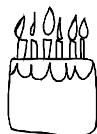


# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Dec 11	10 am	Worship Service with special Christmas music, Church School
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library
	5-7 pm	Community Pasta Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Dec 12	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, Dec 13		<i>Office Closes at Noon</i>
	10:30 – Noon	'White Privilege' Curriculum study, Library
	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Book Group, Library
	7 pm	Possible Church Council Meeting, Room 6
Wed, Dec 14	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Dec 15	Noon	Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch, Trafford Restaurant
	6:30 pm	Historical Group, Library
Sun, Dec 18		<i>Christmas Fund Offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Pageant preparation for Church School children
	11:15 am – 1 pm	Pageant Rehearsal, Library then Fellowship Hall



## Birthdays for the Week of December 11<sup>th</sup>

*Bill Ward, Dave Gregory, Kelly Movsesian, Ava DiMatteo, Amelia DeLaTorre,  
Wyatt Porter, Sydney Zarlengo, and Kim Colby.*

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!

**DEACONS FOR DECEMBER:** Pat Rude (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner. 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.

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to worship with their families today. Next week they are invited to spend the regular church school time preparing for the pageant.

**Pasta Dinner:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> our Mission and Justice Team will be hosting a Pasta Dinner from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit 'English for Action', a nonprofit in RI that helps immigrants through education and ESOL courses. Tickets can be purchased at coffee hour or at the door. Adult/youth \$10; Child under 12 \$6; Family maximum \$40. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated. You can choose to eat in or take out! Menu includes Caesar Salad, Bread, Choice of homemade sauces including a vegetarian option, Penne Pasta including a gluten free option, and choice of Homemade desserts. If you've been to one of our recent pasta dinners you'll know that the food is delicious and not to be missed! The event is open to the entire community so invite your friends!

**Advent Candle Lighters & Christmas Eve Readers needed:** Dale and Brendan are still looking for some people to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles on December 18, 24 (at 6 & 10 pm) & 25. Volunteers are also needed to read scripture at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rev. Dale Azevedo (401) 246-0111 ext 103 or [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org). Thank you.

**'3 Centuries & Beyond' Merchandise:** The Historical Group is selling our 300th Celebration merchandise at coffee hour every Sunday. Please pick up a Calendar for \$12, or order a Tote for \$22, a T-Shirt for \$18, and/or a Fleece for \$42. Pre-payment is requested with orders. It's too late to order in time for Christmas, but you can still order for yourself or as a birthday or other gift for someone else! Proceeds will benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items. Questions, please contact Pat Rude 837-2845 [ru4880@cox.net](mailto:ru4880@cox.net) or Marion Fodor 245-2003 [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net), or email [300th@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org).

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series at BCCUCC:** As part of our '3 Centuries and Beyond' celebrations, the Historical Group is organizing a series of concerts. Proceeds will go toward the celebrations. The next concert will be:

**Atwater-Donnelly duo** will give a concert of traditional American Folk Music and Dance on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets on sale at coffee hour or from the church office during the week. Learn more at [www.atwater-donnelly.com](http://www.atwater-donnelly.com) Tickets: Adult/Youth - \$15 Seniors (65+) - \$10 Children (2-14) - \$5 Family (4) - \$35.

**Haiti Bracelets and Cards:** Accomplish some Christmas shopping while helping the *One Egg, Haiti Project*. (Goal - a hard boiled egg every morning for undernourished Haiti children). At coffee hour again this SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> Trish Sylvester will be selling bracelets crafted by women in Haiti, and also some greeting cards. For more information, contact Trish at [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com)

**Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch:** The group will be meeting for lunch at Noon on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> at Trafford Restaurant, 285 Water Street, Warren. Those wishing to go should RSVP to Jane Tonn at [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net) or 289-2349 by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Christmas Gift:** *A message from Dale and Brendan...* “During the weeks of Advent you will find in the pew racks an envelope marked “Staff Christmas Gift.” We are blessed to have wonderful people working here who give more hours to our church than expected or are compensated for. We therefore invite you to join with us in giving them a gift during these holidays. Your gifts will be divided up among six different people; Christine and Pat in the office, Andrea our CE Coordinator, Marina at our organ, and Paul & John on the custodial staff. Each staff person will receive this gift according to the number of hours they work. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.”

