

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 15	10 am 11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only Senior Youth Group, Room 9
Mon, Jan 16		<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Office Closed
Tues, Jan 17	11 am 7 pm	Staff meeting, Dale's office Book Group, Library
Wed, Jan 18	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 19	1:30 – 3 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library Historical Group, Library
Fri, Jan 20	6 – 9 pm	Deacons' Retreat, Ashley's home
Sun, Jan 22	8:30 am 10 am 11:15 am – 1:15 pm 1 – 4:30 pm	CEYM meeting, Library (meeting postponed from Jan 8) Worship Service, Church School Confirmation Class, Library RICUCC Sky zone/Faith zone, Newman Congregational Church then at Skyzone



## Birthdays for the Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>

*Charlie Stoddard, Chloe Paulhus, Pat Collins, Kelly Gamache, Brent Summers and April Harff.*

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](mailto: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.

**Some 2017 Pledge Envelopes** are still 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org).

**Have you got a 2017 Calendar?** The Historical Group has produced a special 2017 calendar marking our church's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The price has been reduced and you can now pick up a calendar for just \$10. There are not many left and we would like to sell out by the end of January (or sooner!). Email [300th@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org) or stop by the church office.

**'3 Centuries & Beyond' Merchandise:** Place your order at [300th@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org) or speak with Pat Rude or Marion Fodor, or stop by the church office. Items all have the 300<sup>th</sup> logo embroidered on them - **Tote** \$22, a **T-Shirt** \$18, **Fleece Vest** \$42 and pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds will benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items.

**Snow Shovelers needed:** We are in need of additional volunteers who are willing to come shovel the paths and steps at the church following snowstorms. We contract with a company to plow the driveways and parking lots, but they're not prepared to do any shoveling. We therefore need a list of volunteers willing to be called upon to come help as needed. Please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. The more volunteers we have the less time it will take! Thank you.....and a big THANK YOU to those who shoveled last Sunday so that we could have worship!

**Senior Youth Group** (for Grades 9 – 12) will meet with Brendan on SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am – 1:15 pm in Room 9 (includes lunch). All high school youth are most welcome. Those going on the Mission Trip - or might be interested in going - should attend (see below).

**Mission Trip 2017:** Anyone interested in going on the mission trip to h.o.m.e. in Orland Maine, from APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> (Barrington Public School's April vacation) is asked to attend the Senior Youth Group meeting on SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> for more information about the trip (see above). Learn more about h.o.m.e. at <http://www.homecoop.net/>

**A message from Dale:** We are making a change for the better! After lengthy discussions on how to best communicate the myriad of programs and activities happening in our church, we have decided to revamp "The Bridge." (Yes, again.) Starting February 1, The Bridge will become "The eBridge" and will be published electronically (via email, Facebook, and the website) on a weekly basis. We believe this change will have two important results: an increase in the timeliness of our church news, and a decrease in the workload required to publish it. We know this change may be startling to some of you, but have no fear, we will continue to make modifications to the publication to address concerns as they come up. Additionally, we have a plan in place to make sure those who currently receive a hard copy of The Bridge will still have access to a printed copy of church news on a semi-monthly (twice-a-month) basis. This new version of the eBridge will replace the current weekly "e-announcements" in your inbox. Also, all announcements and program information you want published should still be sent to Christine at the church office. Thanks, and Happy Reading!

**Deadlines:** With the upcoming change to our newsletter (see above), there will no longer be a Bridge deadline on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for information you'd like to be included. Instead, there will be a weekly deadline (tbd) for both the eBridge and weekly Announcements. If you miss the deadline, your information will be included in the following week's editions. Please note that the Enouncements will continue in their current form through the end of this month. Thank you.

**Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on MONDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**Clergy away:** The Rev. Brendan Curran will be away at a continuing education opportunity from WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

**Women's Faith Group:** The group next meets in the library on THURSDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. The book they are reading and discussing is *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Copies are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**RICUCC Sky zone/Faith zone:** On SUNDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, youth in grades 3 – 8 are invited to meet at 1 pm for a program at Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Ave, Rumford. Later they will go to Sky Zone (70 Pawtucket Ave, East Providence) for some jumping. Event fee is \$12. Pick up at SkyZone at 4:30 pm. Preregistration for the event is required with Kristin Putney 774-991-1555 by *Mon, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>*.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** will next meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 24<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 information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Save the Date:** On SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> immediately following the worship service, the Annual Budget Meeting will take place in the sanctuary. All church members are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided.

**Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island  
Sunday, January 29, 2017**

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 29, 2017**. 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, 2017 |
| ARTICLE III: | To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.        |
| ARTICLE IV:  | To adjourn the meeting.  |

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

**RICUCC Statewide meeting:** As part of the ongoing conversation about the possibility of merging the RI, MA and CT Conferences of the UCC, there will be a statewide meeting held on SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at The Marriott Hotel, Orms Street, Providence. All are invited to share their opinion, both positive and negative, and to voice their thoughts, concerns and suggestions. Copies of the letter of invitation are on the table in Fellowship Hall, and the letter is also be included as a link in the Enouncements.

**'Barrington's 300th' Lecture:** On SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**The Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**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 pm in Room 6. Their next meeting is on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**RICUCC Sliding with Faith:** On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet at 12:30 pm at Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia St, South Kingstown, RI for snack and a youth program. Later they will go Snow Tubing for an hour at Yawgoo Valley, Exeter, RI. Event fee is \$12 and you must preregister with Kristin Putney 774-991-1555 by *Wed, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>*. Youth Groups will leave the Ski Center at 4 pm to go home.

**Visioning Peace Community Dinner:** The interfaith community in town will be hosting a "Visioning Peace Community Dinner," on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 start collecting them (see below). Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Farm Fresh Rhode Island! Tickets will go on sale at coffee hour or from the church office beginning *Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*. Adults/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6. Please note that Takeout will not be available for this programmed event.

**Empty 2 liter soda bottles wanted:** Brendan is trying to collect as many plastic 2 liter soda bottles as possible between now and February 12<sup>th</sup> (see above). Please save your 2 liter soda/water bottles and bring them to Brendan's office!

**Giving Tree:** Many thanks to all who donated to the Giving Tree in December. A total of \$850 was collected, which was used to purchase gift cards for a variety of different stores, and then given to residents at the Women's Resource Center.

**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.

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 401-318-2447.

**'Mountaintop' at Trinity Rep:** If you are interested in going to see the play "Mountaintop" on SUNDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> at 2 pm at Trinity Rep. with the RI conference, please contact Brendan [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 104 by *Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>*. If a group of ten can be assembled then discounted ticket prices can be made available to church groups. The play is described as, "a breathtaking re-imagining of the last night of one of America's greatest heroes" - winner of London's Olivier Award, a Broadway hit, and now one of the most produced plays in America.

**Knitting for Others** group will meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)

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**Soup Kitchen:** Our church is providing and serving the meal at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Church in Pawtucket on SATURDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>. 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](mailto:diane.todd15@gmail.com) or contact Chris Brady, chair of the Deacons at (401) 639-3849 or [cbradyri@aol.com](mailto:cbradyri@aol.com)

**RICUCC Racial Justice Awareness Retreat for Youth:** Confirmation classes and all interested youth in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in a sacred conversation on race this SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 this SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:bccjyg@gmail.com)

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**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](mailto: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 300<sup>th</sup> year of being a church in this community!

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**Keypad locks** have been installed on the entrance doors to the Education building in the kitchen and by the church office. A code is required for entry which has been provided to those who need it. If you haven't received it and will need access to the building after hours, please contact Christine in the church office ahead of time at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111. The other outside doors of the education building have been rekeyed so that only a master key will now work. If you had a key for just the Education building it will no longer work in any of the outside doors, so please enter via the doors with keypads. The locks in the church building remain the same.

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**Have you completed an Estimate of Giving card?** Many thanks to the 123 households who completed and returned their Estimate of Giving (EOG) Card for 2017 – that includes 12 'new' households that haven't pledged before! If you haven't yet filled one in we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We need to wrap up the Stewardship Campaign and give a final dollar amount to the Finance Team so that they can work on a church budget for 2017, based on that figure. If you need an EOG Card, you can find one on the rack outside the church office or from the side in the vestry hallway. You can also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) with your Estimate of Giving for 2017.

