

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jun 18		<i>Father's Day and Strengthen the Church Offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	Noon – 2 pm	Church Tours – part of the Town's 300 th Celebration 'Heritage Weekend'
	1 pm	Korean Church meets in the library
Mon, Jun 19		<i>Start of summer office hours (office closes at 1 pm)</i>
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Jun 20	11 am	Staff meeting
Thurs, Jun 22	3 – 7 pm	Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
Fri, Jun 23		<i>Office Closed</i>
	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Community Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, Jun 25		<i>Start of Summer Worship Schedule</i>
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of June 18th

Gary Bilotti, Al Butler, Ben Sylvester, Drew DiOrio, Jim Baker, Evan Waite, Kelsey Hoyt, and Susan Seader.
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR JUNE: Abby Ashley (star), Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Jon Stabach, & Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Brendan (401 318 2447), please call on one of the deacons.

Strengthen the Church Offering will be taken TODAY. Included in the bulletin is a flier about this UCC collection and a special offering envelope. More info is available at www.ucc.org/stc where you can also make an online donation. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Strengthen the Church' or 'STC'. Donations may be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Thank you.

Colonial Costume: Thank you to those who came to worship this morning in Colonial costume.

The Church's and the Town's 300th Celebration! Come join in! This weekend, JUNE 17TH - 18TH, the Barrington 300 Committee for the Town of Barrington is hosting the first of two HERITAGE WEEKENDS!

Bus Tours: 3 took place yesterday and 2 more are happening TODAY. They are narrated mini-tours of some of the most historic areas of our Town, and the bus leaves from behind the Town Hall. From Noon – 2 pm there is a bus tour of three of Barrington's churches – Barrington Congregational Church* (see below), Sts Matthew and Mark, and Barrington United Methodist Church. From 2:15 – 4:30 pm there is another bus tour, this time of Jennys Lane, Tyler Point, and Hampden Meadows. Space is limited on the buses and there is a charge of \$10 for a button that is good for every bus tour.

* The first stop on the Noon bus tour will be at Barrington Congregational Church where church members Bethia Rosner and Liz Rosenholm, wearing Colonial Dress, will give a 20 – 25 minute historical tour of our church. Many in Town may not realize that the Barrington Congregational Church was the original Colonial Meeting House and the focal point of the "Old Barrington Village" and its earliest development. The bus will then proceed on to the other two churches. Liz and Bethia will be in the church from Noon – 2 pm so you're welcome to stop by to learn about the history of our church, even if you're not on the bus tour.

Prince's Hill Cemetery Tour: This cemetery, adjacent to the Town Hall, will be open for tours from Noon – 4 pm TODAY. There will be walk-through tours of each of 5 separate areas of the cemetery - representing different periods of the Town's 300 years. The tours will include presentations of historical information by volunteers. Tours begin on the hour or ½ hour.

Want to play softball? Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. The season begins on June 27th and games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. See below for schedule.

2017 Softball Schedule is available: Copies can be picked up from outside the church office, the vestry table or the back of Fellowship Hall. The schedule can also be found on the church website at www.bccucc.org under What's Happening > Information for Church Members. BCCUCC's first game isn't until July 13th. Spectators/supporters are always welcome!

Summer Office Hours begin tomorrow, MONDAY, JUNE 19TH. The office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am – 1 pm, Wednesdays from 11- am – 1 pm; and will be closed on Fridays.

Senior Minister away: Dale will out of the office from JUNE 19TH – JULY 17TH. If you want to know what he'll be doing while he's gone, be sure to read his blog 'From the River's Edge' *Where in the world is Dale Azevedo?* You can find the blog from the home page of the church's website www.bccucc.org and copies on the table in Fellowship Hall.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Be sure to check out the church's website www.bccucc.org to read the latest posting 'Listening Deeply' 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. A link to the posts is included in the eBridge.

Summer Worship Time: Beginning next SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH and running through Labor Day weekend, our worship service will move to the earlier time of **9:30 am**. We hope that you will join us when you're in town.

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 Zabinksi at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina will be posting a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, JUNE 19TH from 11:30 – 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 245-8031 or jsbeeb@aol.com

Blood Drive at BCCUCC: RI Blood Center is holding a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND from 3 – 7 pm. Blood donors are always needed so please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. You can either make an appointment at www.ribc.org, using sponsor code 1562, or you can just stop by as appointments aren't necessary. Bring your driver's license or another form of identification with you. More info about donating at www.ribc.org

Volunteer Greeters needed for Blood Drive: Greeters from the church are needed for the Blood Drive (see above) If you can help anytime between 3 and 7 pm, please contact Barbara Wuth at 245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com Thank you.

Great American Camp Out: FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD – SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH. Free camp-out space in the field by the waterfront at Irons Homestead – the RICUCC Camp and Retreat Center in Glocester, RI. Come alone or bring a crowd. Pitch your tent or sleep under the stars. People all over the US will be camping out that weekend - join the party. Registration required. For more details visit www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH 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

Book Group next meets TUESDAY, JULY 25TH 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 or 245-4724. All are welcome.

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 and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.

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 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!

Your loose change can bring about change at church! How many of us have a collection of loose change in various containers around our home just waiting to be counted and put to good use? One church member collected all of his loose change, took it to Shaw's to be counted in their Coinstar machine and then donated the entire amount to the Riverwalk Accessibility Project – over \$400! Another church member was inspired by this and did the same thing - adding another \$100 to the project (she rounded up!). We invite you to join in the **Loose Change Challenge** as a way to help us raise the \$30,000 needed to make the project a reality this summer. Every little helps! *Coinstar takes a small % fee for counting your change. Check with your bank to see if they will count your coins for free – we know that Webster Bank does.*

Update from Mission and Justice on Refugee Families: As some of you heard in church recently, the 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 now have been asked to help one or two new families to become settled over the next couple of weeks. These families have all been in camps for over two years and have been thoroughly vetted. One way to help is to take part in a fundraiser offered by the RI Film Fest. Tickets are available by contacting Helen Schall (245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com) and are available for opening night, TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH 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

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.

Advocacy update: As the RI Legislative Session winds down with the end of June, your Mission and Justice Team would like you to be aware of agenda items that are still being considered. Barbara Silvis, chair of the Advocacy and Justice Commission of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches (and who spoke at BCCUCC last March) has put together a list of items endorsed by the RISCC's Governing Board with a short explanation of each one. Copies of the list, titled 'Helping People Legislative Agenda', are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. The Mission and Justice Team encourages you to take a copy, look it over and then reach out to your legislators. Thank you.

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates. The list with graduate information went out in last Thursday's eBridge. For those without computers, there are copies on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship winners: Congratulations to Ben Sylvester (high school senior) and to Maggie Zarlengo (college student), for receiving this year's KLF Scholarships. Each won \$400 toward their education. We thank the family and friends of Kate Fodor for their donations to this scholarship fund.

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 - and be sure to include your name!