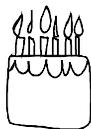


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 12		Daylight Savings Time begins
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Speaker series, Library (Barb Silvis, Advocacy & Justice Commission, RISCC)
Mon, Mar 13	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7 – 8:30 pm	'Just Mercy' book discussion, Library
Tues, Mar 14	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, Mar 15	7 pm	Lenten Service, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 16	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group with Guest Author, Library
	6:30 – 8 pm	Historical Group meets, Tom Wegner's home
Sun, Mar 19	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	12:30 – 3:30 pm	'We Are All In This Together' - Potluck, Workshops & Sing along, F'ship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of March 12th

Tom Gidley, Adam Gorman, Tony Cioe, Wade Ogden, Lisa Graham, Randy Williams, Andrew Helm, and Joe Weissfeld. 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!

DEACONS FOR MARCH: Joe Judge (star), Chris Morton, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, and Susan Seader. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289 3780) or Brendan (401 318 2447), please call on one of the deacons.

Sunday Sermon Series in Lent: Brendan and Dale are exploring many of the different facets of prayer through their weekly sermon series called 'Encountering God'. They will not only be talking about these forms of prayer but providing opportunities for the congregation to experience them in the worship service and their daily lives. On SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH the sermon will be 'Encountering God: Prayer as Spoken Word'. We hope you can join us.

Clergy away: Rev. Brendan Curran is away on his Winter weekend off. He will be back on TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals have moved to Room 6, as the piano is now in there. They will have practice after church each Sunday in March in preparation for singing in church again on a date tbd. All children from Grade 1 & up are welcome to come sing. Questions? Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743.

After Worship Speaker Series continues this Sunday: The theme chosen by the Mission and Justice Team for this year is 'Visualize Peace'. They have organized a Speaker Series that is taking place after church some Sundays during Lent from about 11:20 am - 12:30 pm in the church library. All are invited!! Come hear about programs that M&J are supporting this year that reach out to the wider community in both mission and advocacy.

MARCH 12TH: Barb Silvis, Chair, Advocacy and Justice Commission of the RI State Council of Churches.

MARCH 26TH: Emily Jones, Interfaith Coordinator, Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. Emily is also giving the sermon on this date.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We are gathering each Wednesday (thru April 5th) at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year's meditations come from Robert Fulghum's classic book, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. All are welcome to come as they are able.

Fill an envelope for the 2017 Mission Trip! All are invited to take a numbered 'house' envelope from the board in Fellowship Hall and return it filled with that amount of money that will go to the Mission Trip Fund. The 2017 Mission Trip is in April and the group will go to the h.o.m.e. cooperative in Orland, Maine where they will help build houses for families in need. The 'house' envelopes range from \$1 - \$144 so that people of all means can participate – even children! So far 52 envelopes have been removed from the board, and 30 envelopes returned 'filled' raising a little over \$2,000. Many thanks to all who have donated and we look forward to more envelopes being returned with donations.

'Read Across RI' book discussion continues: Barrington Interfaith Partners is encouraging Barrington's houses of worship to read and discuss the 'Read Across Rhode Island' book *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (learn more at <https://ribook.org/rari/>). Here at BCCUCC discussions are continuing in the church library from 7 – 8:30 pm on MONDAYS, MARCH 13TH & 20TH and all are welcome. Then all participating houses of worship will come together in our Fellowship Hall on THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD from 7 – 8:30 pm to share thoughts and information. There will also be a guest speaker that evening. Contact Helen Schall 245-4724 helenschall@hotmail.com or Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or srotblatwalker@gmail.com for more information.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH 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 jmcc@fullchannel.net

Women's Faith Group – meet the author! When the group meets on THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH in the library, they will be joined by the author Mai Donohue who wrote *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* – the book they've been reading. Her memoir has been described as 'A Captivating story of a young Vietnamese girl who resisted all odds and realized a true American dream'. Learn more about her at www.MaiGoodness.com All women are welcome. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net.

