

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 1	8:30 am 10 am 10 am – 12:30 pm After Worship 6 – 8 pm	CEYM meeting, Library Worship Service with Communion, Church School OWL Session, Library (<i>note later end time</i>) Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Service Project Meeting and Potluck, Library
Mon., Mar 2	11:00 am 3:30 pm	<i>No Bereavement Group meeting today (was erroneously listed in last Wednesday's Enouncements)</i> Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Lay Visitation meeting, Library
Tue., Mar 3	7-9 pm	Knitting for Others, Kathleen Larsen's home
Wed., Mar 4	7:30-9 pm 7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry Deacons' meeting, Room 6
Thurs., Mar 5	7-7:30 am 1:30-3 pm	Meditative Morning, Library Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat., Mar 7	11 am	Memorial Service for Stewart Morrison, Sanctuary
Sun., Mar 8	10:00 am 10 am – 12:30 pm 11:20 am – Noon	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> Worship Service with Guest Preacher (Rev. Barbara Libby), Church School OWL Session, Library Conversations About Our Church, Room 6



Birthdays for the Week of March 1st

*Matt Block, Greg Knight, Nancy Mattis,
Christopher Tighe, Virginia Clark,
Walter Joachim-DelPoio, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio,
Marjorie Stumpff, Doug Bireley, Nancy Jencks,
Roland Stumpff, Rebekah Tirrell, Haley Cook,
Steve Fairbanks, Meagan Hecht, Mac Saluja,
Marilyn Darling, Sara Clemens, Bud Geary,
Jane McCabe & Katie Odjakjian.*
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MARCH

Susan Seader (Star Deacon), Stephanie Edwards,
Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, Francis Seader

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Jeff
(247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.*

It's Almost Time to Spring Ahead!

*Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before
going to bed this Sat., March 7th.*

Deacons Fund envelopes are included in today's bulletin. Please consider making a donation to the Deacons Fund which is used to help those in the East Bay (including on occasions members of our own congregation) who need a helping hand. Money from the Fund is used to purchase Shaw's gift cards which are given to those who come into the church office seeking help, and the recipients can use them to purchase meat, produce and other fresh items that TAPIN doesn't have. The church also receives requests for help in paying utility bills or rent and if a minister determines the situation warrants it, he contacts the Deacons to see if money can be made available from the Fund to assist. The number of people asking for help continues year round, so the Deacons appreciate any donation you can make. Thank you.

Staff Away: Christine is on vacation and will be back in the office this Wednesday, March 4th. The office will be open and staffed in the mornings, but may on occasions be closed in the afternoon if the ministers have to do a pastoral visit or have a meeting offsite etc. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by later in the day to make sure someone is there.

Service Project Meeting & Potluck TONIGHT: The Service Project will take place on FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – SATURDAY APRIL 11 (beginning after school on Friday), and is open to all youth in Grades 7-12. We will be partnering with *Save the Bay* to clean up our shorelines. **Those who wish to participate are asked to come to a potluck and meeting TONIGHT, MARCH 1ST from 6 – 8 pm.** Please RSVP to Brendan (246-0111 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org).

Guest Preacher next Sunday: Rhode Island Conference Interim Minister, the Rev. Barbara Libby, will be preaching next Sunday, March 8th. Rev. Libby will be working with our Deacons over the next several months to secure an Interim Minister for our church.

Fill the eggs for Haiti: All are invited to continue to take home and fill plastic eggs with money for the 'One Egg for Haiti' campaign. Filled eggs can be returned each week and placed in the 'nest' on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand). You are then invited to pick up some empty eggs to take home and fill during the following week. The program will run through Lent and is raising money to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti. Thank you!

