

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 21	10 am 11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only Confirmation Class, Library
Mon, Feb 22	10 am 11 am 7 pm 7 pm	Bereavement Group, Library Staff meeting, Sue's office Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren Church Council, Room 6
Tues, Feb 23	10:30 am – Noon 1 – 2:30 pm 7 pm	Study of <i>'To Kill a Mockingbird'</i> , UCC church in Middletown Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Feb 24	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Sun, Feb 28	10 am 10:15 am - Noon 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Worship Service, Church School Senior Youth Group meet in Room 9 Sacred Conversation on Race, Fellowship Hall



## Birthdays for the Week of February 21<sup>st</sup>

*Todd McGarry, Rocco DiMatteo,  
Laura Edwards, Holly Ogden, Ben White,  
Laurie Lennon, Sam Sylvester, Tom Wegner,  
Pat Gregory, and Carolyn Gammell.*

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 The Worship Service is for All Ages (no church school) due to the public school winter break. Nursery Care is provided for infants and children up to age 3. Worship bags are available from the back of the church for children to use during the service if they wish.

**Great news from our Search Committee:** The opening for our Senior Minister position has been posted to the UCC website and we've already received 12 applications in the first week alone! As a Committee we will be reviewing each Minister's Profile that has been submitted to see if they would be a good fit for our church. However, you won't hear us talking about particular applications, because each profile is kept in strict confidence. Sorry, that even includes which state they are from. As we begin the review of applications, we expect that this next phase is going to take a considerable amount of time so please be patient. In the meantime, we're more than happy to answer questions about the process that you might have. So if you see us, stop and ask or send us an email at [bccuccsearch@gmail.com](mailto:bccuccsearch@gmail.com). *Larry Ashley*, Chair.

**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 15 as a snow date if needed), from 10:30 am—Noon in their Manchester Room. You will need to have recently read the book. If you missed the first session but would like to attend, please contact Rev. Sue (246-0111 x 103 or [sue@bccucc.org](mailto:sue@bccucc.org)) as there is specific material from a workbook that needs to be read prior to each session.

**The Bereavement Group** meets tomorrow, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031 for more info.

**Book Group:** The group meets tomorrow MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets this TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**A Sacred Conversation on Race** will take place next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The program is FREE and open to people from all of the churches in the RI Conference UCC. It is sponsored by our 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](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)

**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.

**Hearing Assists available.** We have 4 hearing assists available - two with full headphones and two with single earbuds. If you need extra help hearing the service, please speak with an usher about using one.

**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.

**'Leap into the Bible'** with Rev. Don Remick is being offered at two different times on Leap Day, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 *by Wed, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Knitting for Others Group:** The group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Freemont 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net) All knitters and crocheters are very welcome.

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will finish their discussion of the 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](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

**Considering joining our church?** Or are you new and just want to learn more about us? Then come to *Conversations about our Church* on SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>*. (246-0111, [sue@bccucc.org](mailto:sue@bccucc.org) or [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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 Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Dine Out** will meet FRIDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm at Davenport's restaurant, 1925 Pawtucket Ave, East Providence All are invited – singles, couples, newcomers and old-timers alike - to join fellow church members and friends for dinner together in a different restaurant each month, enjoying some good food and fellowship! Those wishing to go should *sign up by Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>* to Sue Black 245-2772 or [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com)

**Showing of *American Denial* video:** On SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 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.americand denial.com](http://www.americand denial.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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net)

**300<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net) or (401) 454-9725.

**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](http://www.bccucc.org). Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.