

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 21	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
Mon, Jan 22	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
Tue, Jan 23	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Book Group, Library
Wed, Jan 24	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 25	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
	4:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes Truck prep begins, Kitchen
Sat, Jan 27	11 am	Memorial Service for Douglas Tonn, followed by reception in Fellowship Hall
Sun, Jan 28		<i>Contemporary Heroes and Heroines</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	Immediately after worship	Annual Budget meeting, Sanctuary
	12:30 – 4 pm	RICUCC Racial Justice Awareness event (Gds 8-12), Seekonk Cong Church



Birthdays for the Week of January 21st: *April Harff, Rob McGarry, AJ Maio, Owen Porter, Carolyn Faulhaber, and Joe Schall.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at 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.

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. She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.

A note from the Endowment Team was sent to the congregation in this past week's eBridge. For those without email, printed copies are available from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand).

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting from Rev. Brendan Curran should be up on the church website www.bccucc.org Printed copies should also be available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Seeking Altar Flower Donors for February: The altar flowers each week are paid for by donors and a dedication of their choice is included in the bulletin. Flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person/event. If you'd like to pay for one or both arrangements some Sunday, contact Cheryl Muth at jccbmuth@aol.com or 433-2878.

Superbowl Subs Fundraiser: Place your order TODAY at coffee hour for a Superbowl Sub (made by the Senior Youth Group) for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH. 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). Cost is \$8.00 per 6" Italian sub (with your choice of toppings) and come with a bag of chips. 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 24th*. Proceeds will help support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

Senior Youth Group/Mission Trip meeting: SYG and all going on the Mission Trip meet in the Library TODAY from 6-8 pm. 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 ask 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.

Book Group next meets on TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD 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 245-4724. All are welcome!

Loaves and Fishes truck run – some items still needed: Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help with the truck run to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence on THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH. We have a full complement of volunteers to help with the prep and go out on the truck, and people have also signed up to bring many of the needed food and clothing items. However, there are still some items needed. There is a SignUpGenius to register for donating items at www.signupgenius.com - click on the search icon at the top, then use the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. Or go directly to <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 lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net. Donations should be dropped off in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, January 24th*. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

A Memorial Service for Douglas Tonn who passed away on January 11th, will be held on SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH at 11 a.m. at BCCUCC. Following the service a light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Meeting: Our church's Annual Budget meeting is next SUNDAY, JAN 28TH 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 so the tasks previously done by that team need to be formally 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 28TH. You can find the proposed revisions to the By-Laws in a post on the home page of the church website www.bccucc.org. They were also included in the eBridge. For those without internet access, printed copies are 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 28TH. 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.

Racial Justice Awareness Confirmation Event: Next SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH the confirmation class will be attending a racial justice awareness retreat with other confirmation classes from throughout the RI conference. The retreat will be at Seekonk Congregational Church from 12:30 to 4:15 pm, and is open to all in Grades 8-12. Contact Brendan for more details brendan@bccucc.org. Additional info at www.ricucc.org and click on the link under upcoming events.

Valentine making: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 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 school address to Kim Zeleznik at kimberleyz@gmail.com by Friday, February 2nd.

Sliding with Faith: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH from 12:30-4 pm, the Junior Youth Group will be joining other youth groups from throughout the RI conference for a snow tubing trip to Yawgoo. Contact Brendan for more details at brendan@bccucc.org Additional info at www.ricucc.org - click on the link under upcoming events.

Community Dinner Fundraiser: Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour starting next Sunday, January 28th for the Community Dinner on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support our 2018 mission/service trip with the Navajo Nation. Tickets are \$10.00 a person. Children six and under eat for free! Come enjoy a delicious meal of soup, salad, and bread and support our youth.

An Update from the Renewal Team: In January, the Renewal Team, Church Council, and our new consultant, Steve Sterner, discussed the recommendations from the Church Assessment we received last fall. We determined which of these would be most valuable to our congregation and adopted a three-tiered hierarchy of priorities. To see what these priorities are and what our next steps will be, be sure to check out our always updating web page from the link on the home page of the church website www.bccucc.org. For those without internet access, printed copies of the updated material are on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand).

A new church directory (without photos) generated from our database will be emailed to the congregation in mid-February. Information included will be name, address, children's names (of those still living at home), home phone, cell phone, and email address (adults only). We hope everyone will want their information included, but the database does allow for any of the phone numbers and email addresses to be unlisted. If you would like to take this option, contact the church office by Feb 5th to make your wishes known (office@bccucc.org or 401 246-0111). If you are new to our church community and we don't yet have your information in our database, please contact the office by the deadline (see above) so that we can include you in our directory. Printed copies of the directory will be made available for those without email.

The New England Women's Celebration takes place every 4 years at various locations in New England. It is held over (or near) the weekend of Mothering Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, which is traditionally a time when the strict observances of Lent were relaxed for a day so church folks could return to the Mother Church of their roots. The purpose of the Celebration is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church and Conference setting. It is organized by women from United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations across New England, however women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend. This year Celebration X will be held April 6 – 8 in Portland, ME. Find out more at: <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org/home> or contact Helen Schall for more information at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Family Footnotes:

Birth: James Vincent House, born 12/19/17 to parents Bryan and Theresa House. Grandmother is Louise House.

Death: Douglas A. Tonn died peacefully at home on 1/11/18. Memorial Service is Sat, Jan 27th at 11 am.