

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 26	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Senior Youth Group, Room 9
	2:30 pm	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
	3 pm	Installation Service for Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sanctuary
	After service	Reception in Fellowship Hall
Tues, Feb 28	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	3 pm	RICUCC Racial Justice Committee Meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 1		Ash Wednesday
	7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry (<i>note later start time</i>)
	7:45 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 6 (<i>note later start time</i>)
Thurs, Mar 2	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Mar 5	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am	Ad Hoc Landscape Committee meeting, Room 7
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Speaker series, Library (Kathleen Cloutier from Dorcas International)
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Junior Youth Group (JYG), Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of February 26th

Pat Gregory, Carolyn Gammell, Ellen Brady, Summer Lukens, Matt Block, Greg Knight, Walter Joachim-DelPoio, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio, Marjorie Stumpff, Roland Stumpff, Steve Fairbanks, Kim Fodor, and Megan Hecht.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH: Tom Wegner (February star), Joe Judge (March star), 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.

A note from Marina and the Music Team: There is an ongoing but intermittent issue with the organ making loud rumbling noises, even when it is not being played. It appears to be an electronic issue. We apologize for the distraction created by this noise during last week's worship service (during Brendan's sermon of all times). We will have the issue assessed and hopefully corrected soon, and appreciate your patience in the meantime.

Historical Bible Month ends this Sunday: This week's Bible is a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) presented to Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C., by Carl Thomsen, Paula Dalessio, Jane Thomsen, David Thomsen and William Thomsen to honor the lives of their parents Elwyn and Ruth Thomsen on September 26th, 1999. At the same time the family also gave all of the Bibles that are in the pews. The senior minister at the time was Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton and we were between associate ministers. In 1999, Providence hosted our denominations General Synod as thousands of UCC folks descended on Rhode Island. BCCUCC had the honor of being the last church the outgoing UCC President preached at before relinquishing his position. Dale and Brendan's readings each week in February from our church's historical Bibles dating from the 1800's thru 1960 is part of our '3 Centuries and Beyond' celebrations. All four Bibles that were used this month will be available for viewing on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH during coffee hour.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearses at the later time of 2:30 pm this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH prior to singing at Dale's Installation Service at 3 pm. They return to their regular time of practicing after church for the following two Sundays (MARCH 5TH & 12TH) but will meet in Room 6. All children from Grade 1 & up are welcome to sing. Questions? Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743.

Dale's Installation Service as Senior Minister of BCCUCC will be held this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us – all are welcome.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 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

Ash Wednesday is this WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST and marks the beginning of Lent. All are invited for a special Ash Wednesday service and then for a weekly Wednesday evening service throughout Lent (see next article).

Wednesday Evenings in Lent – beginning this 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 1ST, with a more involved Ash Wednesday service, and then continue each week through April 5th. All are welcome.

Change in Schedule for Choir and Deacons: Because of the Ash Wednesday service this WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, choir rehearsal (in the Vestry), and the Deacons meeting (in Room 6) will both start at the later time of 7:45 pm.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting is a statement that Brendan made to the Health, Education and Welfare Committee at the RI Statehouse on February 15th and it is in support of House Bill 5277. A link to it was included in this week's eBridge. Printed copies are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Fill an envelope to raise money for the 2017 Mission Trip! A message from Brendan: "We have a great mission trip planned for this year, going to the h.o.m.e. cooperative in Orland, Maine where we will be helping to build houses for families in need. As a church, we offer great service opportunities for our church youth. The mission trip relies on your help and there's a great way for you to support our service/mission work. In Fellowship Hall is a board of envelopes. Each envelope is numbered 1 to 144. (In the gospel 144 signifies the expansion of the realm of God when people come together in love and service.) All we want you to do is choose an envelope and fill it with that amount of money. If you can manage this by yourself that's wonderful! If you can't, maybe you can recruit friends or family to help you! Fifty dollars from you and sixty from your friend knocks out our 110 envelope! 36 dollars from you and three other friends takes care of the 144 envelope, the biggest on the wall! If we fill all the envelopes we can cover the cost of this year's mission trip. Whatever envelope you choose, that money goes to supporting this year's mission! Thank you so much for supporting our church's youth and their meaningful work. Blessings."

Women's Faith Group meets in the library on THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND 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. 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 or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or 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 2ND and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Sunday Sermon Series in Lent: Brendan and Dale will be exploring many of the different facets of prayer through a weekly sermon series called 'Encountering God'. They will not only be talking about these forms of prayer but providing opportunities for the congregation to experience them in the worship service and their daily lives. On SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH the sermon will be 'Encountering God: Pray Without Ceasing'. We hope you can join us.

Ad hoc Landscape Committee will meet briefly on SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH after worship in Room 7. They will discuss plans for the planting of a new tree on the terrace (to replace the birch tree that had to be removed). Anyone with an interest or suggestions for a replacement tree is invited to attend (or contact Pat Stoddard, pat@bccucc.org, 246-0111 x.102 with your thoughts for consideration at the meeting).

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 various 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 in the church library. 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 5TH: Kathleen Cloutier, Executive Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island.

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

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

Donate items for Dorcas International: During the month of March, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting items for Dorcas International. Right now there is a need for toiletries (shampoo, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc. - hotel or regular size). Go to their website to learn more and see other needed items: <http://www.diiri.org/HowYouCanHelp/DonateHousewarestoTheRefugeeResourceCenter/tabid/452/Default.aspx>. Or go to www.diiri.org and click on the 'How You Can Help' tab. A collection bin will be in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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 (learn more 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 6TH, 13TH & 20TH, and then all participating houses of worship will come together on THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD 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 or Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or srotblatwalker@gmail.com for more information.

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

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank: 'In Frank's deeply moving second novel, Matt Greene and Daniel Rosen, a couple in Northampton, Mass., cope with the deaths of Daniel's twin brother and his wife-Israeli citizens who are killed in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem' All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Weekly deadline of Wednesdays at Noon for info to be included in the Sunday Announcements and eBridge. Send all info (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc), publication ready, to Christine at office@bccucc.org. Thanks.