

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Feb 1	8:30 am 10 am 10 am – Noon 11:15 am 2 pm	CEYM Meeting, Library Super Bowl Sunday Worship Service with Communion, Church School OWL Session, Library Tailgating Party at Coffee Hour Jr and Sr Youth group go Snowtubing, Yawgoo Valley
Mon., Feb 2	11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office Lay Visitation Meeting, Library Buildings and Grounds, Room 6
Tues., Feb 3	5 pm 7 – 9 pm	Stewardship Meeting, Library Knitting for Others Group, Fireside Parsonage
Wed., Feb 4	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry Deacons Meeting, Room 6
Thurs., Feb 5	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sun., Feb 8	10 am At coffee hour 6 – 8 pm	<i>'Kindness: Pay it Forward' Sunday</i> Worship Service with members of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force, Church School Eggstravaganza activities – nest making and plastic eggs Bake Sale for 'One Egg for Haiti' Valentine making for our homebound and college kids Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of February 1st

*Libardo De La Torre, Jane Tonn, Beth Buckley,
Adam Hecht, Maureen Jean, Mary DeWitt,
and Barb McWhirter.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Liz White (Star Deacon), Cheryl Muth,
Chris Brady, and Greg Voigt

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Jeff
(247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.*

Super Bowl Worship and Coffee Hour Tailgating Party is TODAY: Thanks to all who remembered to wear their favorite team colors to church today – but if you didn't remember or don't have a favorite sport's team, that's fine too! This morning's worship service is divided into 4 quarters with a special half time show! A special coffee hour/tailgating party in Fellowship Hall follows today's service as in addition to our regular coffee hour offerings, there are a number of varieties of chili and cornbread for all to sample and enjoy. Fellowship Hall is decorated for the occasion with tents, banners etc so be sure to come on over after worship for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate the goodness of God's creation together..... and the Patriots making it to the Super Bowl!!

OWL and children's schedule for TODAY: There is no children's communion this morning, and children will remain in the worship service through communion and will then leave for Church School. Today's OWL session is at the usual time of 10 a.m. – Noon in the library.

Kindness: Pay it Forward Next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH a number of activities will take place both during the worship service and at coffee hour afterwards under the banner of 'Kindness: Pay it Forward'. These include:

- Launch of the **One Egg Haiti** program – an *eggstravaganza* to raise money to provide eggs for children in Haiti. Members of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force will be participating in the worship service and will share information about the needs in Haiti. At coffee hour you can help make a 'nest' and plastic eggs will be handed out to take home to fill with coins, bills or checks. Filled eggs can be *eggchanged* each week for empty ones. The program will continue through Lent.
- **Bake Sale for 'One Egg for Haiti':** We hope you will contribute and buy a delicious baked good to help our spring fundraiser on February 8th in Fellowship Hall. The Mission and Justice Ministry Team and the Christian Education Youth Ministries (CEYM) are co-sponsoring "One Egg for Haiti" this spring, a fundraiser that will provide one egg a day for Haiti's orphan children. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit this cause. If you have any favorite recipes for breads, muffins, pie or cake, please consider contributing a baked good for the sale. For further information, contact Stephanie Edwards at sedwards@rwu.edu or Judy Meissner at jwonder@cox.net.
- **Valentine making** for our homebound and college kids: At coffee hour on Feb 8th, the congregation is invited to make Valentine's for our homebound and also for our college kids away at school. The Deacons provide all of the materials – you provide the creativity. *Please contact Cheryl Muth jcbmuth@aol.com with the names and addresses of college students. Thank you.*
- **Book Collection:** Donations of new or gently used books will be collected from February 8th and during Lent. A collection basket will be in Fellowship Hall. Books will be donated to several organizations that take used books such as Camp Street Ministries, and Mathewson Street Breakfast. This is part of the UCC's 'Reading Changes Lives' initiative. (Note: TAPIN does not accept books – this was incorrect in last week's announcements).

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. Comfortable chairs, toys and books are provided. We invite parents and children to make use of the Nursery Nook if they would like.

The Knitting for Others Group will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD at the home of Kathleen Larsen, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. The group is currently working on knitting caps for newborn infants. For more info on the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Women's Faith Group have chosen a new book to read and discuss and copies are available to purchase from the church office. The book is *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor and it costs \$12. The group next meets on THURS, FEB 5TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome – and they don't have to be from this church.

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 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, FEBRUARY 13TH at 6:30 pm at The Old Grist Mill Tavern, 390 Fall River Ave., Seekonk MA. Ignore superstition and come to a Valentine's dinner! All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP's are required by Monday, February 9th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

The Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation: Jeff Larsen will lead this study that will take place over two sessions – SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 15TH AND 22ND from 11:15 am – Noon. Based on experiences from the Turkey trip last fall, this will be a chance to examine the formation of Christianity in the early years after Jesus. In preparation, please read Revelations, chapters 2 and 3. All are welcome.

Soup Kitchen: On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, it's our church's turn to provide and serve a meal at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, located at Park Place Congregational UCC. Our Buildings and Grounds and Stewardship Ministry Teams are scheduled to do this but additional help from the congregation is always appreciated. Volunteers can help by donating a main dish, salad, fresh fruit or granola bars, or by going to help serve at the kitchen. To volunteer please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Dianne Todd at 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizon.com

Mobile Loaves and Fishes Run: BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) truck on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH to Harrington Hall, a men's shelter in Cranston. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC with the goal of getting to Cranston by 5:30—5:45 pm. The run works like all others except that the only clothing we can hand out are socks, underwear and toiletries. Also, volunteers who go on this run must be at least 18 years of age.

A signup genius has been set up for volunteers willing to help in a number of different ways – by donating food, helping with prep, going out on the truck etc. Go to www.signupgenius.com and under 'Find a Sign Up' put in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. This will take you to the MLF Sign up sheet. If you have any questions or can't sign up on line, please contact Liz White lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay and Phyllis Buckley pbuckley6@cox.net.

A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall for donations of mens' socks, underwear and travel size toiletries.

Service Project: All youth in Grades 9-12 are invited to participate in this year's Service Project from April 20 – 22. We will be partnering with *Save the Bay* to clean up our shorelines. Youth interested in participating should contact Brendan at 246-011 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org

Coffee Hour Sign Ups: Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour in February – sign up sheets are at the back of Fellowship Hall during coffee hour, or use the on-line sign up sheet at www.signupgenius.com. Click on 'Find a Sign Up', put in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org and it will take you to our church's various sign up sheets. Click on 'Coffee Hours 2015' to access the sign up.

Altar Flowers Donors: Betsy Restituyo of the Chancel Team is finding the donors for the altar flowers during February and March and there are several openings available. If you're interested in donating one or both bouquets (\$30 each) please contact Betsy at 310-0384 or betsyres@yahoo.com to find out the dates available. There is also a sign up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall for anyone willing to pay for an arrangement when there is an opening, rather than on a specific date. Thank you.

Children's Bulletins: We have two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12 – available for pick up from the basket on the table in the narthex as you come into church. If you forgot, please feel free to go get one!

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.

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour – it helps us get to know each other and is also welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office. New nametags are put on the racks - please check the racks carefully before requesting a new one as duplicates are often found!

Our church newsletter: Copies of the February *Bridge* newsletter are available for pick up from the vestry table, the rack outside the church office or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take a copy either for yourself or to give to a friend who might be interested in learning more about our church.

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.