

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., June 15		Father's Day <i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Pray and Play
Mon., June 16		Deadline for calendar information Deadline for reimbursement requests
	11 am	Staff meeting, Jeff's Office
	12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
	7:15 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Tues., June 17	3 pm	Volunteer Tea, Fellowship Hall
	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot
Wed., June 18	7:30 pm	Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8
Sat., June 21	1 – 6 pm	Outside Use of Fellowship Hall
Sun., June 22		<i>Start of Summer Worship Schedule</i> <i>First Sunday for our new Associate Minister</i>
	9 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	3 pm	Ordination Service for Ellen Brady, Sanctuary Reception following in Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of June 15th

Mary Jacobs, John Block, Lily Hamblett,
Zoe Woodruff, Priscilla DiMarco, Olivia Hecht,
Gary Bilotti, Al Butler, Ben Sylvester,
Jim Baker, and Lane Hurley

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR JUNE & THE SUMMER

Pat Rude (Star Deacon), Stephanie Edwards,
Cheryl Muth, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Greg Voigt,
Liz White and Francis Seader.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff (401 247-1787), please contact a deacon*

Strengthen the Church offering is TODAY. More than 3,500 UCC congregations take this offering each spring. As God calls our congregations to be 'church' in new ways, your monetary gifts will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking". Inserts with more information and special offering envelopes are included in today's bulletin if you wish to place a donation in the offering plate. Donations may also be sent to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Strengthen the Church'. Thank you.

'Pounding' for Brendan: Donated items should either have been dropped off at the church last week or brought in TODAY as they're being taken over to the parsonage after church today. Any remaining items can be dropped off in the church office on Monday. Thanks to the many people who so generously responded.

Help needed moving furniture: A number of people have generously offered items of furniture for the Nathaniel Road parsonage where Brendan will be living. Jeff has volunteered himself and his truck to go pick up the items tomorrow during the day, and another church member may have a truck available in the evening for pick up of any remaining items. However, Jeff cannot move a bed, a dresser, a couch etc by himself so is in need of some people to assist. Please let Jeff know today if you can volunteer to help move – either during the day or evening.

Meals for Brendan: A member of the congregation suggested it might be nice to provide some meals for Brendan when he first arrives and is getting settled. If this is something you're interested in doing, please let the church office know. At the time of writing we're not sure of Brendan's schedule this week, but if we know who might be willing to take a meal over then they can be contacted once his schedule is known. It would be great if someone from the congregation could organize this – contact Christine in the office if you are willing to be that person. FYI – Brendan described himself as a vegetarian when he cooks for himself but enjoys being an omnivore when accepting food from others!

New Associate's Arrival: Brendan is expected to arrive in Barrington tomorrow and will spend a few days getting settled before he starts in the office on Thursday, June 19th. His first Sunday will be next Sunday, June 22nd at 9 a.m.

Summer Worship Schedule: Next SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND we move to the summer schedule of a shorter worship service at the earlier time of 9 a.m. We hope you will continue to worship with us this summer.

Pledge Envelopes for 2014-2015 are available for pick up TODAY from the table in the Narthex (in alphabetical order). If you use the elevator and don't pass the narthex table, please ask someone to pick up your envelopes for you. The envelopes run from July 6th, 2014 thru the last Sunday in June 2015. Contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 ext 102 or pat@bccucc.org if you didn't request a set but would like one.

2014-2015 Church Calendar dates due tomorrow: Ministry teams, groups and others should be thinking about their plans for 2014-2015 as they need to submit information for inclusion on the church calendar. Dates for meetings, events and other activities should be sent to Christine at office@bccucc.org by *TOMORROW Monday, June 16th*.

Our on-line Church Calendar is a great resource and is available directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. You can also access it from the bottom of every page on the church website www.bccucc.org. It is the only calendar being used in the church office – and is up to date with the information we have through the end of June. Please inform Christine (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thanks.

Nursery Nook available: There is a Nursery Nook 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. Comfortable chairs, toys and books are provided. We invite parents and children to make use of the Nursery Nook if needed.

