

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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| Sun, Jan 14   |             | <i>Celebration of Beloved Community</i>  |
|               | 10 am       | Special Worship Service for All Ages 'Embracing and Sharing Beloved Community' with joint sermon/dialogue by Rev. Dale Azevedo and Rabbi Andy Klein, Nursery Care Only |
| Mon, Jan 15   |             | <b>Martin Luther King, Jr, Day.</b><br>Office Closed   |
| Tue, Jan 16   | 11 am       | Staff Meeting, Dale's Office   |
|               | 6 – 8 pm    | Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage  |
| Wed, Jan 17   | Noon        | Deadline for eBridge   |
|               | 7:30 – 9 pm | Choir Rehearsal, Vestry  |
| Thurs, Jan 18 | 1:30 – 3 pm | Women's Faith Group, Library   |
|               | 3 – 5 pm    | Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot   |
| Fri, Jan 19   | 1 – 2:30 pm | New Conference Focus Group, Fellowship Hall/Library  |
| Sun, Jan 21   |             | <i>Youth Day (Youth and Health)</i>  |
|               | 10 am       | Worship Service, Church School   |
|               | Noon – 4 pm | JYG go to RICUCC Sky Zone/Faith Zone (Gds 3-8)   |
|               | 6 – 8 pm    | Senior Youth Group/Mission Trip meeting, Library   |



## Birthdays for the Week of January 14<sup>th</sup>:

*Tom Macedo, Charlie Stoddard, Chloe Paulhus, and Pat Collins.* 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 JANUARY:** Steve Fodor (star) Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader, and Joe Judge. 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.

**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!

**2018 Pledge Envelopes** are available for pick up for those who use them or requested a set. They can be picked up from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). If you haven't been assigned a set but would like some, please sign up on the sheet on the Narthex table, or contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102, or [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org). She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.

**Superbowl Subs Fundraiser:** Place your order for a Superbowl Sub (made by the Senior Youth Group) for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>. Subs will be available for pick-up after church that day or can be delivered to your home that afternoon for an additional \$1.00 per order. (Delivery to shut-ins is free). Subs come with a bag of chips. Cost is \$8.00 per 6" Italian sub (with your choice of toppings). Order forms are available from the Vestry table or the church office. You may also call in your order to Phyllis Buckley at 245-1098, or Kim Zeleznik at 247-4605. Orders must be submitted by *Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*. Proceeds will help support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

**Dale and Elizabeth would like to get to know you better!** All members and friends of the church are encouraged to sign up and join Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo for monthly dinners at the parsonage (7 Fireside Drive, Barrington). Sign up for dates in early 2018 at the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. They don't guarantee a gourmet meal, but do promise a comfortable table where all are welcome!

**Women's Faith Group** next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The new book they've chosen to read and discuss is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**Book Group** next meets on TUESDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> at 7 pm in the library, to discuss *Celine* by Peter Heller. "This captivating, tender, brainy, and funny tale of the mysterious powers of beauty and grief, nature and family will leave readers hoping that Heller is planning a National Park series featuring this stealthy, irrepressible duo." (Booklist). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome!

**You are invited to a New Conference Focus Group:** As we continue to explore the new *Together, As One* Conference, the Conference Ministers of RI, MA & CT invite you to share your voice to help us envision how together, we are called to live the love and justice of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the several group discussions that are planned between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23 at various UCC Church locations throughout the three states. Simply select the date, time and location that is most convenient with your schedule and join us to share your perspective. The full list of locations and times is available at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) or from a sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. The organizers ask that you RSVP at the website so that if there is inclement weather and the gathering needs to be moved online, they can contact you with information on how you can participate. However, if you are unable to go online to RSVP or find other meeting locations, contact the church office for assistance (246-0111).

**BCCUCC to host a New Conference Focus Group** on FRIDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 2:30 pm. (See article above for more information). All are invited. If you are unable to RSVP online, please RSVP to the church office (246-0111).

**A message from the lay staff:** “Thank you to everyone who donated to the Staff Christmas Gift which was included in our first paychecks of 2018. Your generosity is much appreciated by us all, and we are fortunate to work in such a positive and caring environment. We look forward to continuing to support the work of the church in 2018 and wish everyone all the best for this new year. With many thanks from Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Paul and John.”

