

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Feb 8	10 am After Church School At coffee hour	<i>'Kindness: Pay it Forward' Sunday</i> Worship Service with members of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Eggstravaganza activities – nest making and plastic eggs Bake Sale for 'One Egg for Haiti' Valentine making for our homebound and college kids Confirmation Class, Library
6 – 8 pm		
Mon., Feb 9	11 am 3:30 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's Office Lay Visitation Meeting, Library Church Council, Room 6 Mission and Justice Meeting, Stephanie Edward's home
Tues., Feb 10	10 am - Noon 1 – 2:30 pm	RICUCC CE Sharing Meeting, Library Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed., Feb 11	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Feb 13	6:30 pm	Dine Out Group, The Old Grist Mill Tavern
Sun., Feb 15	10 am After Worship 11:15 am – Noon	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i> <i>March Bridge Deadline</i> Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation, Library



Birthdays for the Week of February 8th

Steve Peck, Melinda Thies, Duncan Brady, Rich Staples, Laura Bilotti, and Lynne Lehman.

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Liz White (Star Deacon), Cheryl Muth,
Chris Brady, and Greg Voigt

If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.

Kindness: Pay it Forward: TODAY a number of activities will take place both during the worship service and at coffee hour afterwards under the banner of 'Kindness: Pay it Forward'. These include:

- **Launch of the One Egg Haiti program** – an *eggstravaganza* to raise money to provide eggs for children in Haiti. The Mission and Justice Ministry Team and the Christian Education Youth Ministries (CEYM) are co-sponsoring "One Egg for Haiti" this spring, a fundraiser that will provide one egg a day for Haiti's needy children. We welcome to this morning's worship service, Suzanne Swanson and Shirley Hardison of the RICUCC Haiti Task Force who will share information about the needs in Haiti and how the 'One Egg Haiti' program can help. At coffee hour you can help make a 'nest', and plastic eggs will be handed out to take home to fill with coins, bills or checks. Filled eggs can be *eggchanged* each week for empty ones. The program will continue through Lent.
- **Bake Sale for 'One Egg for Haiti':** We hope you will buy a delicious baked good at coffee hour TODAY to help our spring fundraiser. Many thanks to all who contributed baked goods for the sale.
- **Valentine making:** TODAY at coffee hour the congregation is invited to make Valentine's for our homebound and also for our college kids away at school. The Deacons provide all of the materials – you provide the creativity. If you haven't yet done so, please give the names and addresses of college students to Cheryl Muth.
- **Book Collection:** Donations of new or gently used books will be collected from TODAY and during Lent. A collection basket is in Fellowship Hall. Books will be donated to several local organizations that take used books such as Camp Street Ministries, and Mathewson Street Breakfast. This is part of the UCC's 'Reading Changes Lives' initiative. (Note: TAPIN does not accept books – this was incorrectly listed in the February *Bridge*)

A Nursery Nook is 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. Comfortable chairs, toys and books are provided. We invite parents and children to make use of the Nursery Nook if they would like.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal TODAY: Our children's choir is open to all in Grades 1-5 but welcomes older children as well. They begin rehearsing again TODAY after church school in Room 9, and welcome new singers. For more information talk with Marina Zabinski our organist, or choir member Kate Colby.

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 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

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH at 6:30 pm at The Old Grist Mill Tavern, 390 Fall River Ave., Seekonk MA. Ignore superstition and come to a Valentine's dinner! All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP's are required by tomorrow, Monday, February 9th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

Adult Study on the 7 Churches of Revelation: Jeff Larsen will lead this study that will take place over two sessions – SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 15TH AND 22ND from 11:15 am – Noon. Based on experiences from the Turkey trip last fall, this will be a chance to examine the formation of Christianity in the early years after Jesus. In preparation, please read Revelations, chapters 2 and 3. All are welcome.