**Request from your Mission and Justice Team:** The Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty is asking us to call the Governor's office in support of the RIPTA No-Fare Bus Pass for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. Tell the Governor's staff what organization/congregation you're from, why this issue matters to you, and that you support swift action (with the funding to make it possible) to protect the no-fare bus pass. Phone #: 401-222-2080. Thank you.

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series at BCCUCC:** As part of our '3 Centuries and Beyond' celebrations, the Historical Group is organizing a series of concerts. Proceeds will go toward the celebrations. The second concert will be:

**Atwater-Donnelly duo** will give a concert of traditional American Folk Music and Dance on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets on sale at coffee hour or from the church office during the week. Learn more at Tickets: Adult/Youth - \$15 Seniors (65+) - \$10 Children (2-14) - \$5 Family (4) - \$35.

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to worship with their families today. Next week they are invited to spend the regular church school time preparing for the pageant.

**Pasta Dinner:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> our Mission and Justice Team will be hosting a Pasta Dinner from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit 'English for Action', a nonprofit in RI that helps immigrants through education and ESOL courses. Tickets can be purchased at coffee hour or at the door. Adult/youth \$10; Child under 12 \$6; Family maximum \$40. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated. You can choose to eat in or take out! Menu includes Caesar Salad, Bread, Choice of homemade sauces including a vegetarian option, Penne Pasta including a gluten free option, and choice of Homemade desserts. If you've been to one of our recent pasta dinners you'll know that the food is delicious and not to be missed! The event is open to the entire community so invite your friends!

**Deadline for 2016 Reimbursable Expenses** is MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>: The end of our current fiscal period is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any invoices or expenses that you need to be reimbursed for, please fill out vouchers (which must be signed by the leader of your ministry team) and send them to the church office, with receipts attached, as soon as possible. Vouchers are available from the folder at the front of Pat's desk in the church office. *Expenses turned in after Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged to next year's budget!*

**Office Closing:** The Church Office will close at Noon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> as the staff will be going out for their Christmas lunch together.

**Haiti Bracelets and Cards:** Accomplish some Christmas shopping while helping the *One Egg, Haiti Project*. (Goal - a hard boiled egg every morning for undernourished Haiti children). At coffee hour again this SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> Trish Sylvester will be selling bracelets crafted by women in Haiti, and also some greeting cards. For more information, contact Trish at [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com)

**Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch:** The group will be meeting for lunch at Noon on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> at Trafford Restaurant, 285 Water Street, Warren. Those wishing to go should RSVP to Jane Tonn at [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net) or 289-2349 by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**'Find Your Four' Campaign:** On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> we will be hosting the Rhode Island Energy Challenge's Find Your Four campaign with Malinda Howard from SmartPower. Barrington Congregational Church is the faith community selected in the Town of Barrington to participate in this Rhode Island Energy Challenge: Find Your Four. It is a campaign led by SmartPower with the support of National Grid that asks each of us to pledge to take four simple actions in our homes to reduce our energy use and save money. Malinda will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour to help each of us identify four simple actions in our homes to reduce energy. We are committed to getting 10% of our households to sign up. Our church will receive \$500 from National Grid to be used towards energy efficiency improvements on the church if we meet our 10% commitment. We're counting on members of the congregation to help us win! For more information about the Find Your Four Energy Challenge or to join, go online at [www.FindYourFour.com](http://www.FindYourFour.com)

**Advent Adventures for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** This RICUCC event is on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> from 1 – 4:30 pm at Woodridge Church, 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston. Youth will rotate around 4 different activity centers. All in grades 3-8 are welcome. Cost is \$4 per youth. RSVP to Kirstin Putney 774-991-1555 or [mitchmoon12@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchmoon12@hotmail.com)

**Junior Youth Group** meets SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> from 5-7 pm in Room 9. Open to all in grades 6-8, please join them (and bring a friend) for fun, fellowship and food (pizza and snacks). They'll also be learning how to make Origami cranes to help celebrate 300 years of our church. Questions? Contact the leaders at [bccjyg@gmail.com](mailto:bccjyg@gmail.com)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. They are making red hats for newborns or preemies as part of 'Little Hats, Big Hearts' [www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts](http://www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts), and making items for the mitten tree. 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)

**Jazz Concert:** Barrington High School Jazz Band will give their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual concert in our sanctuary on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are encouraged to come hear this very talented group of musicians.