**Junior Youth Group:** JYG (for grades 6 – 8) will be joining other youth groups around RI on a trip to SkyZone trampoline park on SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>. We will be leaving from BCCUCC as a group at 12:00 pm and going first to Newman Congregational Church for a program and snacks, then onto Sky Zone for some jumping! Brendan Curran and Kathy Sullivan will be the chaperones for this trip. Please send RSVP’s to Brendan at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org). For more details visit the RI Conference website at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) and click on the link under ‘Upcoming Events’.

**Senior Youth Group/Mission Trip meeting:** The Senior Youth Group and all going on the Mission Trip will meet in the Library from 6-8 pm on SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>. Pizza and juice will be offered. There will be a brief planning discussion regarding the mission trip before a screening of the documentary, “Broken Rainbow.” Our mission partners in Navajo Nation have asked that we watch a series of documentaries to learn about Navajo history, culture, and issues before we go on our trip in June. All who are interested in learning about our mission trip are welcome to join the youth group for this meeting and watch the documentary.

**Loaves and Fishes truck run – help needed:** On THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment for body, mind and soul. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. Expected arrival back at church for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7:30 and 8 pm. As always, 6 people may ride in the truck, and 2 are very welcome to follow behind in a car. All ages are welcome to help prep at the church. However, for serving purposes, it is best to have adults (and children older than 16) travel to Emmanuel House and Crossroads.

Volunteers are also needed to donate food, toiletries, and certain clothing items. There’s a SignUpGenius to register for donating what’s needed, as well as to sign up to help with the prep or go out on the truck at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Click on the search icon at the top, then search by typing in the church’s e-mail address [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Or use this direct link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> When you sign up to bring a listed item, please indicate the quantity you will donate.

If you can’t sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or [lizyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizyw2@aol.com), or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net). Donations should be dropped off in the kitchen under the sign “Donations for Loaves and Fishes” by *Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our church’s Annual Budget meeting is SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> in the sanctuary immediately after worship. In addition to voting on the 2018 budget, the congregation is also being asked to vote on some proposed changes to the church’s By-Laws. All church members are encouraged to attend, and child care will be provided.

**Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island  
Sunday, January 28, 2018**

The annual budget meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

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| ARTICLE I:   | To call the meeting to order.  |
| ARTICLE II:  | To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—December 31, 2018 |
| ARTICLE III: | To review and vote on the proposed changes to the By-Laws                        |
| ARTICLE IV:  | To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.        |
| ARTICLE V:   | To adjourn the meeting.  |

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

**Proposed changes to the By-Laws:** The 2014 By-laws eliminated the Personnel Team. It has since been found that the tasks formally done by the Personnel Team need to be incorporated into the work of some of the other teams, in particular the Pastor Parish Relations Team (PPRT) which will become the Staff Parish Relations Team (SPRT). An ad-hoc committee spent time last year looking at the various personnel tasks and determined who should be doing each of them. They then rewrote the By-Laws to incorporate the changes, and presented them to Church Council for their approval which they gave at their November meeting. So now it’s the turn of the congregation to review and then vote on these proposed changes to the By-Laws. This will happen at the Annual Budget Meeting to be held after worship on SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>. You can find the proposed revisions to the By-Laws in a post on the home page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). They will also be included in the next eBridge. For those without internet access, there are some printed copies on the narthex table.

**2018 Church Budget:** Church Council approved the proposed budget for 2018 prepared by the Finance Team. The next step is for the congregation to vote on it at the Annual Budget meeting on JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>. Prior to the meeting, it will be distributed to the congregation by email, and printed copies will be available for pick up by those without email.

**Valentine making:** On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, the congregation will have the opportunity to make valentines at coffee hour that will be sent to our homebound members and college students. If you have a college student, please send their name and address to Kim Zeleznik at [kimberleyz@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleyz@gmail.com) by *Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>*.

**Assessment of BCCUCC by our consultant:** If you haven’t yet had a chance to read the assessment of our church by our consultant from CPR (Center for Progressive Renewal), you are encouraged to do so. Links to both the full assessment and a shorter summary of it from the Church Renewal Team, can be found in a post on the home page of our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Printed copies are available on the narthex table for those without internet access.