

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 17	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Jan 18		<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, Jan 19		<i>Deadline for the Feb/Mar Bridge newsletter</i>
	7 pm	Search Committee, Library
Wed, Jan 20	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 21	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat, Jan 23	7:30 pm	Talk by Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr., Fellowship Hall
Sun, Jan 24	10 am 10:15am-Noon	Worship Service, Church School Senior Youth Group



## Birthdays for the Week of January 17<sup>th</sup>

Charlie Stoddard, Chloe Paulhus, Pat Collins,  
Kelly Gamache, Margaret Haggerty, Brent Summers,  
April Harff, Sue Black, Blake Fontaine, Brian Kiley,  
Rob McGarry and Charlie Macken.

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.*

**Pledge Envelopes for 2016** are here and available for pick up TODAY from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). 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.

**Office Closing and Staff Away:** The church office will be closed tomorrow, MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Our office administrator, Christine Wallis, is currently out of the office but will return on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bridge Newsletter Deadline** is this TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>. Please be sure to submit all information to Christine at [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.

**Women's Faith Group** next meets this THURSDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will finish watching the movie *Invictus* and take a look at their new book. 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.*

**The Bereavement Group** meets MON, JAN 25<sup>TH</sup> at 10 am in the church 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.

**Book Group:** 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)

**Memory Impairment Support Group** next meets on TUESDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>H</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)

**Help needed with Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck run:** BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> to serve the people at Harrington Hall - a men's shelter in Cranston. This is an evening run with preparations starting at BCCUCC around 4 pm - preparing the food and loading the MLF truck - with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 5:30-5:45. At Harrington Hall we will serve food, distribute socks, underwear and toiletries while extending fellowship to men who reside here. Our expected return to BCCUCC for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. ***Volunteers are needed to donate food or clothing items, prep sandwiches at the church, load the truck, go out on the truck, or clean up the truck when it returns.***

As always, 6 people may ride in the truck, and 2 are very welcome to follow behind in a car. ***Please note, volunteers who go on this run must be at least 18 years of age.*** However, all ages are welcome to help prep. If you sign up to bring one of the listed items, please indicate the quantity you will donate. Thank you as always for your generosity and thoughtful consideration of those with whom we share God's blessings.

There is an online sign up for MLF at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. 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 click on this direct link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> There will be a donation box in the Foyer of Fellowship Hall for the collection of socks, underwear and toiletries etc.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-1098 or [lizyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizyw2@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)

**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 (see below) All church members are encouraged to attend and child care will be provided. Mark your calendars and please plan to be there.

**Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island  
Sunday, January 31, 2016**

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 31, 2016**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—December 31, 2016
- 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

**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.

**Search Committee update:** The Search Committee has been taking all the information that you have provided in the Church Chats or have sent in, as well compiling other detailed church information, and are working hard to finalize the Church Profile. Many thanks to all that have participated as this will help us a great deal in our search for next Senior Minister.

**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!