

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Feb 22	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stewardship Campaign begins</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i></p> <p>10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only 10 am – 12:30 pm OWL Session, Library (<i>note the longer session time</i>) 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 based Potluck and Indian Cooking Demo, Fellowship Hall</p>
Mon., Feb 23	<p>10 am Bereavement Group, Library 11 am Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office 7:15 pm Church Council, Room 6 7:30 pm Mission and Justice Ministry meeting, Stephanie Edwards' home</p>
Tues., Feb 24	<p>9:30 am Collate the March Bridge newsletter, Room 6 1 – 2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library</p>
Wed., Feb 25	<p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry</p>
Thurs, Feb 26	<p>7 am Meditative Morning, Library 4 pm Prep begins for MLF Truck Run, Kitchen</p>
Sun., Mar 1	<p>8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library 10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School 10 am – 12:30 pm OWL Session, Library After Worship Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 6 – 8 pm Service Project Meeting and Potluck, Library</p>



Birthdays for the Week of February 22nd

*Laura Edwards, Holly Ogden, Ben White,
Laurie Lennon, Sam Sylvester, Pat Gregory,
Jeff Larsen, Carolyn Gammell, and Ellen Brady.*

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 again TODAY for children to use during the service. They can be picked up from the basket at the back of the church and this week they contain information and activities relating to Lent. 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 will take place TODAY (postponed from last Sunday when worship was cancelled). 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 is TODAY in Room 6 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. Because worship was cancelled last Sunday, there will now be just the one session, held today.

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.

Holy Joe's Café: Once again this Lenten season the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting money for the Holy Joe's Café ministry - where coffee is sent to UCC military chaplains who provide coffee and support to our troops in war torn parts of the world. A donation basket will be on the coffee hour table each week during Lent. Thank you.

Plant Based Potluck and Indian Cooking Demo will be held TODAY 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 scheduled for this evening has been CANCELLED as no-one RSVP'd to Brendan. Those youth who are going on the Service Project can look forward to the Potluck and Meeting next Sunday evening (see next page). If you haven't yet RSVP'd for March 1st, please do so a.s.a.p. Thanks to those who have.

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. Those interested in participating should contact Brendan at 246-0111 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org as soon as possible.

Service Project Meeting & Potluck: Those who wish to participate in the Service Project (see above) are asked to come to a potluck and meeting next SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST from 6 – 8 pm. Please RSVP to Brendan (contact info above)

Fill the eggs for Haiti: On Sunday, February 8th, the congregation was invited to take home and fill plastic eggs with money for the 'One Egg for Haiti' campaign. Filled eggs can be returned each week and placed in the 'nest' on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand). You are then invited to pick up some empty eggs to take home and fill during the following week. The program will be running through Lent and is raising money to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti. Thank you for your support.

Thank you: The Mission and Justice Team would like to thank everyone who contributed and/or purchased delicious baked goods at the Bake Sale on Feb 8th! It was a great success, raising \$348.50 to benefit the *One Egg for Haiti* program.

Staff Away: Christine will be on vacation from this Wednesday, February 25 – Tuesday, March 3. The office will be open and staffed in the mornings, but may on occasions be closed in the afternoon if the ministers have to do a pastoral visit or have a meeting offsite etc. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by later in the day to make sure someone is there.

The Bereavement Group meets tomorrow, 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.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets this 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

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, FEB 19TH – MAR 26TH in the Library for a half hour of contemplation. It 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, which 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 to any or all of the 'sessions.

Food donations still needed for Mobile Loaves and Fishes Run: BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) truck this 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 to find out what is still needed. A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall for donations of mens' socks, underwear and travel size toiletries. All food donations need to be at the church by 4 pm on Thursday. Thanks.

The Knitting for Others Group will meet on TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD at the home of Kathleen Larsen, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. The group is currently working on knitting caps for newborn infants. For more info on the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome and they don't have to be from this church. The group is 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

Want to learn more about our church? Come to 'Conversations' on SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH from 11:20 am - Noon in Room 6. Led by Rev. Jeff Larsen this session is for anyone who is new to our church and/or anyone who wants to know more about who we are, what we believe etc. Anyone interested in joining the church on New Member Sunday, March 29th is also asked to attend. Child care can be provided if needed - just let us know ahead of time. RSVP to office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH at 6:30 pm at Aiden's Pub, 5 John Street, Bristol. Since it's almost St Patrick's Day, the group will celebrate with some Irish food - but they also serve 'normal' food! All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP's by Tuesday, March 10th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

Junior Youth Group (for all in Grades 6 – 8) will be helping serve coffee at coffee hour on SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH. Then from 11:45 am – 2:30 pm they will go to Laser Gate in Fall River for a pizza lunch and to play laser tag. Cost is \$20 which includes 2 games (not 3 as mistakenly printed in the Ennouncements) and pizza. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Jr Youth Group leaders at bcejyg@gmail.com. Deadline for RSVP's is March 12th.

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

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 then click on 'Coffee Hours 2015' to access the sign up.