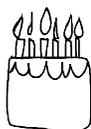


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jan 7, 2018		<i>Baptism of Christ</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am	Finance Team meeting, Room 6
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
Mon, Jan 8	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry
Tue, Jan 9	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Audrey Rogers' home
Wed, Jan 10	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 11	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
Fri, Jan 12	6:15 pm	'Embracing and Sharing Beloved Community', Worship and Dinner at Temple Habonim
Sun, Jan 14		<i>Celebration of Beloved Community</i>
	10 am	Special Worship Service for All Ages 'Embracing and Sharing Beloved Community' with joint sermon/dialogue by Rev. Dale Azevedo and Rabbi Andy Klein, Nursery Care Only



Birthdays for the Week of January 7th:

Becky Porter, Bernie Hawes, Gracie Restituyo, Sophie Milisaukas, Nate Ward, Clare McMillan, Andrew Porter, Eileen Dennis and Grace McKinlay. 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: Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader, Joe Judge, and Steve Fodor. 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.

Community Office Hours are when our ministers make themselves available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. Brendan is at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm. Dale is hoping to resume his community office hours soon. Stay tuned!

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting "Celebrating Beloved Community" by Rev. Dale Azevedo can be read at the church's website www.bccucc.org. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall. More details about the joint services with the Temple (see below) are included in Dale's blog.

Last chance to take your dishes home! There are still some dishes and other items belonging to church members in the church kitchen. If any belong to you, please claim and take home. Thanks to everyone who has already picked up theirs. Anything remaining after the end of this week will be donated to the church kitchen or to TAPIN. Thanks.

Bereavement Group next meets MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group will meet TUES, JAN 9TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jmcc@fullchannel.net

Knitting for Others Group: Meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls. RSVP to Audrey at adrogers8@cox.net or 247-1727 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.

BCCUCC and Temple Habonim to worship together twice over MLK weekend: We share a long history of being good neighbors, welcoming each other into our respective houses of worship, and appreciating the differences between us. Our two communities of faith will gather twice over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend to celebrate his vision of beloved community and explore ways that we can keep his dream alive during these challenging times. Please mark your calendar and then join us at either or both worship services:

On FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12TH, we will share in Shabat worship at the Temple (at 6:15 pm) followed by a wonderful catered dinner. No reservations are needed for worship, but if you would like to stay for dinner (and Dale encourages you to) you must **RSVP by TODAY**. There is a charge for the dinner, but it will be well worth the price! Reservations and menu details are available at Temple Habonim's website www.templehabonim.org/wine-and-dine

Then on SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH, we will gather together again at BCCUCC for our usual worship service at 10 am. Members of the temple are invited to join us both for worship and coffee hour. It is Dale's challenge to you that we send between 30 and 50 people to temple on Friday and that we be prepared to welcome as many in return on Sunday.

At both of these worship services, Rabbi Andy Klein and Rev. Dale Azevedo will share their personal reflections on the concept of Beloved Community and engage in dialogue with one another and those in attendance. Although the topics are the same, Dale anticipates the conversations to be different. In fact, he wouldn't be surprised if Sunday's discussion built upon some of the ideas shared Friday evening.

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.

Superbowl Subs Fundraiser: Place your order 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). Subs come with a bag of chips. Cost is \$8.00 per 6" Italian sub (with your choice of toppings). Order forms are available from the Vestry table or the church office. You may also call in your order to Phyllis Buckley at 245-1098. Orders must be submitted by *Wednesday, January 24th*. Proceeds will help support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

Dale and Elizabeth would like to get to know you better! All members and friends of the church are encouraged to sign up and join Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo for monthly dinners at the parsonage (7 Fireside Drive, Barrington). Sign up for dates in early 2018 at the following link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. They don't guarantee a gourmet meal, but do promise a comfortable table where all are welcome!

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The new book they've chosen to read and discuss is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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!

You are invited to a New Conference Focus Group: As we continue to explore the new *Together, As One* Conference, the Conference Ministers of RI, MA & CT invite you to share your voice to help us envision how together, we are called to live the love and justice of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the several group discussions that are planned between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23 at various UCC Church locations throughout the three states. Simply select the date, time and location that is most convenient with your schedule and join us to share your perspective. The full list of locations and times is available at www.ricucc.org or from a sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. The organizers ask that you RSVP at the website so that if there is inclement weather and the gathering needs to be moved online, they can contact you with information on how you can participate. However, if you are unable to go online to RSVP or find other meeting locations, contact the church office for assistance.

BCCUCC to host a New Conference Focus Group on FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH from 1 – 2:30 pm. (See article above for more information). All are invited. If you are unable to RSVP online, please RSVP to the church office (246-0111).

Loaves and Fishes truck run – help needed: On THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment for body, mind and soul. Prep starts in the BCCUCC kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. Expected arrival back at church for unloading and cleaning the truck is between 7:30 and 8 pm. As always, 6 people may ride in the truck, and 2 are very welcome to follow behind in a car. All ages are welcome to help prep at the church. However, 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 food, toiletries, and certain clothing items. There's a SignUpGenius to register for donating what's needed, as well as to sign up to help with the prep or go out on the truck at www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon at the top, then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. Or use this direct link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-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 message from the Renewal Team that the **Church Assessment** from our first consultant is available to read:

Dear members and friends of BCCUCC,

We know this is a busy time of year with all sorts of (hopefully) wonderful events happening. Despite this busyness, we thought it was important to share with you this vital information regarding our church.

As many of you know, we have contracted with the Center for Progressive Renewal to hire consultants to help guide us in planning the future of BCCUCC. Phase 1 was completed in November and we are actively working on moving into Phase 2, which begins with setting short-term and long-term priorities for the our ministry. We will share those priorities as soon as the Church Council sets them. (It should be in mid January.)

In the meantime, we encourage you to read through the Church Assessment we received at the end of Phase 1. We have both a Summary Report, written by the Renewal Team, and the Full Assessment, written by our first consultant. Both are available on the church website at this page: <http://www.bccucc.org/church-life/renewal/>. Printed copies for those without internet access are also available from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). If there are no copies left, contact the church office for one.

Please take the time to read through all this information if you so desire. Your input, passion, and faith are what makes BCCUCC a living thriving community.

Yours in faith,

The Renewal Team

Larry Ashley, Tom Colby, Erik Ela, Marion Fodor, Helen Schall, Heather Williamson, and Rev. Dale Azevedo