**Deacons Fund:** On Communion Sundays a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, which is administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and the surrounding community. We have had a lot of requests for assistance recently, and the fund is running very low. Any donations you can make would be much appreciated by those who come to us looking for help. Thanks.

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~~**40 more new chairs needed by Christmas!** Our goal is to have 200 new chairs and to date we've been able to purchase 160 chairs and 2 chair racks for Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to all who helped pay for them. If you'd like to make a contribution, please do so at this time. Please make checks payable to BCCUCC with 'chairs' in the memo line.~~

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**Advent begins this Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:** We hope that you have it in your Christmas plans to attend worship throughout the season of Advent. Brendan and Dale have prepared a special worship series for this season entitled, "Coming Together..." The first of these sermons will take place on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> with a very kid friendly message with the theme, *Prepare*. The series will then continue each week through December covering the themes, *Holy Mess*, *Patience*, and *Emmanuel*. Be sure to be make time for yourself, and your church family, as we come together through this special season.

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to continue their discussion of 'Finding Nouf' by Zoë Ferraris. Copies are available for purchase (\$11.20) from the church office. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**'White Privilege' study continues:** The Interfaith Conversation Partners are holding a six part study of the White Privilege Curriculum. *White Privilege: Let's Talk—A Resource for Transformational Dialogue*. It is an adult curriculum from the U.C.C. that's designed to invite church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race. Learn more and download the curriculum at <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>. These sessions are being held in the BCCUCC church library on TUESDAYS, NOV. 1, 15, 29 AND DEC. 6, 13, & 20 from 10:30 am - Noon and are open to the community. For more info, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com).

**Please wear a nametag:** It helps Dale get to know our names, 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 both worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.

**Deacons Fund:** On Communion Sundays (the 1st Sunday of the month), a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, which is administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and the surrounding community. We have had a lot of requests for assistance recently, and the fund is very low.

Here are just a few examples of how the fund extends a "helping hand" to those in our midst:

Shaw's gift cards are provided to those who seek food assistance from the office throughout the year. The requests are especially heavy during November and December.

Rental assistance to local families that are facing eviction.

Assistance with payment of utility bills to avoid disconnection of service.

Payment for hotel rooms for families in emergency situations.

Financial support to the following organizations: Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, East Bay Coalition for the Homeless, TapIn, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Women's Resource Center, Crossroads, East Bay Mental Health, and others.

At this time of giving, the Deacons wanted to share some detail about this important outreach ministry. Your donations are always welcome and appreciated!

**Pageant Volunteers needed:** The CHRISTMAS EVE Pageant at the 6 pm service will soon be upon us, and the puppets of Bethlehem will be making their way to Barrington. This year we will be changing the pageant a little bit! The pageant will start off in Fellowship Hall and the congregation will have the opportunity to walk together in procession and make a pilgrimage to the church sanctuary where Mary and Joseph and the Christ child will be waiting for us. We need involvement from people of all ages as we did last year to pull this off! We had a great time and I'm sure this year will be

another joyful success! Below is a list of the characters. *Our deadline to sign up for the pageant is December 4<sup>th</sup>.* Please contact Brendan to reserve your part (or he might be recruiting you!) 401-318-2447. [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org). **CAST – Narrator** (*age 12 and up*). **3 Prophets. 2 Townspeople. Angel Puppet** (*3 strong high school students or adults operate this larger puppet*); **3 Sheep** (*3 people fifth grade and up- we need one large adult sized sheep, a medium sized person sheep, and a little sheep! We need lively sheep with strong personalities! Must be able to baaaah!*) **2 adult shepherds** (*We need two shepherds to guide our sheep... literally. The sheep can't see where they are going in the sheep puppets.*) **4 Innkeepers:** *We need four innkeepers who are also able to act as ushers and guide people to the sanctuary when the congregation walks in procession to the church.* **Mary** (*Mary is a large puppet- we need a teenager or an adult.*) **Joseph** (*Joseph is a large puppet – we need a teenager or adult.*) **Wise Men/Kings** (*Three lively characters are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. One needs to be a teenager or an adult.*) All participants must be able to attend the rehearsal on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am – 1 pm.

