

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 24	10 am 10:15 am - Noon	Worship Service, Church School Senior Youth Group, Room 9
Mon, Jan 25	10 am 11 am 7 pm	Bereavement Group, Library Staff meeting, Sue's Office Book Group, The Coffee Depot
Tues, Jan 26	1 - 2:30 pm 7 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Search Committee - ad hoc, Library
Wed, Jan 27	12:45 pm 7 - 9 pm 7:30 pm	St Andrews' students cook for Mobile Loaves & Fishes, Kitchen RICUCC Board of Directors meeting, Library Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 28	4 - 7:30 pm	Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck prep (in kitchen) then truck run to Harrington Hall Men's Shelter in Cranston
Fri, Jan 29	9:30 am Afternoon	Collate Bridge newsletter, Room 6 Confirmands leave for overnight Confirmation Retreat at Craigville
Sun, Jan 31	10 am After Worship	Worship Service, Church School Annual Budget meeting, Sanctuary



Birthdays for the Week of January 24th

AJ Maio, Owen Porter, Carolyn Faulhaber,
Joe Schall, Dick Waterman, Richard Frary,
Michael Miniati, Howard Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude,
Steve Clemens, and Garrett Wohlrab

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.

RICUCC Regional Meetings to talk about possible partnership: The leadership of the RI Conference UCC wants to hear from you about the idea of partnering with the MA and CT Conferences. A letter of invitation has been sent out to congregations together with the schedule of meetings - copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin boards. The first regional meeting is for the East Bay area - which includes Barrington Congregational Church - and is being held TODAY from 7 - 9 pm at First Congregational Church of Bristol, 281 High St, Bristol, RI 02809. If you are unable to make this meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the others.

The Bereavement Group meets MON, JAN 25TH 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 or 245-8031 for more info.

Book Group: The group will meet tomorrow MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH 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

Memory Impairment Support Group meets this TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH 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

Help needed with Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck run: BCCUCC will be taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck this THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH 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 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. Or click on this direct link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-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 401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com or contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net. For more information about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit www.mlf.org

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 or (401) 246-0111 x 102.

Search Committee update: The Church Profile is close to completion! During these past few weeks our focus has been on Congregational Life (ours). It's been a lot of interesting work, and we've given a great deal of thought and discussion to the many areas that ask questions about who we are. We've had good discussions on subjects like what do we think makes a good sermon. I think the word "spirited" would cover our discussions and the sermon types. Once completed, we hope to share highlights of the Profile with you. I think you'll like the work that has been done. We've also set up an email account. Should you have any questions or comments feel free to send them on to BCCUCCSearch@gmail.com.
Larry Ashley, Chair.

Annual Budget Meeting With the return to the calendar fiscal year, we will be holding the BCCUCC Annual Budget Meeting NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST 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 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 2ND 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 All knitters and crocheters are very welcome.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will begin discussion of their new book *The Care and Management of Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear. Copies are available for purchase from the church office (\$12.80 each). 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 or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Dine Out will meet FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH at 6:30 pm at Medeira restaurant, 288 Warren Ave, East Providence RI. All are invited – singles, couples, newcomers and old-timers alike - to join fellow church members and friends for dinner together in a different restaurant each month, enjoying some good food and fellowship! Those wishing to go need to *sign up by Wednesday, February 9th* to Sue Black 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com

JYG Snowtubing: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH (Superbowl Sunday) the Junior Youth Group will have their 4th Annual Pre-Super Bowl snowtubing event at Yawgoo Valley in Exeter, RI. Parents need to reserve and pay for tickets in advance by going to <http://www.yawgoo.com/snowtubing.htm> - be sure to check the cancellation policy and weather forecast prior to purchase. Tickets go on sale at 2 pm on Thurs, Feb 4th. All in grades 6 – 8 are invited and younger siblings 42" or taller if accompanied by a parent. Please RSVP to bccjyg@gmail.com for any youth needing a ride or with questions. Those carpooling will meet at church at 1 pm, or families can meet at Yawgoo for the 2 pm time slot.

JYG to provide and serve meal at Soup Kitchen on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH from 2:40 – 5:30 pm. All in grades 6 – 8 are needed to help with this – and if you're unable to join them please contribute toward the food needed. Contact the JYG leaders Laurie Dubel, (401) 787-3190; Ginger Stabach, (401) 225-2076; Kathy Sullivan, (401) 316-5956; or Kim Zeleznik, (401) 406-1971; or email them at bccjyg@gmail.com for more details.

Webmaster wanted: Christine does a great job with our website, but it could be so much more - with the right person able to spend just a little bit of time with it! You could post sermons, update pictures, post news about happenings in church and much more! If you have experience with WordPress, this is the job for you! Contact Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net if interested or with questions.

Learn more about Islam on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH from 7 – 8:30 pm at Sts Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church, 5 Chapel Rd., Barrington. The program is free and open to the public. All are invited to come for an open discussion featuring two leaders of the Muslim Community. Imam Farid Ansari from the Muslim American Dawah Center, and Dr. Umer Akbar, a neurologist at Rhode Island and Butler hospitals, will explain the tenets of Islam and answer questions about their faith. There will also be a Q&A period. The goal of the program is to foster understanding. Refreshments will be served. For more information, see the fliers on the bulletin boards.

BCCUCC to host Solarize Barrington Workshop on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD from 7 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to come learn more about the many incentives and credits that make solar affordable. Barrington resident Brian Vaughn will present his first-hand experience going solar. Representatives from the town and RGS Energy will be available to answer your questions. The deadline for participating in the Solarize Barrington program is February 15, 2016. Learn more about SolarizeRI at <http://solarizeri.com/solarize-barrington/>

Aid to Flint Michigan: Through gifts via the UCC's Emergency USA Fund, you can support Flint residents as they install filtering systems - and then replace the filter cartridges - to provide them with safe water for drinking, cooking and hygiene. You can make a gift online at https://unitedchurchofchrist.nationbuilder.com/emergency_usa_fund and designate it for 'Flint Michigan'.