

# SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

The Church Office is OPEN Mon, Tues & Thurs, 9 am – 1 pm, Wed, 11 am – 1 pm; and CLOSED Fridays

Sun, July 23, 2017	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Tues, July 25	11 am 7 pm	Staff meeting Book Group, Library
Thurs, July 27	4 – 7:30 pm 6 pm	Loaves and Fishes Truck prep then run to Providence BCCUCC Softball game vs St Luke's, Bicknell Field
Sat, July 29	11 am	Memorial Service for Shirley Bradley, Sanctuary
Sun, July 30	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Tues, Aug 1	11 am 6 pm	Staff meeting BCCUCC Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field
Thurs, Aug 3	6 pm	NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, Aug 6	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only



**Birthdays for the Week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Fred MacDonald, Hope Robertson, Liz White, Jack Silva, Cate Todd, Emily Waite, Matthew Bowman, Rob Bullard, Bonnie Parker and Maddie Peck.

**Birthdays for the Week of July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Daniel Roach, Steve Thurston, Henning Brieger, Andrea Bullard, Addie Brougham, and Juni Rainock. 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!

## Altar Flowers

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> the altar flowers are given Carol Louttit and family in loving memory of husband and father Bob.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> the altar flowers are given by Heather Sugg in loving memory of her husband Bobby.



**DEACONS FOR JULY:** Larry Ashley (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Jon Stabach, & Kim Zeleznik.  
**DEACONS FOR AUGUST:** Joe Judge, Chris Morton, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289-3780) please call on one of the deacons.

**Clergy notes:** Rev. Brendan Curran will be on vacation from June 24<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>. Dale's day off is now Monday and Brendan's is now Friday. Brendan's Community Office Hours will resume on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**New pew cushions:** A big thank you to the anonymous donor who gave the money to purchase new pew cushions that match the new blue rug in the sanctuary. A matching curtain is being made for around the choir loft. Another church has accepted the offer of our old pew cushions – so they will be going to a good home! Interestingly, a number of the old red pew cushions had been donated to our church many years ago – which is why some of them didn't quite fit the pews!

**There is a Nursery Nook** available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to turn up the volume.)

**Summer Musicians wanted:** During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina has posted a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

**2017 Barrington Churches Softball Season** has begun and upcoming games are listed in the calendar above. Spectators/supporters are always most welcome to come cheer on the team! The full schedule can be found online from the home page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) or under What's Happening > Information for Church Members. Copies can also be picked up from outside the church office, the vestry table or the back of Fellowship Hall.

Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at [ostrolla@cox.net](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936 Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 pm at Bicknell Field (at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln). It's fun and new players are always welcome.

**Softball update:** The BCCUCC Softball team finally opened their season on July 18<sup>th</sup> to a great start (the 7/13 game was rained out). Down 6-0 against St John's, BCCUCC came roaring back to win 14-8. Congratulations!

**Book Group** next meets TUESDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. 'Tantalizingly thrilling, Ng's emotionally complex debut novel captures the tension between cultures and generations with the deft touch of a seasoned writer.' (Booklist starred review). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome.

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** Be sure to check out the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) to read the latest posting 'Brendan's Voyage' by Brendan Curran. You can also find past posts if you missed any. Printed copies of recent posts are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Do we have your email address?** If not and you'd like to receive the weekly eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) - and be sure to include your name!

**Donation forms for the Riverwalk Accessibility Project** are included in today's bulletin. Information about the project is included. Having read about it, we hope you will make a donation to support this effort to make our church buildings more accessible and welcoming to all, especially those with mobility challenges. Learn more and see pictures at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and follow the link to the Riverwalk Accessibility Project. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. We need to raise a lot more money to make this project a reality – and our hope is to do it this summer! *Because the walkway will go through the playground and involves moving earth and regrading, it needs to happen in the summer while the Tots Preschool is not in session.*

**Help needed with Loaves and Fishes truck run:** On THURSDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 pm to prepare food and load the truck; with the goal of arriving at our destination by about 6 pm. Our 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. All ages are welcome to help prep at the 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 and those still needed at the time of writing are homemade cookies, apple and oranges, watermelon, chips, bite size candy bars, toiletries, men's and women's t-shirts, women's personal hygiene items, new men's underwear and white socks. Many thanks to those who have already signed up to donate items.

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 search icon at 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/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3>

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).

Please drop off your donations in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" **by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets again on TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<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 McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Help support Refugee Families** by taking part in a fundraiser offered by the RI Film Fest. Tickets are available by contacting Helen Schall (245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)) and are available for opening night, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm. This event is being held at the Providence Performing Arts Center and cost \$10.00. Find out more at [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org) Our Mission and Justice Team has been talking with folks from Saints Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church on how we, BCCUCC, can help them support a refugee family. They are currently committed to supporting a family from Eritrea: a mother with four children, and are also helping other new families to become settled. These families have all been in camps for over two years and have been thoroughly vetted. The needs for continuing support of the families are many, but financial help is the most "all-purpose." Your check to BCCUCC with "Refugee Support" in the memo line will go directly to Sts. Matthew and Mark to help them in their budgeting of resources. As we learn of specific requests, we will pass that information on to you.

**The 10th Annual Haitian Hoopla** will take place on SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> from 4 - 9 pm at Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth. The event is a fundraiser for the programs run by the RICUCC Haiti Task Force. Tickets are \$75 each or 2 for \$140, or a table of 8 for \$550. Special guests include a master chef and a master chocolatier from NY, a vocalist and steel drummer, and a band. For more info see the fliers on the Vestry table or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Free Fun Day at Irons Homestead:** All churches and individuals of the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ are invited to picnic and play at Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI 02857, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> from Noon – 7 pm for FREE! Boating, Swimming, Volleyball, Soccer, Horseshoes, etc, etc. Grills and tables will be ready for your picnic. For more info visit the Irons website at [www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead](http://www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead) or contact Rev. Jennifer Geary at 401 710-8478 or [ironshomestead@ricucc.org](mailto:ironshomestead@ricucc.org)

**Book Group in August** will be on TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *The Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothchild: "Irreverent, witty, bittersweet, *The Improbability of Love* draws an unforgettable portrait of the London art scene, but it is also an exuberant and unexpected journey through life's highs and lows and the complexities of love and loss." (From the publisher). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL)** is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to start thinking about participating in the upcoming program year. Letters and information will be mailed to you this summer with an invitation to register. For more information about OWL visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/>

**Bibles needed:** As part of their outreach ministry to those in need, Riverside Congregational Church, UCC, holds a breakfast every week followed by a Bible Study. In the last few months they have given away about 100 Bibles so are in continuous need for more! A collection bin will be at the back of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Cheryl Muth.

**Summer changes in communications & deadlines:** With shorter office hours and less activity, these Announcements and the eBridge are each produced every other week on alternating weeks. Please take this into consideration when submitting items for inclusion to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Also, the weekly deadline is **Tuesdays at Noon** over the summer.

**Our complete 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](http://www.bccucc.org) and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, send to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)