**The Sermons are available online:** You can find them on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under Worship > Sermon Archive. You can also access them directly at <http://www.bccucc.org/sunday-morning/sermon-archive/>

**Interested in being a Church School Volunteer** – then contact our CE Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 x 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) We need 10 volunteers every Sunday to make church school happen!

**Altar Flower Donors needed:** It's wonderful to remember those who have passed on with altar flowers, and just as wonderful to 'honor' someone special with them. The schedule of donors on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> is completely open if you would like to pay for the altar flowers on that date (either one or both arrangements - \$30 each). If interested please call Liz Rosenholm at 245-9098; or you can reach her in the church office on Wednesday mornings at 246-0111.

**Did you know.....**it took 100 years for the church to realize “out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark”? In 1817 the Rev. Luther Wright's ministry helped establish a “catechism school” for youth at the church and the first Sunday School began (supposedly in the kitchen of the Holmes' house near the church). In 1946 the church bought the Holmes estate for a religious education building. In 1952 the Board of Christian Education was wrestling with the probability of double sessions as the average attendance was about 253 with an enrollment of 350 children. In 1956, on January 1<sup>st</sup> the new Education building was dedicated. As the babes grow – so grows the church!! P.S. More historical information to follow from 3 Centuries and Beyond – Historical Group.

**Advent Candle Lighters & Christmas Eve Readers needed:** Dale still needs some people to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles on Christmas Eve at 10 pm, and on Christmas Day at 10 am. Additional volunteers are also needed to read scripture at the 10 pm Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rev. Dale Azevedo a.s.a.p. at (401) 246-0111 ext 103 or [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org). Thank you.

**Christmas Fund Offering:** This SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> special envelopes will be included in the bulletin for the collection of the UCC's Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. The Fund assists with Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas 'Thank You' gifts to individuals and families in need. Learn more at [www.christmasfund.org](http://www.christmasfund.org) Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Christmas Fund'. Thank you.

**Pageant rehearsal** will take place this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am – 1 pm. The characters and puppeteers are asked to meet in the library at 11:15 am (grab a cup of coffee on your way if you like). We'll read through the pageant before moving into Fellowship Hall for a run through. Participants **MUST** be at this rehearsal and stay for its entirety. Pageant preparation for the children will take place during Church School time this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. The final Pageant rehearsal will be on Christmas Eve - main characters and puppeteers at 4:30 pm, and church school children at 5:30 pm. Questions? Contact Brendan at 246-0111 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)

**Chancel Fund:** MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> is the deadline for receiving donations to the Chancel Fund. Donation forms and special envelopes are included in this Sunday's bulletin. You are invited to make a donation in memory of, thanksgiving for, or celebration of someone or some special event. Information on how the Fund is used is included on the donation form. A member of the Chancel Team will be at the piano in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour to receive your envelope with completed dedication form and donation or drop it by the church office on Monday. An insert will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins listing all of the donors and dedications. Thank you.

**Staff Christmas Gift:** *A message from Dale and Brendan...* “During the weeks of Advent you will find in the pew racks an envelope marked “Staff Christmas Gift.” We are blessed to have wonderful people working here who give more hours to our church than expected or are compensated for. We therefore invite you to join with us in giving them a gift during these holidays. Your gifts will be divided up among six different people; Christine and Pat in the office, Andrea our CE Coordinator, Marina at our organ, and Paul & John on the custodial staff. Each staff person will receive this gift according to the number of hours they work. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.”

**Mitten Tree:** The mitten tree is up in the narthex ready to receive your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens for children, youth and adults of all sizes this holiday season. Donations should be made **BY THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** so they can be given to Amos House for distribution at their annual Christmas Dinner.

**Giving Tree:** The Mission & Justice Ministry Team's "Giving Tree" will be in Fellowship Hall again this Sunday, with envelopes for your donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, toy stores, Ocean State Job Lot, shopping malls, etc. The gift cards will be given to the Women's Resource Center to help the families there afford the necessities, and also allow them to have money to purchase gifts for their families and

themselves. THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> will be your last opportunity to make a donation! Contact Lory McCoy at [lsnadymccoy@gmail.com](mailto:lsnadymccoy@gmail.com) or 247-2599 for more information or with questions.

