

SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on June 25th and July 2nd, 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, Jun 25, 2017		<i>Start of Summer Worship Schedule</i>
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Tues, Jun 27	11 am	Staff meeting
Fri, Jun 30		<i>Office Closed</i>
	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Community Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, July 2	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only
Tues, July 4		Independence Day - Office Closed
Thurs, July 6	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Community Office Hours', The Coffee Depot in Warren
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Sun, July 9	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of June 25th: Cy Wyche, Anne Black, Austin Cater, Lucy Strolla, Karen Bilotti, & Doug Materne. **Birthdays for the Week of July 2nd:** Joanne Ela, Eli Short, Kim Hoyt, Emma Brady, Dan Lemos, Julia Califano, Carol Strakosch, Joan Frary, & Barbara Wuth. 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 or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

Altar Flowers

On June 25th the altar flowers are given by Jim McCartney with gratitude to his wife Lois for these 63 years of sharing their life and love.

On July 2nd the altar flowers are given by Ozzie and Liz Rosenholm in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.



DEACONS FOR JUNE & JULY: Abby Ashley (June star), Larry Ashley (July 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 was taken last Sunday but it's not too late to make a 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. Special offering envelopes are available from the ushers but aren't necessary. Information about Strengthen the Church is available at www.ucc.org/stc where you can also make an online donation.

Senior Minister away: Dale is out of the office through JULY 17TH. If you want to know what he's 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.

Brendan's Day Off is changing from Mondays to Fridays *beginning in July*. Dale's day off will change to Mondays.

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. 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.

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. 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. Schedule info is below.

2017 Softball Schedule is available from the home page of the church website 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. BCCUCC's first game is July 13th. Spectators/supporters are always most welcome!

Brendan's 'Community Office Hours' – change of day beginning in July: Brendan has been making himself available to anyone who would like to visit him at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren from 3 – 5 pm on Friday afternoons. However in July, his day off is changing to Fridays, so his Community Office Hours are moving to Thursdays at the same time and place. Upcoming Community Office Hours are therefore, FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH and THURSDAY, JULY 6TH, 13TH etc. He looks forward to seeing you sometime and apologizes for recent cancellations due to unexpectedly being out of town.

The Bereavement Group is taking a break over the summer and will resume meeting in September. However, if anyone has any questions or concerns during the break they may contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group will NOT meet on June 27th as previously listed. During the summer they will meet on the second Tuesday of the month only - TUESDAYS, JULY 11TH AND AUGUST 8TH - 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

Women's Self Defense class: *R.A.D. (Rape Aggressive Defense) for Women* is a 12 hour women's empowerment program that is being offered here at BCCUCC in July in collaboration with RAD Instructors from the Barrington Police Department and RAD Instructor (and church member) JoAnne Waite. The 4-session program will be held MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS, JULY 10TH, 11TH, 17TH & 18TH from 5 – 8 pm each night in Fellowship Hall. It is open to women age 14 and older – anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no upper age limit (80 year olds have taken the class!). To register and/or ask questions please contact JoAnne Waite *before July 5th* at jmwaite55@gmail.com. The program is open to all women in the community so invite a girlfriend to take the class with you!

2017 – 2018 Calendar dates please: On THURSDAY, JULY 20TH the staff is getting together to plan the 2017-2018 church calendar. If you or your ministry team or group has activities/meetings or anything else that they'd like to be included on the calendar, please email it to Christine at office@bccucc.org by *Sunday, July 16th*. Thank you.

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.

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

Help make our church buildings more accessible: We have exciting plans to make our church more welcoming by building a new pathway that will make it easier for those with mobility challenges to get from the church building to Fellowship Hall. It will also provide a scenic walk for everyone by the river! The *Riverwalk Accessibility Project* involves building a fully accessible walkway behind the Education building that would run from the driveway by the church to the terrace behind Fellowship Hall. The new walkway would remove all stairs, and cut the distance almost in half compared to going all the way along the front of the Education building and then coming back up the ramp from the corner of the commuter parking lot. Our goal is to do the project this summer* - but it can't happen without your financial support. Please consider making a donation. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Riverwalk'. Thank you to those who have already donated. Learn more and see pictures at www.bccucc.org - follow the link to the Riverwalk Accessibility Project. **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.*

Join the 'Loose Change Challenge! Why not do what some have done and collect up all the loose change in your house, take the coins to be counted, then donate the amount to the *Riverwalk Accessibility Project*. Some banks will count your change for free if you're a customer (Webster Bank does), or you can use the Coinstar machine at Shaw's (it takes a fee for counting your change if you want cash back, but there's no fee for choosing a gift card – there are a number to choose from including Amazon). Help us raise the money needed to make the project a reality this summer. Every little helps!

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.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10th – 12th grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10th – 12th 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/>

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!

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.)