

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 12	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	1 – 4 pm	OWL session, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Visioning Peace Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Feb 13	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Room 6
	7 pm	Finance Team meeting, Library
Tues, Feb 14	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Wed, Feb 15		<i>Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only</i>
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 16		<i>Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only</i>
	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 pm	Membership Team meeting, Room 6
	6:30 – 8 pm	Historical Group meets, Library
Fri, Feb 17		<i>Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only</i>
Sun, Feb 19	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	4 pm	Barrington's 300 th lecture, Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of February 12th

Betsy Restituyo, Laura Bilotti, Sydney Blundin, Lynne Lehman, Matt Zeleznik, Ray Zarlengo, Joy Hearn, Doug Roach, and Margaret Swenson. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

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

Historical Bible Month continues: As part of our '3 Centuries and Beyond' celebrations, each week through February Dale and Brendan are reading from one of the church's historical bibles dating from the 1800's thru 1960. The bible used each Sunday will be available for viewing during coffee hour. This week's Bible is a King James Version presented to Nancy M. Caryl by Lucian W. Caryl, in 1888. The minister at the time was Rev. John W. Colwell. A quick search does not find any record of a Caryl family in the church history, although there must be some connection. During this year, the church established a Temperance Committee to be appointed by the pastor.

'3 Centuries and Beyond' *Latest in a series of historical facts as we celebrate our 300th Anniversary:*

Did you know?..... In 1717 a Bible printed by John Baskett became famous for its many typographical errors, the most blatant being the one in the 20th chapter in Luke which reads "The Parable of the Vinegar" instead of "The Parable of the Vineyard". This resulted in it being called the Vinegar Bible. There is a theory that the phrase 'basket case' came from the series of errors in this Vinegar Bible (as the printer's name was Baskett).

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearses again this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH. Boys and girls in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to meet in Room 9 after church school. They are rehearsing each week in February and hope to be ready to sing again in church in early March. Boys and girls in grades 1 - 5 (and any interested older children) are invited to participate and new children are always welcome. Questions? Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743.

Visioning Peace Community Dinner is this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall and is being hosted by the interfaith community in town. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour or at the door. Adults/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6. Homemade soups, homemade breads, and salads will be served. This is a family friendly event. All who attend will be invited to make a "peace lantern" at one of the craft tables and write their prayers and/or messages of peace on a community banner. Please note that Takeout will not be available for this programmed event. This is a community event so please invite your friends. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Farm Fresh Rhode Island!

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the eBridge and other mailings from the church, please send it to office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

Did you receive the eBridge? Hopefully you both received and read it when it arrived in your email inbox this week! Included in this weekly publication is information about what's happening in the next couple of weeks, plus 'save the dates' for future events. Historical information about our church was included this week and there will be other special features that appear monthly or periodically. There are also many useful links - including to our church calendar, website, and information about upcoming church services etc. The eBridge is a work in progress so let us know what you like – or don't like – about it, as we can make modifications as it evolves.

Important change to next week's deadline: Christine will be on vacation from WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH. The deadline for next week's eBridge and Sunday Announcements has therefore been moved up a day to **Tuesday, February 14th at Noon**. Please send all info to office@bccucc.org and please be sure to include all the necessary information that is publication ready (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc). Thanks.

Church Office Hours: The office will be open from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only from WED – FRI, FEB 15TH – 17TH due to Christine being on vacation. The office will be closed on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH for President's Day.

Altar Flower donors needed for 1 vase on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH and 1 vase on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH. Flowers can be given in memory, thanksgiving, or in celebration of someone or something, and each vase costs \$30. Contact Audrey Rogers at adrogers@cox.net or 246-1727 if interested in paying for either of these arrangements. Thank you.

Memory Impairment Support Group will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 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

Women's Faith Group meets in the library on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH to begin reading and discussing *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Mai Donohue who is a Barrington resident. Her memoir has been described as 'A Captivating story of a young Vietnamese girl who resisted all odds and realized a true American dream'. Learn more about her at www.MaiGoodness.com Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$16. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net.

'Barrington's 300th' Lecture: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, church member and local historian Van Edwards will give a lecture on "*How did Barrington become part of Rhode Island, anyway?*" This event is being sponsored by the Town of Barrington's 'Barrington's 300th' and is FREE and open to the public. This is the second lecture in a series of events for the town's 300th celebrations. All are welcome.

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST at 7 pm in the church library. They will be discussing *Winterdance* by Gary Paulson. The book tells the story of how the author came to compete in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. All are welcome. For more information on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Dale's Installation Service as Senior Minister of BCCUCC will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary of BCCUCC and all are invited. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Help wanted with reception: If you'd like to help with the reception following Dale's Installation service (see above), please contact Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org, or Bernie Hawes at 437-1860 or BHawes1@cox.net.

The Bereavement Group – change to schedule: Due to the facilitator being unavailable, the Bereavement Group will not meet again until sometime in late March on a date tbd.

The Pastor's Blog 'From the River's Edge': As a part of our transition to the new electronic version of our newsletter - The eBridge - Dale and Brendan have started a blog called 'From the River's Edge' on the church website. They plan to each write one post a month, and maybe additional posts if they feel inspired. The first post was written by Dale and went up on Wednesday, February 1st. The next post will be from Brendan and should appear sometime next week. Links to the blog can be found on the front page of the church's website www.bccucc.org, on the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/BCCUCC, and there will also be a link in the eBridge. For those without computers, printed copies of the latest 'From the River's Edge' are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Don't have email so don't receive the eBridge? Don't worry....if you're reading these Announcements, you are getting almost all the same notices (plus some extra information!), just in a different format. Additional articles that sometime appear in the eBridge that aren't in these Announcements, such as the Pastor's blog and Family Footnotes, will be printed out and copies made available for you to pick up from the back table in Fellowship Hall. We will also be mailing out printed information twice a month to our homebound and those on our old printed Bridge mailing list.

The Rainbow Doors are here! A set of six rainbow colored doors proclaiming that God's Doors Are Open To All are being displayed along County Road in front of the education building for the month of February and perhaps longer. We have borrowed them from Newman Congregational Church where they first appeared in 2015. We are excited about this opportunity to proclaim our openness to all and to celebrate the UCC's tradition of extravagant welcome.

Snow Shovelers needed: We are in need of additional volunteers willing to come shovel the paths and steps at the church following snowstorms – not only on Sundays, but also during the week! We contract with a company to plow the driveways and parking lots, but they're not prepared to do any shoveling. A list of volunteers willing to be called upon to come help is needed. Please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. Thanks.

'3 Centuries & Beyond' Merchandise: Items can still be ordered by emailing 300th@bccucc.org or speaking with Pat Rude or Marion Fodor, or stopping by the church office. Items all have the 300th logo embroidered on them - **Tote** \$22, a **T-Shirt** \$18, **Fleece Vest** \$42 and pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items.

Please wear a nametag: It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.

Our Church calendar can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website www.bccucc.org and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.