**Christmas Services:** Since Christmas is falling on a Sunday this year, we will be hosting only two services on Christmas Eve along with another one on Christmas Day. Please note the change in times from last year.

**Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**6 pm** The early service will once again be our rendition of the Christmas pageant. Brendan's famous puppets will be returning to star in this service although there will be a new twist with an actual journey to the manger. The service will begin in Fellowship Hall. About half way through the congregation will process to the manger in the Sanctuary for remainder of the service. Provision will be made for anyone needing extra time or assistance moving from one location to the other. We hope that you can join us for this unique telling of the Christmas story.

**10 pm** Our later service will be a more traditional service of lessons and carols led by Marina and the choir, with additional instrumental and vocal solos. Dale will be delivering a brief Christmas message as we come together to welcome God's promise of *Emmanuel*, "God with us".

**Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am** Families and people of all ages are invited to join us for worship on Christmas morning. This service will be celebratory, simple and child friendly. And, yes, there WILL be presents.

The Christmas Eve Pageant at the 6pm service will soon be upon us, and the puppets of Bethlehem will be making their way to Barrington. This year we will be changing the pageant a little bit! The pageant will start off in Fellowship Hall and the congregation will have the opportunity to walk together in procession and make a pilgrimage to the church sanctuary where Mary and Joseph and the Christ child will be waiting for us. We need involvement from people of all ages as we did last year to pull this off! We had a great time and I'm sure this year will be another joyful success!

Below is a list of the characters. Our deadline to sign up for the pageant is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Brendan well in advance to reserve your part (or he might be recruiting you!) 401-318-2447. [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**CAST**

**Narrator- age 12 and up**

**3 Prophets**

**2 Townspeople**

**Angel Puppet \*\*\* (3 strong high school students or adults operate this larger puppet)**

**3 Sheep\*\*\* (3 people fifth grade and up- we need one large adult sized sheep, a medium sized person sheep, and a little sheep!) We need lively sheep with strong personalities! Must be able to baaaah!**

**2 adult shepherds: We need two shepherds to guide our sheep... literally. The sheep can't see where they are going in the sheep puppets.**

**4 Innkeepers: We need four innkeepers who are also able to act as ushers and guide people to the sanctuary when the congregation walks in procession to the church.**

**Mary \*\*\*Mary is a large puppet- we need a teenager or an adult.**

**Wise Men/Kings \*\*\* Three lively characters are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. One needs to be a teenager or an adult.**

We will be having one EPIC rehearsal for this pageant on the 18<sup>th</sup>. **Participants MUST be at this rehearsal and stay for its entirety. We really need you to give us one and a half hours of your time. 11:15- 1:00. In this past we had two shorter rehearsals. This year we are only having one BIG rehearsal with the puppets. This rehearsal will be very important. (The rehearsal is fun but we can't rush through it.)**

**Children K-10 will rehearse on the 18<sup>th</sup> during church school and join the pageant rehearsal in Fellowship hall following church.**

**There will be a final rehearsal for the pageant's main characters and puppeteers before the 6:00 pm service on Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30.**

**The children from K-10 years old are asked to come at 5:30 on Christmas Eve.**

**To volunteer for any of these roles or ask questions, please contact Rev. Brendan Curran at 401-246-0111 x 104, 401-318-2447, or e-mail him at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)**

**Coffee Hour help needed:** The Chancel Team are hosting coffee hour in November. They are a small team and need help from members of the congregation, both with providing food and also with set up and clean up. If you can help some Sunday, contact Audrey Rogers at 246-1727 or [adrogers8@cox.net](mailto:adrogers8@cox.net). Thank you.

**Advent Arts:** On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> during church school time, children in PreK through Grade 8 are invited to participate in Advent Arts in Fellowship Hall. There will be some old favorites as well as some new crafts this year.

Please plan on coming and having fun!

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:** Barrington Clergy Association is holding its annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> at 7 pm at Barrington United Methodist Church, 230 Washington Road, Barrington. This year, as we come together to express gratitude for the bounty that our magnificent country offers us, our community will give thanks, sing hymns of praise, and also take a short look at our country's relationship to the refugee – past, present and future. The service will include some guest speakers, and a special offering will be taken for the Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island. The service is expected to last an hour. All are welcome.

