

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 1, 2017		New Year's Day
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion
Mon, Jan 2		Office Closed
Tues, Jan 3	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Jan 4	7 pm	Deacons meeting, Room 6
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 5	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Jan 8	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	1 – 5 pm	RICUCC Racial Justice Awareness Retreat for Youth, Seekonk UCC
	4 pm	Atwater-Donnelly Concert, Sanctuary
	5 – 7 pm	Junior Youth Group, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of January 1st

Pat Cordeiro, Frank Larrivee, Amy Harff, Harrison Ogden, Bill Rooks, Jim McCartney, and Becky Porter.

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 JANUARY: Kim Zeleznik (star), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, and Jon Stabach. 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. Dale is on vacation December 28 – January 2.

The 2017 Pledge Envelopes are here and waiting to be picked up by those who requested a set. They are in alphabetical order in trays on the sideboard in the vestry hallway. If you didn't request a set but would like one, please either sign up on the sheet beside them, or contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 103 or pat@bccucc.org.

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 the surrounding community. Your donations are much appreciated by those who come to us looking for help.

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.

Concert by Atwater-Donnelly duo is on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH at 4 pm in our Sanctuary. This is part of the 300th Anniversary Concert Series at BCCUCC being organized by our Historical group. The concert is of traditional American Folk Music and Dance - learn more at www.atwater-donnelly.com. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour or from the church office. Cost: Adult/Youth - \$15 Seniors (65+) - \$10 Children (2-14) - \$5 Family (4) - \$35.

'3 Centuries & Beyond' Merchandise: The Historical Group is selling 300th Celebration merchandise at coffee hour every Sunday or from the church office. You can pick up a **2017 Calendar** for \$12. Orders can be taken for a **Tote** for \$22, a **T-Shirt** for \$18, and/or a **Fleece** for \$42 - pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds will benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items. Questions, please contact Pat Rude 837-2845 ru4880@cox.net or Marion Fodor 245-2003 smfodor@cox.net, or email 300th@bccucc.org.

Women's Faith Group: The new book they will read and discuss is *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. The group will next meet in the library on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH. 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*) is holding 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 p.m. in Room 6. Their next meeting is on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

RICUCC Racial Justice Awareness Retreat for Youth: Confirmation classes and all interested youth in 8th – 12th grade are invited to participate in a sacred conversation on race on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH from 1 – 5 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, 600 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk. This conversation will be hosted by the Racial Justice Ministry of the United Church of Christ in RI, and Brendan Curran is one of the two presenters. The afternoon workshop will explain why confronting racism is morally imperative for people of faith. Through conversation, dialogue, and story sharing we will take steps toward unmasking, dismantling, and eradicating racism. After last year's sacred conversation, several youth described the experience as the most meaningful part of their confirmation journey. We hope all youth can join in this important and transformative afternoon. No sign up is necessary – you are welcome to just show up.

Junior Youth Group meets SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9. All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome and can bring a friend. Questions? Contact the leaders at bccjyg@gmail.com

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the church library. (Note the change in time). 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.

Memory Impairment Support Group meeting on Tuesday, January 10th has been cancelled as Jim and Lois will be away. The group will next meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH 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

Knitting for Others group will meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, and the group is always pleased to see new faces. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 of rislick@fullchannel.net

Soup Kitchen: Our church will be providing and serving the meal at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Church in Pawtucket on SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH. The Deacons are responsible for doing the soup kitchen this time. However, extra help is often needed and is always appreciated. Volunteers can help by providing a main dish or salad or fresh fruit or granola bars or going to help serve at the kitchen. If interested, please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or diane.todd15@gmail.com or contact Chris Brady, chair of the Deacons at (401) 639-3849 or cbradyri@aol.com

Senior Youth Group (for Grades 9 – 12) will meet with Brendan on SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH from 11:15 am – 1:15 pm in Room 9 for lunch. All high school youth are most welcome.

Book Group next meets on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *The Children's Crusade* by Ann Packer. For more info, contact Helen Schall 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com. All are welcome.

'Barrington's 300th' Lecture: On SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, church member and local historian Van Edwards will give a lecture on "*Where did the name Barrington come from?*" The talk will deal with the early history of our church and the issue of religious toleration in England and New England during the early 18th century. This event is being sponsored by the Town of Barrington's 'Barrington's 300th' and is FREE and open to the public. All are welcome.

Mission/Service Trip 2017 will be to h.o.m.e. in Orland Maine, and will be during the week of Barrington Public School's April vacation, the week following Easter Sunday, April 17th – 22nd. Stay tuned for more details! If you want to learn more about h.o.m.e. please visit their website! <http://www.homecoop.net/> Contact Brendan if you're in the 9th-12th grade and are interested in joining or if you want to learn more! brendan@bccucc.org or 401-318-2447.

It's not too late to fill out an Estimate of Giving card! If you haven't yet let us know what you estimate your household's giving to the church will be in 2017, it's not too late to do so. Estimate of Giving (EOG) Cards can be found on the rack outside the church office or from the sideboard in the vestry hallway. You can also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at pat@bccucc.org with your Estimate of Giving for 2017. Many thanks to everyone who has made a commitment to support our church financially in 2017 – our 300th year of being a church in this community!