

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Dec 3		<i>Advent 1 / World AIDS Day</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	1 – 4 pm	RICUCC Advent Adventures for Grades 3 – 8, Woodridge Church
Mon, Dec 4	11 am	Bereavement Group
Tue, Dec 5	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	Noon	Senior Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Barbara Wuth's house
Wed, Dec 6	7 pm	Deacons meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Dec 7	Noon	Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch, Trafford Restaurant
	3 pm	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sat, Dec 9		Outside use of Fellowship Hall
Sun, Dec 10		<i>Advent 2</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with extra music from the choir, Church School
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6



Birthdays for the Week of Dec 3rd: *Ray Parker, Greg Dubel, Addy Forzano, Bethia Rosner, Liz Rosenholm, Drew Todd, and Holly Meade.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

DEACONS FOR DECEMBER: Jon Stabach (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Kim Zeleznik, Bernie Hawes. 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 a deacon.

Deacons Fund: On Communion Sundays a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and the surrounding community. Any donations you make will be appreciated by those who come to us looking for help.

Advent Candle Lighters & Christmas Eve Readers needed: Dale and Brendan are looking for people to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles on SUNDAYS, DEC 10 & 17 at 10 am, and on DEC 24 at 10 am, 5pm & 10 pm. Volunteers are also needed to read scripture at the 10 pm Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these please contact Rev. Dale Azevedo (401) 246-0111 ext 103 or dale@bccucc.org.

SERRV order forms are due TODAY. Helen Schall will have the catalogs available for the last time at the piano in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour if you'd like to place a last minute order. You can also go online to www.serrv.org and e-mail your order TODAY to helenschall@hotmail.com including item number and description. Ordering through the church will save you shipping costs and provide financial support for the 2018 Service Trip.

Mitten Tree: The mitten tree is up in the narthex TODAY to start receiving your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens etc. for children, youth and adults of all sizes this holiday season. Donations should be made by *Sunday, December 17th* so they can be given to Amos House for distribution at their annual Christmas Dinner.

Giving Tree: Mission & Justice's "Giving Tree" is in Fellowship Hall TODAY with envelopes for your donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, toy stores, 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 the women to have money to purchase gifts for their families and themselves. Donations need to be made by *Sunday, December 17th*. Contact Lory McCoy at lsnadymccoy@gmail.com or 247-2599 for more info or with questions.

OneEggHaiti fundraiser: Colorful bracelets made by Haitian women will be sold at coffee hour during December. The proceeds will help feed a child in Haiti an egg a day, an incredible source of protein that is important for cognitive and physical development. The RIC UCC Haiti Task Force is partners with OneEggHaiti to provide much needed protein for undernourished Haitian children in schools and orphanages. The bracelets make excellent Christmas presents!

Senior Luncheon – it's not too late to sign up TODAY at coffee hour! Senior adults are invited to a Christmas Luncheon this TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th in Fellowship Hall at noon. We would also love to include any of you who are not seniors, but are free that day. Please join us. Sign up at Coffee Hour TODAY, or call Beth Buckley a.s.a.p. at 401-247-0324. If anyone needs a ride, it can be provided – just be sure to let us know. You will not want to miss this festive event to kick off the Christmas season! In addition to lunch, there will be Christmas music and singing!

Chancel Fund: Donation forms with all of the information together with special envelopes are included in the bulletins the first 3 Sundays of Advent, which includes TODAY's bulletin. We hope that you will consider donating to this fund.

Sing and Celebrate Choir: Rehearsals resume TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD after worship in Room 6 when they will practice a song to be sung in church on December 17th. Boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are most welcome to come sing and new singers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Knitting for Others Group: Meets this TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Knitters are encouraged to bring red yarn to make hats for the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" project, or work on a prayer shawl, or hats, scarves etc for our church's Mitten tree. For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch will be on THURSDAY, DEC. 7TH at Noon at Trafford Restaurant, 285 Water Street, Warren. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 jtonn2@cox.net by *Tues., December 5th*.

Please consider joining the Lay Visitation Team: Next meeting is THURS, DEC 7TH at 3 pm in the Library. They meet once a month and between times reach out to members of the church who need a call, a card, or a visit. So if you are looking for an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, this is for you! Call Dale at 401-246-0111 with your interest.

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. Brendan is at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm. Dale is hoping to resume his community office hours in the New Year. Stay tuned!

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, DEC 7TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Deadline for 2017 Reimbursable Expenses: The end of our current fiscal period is Dec 31st. 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, a.s.a.p. Vouchers are available from a folder on Pat's desk in the church office. *Expenses turned in after Mon, December 11th will be charged to next year's budget!*

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUES, DEC 12TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and they need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Dale and Elizabeth would like to get to know you better! All members and friends of the church are encouraged to sign up and join Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo for monthly dinners at the parsonage (7 Fireside Drive, Barrington). At the time of writing the DECEMBER 13TH date is full, but you can sign up for dates in early 2018 at the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. They don't guarantee a gourmet meal, but do promise a comfortable table where all are welcome!

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH - deadline for submissions is Noon on *Wednesday, December 13th*, but an earlier submission is appreciated.

Holiday Jazz Concert: On SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH at 7:30 pm the Barrington High School Jazz Band will be playing a concert in the sanctuary as a fundraiser for our mission trip to the Navajo Nation! Admission is \$5 at the door. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music and support our mission trip. Refreshments will follow the performance in the vestry.

JYG/SYG Caroling and Christmas Party: The Jr. and Sr. Youth groups will be going Christmas caroling after the pageant rehearsal on SUN, DEC 17TH, leaving from the church a little after 12:30 pm. Following the caroling there will be a Christmas party with refreshments! All in grades 6-12 welcome. Questions? Contact Brendan at Brendan@bccucc.org

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley. "Through the cheeky humor, the author gives readers a very real sense of the 16th century when science and superstition held equal sway, and a man was always a sword's breadth away from a horrible death". (Publisher's Weekly). For more info contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Services: On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH there will be a regular 10 am worship service for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Later the same day, Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary at 5 pm and 10 pm. The 5 pm service will include a Christmas Pageant (see below), and the 10 pm service will be Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Pageant 2017! The puppets will be back and we need everyone's help! We want to include the whole congregation this year! All who plan to attend the five o'clock pageant on Christmas Eve are encouraged to come to the pageant dressed as their favorite nativity character! (this is optional but you are encouraged.) Is God calling you to be Mary or Joseph? Maybe you're a donkey! Maybe you're an angel, a shepherd, or a wise person! Please make a costume during Advent and wear it to the pageant and be part of our living nativity with the puppets! We also need puppeteers! If you're interested in operating a puppet please contact Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org. Children participating in the pageant will rehearse during church school on Sun. Dec. 17th. Participants operating puppets will need to come to the pageant rehearsal after church on Sunday Dec. 17th from 11:15-12:30. Participants with speaking roles and Puppeteers are also asked to come early on Christmas Eve to run through the pageant at 4 pm. Children participating are asked to arrive at 4:30 pm. Let's all help bring the nativity to life this year!

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."

Make money for the church while Christmas shopping: You can raise money for our church when you shop online by shopping at **AmazonSmile** where every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. To learn more visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. The church receives a quarterly deposit from Amazon!

Our Church calendar can be viewed online 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 any errors or changes. Thanks.