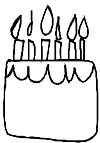


# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 10	8:30 am 10 am 1:30 – 6 pm 5 – 7 pm	CEYM meeting, Library Worship Service, Church School Racial Justice Awareness program for RICUCC Confirmands, Sanctuary Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Jan 11	11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Staff meeting, Sue's office Lay Visitation meeting, Library Church Council meeting, Room 6
Tues, Jan 12	1 – 2:30 pm 7 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Search Committee – ad hoc, Library
Wed, Jan 13		<i>Office open 9 am – Noon only</i> 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 14		<i>Office open 9 am – Noon only</i>
Fri, Jan 15		<i>Office open 9 am – Noon only</i> 6:30 pm Dine Out eats at Crossroads Pub in Warren
Sun, Jan 17	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



## Birthdays for the Week of January 10<sup>th</sup>

*Sophie Milisauskas, Nate Ward, Clare McMillan,  
Andrew Porter, Eileen Dennis, Grace McKinlay,  
Stephanie Wohlrab, Tom Macedo & Claudia Pierce.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

## DEACONS FOR JANUARY

Joe Judge (star deacon), , Susan Rotblat-Walker,  
Chris Brady Pat Rude, 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.*

## Pasta Dinner Fundraiser is TODAY!

The dinner is from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall and is to raise money for the 2016 Mission Trip. There will be both vegetarian sauce and gluten-free pasta options, and you can Eat In or Take Out. There will also be some delicious desserts!

Tickets are \$10 Adult/Youth, \$6 Child (age 6-12), Child under 6 is free, and there's a \$30 maximum for a family.

Tickets can be purchased this morning at coffee hour or at the door this afternoon. Donations are also gratefully received. Questions? Speak with Rev. Brendan Curran or with Kathy Block.

**Church School:** The teachers are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to kick off the New Year! TODAY the church school children in the different classes will be learning about the following subjects:

Godly Play (Pre-K - 1st gds) - The Good Shepherd & World Communion

Holy Moly (2nd - 4th gds) - The Lord's Prayer

Connect (5th & 6th gds) - Baptism

Seekers (7th & 8th gds) - Buddhism (Meditation)

**Pledge Envelopes for 2016** are here and available for pick up TODAY from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). We apologize for any inconvenience caused by their late arrival. If you didn't request a set but would like one, please contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, who will be happy to give you one. She can be reached at [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 102. Please also let Pat know if a set has been assigned to you that you don't want.

**Staff away and temporary office hours:** Our office administrator, Christine Wallis, will be out of the office from Wednesday, Jan 13 - Tue, Jan 19. During her absence the office hours will be:

Wed - Fri, Jan 13 -15 Open from 9 am - Noon only,

Mon, Jan 18 Closed for MLK holiday

Tues, Jan 19 Open 9 am - 4:30 pm

**Lay Visitation Group** meets tomorrow, MONDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> at 3:30 pm in the church library. The group members keep in touch - either by visiting or by phone - with those in our congregation who are homebound, sick, or recently bereaved etc. The group then meets with the ministers once a month to check in and share any concerns. All are welcome to be part of this caring ministry. Please contact Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) to learn more.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** next meets on TUESDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Dine Out** will meet this FRIDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm at Crossroads Pub, 133 Market Street, Warren RI. 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 must *sign up by this Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>* to Sue Black 245-2772 or [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com)

Editor's note: Apologies for putting some confusing information in this week's Ennouncements – I was a week ahead of myself!

**Bridge Newsletter Deadline** will be TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>. Due to Christine's vacation, the deadline has been moved from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, so please be sure to submit all information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) by the deadline. The next Bridge will cover both February and March so please submit all meetings/activities/events that will happen during those two months, which begin just before Ash Wednesday and end just after Easter! Thank you.

**Altar Flower Donor needed** to pay for one altar flower arrangement (cost is \$30) on SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>. Flowers can be donated in memory, thanksgiving or celebration of a person or event. If interested contact Audrey Rogers at [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net) or call (401) 246-1727.

**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.

**Do you like to sing?** The choir is looking for some new singers who would like to worship by joyfully singing with them. Why not join them this year! While it is hoped that choir members will attend both Wednesday rehearsals (7:30 – 9 pm) and Sunday worship services on a regular basis, Marina, our organist and choir director, is understanding that there are some whose schedule simply does not allow this. She welcomes these singers in the choir when they are available. Anyone interested should speak with Marina or contact her at [marinazab62@yahoo.com](mailto:marinazab62@yahoo.com)

**Women's Faith Group** next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. They will finish watching the movie *Invictus*. 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](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

**Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr.** will speak on *The End of the American Empire: Foreign Policy without Diplomacy* on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC. The event is free and open to the public. Ambassador Freeman is an American diplomat, author and writer, and was the US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1989-1992 where he dealt with the Persian Gulf War. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and he is a much sought-after speaker. See the flier for the event and learn more about Ambassador Freeman from the press release, both of which are posted on the board outside the church office and in the foyer. All are invited to attend this free public talk so please invite your friends.

*The event is being co-sponsored by our Mission and Justice Ministry team together with East Bay Citizens for Peace.*

**Book Group – change of date.** The group moved their January meeting and will meet on MONDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lepore. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)

**The Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> at 10 am in the 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031 for more info.

**Knitting for Others Group:** The group next meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, 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](mailto:RISLick@fullchannel.net) All knitters and crocheters are very welcome.

**Save the date.** With the return to the calendar fiscal year, we will be holding the BCCUCC Annual Budget Meeting on SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 am worship service. All church members are encouraged to attend and child care will be provided. Mark your calendars and please plan to be there.

**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](http://www.bccucc.org). Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

**Goodwill Professional Clothes Drive:** There is currently a special Goodwill bin in the foyer of Fellowship Hall for the collection of men's and women's suits, shirts, dresses, blouses, shoes, belts, purses and anything else that might be appropriate for a person to wear for a job interview. The bin will only be here for a limited time so don't delay!

**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.

**Headphones Available.** There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

**It's never too late to make a pledge!** If you haven't yet made a pledge to financially support your church in 2016, *it's not too late!* Please prayerfully consider how much you can give then complete a pledge card (available from the rack outside the church office) or email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) with the information. Making a pledge (promise) ahead of time of how much you will give in 2016 allows the Finance team to come up with a budget for the year. They are busy working on the 2016 budget and hope that as many church members and friends as possible will make a pledge. No pledge is too small or too large! Many thanks to all who have pledged for 2016 – it is much appreciated.

**Search Committee update:** The Search Committee has taken all the information that you provided in the Church Chats or sent in, and are using it for the Church Profile. Many thanks to all who participated as this will help us a great deal in our search for our next Senior Minister. The committee took some time off for the Christmas holidays but we are back at it now that we're into the New Year.