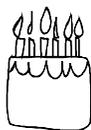


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 11		<i>Economic Justice Day</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library (postponed from last Sunday)
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Church School	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:30 am	Mission and Justice Speaker Series # 2, Library
Mon, Mar 12	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room (Room 8)
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry
	7 pm	Community Discussion of 'The Hate You Give' book, St James' Lutheran Ch.
Tue, Mar 13	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, Mar 14	Noon	Deadline for eBridge
	12:30 - 1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6 - 7 pm	"God in America" (part 3) viewing, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Discussion of "God in America" video, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 15	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
Sat, Mar 17	8:30 am - Noon	Planning Sessions for Strategic Teams, Fellowship Hall
	1 – 3 pm	Outside rental of Fellowship Hall
Sun, Mar 18		<i>A Day of Healing</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Open meeting about the church's finances, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Senior Youth Group, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of March 11th: *Tim Milisaukas, Jack Miniati, Tom Gidley, Adam Gorman, Tony Cioe, and Wade Ogen.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

DEACONS FOR MARCH: Stephanie Edwards (star), Susan Seader, Joe Judge, and Steve Fodor. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be taken TODAY and information and special envelopes are included in the bulletin. This year's theme is 'More Than We Can Imagine'. It's easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in the world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities – and feel there is nothing we can do to help. But as the Apostle Paul writes, "by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20). We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure the world. Checks should be made out to 'BCCUCC' with 'OGHS' in the memo line. More info at www.ucc.org/oghs

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal: TODAY at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals are every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to come sing with us. For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net or speak with our organist, Marina Zabinski.

Mission and Justice Speaker Series - #2: TODAY Allen Scott, co-chair of Loaves and Fishes Rhode Island will be our guest speaker at 11:30 am in the library. Church members Phyllis Buckley and Liz White have been organizing BCCUCC's participation in the LFRI truck runs over the past years. Allen will tell us more about the wider organization as it enters its tenth year of helping to feed the homeless and hungry here in our state. All are invited.

Jar Openers: The handy blue jar openers have our church's name, address, phone, and website printed on them and also the words "Our doors are open to all." They were generously donated for inclusion in our New Member packets. They are also available at Coffee Hour for a donation of \$1. The money will be used for further outreach and marketing.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MARCH 12TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Event for March: A discussion of the book *The Hate U Give* - a debut novel by Angie Thomas that examines issues of racism honestly and compassionately – will take place on MONDAY, MARCH 12TH from 7 – 8:30 pm at St. James Lutheran Church, 49 Middle Highway, Barrington. Barrington Interfaith Partners and Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association have been encouraging community members to read the book, which is the 2018 'Reading Across Rhode Island' book selection, and attend a couple of events – the first of which featured a speaker and has already taken place. The second event is this discussion of the book, led by the Interfaith Partners. The discussion is free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and teenagers. You don't have to have attended the first event to attend the second.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAR 13TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published THURS, MAR 15TH. Deadline for submissions is Noon on Wednesday, March 14th but an earlier submission is appreciated. (Announcements deadline is every Wednesday at Noon.)

Lenten Meditations: Brendan is offering two separate interfaith meditation experiences this Lent:

Mindful Mondays meet MONDAY EVENINGS (through March 26th) from 7 – 8 pm in the new Meditation Room (Room 8). The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public.

Mid-Week Recharge meets WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES (through March 28th) from 12:30 – 1 pm in the Meditation Room for a quick spirit-boost. If you're around town on your lunch break and want to mentally/spiritually hit the reset button in the middle of your week, come enjoy a quick guided relaxation meditation.

Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America. *Last week's program was canceled due to bad weather so they'll watch and discuss Episode 3 this week.* Dale is guiding us through the 6 part PBS special "God in America". Public viewing of each episode is from 6 – 7 pm on Wednesday evenings in the library, and in-depth discussion follows from 7 – 8 pm on how the subject matter impacts our religious experiences today. Participants are also welcome to view each episode at their leisure if they are unable to attend the public viewing, and just come for the discussion. The episodes are all available on YouTube or can be found at www.pbs.org/godinamerica/view/ On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH we will view and discuss Episode 3, *A Nation Reborn*. Hour three explores how religion suffused the Civil War. As slavery split the nation in two, Northern abolitionists and Southern slaveholders turned to the Bible to support their cause. All are welcome to whichever sessions they are able.

Brendan's Community Office Hours are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. Their new book for discussion is *Dinner at Six: Voices from the Soup Kitchen* by Helen Hudson. Copies of the book are available from the church office. The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more info contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Mid-Lent retreat rescheduled to March 31st. Due to a scheduling conflict, the '*Healing Hands, Healing Hearts*' retreat, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 17th, has been rescheduled to SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST from 9 am – 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room. The retreat, led by Rev. Brendan Curran, will include Celtic Christian prayers and meditations on healing. Over the three hours, we will explore Christian contemplative and embodied prayer as well as the Christian healing traditions of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands. Participants are invited to come with open hearts and minds to learning about and experimenting with healing traditions. This will be a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives and our knowledge of prayer practices on this Easter Saturday. All are invited.

RICUCC Maple Sugar Overnight Camp for Gds 7-12 will be held 6 pm FRI, MAR 16TH – 2 pm SAT, MAR 17TH at Irons Homestead in Glocester, RI. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning to make sugar from maple trees. More information and registration at www.ironshomestead.org or call 401-710-9478. There is also an option for Sat only.

'Sugar Eat' Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead: SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH from 2 – 4 pm at Irons, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Come enjoy hot maple syrup poured over snow to create instant candy! \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. More info at www.ironshomestead.org - click on the tab under 'Events'.

Like to learn more about BCCUCC's finances? Do you have any questions? Next SUNDAY MARCH 18TH at 11:15 am in the library, Co-Treasurers John Loerke and Barbara Wuth; Finance team members Dick McWhirter and Tom Colby; Endowment team chair Kate Colby; Buildings & Grounds team chair Paul Dennis; and Stewardship team member Bill Block will dig into the numbers but more importantly be there to answer your questions. Guaranteed to last no more than one hour. If we can't answer your questions in that time we'll get back to you ASAP. Grab a coffee and cookie. Meeting will start promptly at 11:15. All are invited.

Book Group next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH at 11:30 am (note the later time), to discuss *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. "A paean to a housewife in a small Midwestern town who saved her ten children from homelessness by winning hundreds of jingle-writing contests during the 1950s and '60s." For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Come Bowl With Us! Barrington Congregational Church is organizing a bowling team in support of the Primrose Elementary School's Family Bowl A Thon on SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH (1-2 pm and 2-3 pm). Proceeds benefit the school and Barrington community - such as new after-school programs and playground renovations. Learn more at <https://www.bowlathon.net/event/primrose-hill-pt0-2018/> We hope you will lace up your bowling shoes and sign up for our team - or create a 6-person of your own. If you can't attend, you can still score a strike for our team – especially if you own a local business – by sponsoring the event! If you have any questions about signing up or sponsorship, please contact congregation member Maggie Slane at slanemaggie@gmail.com or 917-667-8305. Thanks.

'Church: Alive and Thriving' Workshops: Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. More info and register at <https://www.ricucc.org/eventdetail/11005636>

Hearing aid batteries: If you use size 13 batteries in your hearing aids, we have a pack of 32 available. A church member purchased and opened them – only to discover they were the wrong size. Contact the church office if interested.

Updated church directory: The staff has updated the church directory so that it more accurately reflects households who are active in our church. It was emailed out Tuesday to everyone in the directory with an email address. If you don't have email, (or you do, but didn't receive the email), please contact the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org).

Please wear a nametag: It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.