

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information about a variety of Lenten opportunities.

Sun, Feb 18		<i>Lent 1</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	6 – 8 pm	Senior Youth Group, Room 9
Mon, Feb 19		<i>Presidents' Day – Office Closed</i>
	11:30 am	Memorial Service for Roland Stumpff, reception following in Fellowship Hall
	7-8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tue, Feb. 20	10:30 am	Book Group, The Coffee Depot, Warren
	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Feb 21	12:30-1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6-7 pm	"God in America" (part 1) viewing, Library
	7-8 pm	Discussion of "God in America" video
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 22	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
Sun, Feb 25		<i>Jesus and Children</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am-1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:15 am	Sing & Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am	Mission & Justice Speaker Series (R.I. State Council of Churches & Mathewson Street Church Community Breakfast), Library
	11:30 am	Usher Training, Room 7
	1:30-4:30 pm	JYG Snowtubing at Yawgoo Valley



Birthdays for the Week of February 25th: Pat Gregory, Carolyn Gammell, Ellen Brady, Summer Lukens, Andrew Nellis, Matt Block, Greg Knight, Christopher Tighe, Walter Joachim-DelPoio, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio, Marjorie Stumpff, Doug Bireley, and Rebekah Tirrell. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY: Kim Zeleznik (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Jon Stabach, & Bernie Hawes. 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.

Church Office will be closed on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH for Presidents' Day.

Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America. This 6-part discussion series begins this WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21ST (every Wed. through March 28th). Dale will guide us through the PBS special "God in America" and in-depth discussions on how the subject matter impacts our religious experiences today. Public viewing of each episode is from 6 – 7 pm in the library, and discussion follows from 7 – 8 pm. Participants are also welcome to view each episode at their leisure if they are unable to attend the public viewing, and just come for the discussion. The episodes are all available on YouTube or can be found at www.pbs.org/godinamerican/view/

Lenten Meditations: Brendan will be offering two separate interfaith meditation experiences this Lent:

Mindful Mondays will meet MONDAY EVENINGS, FEBRUARY 19TH – MARCH 26TH, from 7 – 8 pm in the new Meditation Room (Room 8). The hour will consist of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and will be open to the public.

Mid-Week Recharge will meet WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 21ST – MARCH 28TH from 12:30 – 1 pm in the Meditation Room for a quick spirit-boost. If you're around town on your lunch break and want to mentally/spiritually hit the reset button in the middle of your week, come enjoy a quick guided relaxation meditation.

Book Group is trying a new time and location: They will meet at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, this TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH at 10:30 am, to discuss *Perfume River* by Robert Butler. "Butler's assured, elegant novel explores a family fractured by the Vietnam War as its members face the losses of age... Eddying fluidly through its half-century span, the book speaks eloquently of the way the past bleeds into the present, history reverberates through individual lives, and mortality challenges our perceptions of ourselves and others." (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Mission and Justice Speakers Series: The speakers in the series will represent the organizations that M&J and BCCUCC have supported during this program year and will take place during and after church in the weeks to come. Among the organizations are the Rhode Island State Council of Churches and the Mathewson Street Church Community Breakfast. Next SUNDAY, FEB. 25TH, representing RISCC and the Helen Hudson Foundation which it oversees, will be Rev. Jennifer Geary and two speakers from the Foundation who will talk about homelessness and the Foundation's commitment to giving back to those who are fighting to end hunger and homelessness. Two members of the Board at the Mathewson Street Church, including Rev. Kathy Henry, will tell us about the work that the Church is doing. All are welcome to hear more about these 2 important programs.

JYG Snowtubing: The Junior Youth Group snow-tubing trip to Yawgoo Valley was rescheduled to SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. They will meet in the church parking lot at 1:15 pm and leave at 1:30. Pick-up will be at 4:30 pm when we return. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for this trip so please contact Brendan (401 246-0111 or Brendan@bccucc.org) by TOMORROW, February 19th if your 6th-8th grader would like to go. Tickets are \$15.00.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 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 or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, FEB 27TH 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

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The book they're reading is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information about the group contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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, MARCH 1ST from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

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.

Book Event for March: "The Hate U Give," the **2018 Reading Across Road Island** book selection, will be the focus of two events in March sponsored by the Barrington Interfaith Partners and the Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association. The groups are encouraging community members to read the book and attend the events. On MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, Jordan Seabury, director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence, will address some of the themes of the book at Temple Habonim from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. On MONDAY, MARCH 12TH, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., a discussion, led by the Interfaith Partners, will be held at St. James Lutheran Church. Both events are free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and teenagers. This debut novel by Angie Thomas examines issues of racism honestly and compassionately.

Strategic Plan: The Renewal Team is excited to announce the release of our Strategic Plan 2018. Based on input from the congregation received during our assessment phase last fall and conversation with the Church Council, we have developed a four prong approach to renewal. Our four sections are Congregational Care, Community Connection, Facility Development, and Funding for Ministry. Throughout February 2018, we will be putting together seven teams that will work on aspects of each of these different directions. Details on the strategic plan are available on Facebook and the church website. For those without an internet connection, a few copies are available on the table in the Narthex.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting from Brendan 'Are you Calm Yet?' is on the church website www.bccucc.org. Printed copies are also now available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.

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 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.

The New England Women's Celebration takes place every 4 years at various locations in New England. The purpose of the Celebration is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church and Conference setting. Organized by women from UCC congregations across New England, but women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend. This year Celebration X will be held April 6th – 8th in Portland, ME. Find out more at: <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org/home> or contact Helen Schall for more information at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. Registration is \$125 before Feb 15, and \$150 Feb 16 – Mar 26.

Save the date of SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, 2018 when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC for another performance. Concert will be at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.

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.)

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.

Make money for the church by shopping at **AmazonSmile** where every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. Learn more at <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. The church receives a quarterly deposit from Amazon!

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published THURS, MARCH 1ST. Deadline for submissions is Noon on Thursday, February 22nd but an earlier submission is appreciated. (Announcements deadline is always noon on the prior Wednesday.)