

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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's 300 th ' Lecture, Fellowship Hall
Mon, Jan 30	11:30 – 12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Jan 31	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Feb 1	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 6
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 2	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Feb 5	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion service in Library then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15 – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	12:30 – 4 pm	RICUCC Sliding with Faith, Peace Dale UCC then Yawgoo



Birthdays for the Week of January 29th

Steve Clemens, Griffin Rainock, Libardo De La Torre, Jane Tonn, Beth Buckley, Adam Hecht, and Zane Maio.
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR JANUARY: Kim Zeleznik (star), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, and Jon Stabach. **DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY:** Tom Wegner (star), Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, and Susan Seader. 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.

Church Budget: On SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH 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 until 11:30 am. The proposed 2017 Budget together with a letter from the Finance Team was 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:

- 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

2017 Calendars on sale to clear! A few copies of the 2017 calendar marking our church's 300th Anniversary are still available and are now only \$7 each or two for \$10. This will be our last Sunday selling them! Email 300th@bccucc.org or stop by the church office if you want to purchase one.

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.

RICUCC Statewide meeting – and an update: As part of the ongoing conversation about merging the RI, MA and CT Conferences of the UCC, there will be a statewide meeting held on SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH 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 included as a link in the Ennouncements. **Important Update:** The Boards of Directors of the three conferences each voted unanimously at a joint meeting on Sat, Jan 21st to support a resolution that would bring them together in a new Conference of the United Church of Christ! Copies of a letter from the Boards of Directors and the resolution are on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall, and were also included in this week's Ennouncements. These documents will be helpful with the discussion if you plan to attend Sunday's meeting.

'Barrington's 300th' Lecture: On SUN, JAN 29TH 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.

Dale's Installation Service will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. A reception will follow. Details later – but in the meantime, mark your calendar and save the date!

Coming soon – the eBridge! February will mark the introduction of our new weekly electronic newsletter, ‘The eBridge’, which you will arrive in your email inbox toward the end of each week. Included will be information about what’s happening in the next couple of weeks, plus ‘save the dates’ for future events. The ‘Family Footnotes’ will be included once a month, as will other special features. Since an increasing number (over 40%) of our email readers do so on a mobile device, it will be formatted to be more mobile friendly. The eBridge will be a work in progress so let us know what you like – or don’t like – about it, as we will be making modifications as it evolves. Our goal is to get information out to the congregation in a way that they will read and respond to. If the emails are too long, studies show that they won’t be read. However, if there’s not enough information, then the congregation won’t know what’s going on! It’s a fine balance and we’re going to try our best to find it!

For those without email.... printed copies of the information will be available for pick up twice a month at church (beginning Feb 12th), and printed information will also be mailed to our homebound etc.

A new weekly deadline: It will be up to you to get information to the office for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge – *the deadline for both will be Noon on Wednesdays*. If you miss the deadline, it will be included in the following week’s edition. Send all info to Christine at office@bccucc.org and please be sure to include all the necessary information, publication ready (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc). Thanks.

Check it out! As a part of our transition to the new electronic version of the Bridge (known as the eBridge), Dale and Brendan are starting up a blog on the church website. It will officially launch in the waning days of January and be up and running by February 1st. Links to it will be found on the front page of the church’s website as well as on Facebook. Printed copies will be made available for those without computers.

Do we have your email address? If not and you’d like to receive the eBridge and other mailings from the church, please send it to office@bccucc.org - and include your name!

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH 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 or 245-8031.

Women’s Faith Group meets in the library on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND to finish reading and discussing *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net.

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 2ND and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Superbowl Sunday: In recognition of the event, on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH the congregation is invited to come to worship in their team colors. Go Pats!

Children’s Communion: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH there will be Children’s Communion in the Library. Parents are asked to drop their children off there for 10 a.m. Afterwards they will go to their regular church school classes.

RICUCC Sliding with Faith: On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 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 25th*. Youth Groups will leave the Ski Center at 4 pm to go home.

Knitting for Others Group meets on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH from 7 – 9 pm at Barbara Wuth’s home, 3 Fireside Dr., Barrington. Please let Barbara Wuth (245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com) or Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net) know if you are coming so there will be enough chairs assembled. All knitters/crocheters are welcome – especially new faces! Contact Mary Lou for more information about the group.

Visioning Peace Community Dinner: The interfaith community in town will be hosting a “Visioning Peace Community Dinner,” on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 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 are on sale at coffee hour or from the church office. 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 collecting as many plastic 2 liter soda bottles as possible between now and February 12th. Please save your 2 liter soda/water bottles and bring them to Brendan’s office!

Our Church calendar can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website www.bccucc.org and is regularly updated. Please submit items for inclusion to office@bccucc.org.

Latest in the series of historical facts about our church. Information compiled by Liz Rosenholm of our Historical Group.

Did you know?..... anything about the little known Dorr War? From 1683 to 1842 only freemen could vote. A freeman consisted of one with real estate valued at \$134.00 and an annual income of \$7.00. Therefore with a population of 230,000 only 8,642 votes were cast in the election of 1840! Thomas Dorr sought to change this. He believed that all freemen should be allowed to vote. A majority of the voters agreed with him and he was elected Governor. The then present Governor, King, refused to resign, thus the war. "Soon the Bristol, Warren and Barrington military companies joined the law and order forces in Providence for a March to Acote's Hill in Chepachet. Among this group were 28 members of our church. The Dorr forces were routed: Dorr was tried and imprisoned. In 1842 a new constitution gave all males of the designated age the right to vote. You might say Dorr lost the battle, but won the war". (taken from the Sounding Board of 1987.)