Meditative Mornings in Lent: All who wish to make extra time for spiritual practice during Lent are invited to join Brendan from 7 - 7:30 am on THURSDAY MORNINGS through MAR 26TH in the Library for a half hour of contemplation. It will consist of a brief reading/reflection, a description of meditation and centering prayer followed by ten minutes of silent meditation and then ten minutes of Taizé singing, which is a form of meditative song developed by the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France. This half hour is offered to create intentional space for being still and finding peace in the Spirit. The hope is that it will provide all who participate with an opportunity to develop their "inner life" in community and find a deeper connection to the Sacred during Lent. All are welcome to any or all of the 'sessions.



“Be the Church. Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. Reject racism, Forgive often, Love God. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life. God is still speaking.”

Our stewardship campaign is underway with a number of congregants sharing their story with us during worship over the next several weeks.

Watch your mailbox the week of March 9th for a very important mailing from the Stewardship Team.

Holy Joe’s Café: Once again this Lenten season the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting money for the Holy Joe’s Café ministry - where coffee is sent to UCC military chaplains who provide coffee and support to our troops in war torn parts of the world. A donation basket will be on the coffee hour table each week during Lent. Thank you.

Children’s Bulletins: We have two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12 – available for pick up from the basket on the table in the narthex as you come into church. If you forgot, please feel free to go get one!

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal: Our children’s choir is open to all in Grades 1-5 but welcomes older children as well. They rehearse again TODAY after church school in Room 9, and welcome new singers. For more information talk with Marina Zabinski our organist, or choir member Kate Colby.

The Knitting for Others Group will meet this TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD at the home of Kathleen Larsen, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. The group is currently working on knitting caps for newborn infants. For more info on the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Women’s Faith Group will meet this THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women are welcome and they don’t have to be from this church. The group is reading and discussing *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Questions about the group should be directed to Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com, or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Want to learn more about our church? Come to 'Conversations' next SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH from 11:20 am - Noon in Room 6. Led by Rev. Jeff Larsen this session is for anyone who is new to our church and/or anyone who wants to know more about who we are, what we believe etc. Anyone interested in joining the church on New Member Sunday, March 29th is also asked to attend. Child care can be provided if needed - just let us know ahead of time. RSVP to office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

The Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, MARCH 9TH from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets on TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH 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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Junior Youth Group (for all in Grades 6 – 8) will be helping serve coffee at coffee hour on SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH. Then from 11:45 am – 2:30 pm they will go to Laser Gate in Fall River for a pizza lunch and to play laser tag. Cost is \$20 which includes 2 games (not 3 as mistakenly printed in the Ennouncements) and pizza. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Jr Youth Group leaders at bccjyg@gmail.com. Deadline for RSVP’s is March 12th.

The Dine Out Group will meet on FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH at 6:30 pm at Aiden’s Pub, 5 John Street, Bristol. Since it’s almost St Patrick’s Day, the group will celebrate with some Irish food - but they also serve ‘normal’ food! All are invited, both singles & couples. *RSVP’s by Tuesday, March 10th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

The Book Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for more information.

Coffee Hour Sign Ups: Volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour – sign up sheets are at the back of Fellowship Hall during coffee hour, or use the on-line sign up sheet at www.signupgenius.com. Click on ‘Find a Sign Up’, put in the church’s e-mail address office@bccucc.org and then click on ‘Coffee Hours 2015’ to access the sign up.

Altar Flowers Donors: Betsy Restituyo of the Chancel Team is finding donors for the altar flowers in March and there are some openings available. If you’re interested in donating one or both bouquets (\$30 each) please contact Betsy at 310-0384 or betsyres@yahoo.com to find out available dates. There is also a sign up sheet on the Welcome table in Fellowship Hall for anyone willing to pay for an arrangement when there is an opening, rather than on a specific date.

Keep up to date with that’s happening with our on-line Church Calendar – either at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the link at the bottom of any page of our church website www.bccucc.org. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

A Goodwill Collection Bin is located near the kitchen door in the large parking lot - for the collection of clothing, shoes and small toys. Clothing can be in any condition – just not damp or moldy. Old, stained or torn clothing is sold for salvage and is recycled. 100% of your donations benefit the RI Community. For more information www.goodwillri.org