

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Feb 5	8:30 am	Joint CEYM and Membership Team meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion service in Library then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	After church school	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:15 – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	12:30 – 4 pm	RICUCC Sliding with Faith, Peace Dale UCC then Yawgoo
Tues, Feb 7	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Barbara Wuth's home
Wed, Feb 8	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Feb 10	4:30 pm	Leave for Confirmation Retreat at Prindle Pond, Charlton MA
Sat, Feb 11	11 am	Memorial Service for Matthew Vohr in Sanctuary, followed by reception in Fellowship Hall
	6 pm	Return from Confirmation Retreat
Sun, Feb 12	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	1 – 4 pm	OWL session, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Visioning Peace Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of February 5th

Haley LaVena, Mary DeWitt, Barb McWhirter, Asher Soares, Steve Peck, Duncan Brady, Corey Miesner, and Rich Staples. Please keep them in your prayers.

If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn't appear in this list, it's because we don't have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY: Tom Wegner (star), Joe Judge, 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.

Historical Bible Month: As part of our '3 Centuries and Beyond' celebrations, each week through February Dale and Brendan will be reading from one of the church's historical bibles. This week's Bible is a King James Version presented to Barrington Congregational Church from Mrs. Mary S. Bradford on November 2nd, 1879. The minister at the time was Rev. William House. On September 11th, 1879, the church voted "after several opportunities for expression of opinion and interchange of views" to change the time of the communion service from 2:00 PM in the afternoon to immediately following the morning worship service.

Superbowl Sunday: In recognition of the event, on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH the congregation is invited to come to worship in their team colors. Then come to coffee hour afterwards to get into the Superbowl spirit!

Children's Communion: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH there will be Children's Communion in the Library. Parents are asked to drop their children off there for 10 a.m. Afterwards they will go to their regular church school classes.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal starts up again this SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH. Boys and girls in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to meet in Room 9 after church school. They will rehearse each week in February and hope to sing again in church in early March. Boys and girls in grades 1 - 5 (and any interested older children) are invited to participate and new children are always welcome. Questions? Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743.

Visioning Peace Community Dinner: Tickets on sale TODAY at coffee hour. The interfaith community in town is hosting a "Visioning Peace Community Dinner," on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Homemade soups, homemade breads, and salads will be served. This is a family friendly event. All who attend will be invited to make a "peace lantern" at one of the craft tables and write their prayers and/or messages of peace on a community banner. The peace lanterns will be made out of used 2 liter soda bottles so please collect them and give any you have to Brendan. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour TODAY or from the church office during the week. Adults/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6. Please note that Takeout will not be available for this programmed event. This is a community event so please invite your friends. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Farm Fresh Rhode Island!

Empty 2 liter soda bottles wanted: Brendan is collecting as many plastic 2 liter soda bottles as possible between now and February 12th. Please save your 2 liter soda/water bottles and bring them to Brendan's office!

The eBridge is here! This week marked the publication of our new weekly electronic newsletter, 'The eBridge', which should have arrived in your email inbox this past Thursday. (If you didn't receive it, contact the church office to make sure we have your email address). Included is information about what's happening in the next couple of weeks, plus 'save the dates' for future events. 'Family Footnotes' were included this week and they will appear once a month, as will other special features. Since an increasing number (over 40%) of our email readers do so on a mobile device, it is formatted to be more mobile friendly. The eBridge is a work in progress so let us know what you like – or don't like – about it, as we will be making modifications as it evolves. Our goal is to get information out to the congregation in a way that people will read and respond to. If the emails are too long, studies show that they won't be read. However, if there's not enough information, then the congregation won't know what's going on! It's a fine balance and we're going to try our best to find it! Let us know how we're doing.

The Pastor's Blog 'From the River's Edge': As a part of our transition to the new electronic version of our newsletter - The eBridge - Dale and Brendan have started a blog called 'From the River's Edge' on the church website. They plan to each write one post a month, and maybe additional posts if they feel inspired. The first post was written by Dale and went up on Wednesday. Links to it can be found on the front page of the church's website www.bccucc.org, on the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/BCCUCC, and there was also a link to it in the eBridge. For those without computers, printed copies of 'From the River's Edge' are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the eBridge and other mailings from the church, please send it to office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

Don't have email so don't receive the eBridge? Don't worry....if you're reading these Announcements, you are getting almost all the same notices (plus some extra information!), just in a different format. Additional articles that sometime appear in the eBridge that aren't in these Announcements, such as the Pastor's blog and Family Footnotes, will be printed out and copies made available for you to pick up from the back table in Fellowship Hall. We will also be mailing out printed information twice a month to our homebound and those on our old printed Bridge mailing list.

Weekly deadline of Wednesdays at Noon: It will be up to you to get information to the office for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge – the deadline for both will be Noon on Wednesdays. If you miss the deadline, it will be included in the following week's edition. Send all info to Christine at office@bccucc.org and please be sure to include all the necessary information, publication ready (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc). Thanks.

The Rainbow Doors are coming! A set of six rainbow colored doors proclaiming that God's Doors Are Open To All are going to be displayed along County Road in front of the education building for the month of February and perhaps longer. You may have seen or heard about them before. We are borrowing them from Newman Congregational Church where they first appeared in 2015. We are excited about this opportunity to proclaim our openness to all and to celebrate the UCC's tradition of extravagant welcome.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH from 7 – 9 pm at Barbara Wuth's home, 3 Fireside Dr., Barrington. Please let Barbara Wuth (245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com) or Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net) know if you are coming so there will be enough chairs assembled. They will continue to work on prayer shawls and other projects. Contact Mary Lou for more information about the group – all knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces!

A Memorial Service for Matthew Vohr will be held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Matthew was the son of church members Betty Vohr Gidley and Thomas Gidley.

Memory Impairment Support Group will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 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

Women's Faith Group meets in the library on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH to begin reading and discussing *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Mai Donohue who is a Barrington resident. 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.

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST at 7 pm in the church library. They will be discussing *Winterdance* by Gary Paulson. The book tells the story of how the author came to compete in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. All are welcome. For more information on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Dale's Installation Service as Senior Minister of BCCUCC will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Details later – but in the meantime, mark your calendar and save the date! All are invited to attend.

The Bereavement Group next meets MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Snow Shovelers needed: We are in need of additional volunteers willing to come shovel the paths and steps at the church following snowstorms – not only on Sundays, but also during the week! We contract with a company to plow the driveways and parking lots, but they're not prepared to do any shoveling. A list of volunteers willing to be called upon to come help is needed. Please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. Thanks.

'3 Centuries & Beyond' Merchandise: Items can still be ordered by emailing 300th@bccucc.org or speaking with Pat Rude or Marion Fodor, or stopping by the church office. Items all have the 300th logo embroidered on them - **Tote** \$22, a **T-Shirt** \$18, **Fleece Vest** \$42 and pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items.

Our Church calendar can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website www.bccucc.org and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.

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.