**Pageant rehearsal** will take place on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am – 1 pm. The characters and puppeteers are asked to meet in the library at 11:15 (grab a cup of coffee on your way if you like!). We’ll read through the pageant before moving into Fellowship Hall for a run through. Participant **MUST** be at this rehearsal and stay for its entirety. Pageant preparation for the children will take place during Church School time that same day. The final Pageant rehearsal will be on Christmas Eve - main characters and puppeteers at 4:30 pm, and church school children at 5:30 pm.

**Giving Tree:** The Mission & Justice Ministry Team's "Giving Tree" will be in Fellowship Hall again this Sunday, with envelopes for your donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, toy stores, Ocean State Job Lot, shopping malls, etc. The gift cards will be given to the Women's Resource Center to help the families there afford the necessities, and also allow them to have money to purchase gifts for their families and themselves. Donations need to be made *by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*. Contact Lory McCoy at [lsnadymccoy@gmail.com](mailto:lsnadymccoy@gmail.com) or 247-2599 for more information or with questions.

**Mitten Tree:** The mitten tree is up in the narthex ready to receive your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens for children, youth and adults of all sizes this holiday season. Donations should be made *by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>* so they can be given to Amos House for distribution at their annual Christmas Dinner.

**Deadline for 2016 Reimbursable Expenses** is MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>: The end of our current fiscal period is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any invoices or expenses that you need to be reimbursed for, please fill out vouchers (which must be signed by the leader of your ministry team) and send them to the church office, with receipts attached, as soon as possible. Vouchers are available from the folder at the front of Pat's desk in the church office. *Expenses turned in after Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged to next year's budget!*

**Office Closing:** The Church Office will close at Noon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> as the staff will be going out for their Christmas lunch together.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<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 or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group next** meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> (note that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell. For more info, contact Helen Schall 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

**Christmas Fund Offering:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> special envelopes will be included in the bulletin for the collection of the UCC's Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. The Fund assists with Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas 'Thank You' gifts to individuals and families in need. Learn more at [www.christmasfund.org](http://www.christmasfund.org)

**Christmas Services:** Since Christmas is falling on a Sunday this year, we will be hosting only two services on Christmas Eve along with another one on Christmas Day. Please note the change in times from last year.

**Christmas Eve: Dec 24 @ 6 pm** The early service will once again be our rendition of the Christmas pageant. Brendan's famous puppets will be returning to star in this service although we promise there will be a new twist with an actual journey to the manger.

**Dec 24 @ 10 pm** Our later service will be a more traditional service of lessons and carols led by Marina and the choir. Dale will be delivering a brief Christmas message as we come together to welcome God's promise of *Emmanuel*, "God with us".

**Christmas Day: Dec. 25 @10 am** Families and people of all ages are invited to join us for worship on Christmas morning. This service will be celebratory, simple and child friendly. And, yes, there WILL be presents.

**Women's Faith Group** have chosen a new book to read and discuss in the new year. It is *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. The group will next meet in the library on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**Request from your Mission and Justice Team:** The Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty is asking us to call the Governor's office in support of the RIPTA No-Fare Bus Pass for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. Tell the Governor's staff what organization/congregation you're from, why this issue matters to you, and that you support swift action (with the funding to make it possible) to protect the no-fare bus pass. Phone #: 401-222-2080. Thank you.

**Keypad locks** have been installed on the entrance doors to the Education building in the kitchen and by the church office. A code is required for entry which has been provided to those who need it. If you haven't received it and will need access to the building after hours, please contact Christine in the church office ahead of time at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111. The other outside doors of the education building have been rekeyed so that only a master key will now work. If you had a key for just the Education building it will no longer work in any of the outside doors, so please enter via the doors with keypads. The locks in the church building remain the same.