**Deadline** for the Dec/Jan *Bridge* newsletter is past. However, if you still have information for inclusion, please send it to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> and she'll do her best to include it. All information should be sent publication ready (she will take care of formatting it to fit). Remember to include all of the info needed (who, what, where, when, why etc) and any deadline dates. Thanks.

**Do you have photos of Dale's candidating weekend?** Or any other photos that include Dale here at our church? The Barrington Times interviewed him for an article to be published later this month, and Dale would like to be able to submit some photos taken here. Please send photos a.s.a.p. either to Dale at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or to the office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

**The Historical Group** - which is responsible for the 3 Centuries & Beyond celebrations - meets every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 – 8 pm in the church library. Next meeting is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. New members and ideas welcome. Contact Tom Wegner at 383-0999 or [twegner@cox.net](mailto:twegner@cox.net) with questions or for more information.

**'Palestine and Israel Up Close: A Personal View'** Our Mission & Justice Team is co-sponsoring this event with East Bay Citizens for Peace and the American Friends Service. Jeff Klein, peace activist, teacher, writer and frequent traveler to the Middle East will talk about his recent experiences and his analysis of the situation in Israel and Palestine. The event is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC and is free and open to the public. All welcome.

**'300 Hundred Years and Beyond' Apparel and Totes:** In celebration of our church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are selling tote bags, t-shirts and fleece vests with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. The samples have arrived and we're ready to take orders! Items available are: Cranberry Tote Bag \$22.00; Heather Navy Short Sleeve T-Shirt \$18.00; Black Women's and Men's Fleece Vest \$42.00. Order for yourself or to give to others for the holidays! Order forms are available at coffee hour or stop by the office. Pre-payment is requested and a quick turnover on orders has been promised! Feel free to contact us with any questions - Pat Rude 837-2845 [ru4880@cox.net](mailto:ru4880@cox.net) or Marion Fodor 245-2003 [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net).

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**Altar Flower donor needed** for 1 vase on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. Flowers can be given in memory, thanksgiving, or in celebration of someone or something, and a vase costs \$30. Contact Cheryl Muth at [jccbmuth@aol.com](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com) or 433-2878 if interested.

**Did you know.....**on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1717, the Town of Barrington was established by order of the Massachusetts General Court as the "Parish of the Barrington Congregational Church"? The meeting house was moved to the present location in 1737 from near Jenny's Lane. The following is from a poem written by Thomas Bicknell:

'Twas long ago! Those days have fled;  
Parsons and Deacons are with the dead,  
And the children's children now are wed,  
In the little White Church by the river.

But never, while life or thought shall stay,  
Will the grand old deeds of that elder day,  
From the tablets of memory fade away,  
Dear little White Church by the River!

**Interested in joining our church** but didn't make it to "Conversations about our church" on October 23<sup>rd</sup>? Then contact Rev. Dale Azevedo at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or 246-011 x 103. New Member Sunday will be NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> when those who wish will have the opportunity to join our church during the worship service - but we need to know who you are ahead of time. Contact Dale a.s.a.p. if interested.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN** ends THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. BCCUCC has been asked to donate the following items for the Thanksgiving Packages: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, and Boxes of Brownie Mix. TAPIN helps about 450 East Bay families each Thanksgiving. If you miss the deadline at church, items can be donated directly to TAPIN, located at 281 County Road, Barrington (under the library) *by Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you.

**Thank you** to everyone who came to church in costume last Sunday and/or who decorated their car for 'Trunk or Treat'. It was a great turnout for our first time doing it – and we hope to make it an annual event! Check out the photos either on the website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) or the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc). If you have photos of this or any other church event that you're willing to share, please send them along to the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

**Field Trip for Grades 7 & 8:** On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> the 7th & 8th graders are going on a field trip to Temple Habonim to participate in one of two "Mitzvah Days". They will discuss service "to raise the bar with our activities and think about charity in general, with attention to the unintended consequences of doing 'charity' and the complicated issues that always arise when there is an imbalance between the 'volunteer' and the 'needy'". A service based Mitzvah day will be planned for the spring. 7th & 8th graders who plan on attending should meet Kathy Sullivan and Holly Ogden at the Temple at 9:30 a.m. The group will return to BCCUCC in time for the Celebration Brunch. Contact Kathy Sullivan if you plan to attend or have questions. ([barrprevention@hotmail.com](mailto:barrprevention@hotmail.com) or 316 -5956)

