

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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| 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 <sup>th</sup> ” lecture, Fellowship Hall |
| Mon, Feb 20              |                     | President’s Day – <i>Office Closed</i>                     |
| Tues, Feb 21             | 11 am               | Staff meeting, Dale’s office                               |
|                          | 7 pm                | Book Group, Library  |
| Wed, Feb 22              | 7:30 – 9 pm         | Choir Rehearsal, Vestry                                    |
| Thurs & Fri, Feb 23 & 24 | 8 am – 5 pm         | Outside use of Room 6                                      |
| Sun, Feb 26              | 10 am               | Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only            |
|                          | 11:15 am            | Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6                 |
|                          | 11:15 am – 1 :15 pm | Senior Youth Group, Room 9                                 |
|                          | 3 pm                | Installation Service for Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sanctuary      |
|                          | After service       | Reception in Fellowship Hall                               |



## Birthdays for the Week of February 19<sup>th</sup>

*Catherine Muth, Todd McGarry, Rocco DiMateo, Laura Edwards, Holly Ogden, Ben White, Laurie Lennon, Sam Sylvester, and Tom Wegner.* 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](mailto: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.

**Clergy away:** This is Dale’s winter weekend off. He will be back on Tuesday after the President’s Day holiday.

**What happened to the Rainbow Doors?** Unfortunately they were blown down in the strong winds of the snowstorm of February 9<sup>th</sup>. They are being safely stored until they can be put up again. However, by the time you read this, they might be back in place!

**Historical Bible Month continues:** This week’s Bible is a Revised Standard Version presented to Barrington Congregational Church in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Squire Latter by Jeannette Latter Compton on October 22, 1961. The minister at the time was Rev. Wells D. Grogan. It was during this time that the size of the sanctuary was increased adding the front five pews. Dale and Brendan’s readings each week in February from these historical Bibles dating from the 1800’s thru 1960 is part of our ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ celebrations. All four Bibles that were used in this month will be available for viewing next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour.

**Sing and Celebrate Choir** rehearses again this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> after worship in Room 9. They are rehearsing to sing at Dale’s Installation Service on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 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](mailto:marina@bccucc.org) or 726-5118; or Kate Colby [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or 246-1743.

**‘Barrington’s 300<sup>th</sup>’ Lecture:** On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, church member and local historian Van Edwards will give a second lecture, this time on “*How did Barrington become part of Rhode Island, anyway?*” The event is sponsored by the Town of Barrington’s ‘Barrington’s 300<sup>th</sup>’ and is FREE and open to the public. All are welcome.

**Book Group** will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724.

**Dale’s Installation Service** as Senior Minister of BCCUCC will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org), or Bernie Hawes at 437-1860 or [BHawes1@cox.net](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) - and be sure to include your name!

**Wednesday Evenings in Lent – beginning Ash Wednesday:** This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We will gather each Wednesday through Lent at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year’s meditations will come from Robert Fulghum’s classic book, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. This series will begin on ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, with a more involved Ash Wednesday service, and then continue each week through April 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**After Worship Speaker Series:** The theme chosen by the Mission and Justice Team for this year is ‘Visualize Peace’. They have supported the Community Dinners and have worked with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to present programs. Now, they are inviting everyone to a Speaker Series that will take place after church during Lent from about 11:20 am - 12:30 pm. Please join them to hear about three programs that they have supported this year that reach out to the wider community in both mission and advocacy.

MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>: Kathleen Cloutier, Executive Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island.

MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>: Barb Silvis, Chair, Advocacy and Justice Commission of the RI State Council of Churches.

MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>: Emily Jones, Interfaith Coordinator, Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. Emily is also giving the sermon on this date.

**A New Book Discussion:** Barrington Interfaith Partners is encouraging Barrington's houses of worship to read and discuss the ‘Read Across Rhode Island’ book *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson; (more can be found about this program at <https://ribook.org/rari/>). A New York Times book reviewer describes Stevenson: "For decades he has fought judges, prosecutors and police on behalf of those who are impoverished, black or both. . . . Injustice is easy not to notice when it affects people different from ourselves; that helps explain the obliviousness of our own generation to inequity today." Here at BCCUCC discussions will be held in the church library from 7 – 8:30 pm on MONDAYS, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>, and then all participating houses of worship will come together on THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> in our Fellowship Hall from 7 – 8:30 pm to share thoughts and information with each other. Contact Helen Schall 245-4724 [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com), Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or [srotblatwalker@gmail.com](mailto:srotblatwalker@gmail.com), Ann Doran 245-9-58 Or [admdoran@gmail.com](mailto:admdoran@gmail.com), or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) for more information.

**The eBridge.** Hopefully you are receiving and also reading our new newsletter when it arrives in your email inbox each Thursday. In addition to information about what’s happening, 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.

**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!). Additional articles that sometime appear in the eBridge that aren’t in these Announcements, such as the Pastor’s blog, Family Footnotes and other special features, 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 called *BCC Updates* twice a month to our homebound and those on our old printed Bridge mailing list.

**Weekly deadline of Wednesdays at Noon:** Information for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge needs to be submitted by the deadline of Noon on Wednesdays. If you miss the deadline, it will be included in the following week’s edition. Send all info to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) and please be sure to include all the necessary information, publication ready (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc). Thanks.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Women’s Faith Group** next meets in the library on THURSDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> and are reading and discussing *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Barrington resident Mai Donohue. 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](http://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](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net).

**NAMI Family Support Group:** NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. The group is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. Their next meeting is on THURSDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at Carol Louttit’s - Atria Apt 204, 147 Bay Spring Ave., Barrington. Please let Carol (245-22991 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com)) or Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)) know if you are coming. They continue to work on prayer shawls and other projects and can provide patterns and help for newcomers. Contact Mary Lou for more information about the group – all knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces!

**We really do need some more snow shovelers!** Following the recent snow storms the same few people have come out each time to clear snow at the church and there are a lot of paths, steps and sidewalks that need to be cleared. The snowplow company won’t shovel so it’s up to us to do it. We also have a snowblower that can be used. If you might be able to help some time, please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. Thank you.

**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](http://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.

**Foster Parents needed:** Boys Town New England presently serves children and families in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. Every day, thousands of children have to be removed from their homes. Currently, there are about 2,800 homeless children in RI and 9,000 children in MA. It is their mission to care for our children and families throughout our communities. As a result, the Boys Town Foster Care program is seeking individuals and/or families who are willing to provide a safe and nurturing, temporary or permanent home for our children in need. As a Boys Town Foster Parent, you will receive on-going training, 24/7 professional support, and a monthly reimbursement. If interested in becoming a licensed Foster Parent or learning about the many ways you can help Boys Town Foster Care, please contact the RI Recruiter/Trainer, Eva Termale, at 401-662-5245 or MA Recruiter/Trainer, Sarah Bruce, at 508-685-0693.