

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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, Library
	11:30 am	Usher Training, Room 7
Mon, Feb 26	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tue, Feb 27	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 - 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Feb 28	Noon	Deadline for eBridge
	12:30 - 1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6 - 7 pm	"God in America" (part 2) viewing, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Discussion of "God in America" video, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 1	1:30 - 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
	6 - 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, Mar 2	4 pm	Outside Use of Fellowship Hall
Sun, Mar 4		<i>Jesus and Women</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM (Christian Education and Youth Ministries) meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:30 am	Prep meeting for Mar 18 th presentation, Room 6
	11:30 am	Staff Pastor Relations Team (SPRT) meeting, Library



Birthdays for the Week of February 25th: *Pat Gregory, Carolyn Gammell, Ellen Brady, Andrew Nellis, Matt Block, Greg Knight, Walter Joachim-DelPoio, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio, and Marjorie Stumpff.*

Belated birthday greetings to the following who had birthdays the Week of Feb 18th: *Margaret Swenson, Catherine Muth, Todd McGarry, Laura Edwards, Holly Ogden, Ben White, and Sam Sylvester.*

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.

Sing and Celebration Choir rehearsals begin again TODAY at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals will now take place every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are most welcome to come sing with us. The group will be learning some new material and now is a great time for new children to join – they'd be very welcome! For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net or speak with our organist, Marina.

Mission and Justice Speakers Series – begins TODAY. 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. TODAY, 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 also tell us about the work that that Church is doing. All are welcome to come to the Library after worship to hear more about these two important programs.

JYG Snowtubing CANCELLED: The Junior Youth Group snow-tubing trip to Yawgoo Valley scheduled for TODAY has been cancelled due to lack of snow and very few sign ups.

Thank you: The Membership Committee wishes to thank an anonymous donor for designing and contributing a gift for inclusion in the Welcome Packets for visitors. The handy blue jar openers have our church's name, address, phone, and website printed on them and also the words "Our doors are open to all." If you would like one for yourself, they will be available at Coffee Hour for a donation of \$1. The money will be used for further outreach and marketing.

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.

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.

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published THURS, MARCH 1ST. Deadline for submissions is Noon *on Wednesday, February 28th* but an earlier submission is appreciated. (Announcements deadline is every Wednesday at Noon.)

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

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

Mindful Mondays meet MONDAY EVENINGS (through March 26th) from 7 – 8 pm in the new Meditation Room (Room 8). The hour consists 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 are open to the public.

Mid-Week Recharge meets WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES (through 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.

Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America. This 6-part discussion series continues this WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28TH (and runs every Wed. through March 28th). Dale is guiding 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/ This WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH we will view and discuss Episode 2, *A New Eden*: “Hour two considers the origins of America’s experiment in religious liberty, examining how the unlikely alliance between evangelical Baptists and enlightenment figures such as Thomas Jefferson forged a new concept of religious freedom.” All are welcome to come to whichever sessions they are able.

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

Brendan’s Community Office Hours are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

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

Book Event for March: The **2018 Reading Across Rhode Island** book selection is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, and it will be the focus of two events in March sponsored by the Barrington Interfaith Partners and Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association. The groups are encouraging community members to read the book and attend the events. This debut novel examines issues of racism honestly and compassionately. 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 on MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, at Temple Habonim (165 New Meadow Road, Barrington) 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 (49 Middle Highway, Barrington). Both events are free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and teenagers.

Mission and Justice Speaker Series - #2: On SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH Allen Scott, co-chair of Loaves and Fishes Rhode Island will be our guest speaker at 11:30 am in the library. Church members Phyllis Buckley and Liz White have been organizing BCCUCC's participation in the LFRI truck runs over the past years. Allen will tell us more about the wider organization as it enters its tenth year of helping to feed the homeless and hungry here in our state. All are invited.

A mid-Lent retreat ‘Healing Hands, Healing Hearts’ will be held SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH from 9 am - 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room. The retreat, led by Rev. Brendan Curran, is on St. Patrick’s Day and will include Celtic Christian prayers and meditations on healing. Over the three hours, we will explore Christian contemplative and embodied prayer as well as the Christian healing traditions of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands. Participants are invited to come with open hearts and minds to learning about and experimenting with healing traditions. This will be a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives and our knowledge of prayer practices during Lent. Please RSVP to Brendan by *March 11th* if you plan to attend the retreat brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104

RICUCC Maple Sugar Overnight Camp for Gds 7-12 will be held 6 pm FRI, MAR 16TH – 2 pm SAT, MAR 17TH at Irons Homestead in Glocester, RI. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning to make sugar from maple trees. More information and registration at www.ironshomestead.org or call 401-710-9478. There is also an option for Sat only.

‘Sugar Eat’ Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead: SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH from 2 – 4 pm at Irons, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Come enjoy hot maple syrup poured over snow to create instant candy! \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. More info at www.ironshomestead.org - click on the tab under ‘Events’.

Come Bowl With Us! Barrington Congregational Church is organizing a bowling team in support of the Primrose Elementary School's Family Bowl A Thon on SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH (1-2 pm and 2-3 pm). Proceeds benefit the school and Barrington community - such as new after-school programs and playground renovations. Learn more at <https://www.bowlathon.net/event/primrose-hill-pt0-2018/> We hope you will lace up your bowling shoes and sign up for our team - or create a 6-person of your own. If you can't attend, you can still score a strike for our team – especially if you own a local business – by sponsoring the event! If you have any questions about signing up or sponsorship, please contact congregation member Maggie Slane (if you recall the hero sermon, Maggie is the mom of the 6 year old Wonder Woman fan!) at slanemaggie@gmail.com or 917-667-8305. Thanks.

‘Church: Alive and Thriving’ Workshops: Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. More info and register at <https://www.ricucc.org/eventdetail/11005636>

‘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.