Fiscal Year End alert for 2013-14 Reimbursable Expenses: The end of our fiscal year is June 30th. If you have any invoices or expenses that you need to be reimbursed for, please fill out vouchers (which must be signed by the leader of your ministry team) and send them to the church office, with receipts attached, as soon as possible. Vouchers are available from the folder at the front of Pat's desk in the church office. *Expenses turned in after TOMORROW, Monday, June 16th will be charged to next year's budget.*

Bereavement Group will meet tomorrow, MONDAY, JUNE 16TH from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031. This will be their last meeting before taking a break over the summer.

Volunteer Tea: All office volunteers, *Bridge* collators, counters, pew stockers, clergy and church staff are invited to a tea this TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Invitations were sent out, but if you've volunteered in any of these capacities and didn't receive one, please accept our apologies and give the office a call as we want you to be there so we can show our appreciation for all that you do. *R.S.V.P. to the church office (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111) by TODAY.*

The Book Group meets this TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH at 7 pm (not 7:30 pm as incorrectly listed in some copies of the *Bridge*) at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St., Warren. They will discuss *The Morality Play* by Barry Unsworth. All are welcome. For more information on the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com

Please fulfill your 2013-2014 pledge: We passed a budget at last year's Annual Meeting, based upon the amount the congregation had pledged. The church relies on the income from those pledges in order to pay its bills, fund programs, give money to missions, and pay the staff. We respectfully request that if at all possible, you fulfill your 2013-2014 financial pledge to the church before the end of our current fiscal year on June 30th. We are aware that circumstances change and that you may no longer be able to meet your commitment, in which case we ask that you please call the church office and speak with our financial secretary, Pat Stoddard (246-0111 ext 102) to let her know. Thanks.

Diversity Mural: During coffee hour TODAY take a stroll to the labyrinth and admire the mural that was painted by the congregation on Jubilation Sunday. The project was part of the service and the goal was to show diversity in nature and provide a symbol that all are welcome in our church. And while you're out there, why not walk the labyrinth?

Softball: We field a co-ed team each year to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League and it is open to men aged 30+ and women aged 16+. Anyone interested in playing should contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or 246-0936. Games begin at 6 pm on Mon, Tues or Thurs starting late June. New players are always needed and welcomed. The 2014 schedule is now available and copies are on the vestry table or the rack outside the church office and will soon be posted to the church website on the 'Information for Church Members' page.

Blood Drive at BCCUCC: The RI Bloodmobile will be in our church parking lot next SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND from 9 a.m.—Noon. Please consider taking a few minutes after church to give blood - the gift of life. No appointment is necessary. The RI Blood Center must collect 240-280 pints of blood daily to meet the needs of its community, relying on the generosity of volunteer blood donors - so let's help them with a good turnout.

Ellen's Ordination: All are invited to the Ordination Service for Ellen Brady that will take place in our Sanctuary next SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND at 3 pm. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in being a greeter, usher, or running the elevette for this service should contact Christine in the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church library. Both caregivers and patients with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia are welcome. The group is open to all - not just members of this church. It is a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net.

Help us avoid making any cuts to next year's budget: It's not too late to make a pledge for our next fiscal year beginning July 1st: The 2014-2015 church budget passed on June 1st was based on the hope that some more pledges would be received this month. If they are not then some cuts will have to be made. If you haven't yet made a pledge please do so as soon as possible. Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office a.s.a.p. or you can e-mail the information to our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org.

RICUCC Summer Camps: The Conference is offering several summer camps this year at Irons Homestead for different age groups, as well as a Family Camp: *High School Camp* (rising Grades 9-12) July 13-18; *Elementary Mini-Camp* (rising Grades 3-5) July 27-30; *Middle School Camp* (rising Grades 6-8) August 3-8; *Family Camp* August 22-24. Information about the Summer Camps is available from the Conference website www.ricucc.org where there's more information about Irons as well as a photo gallery. Fliers and registration forms are also available from outside the church office or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Some camperships are available – speak with Jeff if interested.

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour. It helps us get to know each other and is particularly welcoming to newcomers. It is especially important that you wear your nametag once our new Associate joins us next Sunday – as Brendan will have a lot of people to get to know and the nametags will really help with that. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office.

'These Days' Daily Devotions for Living by Faith: These booklets are made available free to the congregation by your Deacons and anyone is welcome to take a copy. They can be found on the sideboard in the vestry hallway, the rack outside the church office, or at the back of Fellowship Hall. Copies for July - September, 2014 are now available.