

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Dec 27	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Dec 28 – Thurs, Dec 31		Office open 9 am – Noon only
Fri, Jan 1		New Year's Day Office Closed
Sun, Jan 3	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of December 27th

Nancy Voigt, Carolyn Materne, Willow Rainock,
Gabe Anderson, Alex Anderson, Giovanni Malpartida,
Kristen Westmoreland, Tracy Hoyt,
John Marshall Lemos, Pat Cordeiro and Frank Larrivee.
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR DECEMBER

Jon Stabach (star deacon), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley,
Stephanie Edwards, Greg Voigt, and Liz White.

In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Brendan (401 318 2447) please call on one of the deacons. (Sue is on vacation thru 1/2/16)

Candle Sale: To raise funds for the 2016 Mission Trip, Ava Anderson's artisan chemical-free candles are being sold at coffee hour through the month of December so today is your last chance! Order forms are available at coffee hour. Questions? Contact Ginger Stabach gstabach@gmail.com or (401) 225-2076. You can also visit Ginger's website at www.AvaAndersonNonToxic.com/ginger

Pasta Dinner Tickets are on sale TODAY during coffee hour. This is a fundraiser for the 2016 Mission Trip that will take place on SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2016 from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be both vegetarian sauce and gluten-free pasta options, and you can Eat In or Take Out. Tickets are \$10 Adult/Youth, \$6 Child (age 6-12), Child under 6 is free, and there's a \$30 maximum for a family. Save the date and purchase your tickets soon! Tickets will be available at the door, but advanced ticket purchase is much appreciated. Questions? Contact Brendan Brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 2014.

Church Office Holiday Hours: The office will be open from 9 am – Noon only, MONDAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH – 31ST and will be closed on FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST.

Clergy Away: The Rev. Sue Remick is on vacation this week but will be back to lead worship next Sunday, January 3RD.

Bring Bells! Rev. Sue invites the congregation to bring bells with them to church on SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD as we ring in the New Year and welcome the Magi. Come, make a joyful noise!

Is your current pledge paid? We are almost at the end of our current fiscal period (July – December, 2015) and so we respectfully ask that all those who made a pledge for this period, please fulfill it before the end of the year. Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from pledges to pay its bills. Many thanks to all who have met their pledge.

End of Year reminder: If you want a donation to the church to be credited to 2015 for tax purposes, it must be in the church office by the time the office closes at Noon on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST or postmarked by the 31ST.

Altar Flower Donors needed in January: Would you like to pay for an altar flower arrangement one Sunday in January? Donors can pay for one or both arrangements (\$30 each). There is currently one opening on SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH & two on JANUARY 31ST. Flowers can be donated in memory, thanksgiving or celebration of a person or event. If interested contact Audrey Rogers at adrogers8@cox.net or call (401) 246-1727.

Goodwill Professional Clothes Drive: There is currently a special Goodwill bin in the foyer of Fellowship Hall for the collection of men's and women's suits, shirts, dresses, blouses, shoes, belts, purses and anything else that might be appropriate for a person to wear for a job interview. The bin will only be here until shortly after Christmas so don't delay!

Search Committee update: The Search Committee has been taking all the information that you have provided in the Church Chats or have sent in, and are using it for the Church Profile. Many thanks to all that have participated as this will help us a great deal in our search for next Senior Minister. With Christmas right around the corner, we're going to take a few weeks off until after the holidays but will be back at it right in the New Year.

Lay Visitation Group will meet a week later than usual next month – on MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH at 3:30 pm in the church library. The group members keep in touch - either by visiting or by phone - with those in our congregation who are homebound, sick, or recently bereaved etc. The group then meets with the ministers once a month to check in and share any concerns. All are welcome to be part of this caring ministry. Please contact Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net to learn more.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH at 10 am in the library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome - participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031 for more info.

Knitting for Others Group: The group next meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. They will probably resume making prayer shawls, but they welcome suggestions for other projects that help others. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or RISLick@fullchannel.net All knitters and crocheters are very welcome.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. They will begin watching the movie *Invictus*. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH 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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH at 6:30 pm at Crossroads Pub, 133 Market Street, Warren RI. *Sign up by Wednesday, January 13th* to Sue Black 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com All are invited, both singles & couples, and new diners are always most welcome.

Book Group – change of date. The group has moved their January meeting to later in the month and will now meet on MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lepore. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

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.) However, we believe that God put the wiggle in children – so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! You and your children are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary if you prefer.

Have you made a pledge yet? If you haven't yet made a pledge to financially support your church in 2016, *it's not too late!* Please prayerfully consider how much you can give then complete a pledge card (available from the rack outside the church office) or email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org with the information. Making a pledge (promise) ahead of time of how much you will give in 2016 allows the Finance team to come up with a budget for the year. They are busy working on the 2016 budget and hope that as many church members and friends as possible will make a pledge. No pledge is too small or too large! Many thanks to all who have pledged for 2016 – it is much appreciated.

Headphones Available. There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

Keep up to date with that's happening with our on-line Church Calendar – either at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the link at the bottom of any page of our church website www.bccucc.org. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.