game vs St John's, Bicknell Field
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry
Tues, Aug 15	11 am	Staff meeting
Wed, Aug 16	8 – 10 am	Dale's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot in Warren
Thurs, Aug 17	6 pm	BCCUCC Softball Game vs St Luke's, Bicknell Field
	6:30 pm	Historical Group Meeting, Tom Wegner's home
Fri, Aug 18	4 pm	Wedding rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sat, Aug 19	4 pm	Wedding of Megan Hoyt and Frank Ogura, Sanctuary
Sun, Aug 20	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	12 – 7 pm	RICUCC - Free Fun Day at Irons Homestead



**Birthdays for the Week of August 6<sup>th</sup>:** *Sylvie Malpartida, Reed Bullard, Flo Fairfield, and Nick McGarry*  
**Birthdays for the Week of August 13<sup>th</sup>:** *Cara Priolo, Ava Bowman, Meagan Gamache, Annie Priolo, Helen Ridondo, Mariela Alschuler, Jesse Azevedo, Brittany DiOrio, Jake Slye, Rebecca Brenner, Steve Cipoletti, Deb Clarke and Matthew Mason.* 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

## Altar Flowers

**On August 6<sup>th</sup>** the altar flowers are given by the Edwards family in memory of Elizabeth Welch.

**On August 13<sup>th</sup>** the altar flowers are given by Susan and Steve Terhune in memory of Susan's parents, Maurice and Sally Smith.



**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. Brendan Curran is on vacation through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Dale's day off is now Monday and Brendan's is Friday. Dale has begun having Community Office Hours (see below) and Brendan's Community Office Hours will resume on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Dale is having Community Office Hours** and they are Wednesday mornings from 8 – 10 am at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. He is making himself available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. All are welcome.

**Update on the Riverwalk Accessibility Project:** Thanks to everyone who has made a donation, we have raised approx \$10,000 toward the cost of this project. More contributions are needed but we're very hopeful that we'll get enough to begin building the basic walkway behind the CE building this summer! This will make our church buildings more accessible and welcoming to all, especially those with mobility challenges as it will reduce by 50% the distance from the church to Fellowship Hall for those in wheelchairs or who cannot manage steps. If you can help with a donation of any size – large or small - it would be much appreciated. The plans are on display in Fellowship Hall and donation forms are available in the bulletin. Let's make this happen! Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' with memo 'Riverwalk'.

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** Be sure to check out the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) to read the latest posting by Dale Azevedo. 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 available for viewing:** The staff has been working on 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

**Summer Musicians wanted:** During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, 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 Zabinksi at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina has posted a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

**2017 Barrington Churches Softball Season** is in full swing and upcoming games are listed in the calendar above. Spectators/supporters are always most welcome to come cheer on the team! The full schedule can be found online from the home page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) or under What's Happening > Information for Church Members. Copies can also be picked up from outside the church office, the vestry table or the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Softball Update:** Our softball team has had some amazing wins this season – including a recent win against Temple Habonim when they were behind 0-9 and came back to win 15-14. To date they've had two wins and two losses. As you can tell, the games can get pretty exciting and the team is thankful for all the folks who come out to watch and cheer them on. Thanks also to Tom Strolla, team captain, and to all of the players for representing our church so well.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets again on TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Help support Refugee Families** by taking part in a fundraiser offered by the RI Film Fest. Tickets are available by contacting Helen Schall (245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)) and are available for opening night, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm. This event is being held at the Providence Performing Arts Center and cost \$10.00. Find out more at [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org)

**TapIn needs school supplies:** TAPIN is organizing a distribution of backpacks and school supplies to children of their clients. Back to school times are always difficult for persons in need because they have to stretch their limited budgets to buy school supplies for their children. TAPIN was able to purchase 100 backpacks, but they would love to have supplies to put in them! Congregations are invited to join in this activity by donating any kind of school supplies. *The last Sunday for donations will be August 13<sup>th</sup>.* A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you.

**The 10th Annual Haitian Hoopla – our church is being recognized!** This fundraising event for the RICUCC Haiti Task Force is on SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> from 4 - 9 pm at Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth. BCCUCC is one of the churches that will be recognized at the event for the Time, Treasure and Talent that members of our congregation have devoted to carrying out the mission of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force in Haiti. Recognized churches are being offered a special discount on a table of 8 for \$500. Tickets for individuals and couples are also available at \$75 each or 2 for \$140. Special guests include a master chef and a master chocolatier from NY, a vocalist and steel drummer, and a band. For more info see the fliers on the Vestry table or at the back of Fellowship Hall. *Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo will be attending the event and would love to have some company from our church!*

**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 20<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead) or contact Rev. Jennifer Geary at 401 710-8478 or [ironshomestead@ricucc.org](mailto:ironshomestead@ricucc.org)

**Book Group** next meets on TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome.

**Save the date** of SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 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>

**Our Whole Lives (OWL)** is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will be at the back of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Cheryl Muth.

**New pew cushions:** A big thank you to the anonymous donor who gave the money to purchase new pew cushions that match the new blue rug in the sanctuary. A matching curtain is being made for around the choir loft. Another church has accepted the offer of our old pew cushions – so they will be going to a good home! Interestingly, a number of the old red pew cushions had been donated to our church many years ago – which is why some of them didn't quite fit the pews!

**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!

**There is a Nursery Nook** available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to turn up the volume.)

**Did You Know?.....**After the stormy period of the church from 1728-1741 led by Rev. Peleg Heath, there were 55 years of peace, tranquility and growth in the church led by the Rev. Solomon Townsend. Not much was written about him except that he was called Father Townsend and was loved by all. Samuel Watson then served the church for 18 years, during which time he established the Barrington Library – which was kept in his home. Luther Wright's ministry in 1817 began the Sunday School (as was mentioned in a previous column), and also the singing of hymns during the church service. Previous to that the minister or a chorister from the congregation would read through the hymn and then sing two lines which the congregation would repeat, then sing to the end, much as we did with Brendan on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Isn't it great to have hymnbooks and be able to sing the entire hymn with the accompaniment of the piano or organ? Ah!! The organ..... a brief history of which will come soon.