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

The Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome and they don't have to be from this church. The group has just begun reading and discussing *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. Questions about the group should be directed to Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com, or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Soup Kitchen: On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST it's our church's turn to provide and serve a meal at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, located at Park Place Congregational UCC. Our Buildings and Grounds and Stewardship Ministry Teams are scheduled to do this but additional help from the congregation is always appreciated. Volunteers can help by donating a main dish, salad, fresh fruit or granola bars, or by going to help serve at the kitchen. To volunteer please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Dianne Todd at 245-4681 or diane.todd@verizon.com

The Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes Run: BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) truck on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH to Harrington Hall, a men's shelter in Cranston. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC with the goal of getting to Cranston by 5:30—5:45 pm. The run works like all others except that the only clothing we can hand out are socks, underwear and toiletries. Also, volunteers who go on this run must be at least 18 years of age.

A signup genius has been set up for volunteers willing to help in a number of different ways – by donating food, helping with prep, going out on the truck etc. Go to www.signupgenius.com and under 'Find a Sign Up' put in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. This will take you to the MLF Sign up sheet. If you have any questions or can't sign up on line, please contact Liz White lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay and Phyllis Buckley pbuckley6@cox.net.

A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall for donations of mens' socks, underwear and travel size toiletries.

Changes in the Service Project: Due to some conflicts, the dates of this year's Service Project have been changed to FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – SATURDAY APRIL 11 (beginning after school on Friday). Also, the Service Project is now open to all youth in Grades 7-12. We will still be partnering with *Save the Bay* to clean up our shorelines. Youth interested in participating should contact Brendan at 246-011 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org as soon as possible. Any who wish to participate in the Service Project are also asked to come to a potluck and meeting on SUN, MAR 1ST from 6 – 8 pm.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** collection will take place next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH. Inserts and special collection envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Each year the UCC joins with eight other denominations to take this offering and literally millions of dollars are raised and disbursed to needy people throughout the world. The OGHS fund helps refugees, disaster victims, politically suppressed societies, those suffering from human rights injustices, as well as many who suffer from chronic hunger and poverty. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs. You can donate online at this link, or make a donation in worship, or mail a donation to the church office. Checks should be made payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'OGHS'. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday is on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH and it marks the beginning of Lent. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service from 7 – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and all are welcome. It will be a quiet, reflective time of readings and prayers and ashes will be offered to anyone who would like. Ashes remind us to spend some time during Lent in honest reflection about the meaning of life and our own relationship with God. All are welcome.

Meditative Mornings in Lent: All who wish to make extra time for spiritual practice during Lent are invited to join Brendan from 7 - 7:30 am on THURSDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 19TH – MARCH 24TH in the Library for a half hour of meditation/centering prayer, and Taizé singing. The half hour of contemplation will consist of a brief reading/reflection, a description of meditation and centering prayer followed by ten minutes of silent meditation and then ten minutes of Taizé singing. Taizé singing is a form of meditative song developed by the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France. This half hour is offered to create intentional space for being still and finding peace in the Spirit. The hope is that it will provide all who participate with an opportunity to develop their "inner life" in community and find a deeper connection to the Sacred during Lent. All are welcome!

Coffee Hour Sign Ups: Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour in February – sign up sheets are at the back of Fellowship Hall during coffee hour, or use the on-line sign up sheet at www.signupgenius.com. Click on 'Find a Sign Up', put in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org and it will take you to our church's various sign up sheets. Click on 'Coffee Hours 2015' to access the sign up.

Altar Flowers Donors: Betsy Restituyo of the Chancel Team is finding the donors for the altar flowers during February and March and there are several openings available. If you're interested in donating one or both bouquets (\$30 each) please contact Betsy at 310-0384 or betsyres@yahoo.com to find out the dates available. There is also a sign up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall for anyone willing to pay for an arrangement when there is an opening, rather than on a specific date. Thank you.

Children's Bulletins: We have two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12 – available for pick up from the basket on the table in the narthex as you come into church. If you forgot, please feel free to go get one!

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour – it helps us get to know each other and is also welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office. New nametags are put on the racks - please check the racks carefully before requesting a new one as duplicates are often found!

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.