

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 22	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library (meeting postponed from Jan 8)
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	1 – 4:30 pm	RICUCC Sky zone/Faith zone, Newman Congregational Church then at Skyzone
Mon, Jan 23	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
Tues, Jan 24	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Jan 25	6:30 pm	Mission and Justice meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 26	4 – 7:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes prep in kitchen, then truck run to Providence.
Sun, Jan 29	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Annual Budget Meeting, Sanctuary
	1 – 4 pm	OWL session, Library
	2:30 – 4:30 pm	RICUCC Statewide meeting on proposed merge, Marriott Hotel, Providence
	4 pm	'Barrington 300 <sup>th</sup> ' Lecture, Fellowship Hall



## Birthdays for the Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Sue Black, Rob McGarry, AJ Maio, Owen Porter, Carolyn Faulhaber, Joe Schall, Richard Frary, Michael Miniati, Howard Rotblat-Walker, and Pat Rude.*

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.

**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).

**Do you have a 2017 Calendar?** A few copies of the 2017 calendar marking our church's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are still available and are now only \$10. We would like to sell out by the end of January (or sooner!). Email [300<sup>th</sup>@bccucc.org](mailto:300th@bccucc.org) or stop by the church office if you want to purchase one.

**Help needed with Loaves and Fishes Run:** On THURSDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> we will be taking the truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. 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. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help prep at our church. 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 items including juice bottles, granola bars, hard boiled eggs, chips, peanut butter, jelly, bite size candy bars, pudding, fruit, toiletries, men's and women's sweatshirts, women's personal hygiene items, new men's boxers and white socks. We are also looking for home baked cookies (see next article).

Please use the SignUpGenius to register for donating items (don't forget to include the quantity you're donating), as well as to sign up to help with the prep or go out on the truck. The online sign up 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>

Please drop off your donations in the kitchen under the sign "Loaves and Fishes donations" by Wednesday, January 25.

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 Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net).

Thank you all for your continued generosity and dedication to this ministry! Liz, Jay and Phyllis.

**Cookie Bakers needed:** We are looking for bakers to make some homemade cookies for the Loaves and Fishes run (see above). You are invited to bake between 3-4 dozen cookies. If possible, please wrap 4 cookies per bag. Drop off on or before Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Please contact Liz at [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com) or Jay and Phyllis at [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net) if you wish to contribute in this way.

**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!

**A new weekly deadline:** With the upcoming change to our newsletter (see previous article), 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 of *Noon on Wednesday* for both the eBridge and weekly Announcements. If you miss the deadline, your information will be included in the following week's editions. Information should be sent to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Please note that the Ennouncements will continue in their current form through the end of this month.

**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 a couple of weeks ago that we could have worship!

**Memory Impairment Support Group** will 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)

**Church Budget:** 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. The proposed 2017 Budget together with a letter from the Finance Team will be emailed to the congregation prior to the meeting, and printed copies of both will be available at the meeting.

**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 back table in Fellowship Hall, on the bulletin board, and the letter is also be included as a link in the Ennouncements.

**'Barrington's 300th' Lecture:** On SUN, JAN 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 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!

**Community Plant Based Potlucks** (previously held at BCCUCC) are starting up again and there will be one in Providence on THURS, JAN 26<sup>TH</sup>. See the flier on the bulletin board for details or go to <https://www.meetup.com/powered-by-plants-ri>. Contact Judy Harff for more info 289-0438 or [judy@harff.com](mailto:judy@harff.com), or email [PoweredByPlants.RI@gmail.com](mailto:PoweredByPlants.RI@gmail.com).

**Role Models Wanted:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State (BBBSOS) has about 40 kids waiting for mentors. To learn more about becoming a mentor, visit [www.bbbsos.org](http://www.bbbsos.org) or call Taylor Millsbaugh at (401) 921-2434 x 121.