

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 4		<i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	10 am	Children's Communion in Library then Church School
	After Worship	Pick up your Superbowl Sub order at coffee hour
	After Worship	Valentine making (for sending to homebound etc) at coffee hour, F'ship Hall
Tue, Feb 6	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others, Elizabeth Azevedo's home
Wed, Feb 7	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 8	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
	3 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
Sat, Feb 10	2:45 pm	BCCUCC volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
Sun, Feb 11		<i>Mission Sunday (Mission Abroad)</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	5 – 7 pm	Community Dinner (Fundraiser for Mission Trip), Fellowship Hall



**Birthdays for the Week of February 4<sup>th</sup>:** *Haley LaVena, Mary DeWitt, Barb McWhirter, Asher Soares, Steve Peck, Duncan Brady, Corey Miesner, and Rich Staples.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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.

**Children's Communion is TODAY:** The children have a separate communion service in the library, and afterwards go to their Church School classes. Parents are reminded to drop off their children in the library at 10 am.

**Deacons Fund:** On Communion Sundays a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and surrounding community. Primarily it is used to purchase gift cards to Shaw's which we give to those seeking help.

**Valentine making:** TODAY the congregation has the opportunity to make valentines at coffee hour that will be sent to our homebound, recently bereaved or sick church members, and also to college students. The deacons are supplying all of the materials, they just need you to stop by the table and use your creative talent to make the valentines!

**Superbowl Subs Pick Up:** If you ordered superbowl subs, you can pick them up TODAY at coffee hour. (Sorry, but there won't be any extra ones for sale). Many thanks to everyone who placed an order to help the youth raise funds for their 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

**Community Dinner Fundraiser:** Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour again TODAY for the Community Dinner next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support our 2018 mission/service trip with the Navajo Nation. Tickets are \$10.00 a person. Children six and under eat for free! Come enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, salad, and bread and support our youth. If you'd like to help by bringing homemade soup, bread or salad, sign up sheets are on the table selling tickets. Thanks to those who already signed up.

**Snowtubing postponed:** The Junior Youth Group snow-tubing trip to Yawgoo Valley, originally scheduled for today, has been rescheduled to SUN, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>. They will meet in the church parking lot at 1:15 pm and leave at 1:30. Pick-up will be at 4:30 pm when we return. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for this trip so please contact Brendan (401 246-0111 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)) by Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> if your 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader would like to go. Tickets are \$15.00.

**A new church directory** (without photos) generated from our database will be emailed to the congregation in mid-February. Information included will be name, address, children's names (of those still living at home), home phone, cell phone, and email address (adults only). We hope everyone will want their information included, but the database does allow for any of the phone numbers and email addresses to be unlisted. If you would like to take this option, contact the church office by Feb 5<sup>th</sup> to make your wishes known ([office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 401 246-0111). If you are new to our church community and we don't yet have your information in our database, please contact the office by the deadline (see above) so that we can include you in our directory. Printed copies of the directory will be made available for those without email.

**Knitting for Others Group:** Meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> from 7-9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls. RSVP to Elizabeth at [azevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:azevedo17@gmail.com) or (401) 289 3780 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).

**Community Office Hours** are when our ministers make themselves available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. Brendan is at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3-5 pm. Dale is hoping to resume his community office hours soon. Stay tuned!

**Staff away:** Christine will be on vacation February 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have information for the eBridge scheduled to go out on February 15<sup>th</sup>, please get it to Christine no later than Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the church office will be open shorter hours that week (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9:30 am – 12:30 pm; Tues 9:30 – 4:30 pm).

**Farewell Reception:** George Weavill, Business Manager at the RI Conference, is leaving after more than 45 years of faithful service. An open house farewell reception is being held THURSDAY, FEB 8<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 4 pm at the Conference Office, 8 Summer St, Pawtucket. Parking is limited in the office parking lot, but there is a nearby free parking lot.

**Bereavement Group** next meets MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** will meet TUES, FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**‘From the River’s Edge’ – the Pastor’s blog.** The latest posting from Dale ‘An Invitation for Lent...’ is on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

#### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

**Ash Wednesday Service:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

**Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America.** In this 6-part series meeting on Wednesday evenings, Dale will guide us through the PBS special “God in America” and in-depth discussions on how the subject matter impacts our religious experiences today. Save the dates of WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>. 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/](http://www.pbs.org/godinamerican/view/)

**Lenten Meditations:** Brendan will be offering two separate interfaith meditation experiences this Lent:

**Mindful Mondays** will meet MONDAY EVENINGS, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 8 pm in the new Meditation Room (Room 8). The hour will consist 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 will be open to the public.

**Mid-Week Recharge** will meet WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**‘Healing Hands, Healing Hearts’ Retreat:** Brendan will be holding a meditation retreat on SAT, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> from 9 am – 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room, in which participants will engage in many Christian meditative and healing practices. The retreat will include Celtic Christian prayers and meditations on healing - it will be St. Patrick’s Day after all! Please contact Brendan by *March 11<sup>th</sup>* to let him know if you’ll be attending. [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111.

**Women’s Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**Feasting at Fireside:** There is currently only a single slot open to have dinner at the parsonage with Dale and Elizabeth and it’s on THURS, FEB 15<sup>TH</sup>. If you’d like to fill it, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. If there is a couple interested in dinner with the Azevedos, please contact Dale at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111. All of the other dates are full, so this is your last opportunity!

**Book Group is trying a new time and location:** They will meet at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> at 10:30 am, to discuss *Perfume River* by Robert Butler. “Butler’s assured, elegant novel explores a family fractured by the Vietnam War as its members face the losses of age... Eddying fluidly through its half-century span, the book speaks eloquently of the way the past bleeds into the present, history reverberates through individual lives, and mortality challenges our perceptions of ourselves and others.” (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome!

**The New England Women’s Celebration** takes place every 4 years at various locations in New England. The purpose of the Celebration is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church and Conference setting. Organized by women from UCC congregations across New England, but women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend. This year Celebration X will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in Portland, ME. Find out more at: <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org/home> or contact Helen Schall for more information at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. Registration is \$125 before Feb 15, and \$150 Feb 16 – Mar 26.

**Loaves and Fishes truck run:** We had a great turnout of people to help, and lots of donated food and clothing etc. Many thanks to everyone involved and especially to Liz White and to Phyllis and Jay Buckley who head up this ministry. Check out the photos on our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) - there’s a link to them from the home page.

**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, should they wish to, 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 turn up the volume.)

**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.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.