Maple Sugar Camp is being run by RICUCC at Irons Homestead in Glocester, RI for Grades 7-12 from FRI - SAT, MARCH 17TH – 18TH. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning how to make sugar from maple trees. Experienced counselors are waiting for the youth to join them for a fun overnight! Friday night includes supper, night games and outdoor fire. On Saturday, participants will tap trees, collect sap and boil it down to sugar - then make maple candy! More info at www.ironshomestead.org. Register at (401) 710-9478 or ironshomestead@ricucc.org

'We Are All In This Together' is an event to be held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, on SUN, MARCH 19TH, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team of BCCUCC, and American Friends Service Committee - South East New England, the event will feature a **Potluck Lunch, Workshops, and a Sing Along**. The workshops and presenters are:

“Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World,” Rev. Brendan Curran

“Bystander Intervention,” Martha Yager, Director AFSC -SENE

“Talking Across the Divide,” Keith Morton, Professor at Providence College, and Barry Brown, MSW.

The Sing Along will be led by Nancy Hood, Keith Daniel and Barry Brown. This event is free and open to the public. Come for all or part of the afternoon – children welcome. To RSVP (desired but not required) or for more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or call 401-433-3004, or speak with someone on the Mission and Justice Team.

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank: 'In Frank's deeply moving second novel, Matt Greene and Daniel Rosen, a couple in Northampton, Mass., cope with the deaths of Daniel's twin brother and his wife - Israeli citizens who are killed in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem' All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Considering joining our church? Or are you new and just want to learn more about us? Then come to *Conversations about our Church* with Rev. Dale Azevedo on SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 7. Attendees who decide to join the church will have the opportunity to do so during the worship service on Sunday, April 23RD. Please let the church office know (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) **by Wednesday, March 22ND** if you will be attending *Conversations*. Child care can be provided if needed – let us know when you RSVP. The gathering is informal so older children are welcome to sit in.

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. Submit items for inclusion or changes to office@bccucc.org.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the eBridge and other mailings from the church, please send it to Christine at office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

The Rainbow Doors are moving on: If you notice the rainbow doors are gone this weekend please don't be concerned. They are heading to Amicable Congregational Church in Tiverton to continue promoting inclusion and the UCC's extravagant welcome, before they return home to Newman Congregational Church. Thanks to everyone who helped make their visit to BCCUCC possible including Francis Seader, Duncan and Zane Maio, and Chris, Ellen and Emma Brady. Thanks also to our custodian, Paul Dziedzic, for setting up spotlights so they could be seen at night.

Fundraiser for Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat will take place SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND from 2 – 4 pm at Chepachet Union Church, 1138 putnam Pike, Chepachet RI 02814. They will host a Sugar Eat (Maple sugar on snow party), and also have maple candy, dill pickles, doughnuts, devilled eggs and drinks. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. For more info go to www.ironshomestead.org or contact (401) 710-9478 or ironshometead@ricucc.org.

Donate items for Dorcas International: During the month of March, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting items for Dorcas International. Right now there is a need for toiletries (shampoo, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc. - hotel or regular size). Go to their website to learn more and see other needed items: <http://www.diiri.org/HowYouCanHelp/DonateHousewarestoTheRefugeeResourceCenter/tabid/452/Default.aspx>. Or go to www.diiri.org and click on the 'How You Can Help' tab. A collection bin is in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Sanctuary Church: Reports of immigration raids, along with the Trump Administration's stand on immigration and deportation of undocumented immigrants has caused some churches to declare themselves "Sanctuary Churches." Sanctuary churches offer a safe haven for individuals who fear deportation. There are many factors involved in deciding whether a church will declare itself a Sanctuary Church. We would like to form an ad-hoc committee to explore those factors and produce information to present to the congregation. The congregation would be asked to vote on any declaration of a sanctuary church. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net.

'Together, As One' Prayer Calendar: Members of the RI, CT and MA Conferences are being invited to enter into an intentional season of prayer between now and the historic Tri-Conference Annual Meeting being held June 16 - 17. A weekly Prayer Calendar is available online and via email, that includes an introductory quote from the statement, prayer themes, a Scripture verse, and a prayer. The resources have been developed by the Rev. Dale Azevedo of BCCUCC, and the Rev. Cleo Graham, of Beneficent Congregational Church. Learn more, including how to receive the Prayer Calendar emails by going to the Conference website www.ricucc.org and click on the story under 'Conference Postings'.

Did you know.....in the year 1711 when the towns of Swansea and Barrington were being separated, it was recommended that the petitioners for separation (Barrington) follow this decree "the establishment and support of a learned orthodox minister of good conversation, and to endeavor by subscription for his comfortable and honorable maintenance." Now 300 years later we have installed Rev. Dale Azevedo who personifies that decree. Thanks be to God.

The 'Did you know...' historical segments are brought to you by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' group.