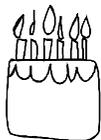


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 14	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Feb 15		<i>Presidents' Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, Feb 16	10:30 am – Noon	Study of <i>'To Kill a Mockingbird'</i> , UCC church in Middletown
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Feb 17	7:45 pm	Choir rehearsal after service, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 18	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sun, Feb 21	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of February 14th

*Sydney Blundin, Zachary Fanara,
Lynne Lehman, Matt Zeleznik, Haley Fanara,
Ray Zarlengo, Elina Crosby, Ben Leonard,
Joy Hearn, Doug Roach, Margaret Swenson,
and Catherine Muth.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

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

*In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you
cannot reach Sue (781-724-9831) or Brendan (401-318
2447) please call on one of the deacons.*

Church School schedule:

TODAY and FEBRUARY 21ST The Worship Services is for All Ages (no church school) on these two Sundays due to the public school winter break. Nursery Care is provided for infants and children up to age 3.

Building Security: In order to better secure our building on Sundays, we are locking all the doors into the Educational building portion (save the office door opposite the Sanctuary) from 10 a.m. until church is dismissed. This includes the kitchen door so please allow enough time on arrival to either get in before 10 a.m. or walk around the building. If you carry a key and unlock a door, please lock it behind you. The Buildings and Grounds Team is looking into better door security for the future. Thank you for your understanding. We are sorry for this temporary inconvenience.

Lenten Study: We have been invited to join members of the United Congregational Church in Middletown for a group discussion of the book *"To Kill a Mockingbird"* by Harper Lee on TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 16, 23, MARCH 1 & 8 (with Mar 16 as a snow date if needed), from 10:30 am—Noon in their Manchester Room. You will need to have read the book before you attend and there will be a workbook to use that has to be ordered. Please contact Rev. Sue (246-0111 x 103 or sue@bccucc.org) if interested as she will be attending this discussion group. Those going may wish to carpool from the church—Sue is able to take some others with her. UCC of Newport is located at 524 Valley Road, Middletown RI 02842. Visit www.uccmiddletown.org and click on the 'Visitors' tab to get directions.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will continue discussion of their new book *The Care and Management of Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear. 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.

The Bereavement Group meets MON, FEB 22ND at 10 am in the church 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.

Book Group: The group next meets on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *Life Among the Savages* by Shirley Jackson. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 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

A Sacred Conversation on Race will take place on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH from 1:30 – 4:30 pm at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC (*Please note the slightly later start time than previously published*). The session is FREE and open to all members of the RI Conference UCC. The event is sponsored by the Barrington Congregational Church's Mission and Justice Ministry Team, RICUCC Racial Justice Ministry, and the RICUCC Justice and Witness Division. This afternoon program will draw us into an intentional dialogue about racism at all levels of our society, including our history as a nation. Led by trained facilitators, we will explore the spiritual ramifications of racism and seek ways to move forward productively to confront it within our denominational community and beyond our church walls. We hope that you will come and engage in this moving process of spiritual awareness, and commit/recommit to this work within our Church. Please RSVP to Rev. Brendan Curran at Brendan@bccucc.org

'Leap into the Bible' with Rev. Don Remick - is being offered at two different times on Leap Day, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH either Noon – 2:30 pm OR 6 – 8:30 pm. He will lead us through the whole Bible in 90 minutes! We will join for a light (free will offering) soup lunch OR supper for the first hour, and enjoy dessert as we learn about the whole Bible. To help with planning, please sign up at the church office office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 by Wed, Feb 24th

Knitting for Others Group: The group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Fremont Ave, Barrington. They will continue making prayer shawls, but they also 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.

Considering joining our church? Or are you new and just want to learn more about us? Then come to *Conversations* on SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH at 11:15 am in the library. It will be a time to get to know one another and learn about BCCUCC including a short presentation with Rev. Sue and members of the Deacons and Membership Team. If you'd like to attend *Conversations*, please let Rev. Sue know or contact the church office by Mon, Feb 29th. (246-0111, sue@bccucc.org or office@bccucc.org). All are welcome! Child care can be arranged if you let us know in advance that it is needed. New Member Sunday – when new members join the church - will be on Sunday, March 20th which is also Palm Sunday!

Showing of *American Denial* video: On SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH following worship, the Mission and Justice Ministry team will show the video *American Denial* in the library. All are welcome. This documentary explores the power of unconscious biases around race and class. Using Gunnar Myrdal's 1944 investigation of Jim Crow racism as a springboard, the film shows how unrecognized, unconscious attitudes continue to dominate racial dynamics in American life. To learn more about the film, go to www.americandential.com.

RICUCC Regional Meetings to talk about possible partnership: The leadership of the RI Conference UCC wants to hear from **you** about the idea of partnering with the MA and CT Conferences. A letter of invitation was sent out to congregations together with the schedule of meetings – copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin boards. If you missed the regional meeting for the East Bay area you are welcome to attend any of the others.

Search Committee update: The Church Profile is close to completion! During these past few weeks our focus has been on Congregational Life (ours). It's been a lot of interesting work, and we've given a great deal of thought and discussion to the many areas that ask questions about who we are. We've had good discussions on subjects like what do we think makes a good sermon. I think the word "spirited" would cover our discussions and the sermon types. Once completed, we hope to share highlights of the Profile with you. I think you'll like the work that has been done. We've also set up an email account. Should you have any questions or comments feel free to send them on to BCCUCCSearch@gmail.com. Larry Ashley, Chair.

Webmaster wanted: Our church website could be so much more than it currently is - with the right person able to spend just a little bit of time with it! You could post sermons, update pictures, post news about happenings in church and much more! If you have experience with WordPress, this is the job for you! Contact Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net if interested or with questions. It's particularly important that our website looks good and is current as potential candidates for the position of Senior Minister will be looking at it.

Office Volunteer needed: If you are willing to learn how to run a duplicator, photocopier and folding machine (or already know how) and are available to help out for an hour or so late Friday mornings on a rotating basis (once every 3 weeks) please contact Christine Wallis at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111. She will be happy to hear from you and answer any questions. Thank you.

Solar Committee volunteers needed: There is an opportunity here in Barrington for us to explore adding solar electricity. If making our buildings more green is a passion of yours, this may be a wonderful opportunity for you! You'll even have a bit of a head start, since preliminary discussions have already occurred - you'll just need to take the ball and run with it to determine if it is a right fit for us! If interested, contact Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net

Personnel Committee members sought: Since the bylaw change we have found that there are a few tasks that would really benefit from having a personnel committee. We are looking for a few people who would like to fill this role. You would have times where you had a series of tasks, then there would be periods of slower times where there wouldn't be much to do. This is an important and currently missing role. If you have experience in human relations, this could be perfect for you! If interested or have questions, contact Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net

300th Anniversary Committee: Our 300th Anniversary will be here soon! It's a big event in the life of this church and we would love to see a group start to form now to be involved with planning. What type of celebrations do we want to have? This group would help to determine that! Even if you can't necessarily help organize the events themselves, but have great ideas, we'd love to hear from you! If interested or have questions, contact Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net or (401) 454-9725.

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

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.

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.

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 for a limited time so don't delay!

Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour – it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.