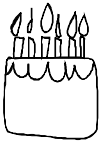


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
Mon, Feb 29		<i>Leap Day!</i> Noon – 2:30 pm OR 6 – 8:30 pm ‘Leap into the Bible’ with Rev. Don Remick, Fellowship Hall & Library
Tues, Mar 1	10:30 am – Noon 7 – 9 pm 7 pm	Study of ‘ <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> ’, UCC church in Middletown Knitting for Others Group, Liz Rosenholm’s house Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 2	7 pm 7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 6 Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 3	1:30 – 3 pm	Women’s Faith Group, Library
Sun, Mar 6	8:30 am 10 am 11:15 am - Noon 5 – 7 pm	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i> CEYM meeting, Library Worship Service with Communion, Church School Conversations about our church, Library Junior Youth Group meet for pizza and Flint, Michigan project, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of February 28th

*Ellen Brady, Summer Lukens, Matt Block,
Greg Knight, Nancy Mattis, Christopher Tighe,
Virginia Clark, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio,
Walter Joachim-DelPoio, Marjie Stumpff, Nancy Jencks,
Roland Stumpff, Haley Cook, Steve Fairbanks,
Megan Hecht, and Mac Saluja.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Liz White (star deacon), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley,
Stephanie Edwards, Jon Stabach, and Greg Voigt.

DEACONS FOR MARCH

Chris Brady (star deacon), Susan Rotblat-Walker,
Pat Rude, Joe Judge, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner.

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.

A Sacred Conversation on Race will take place TODAY 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 & Justice Ministry Team, RICUCC Racial Justice Ministry, and the RICUCC Justice & 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 – including Rev. Don Remick - 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.

‘Leap into the Bible’ with Rev. Don Remick is being offered TOMORROW, FEB, 29TH (Leap Day), at two different times - either Noon – 2:30 pm OR 6 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and the library. He will lead us through the whole Bible in 90 minutes! We will join for a light (free will offering) soup and wraps lunch OR supper for the first hour, and enjoy dessert as we learn about the whole Bible. If you haven’t signed up but would like to come you are welcome – just call the church office so we know how many extra to set up for. Thanks.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special mission offering of the UCC. Included in TODAY’S and NEXT SUNDAY’S bulletins is an informational sheet and special offering envelope. This year’s offering focuses on refugees and displaced persons. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs - where you can also donate online. If donating by check please make it payable to ‘BCCUCC’ and mark the memo line ‘OGHS’. Thank you.

Collections for Haiti: The orphanages and schools connected with the RI Haiti Task Force have asked for donations of art supplies (drawing pads, colored pencils, acrylic paints, brushes, craft kits, glue sticks, children’s scissors, etc.) and “gently used” shoes (not sneakers) that the elementary school children can wear to school. Bins for your much appreciated donations are in Fellowship Hall. Questions: email Lily Sylvester – lilysylvester29@gmail.com or Trish Sylvester – trishsylvester@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

Knitting for Others Group: The group meets TUES, MAR 1ST 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 All knitters & crocheters welcome.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD 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 or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or 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* next SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH 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 29th. (246-0111, sue@bccucc.org or 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 20th.

Junior Youth Group meets next SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9 for a pizza dinner and Flint Michigan project. Many youth at our church have expressed concern for the residents of Flint Michigan and the water crisis they continue to struggle with. Rev. Brendan will join them to lead a discussion on this significant situation. Following a pizza dinner they'll create prayer sticks and discuss spring plans. All youth in grades 6 – 8 are welcome. Please RSVP to the youth group leaders at bccjyg@gmail.com by Thurs, Mar 3rd.

The Bereavement Group meets MON, MAR 7TH 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 or 245-8031 for more info.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets this TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH 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

Dine Out will meet FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH 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 need to *sign up by Wednesday, March 9th* to Sue Black 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com

Book Group: The group meets tomorrow MONDAY, MARCH 14TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

Super Saturday is an all-day learning event for clergy persons and lay leaders and is sponsored jointly by the CT, MA, and RI UCC Conferences. This year, the CT Conference is hosting and the event will be held at Killingly High School on SATURDAY, MARCH 12th. To learn more and to register go to www.ricucc.org/event/super-saturday. We already have some people going from this church - if you're interested in joining them, contact Rev. Sue sue@bccucc.org

Showing of American Denial video: On SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH 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.

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 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.

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

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 steve.peck@cox.net

300th 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 steve.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. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.