

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Feb 15		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i> <i>March Bridge Deadline</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:15 am – Noon	Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation, Library
Mon., Feb 16		Presidents' Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Tues., Feb 17	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot
Wed., Feb 18		Ash Wednesday
	7 – 7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday service, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 19	7 – 7:30 am	Meditative Morning in Lent, Library
	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat., Feb 21	3 pm	Leave to serve meal at Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
Sun., Feb 22		<i>Stewardship Campaign begins</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	10 am – Noon	OWL Session, Library
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:15 am – Noon	Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation, Room 6
	5 – 7:30 pm	Community Plant base Potluck, Fellowship Hall
	6 – 8 pm	Sr Youth Group Pizza Party and Meeting, Library



Birthdays for the Week of February 15th

*Ray Zarlengo, Joy Hearn, Doug Roach,
Margaret Swenson, and Catherine Muth.*

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.*

New Worship Bags are available TODAY for children to use during the service. They are available from the basket at the back of the church and contain information and activities relating to St. Valentine. At the end of the service please return worship bags with their contents to the 'Used' basket. 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!

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** collection takes place TODAY. Inserts and special collection envelopes are included in the bulletin. Each year the UCC joins with 8 other denominations to take this offering and millions of dollars are raised and disbursed to needy people throughout the world. The OGHs fund helps refugees, disaster victims, politically suppressed societies, those suffering from human rights injustices, as well as many who suffer from chronic hunger and poverty. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs. You can donate online at this link, or make a donation in worship, or mail a donation to the church office. Checks should be payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'OGHS'. Thank you.

Adult Bible Study led by Jeff begins TODAY in the library from 11:15 am – Noon on the "7 Churches of Revelation." This last book of the New Testament, little read and much misunderstood, is addressed to 7 small Christian communities in modern day Turkey, giving them comfort and advice in facing a threatening world. Some thoughts for the world we face? All are welcome. The study will conclude with a second session at the same time NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND but they will meet in Room 6.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal: Our children's choir is open to all in Grades 1-5 but welcomes older children as well. They rehearse again TODAY after church school in Room 9, and welcome new singers. For more information talk with Marina Zabinski our organist, or choir member Kate Colby.

Bridge Deadline is TODAY: Please make sure all information you wish to be included in the March *Bridge* newsletter is submitted to Christine in the church office at office@bccucc.org by today's deadline. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday is this WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH and it marks the beginning of Lent. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service from 7 – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and all are welcome. It will be a quiet, reflective time of readings and prayers, and ashes will be offered to anyone who would like. Ashes remind us to spend some time during Lent in honest reflection about the meaning of life and our own relationship with God. All are welcome.

Meditative Mornings in Lent: All who wish to make extra time for spiritual practice during Lent are invited to join Brendan from 7 - 7:30 am on THURSDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 19TH – MARCH 24TH in the Library for a half hour of meditation/centering prayer, and Taizé singing. The half hour of contemplation will consist of a brief reading/reflection, a description of meditation and centering prayer followed by ten minutes of silent meditation and then ten minutes of Taizé singing. Taizé singing is a form of meditative song developed by the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France. This half hour is offered to create intentional space for being still and finding peace in the Spirit. The hope is that it will provide all who participate with an opportunity to develop their "inner life" in community and find a deeper connection to the Sacred during Lent. All are welcome!

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 Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome and they don't have to be from this church. The group has just begun reading and discussing *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. Questions about the group should be directed to Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com, or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

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

Plant Based Potluck and Indian Cooking Demo will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND from 5 – 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Organized by church member Judy Harff, the event is open to the entire community. This time in addition to the potluck there will be a demonstration of how to make a delicious vegan cabbage and coconut dish seasoned with Indian Spices. Bindu, a native of India will be giving the demo and sharing her knowledge. Participants are asked to please bring a completely plant based dish (low oil, no dairy and low sodium) to share with 8 people. A donation toward the hall rental is also appreciated. Spread the word - this is a community-based event. Invite your friends & family. RSVP to Judy Harff at judy@2startfresh.com or 252-9076 or at <http://www.meetup.com/Plant-Based-Nutrient-Rich-ETL-FOK-Barrington-Meetup/events/220370722/>

Senior Youth Group Pizza Party & Meeting will take place on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND from 6-8 pm. All youth in Grades 9-12 are welcome. Please RSVP to Brendan at Brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 104.

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.

February's Church Council meeting has been rescheduled to MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD at 7:15 pm in Room 6.

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 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

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.

Changes in the Service Project: Due to some conflicts, the dates of this year's Service Project have been changed to FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – SATURDAY APRIL 11 (beginning after school on Friday). Also, the Service Project is now open to all youth in Grades 7-12. We will still 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 as soon as possible. Any who wish to participate in the Service Project are also asked to come to a potluck and meeting on SUN, MAR 1ST from 6 – 8 pm.

Coffee Hour Sign Ups: Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour – 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 donors for the altar flowers in February and March and there are some 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 available dates. There is also a sign up sheet on the Welcome table in Fellowship Hall for anyone willing to pay for an arrangement when there is an opening, rather than on a specific date. Thank you.

A Nursery Nook is 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.

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!

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.

Our church newsletter: Copies of the current *Bridge* 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.