**RICUCC Autumnal Meeting** is SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> from 7:30 am – 1 pm at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset St, Providence RI. The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Alison Buttrick Patton who will speak on "Wading-In: The Sacred Task of Confronting White Privilege." There will be worship with communion, a business meeting, and the keynote address with time for question and answer. All delegates, authorized ministers, and members of local churches are invited to join us for this event, which will include early morning "coffee and" as well as a luncheon. Clergy and delegates should have received the official call from the Conference office (via e-mail) and are reminded to register. Visitors are also most welcome to attend and should register at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Freemont Ave., Barrington (245-9098). 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The new book they are reading is 'Finding Nouf' by Zoë Ferraris and copies are available for purchase (\$11.20) from the church office. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**Interfaith Prayer Night:** The third and final one takes place on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> at 7 pm at Sts Matthew and

Mark Episcopal Church, 5 Chapel Rd, Barrington. The Rev. Patrick Greene will lead a Taizé service featuring meditative music, periods of contemplative silence, scripture readings, and prayers from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Sponsored by the *Barrington Interfaith Conversations Partners*, three local houses of worship - Temple Habonim, BCCUCC, and Sts Matthew & Mark Episcopal Church – have been inviting the community to join with them in praying for justice and peace in our nation, for our electoral process, and for the presidential candidates. All are welcome. A time for refreshments will follow the 45 min service.

**Clergy and Staff Away and Office Closing:** Dale Azevedo will take his fall weekend off on October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Christine Wallis is on vacation thru Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and the church office will close at 12:30 pm each day while she's away. Please note that Brendan's regular day off is Monday, and Dale's day off is Friday.

**Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run:** We will be taking the Rhode Island MLF truck to Crossroads in Providence on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> to serve the men and women seeking nourishment of body and soul. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4 pm where sandwiches will be made and the truck loaded up with the donated food and other items. Our goal is to arrive at our destination of Crossroads by 6 pm. Our expected return to BCCUCC for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7 and 7:30 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 our church. For serving purposes, it is best to have adults travel to Crossroads.

Please use the signupgenius\* to register for donating items: juice bottles, granola bars, hard boiled eggs, chips, peanut butter, jelly, bite size candy bars, pudding, fruit, travel size toiletries, women's personal hygiene items, new men's boxers and white socks, mens and women's T-shirts (clean, like new); and also to sign up to help prep, and/or go on the truck. We are grateful for your generosity.

\*The online sign up for MLF is at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and 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/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com) or contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net). For more information about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit [www.mlf.org](http://www.mlf.org)

**Remembering those who have died:** If you have a loved one who has died since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (All Saints Day last year) and would like their name read during the worship service on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, please submit their name to the church office ([office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111) by *Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>*.

**RICUCC Youth Festival Event at BCCUCC:** Youth in Grades 6 - 12 are invited to this Conference wide event happening on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> from 12:30 – 4:30 pm at our church. The theme is 'I Am Peace' and youth and leaders are invited to experience an afternoon of PEACE that includes worship, music from the youth, activities, 3 rotation workshops, and snacks! See the fliers on the bulletins boards or the Oct/Nov Bridge newsletter for more information. There is no charge for the event but a free will offering will be taken at the door for a local charity (tbd). RSVP to Andrea Bullard at (401) 474-4722 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org). If interested in singing, playing guitar or keyboard, contact Kristin Putney at (774) 991-1555, [mitchmoon2@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchmoon2@hotmail.com).

**Station Club Fire Memorial Brick:** BCCUCC, along with many other faith communities across the state, has committed to a donation, represented by a brick for the walkway entering the Memorial. As Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson, Executive Minister of the Council of Churches, has said, "at the very beginning the faith community was present and remains present for those families and survivors today." A "red brick" will be on the food table during Coffee Hour THIS SUNDAY, if you would like to make a contribution. The dedication was originally scheduled to take place this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> but has been postponed to the Spring due to construction delays.

Learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJsyepgumgA>