

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Dec 31	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Jan 1, 2018		New Year's Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Tue, Jan 2	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
Wed, Jan 3	Noon	<i>Deadline for the eBridge</i>
	7 pm	Deacons' meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 4	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
	6 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Jan 7		<i>Celebration of Baptism/Epiphany</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am	Finance Team meeting, Room 6
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9



## Birthdays for the Week of December 31<sup>st</sup>:

*Tracy Hoyt, John Lemos, Pat Cordeiro, Amy Harff, Eli O'Brien, Harrison Ogden, Bill Rooks, Jim McCartney, and Markus Stein.* Please keep them in your prayers.

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

**DEACONS FOR JANUARY:** Chris Morton (star), Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader, Joe Judge, Tom Wegner, and Steve Fodor. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to the Staff Christmas Gift. The staff will receive it in their first paycheck of 2018, 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. Many thanks.

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** The latest posting "Walking the Welcome Talk" by Rev. Brendan Curran can be read at the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Copies are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Please take your dishes home!** A large number of dishes and other kitchen items, including crockpots, have accumulated in the church kitchen. If any belong to you, please claim them and take home. Items remaining after the end of the year will be donated to the church kitchen or to TAPIN. Thank you.

**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, should they wish to, 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.)

**Next eBridge:** The next eBridge will be published THURSDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>. Deadline for submissions is Noon on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, but an earlier submission is appreciated.

**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, JAN 4<sup>TH</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**Bereavement Group** next meets MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** will meet TUES, JAN 9<sup>TH</sup> from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Knitting for Others Group:** Meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> from 7-9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls. RSVP to Audrey at [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net) or 247-1727 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).

**BCCUCC and Temple Habonim to worship together over MLK weekend:** *Embracing & Sharing Beloved Community: A Dialogue/Conversation between Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo & Rabbi Andrew Klein* will take place at Temple Habonim on FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> at 6:15 pm - Worship followed by dinner; and at Barrington Congregational Church on SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> at 10 am - Worship followed by fellowship. BCCUCC and Temple Habonim share a long history of being good neighbors, welcoming each other into our respective houses of worship, and appreciating the differences between us. Our two communities of faith will gather twice over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend to celebrate his vision of beloved community and explore ways that we can keep his dream alive during these challenging times. Please mark your calendar and then join us at either or both worship services.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also any errors or changes. Thanks.

**2018 Pledge Envelopes** are available for pick up for those who use them or requested a set. They can be picked up from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). If you haven't been assigned a set but would like some, please sign up on the sheet on the Narthex table, or contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102, or [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org). She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.

**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). 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!

**Women's Faith Group** next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The new book they've chosen to read and discuss is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**You are invited to a New Conference Focus Group:** As we continue to explore the new *Together, As One* Conference, the Conference Ministers of RI, MA & CT invite you to share your voice to help us envision how together, we are called to live the love and justice of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the several group discussions that are planned between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23 at various UCC Church locations throughout the three states. Simply select the date, time and location that is most convenient with your schedule and join us to share your perspective. The full list of locations and times is available at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org). The organizers ask that you RSVP at the website so that if there is inclement weather and the gathering needs to be moved online, they can contact you with information on how you can participate. BCCUCC is hosting one of these focus groups on FRIDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 2:30 pm. All are invited. If you are unable to go online to RSVP or find other meeting locations, contact the church office for assistance.

**Loaves and Fishes truck run – help needed:** On THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment for body, mind and soul. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. Expected arrival back at church for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7:30 and 8 pm. As always, 6 people may ride in the truck, and 2 are very welcome to follow behind in a car. All ages are welcome to help prep at the church. However, for serving purposes, it is best to have adults (and children older than 16) travel to Emmanuel House and Crossroads.

Volunteers are also needed to donate food, toiletries, and certain clothing items. There's a SignUpGenius to register for donating what's needed, as well as to sign up to help with the prep or go out on the truck at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Click on the search icon at the top, then search by typing in the church's e-mail address [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Or use this direct link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>. When you sign up to bring a listed item, please indicate the quantity you will donate.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com), or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net). Donations should be dropped off in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

**Superbowl Subs Fundraiser:** Place your order for a Superbowl Sub (made by the Senior Youth Group) for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>. Subs will be available for pick-up after church that day or can be delivered to your home that afternoon for an additional \$1.00 per order. (Delivery to shut-ins is free). Subs come with a bag of chips. Cost is \$ 8.00 per 6" Italian sub (with your choice of toppings). Order forms are available from the Vestry table or the church office. You may also call in your order to Phyllis Buckley at 245-1098. Orders must be submitted by *Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*. Proceeds will help support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

**A message from the Renewal Team** that the **Church Assessment** from our first consultant is available to read:

Dear members and friends of BCCUCC,

We know this is a busy time of year with all sorts of (hopefully) wonderful events happening. Despite this busyness, we thought it was important to share with you this vital information regarding our church.

As many of you know, we have contracted with the Center for Progressive Renewal to hire consultants to help guide us in planning the future of BCCUCC. Phase 1 was completed in November and we are actively working on moving into Phase 2, which begins with setting short-term and long-term priorities for the our ministry. We will share those priorities as soon as the Church Council sets them. (It should be in mid January.)

In the meantime, we encourage you to read through the Church Assessment we received at the end of Phase 1. We have both a Summary Report, written by the Renewal Team, and the Full Assessment, written by our first consultant. Both are available on the church website at this page: <http://www.bccucc.org/church-life/renewal/>.

Please take the time to read through all this information if you so desire. Your input, passion, and faith are what makes BCCUCC a living thriving community.

Yours in faith,

The Renewal Team

*Larry Ashley, Tom Colby, Erik Ela, Marion Fodor, Helen Schall, Heather Williamson, and Rev. Dale Azevedo*

**Room 8 to become a Meditation Room:** As a part of his ministry plan this year, Brendan will be leading meditation classes at the church and we need your help to transform Room 8 into a meditation space. A list of what's needed is on the church website ([www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and click on the link on the home page) or speak with Brendan. Thanks to everyone who has already made a donation. The meditation room will be created in early 2018.

**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](http://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.