

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 13		<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	10:15 am – Noon	Senior Youth Group meet, Room 9
	11:15 am	Membership Team meeting, Room 6
	11:15 am	'American Denial' video, Library
	2 pm	'To Kill a Mockingbird' play at Trinity Rep
Mon, Mar 14		<i>Office open 9 am – Noon only</i>
		<i>Deadline for Chancel Fund donations</i>
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, Mar 15		<i>Deadline for April/May Bridge newsletter</i>
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 16	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 17	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sun, Mar 20		<i>Palm Sunday and New Member Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with reception of new members, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library



## Birthdays for the Week of March 13<sup>th</sup>

Tom Gidley, Adam Gorman, Tony Cioe,  
Wade Ogden, Lisa Graham, Randy Williams,  
Lauren Calabro, Andrew Helm, Joe Weissfeld,  
Brady White, Mike Hoyt, and Winnie Macaulay

Please keep them in your prayers.

## DEACONS FOR MARCH

Chris Brady (star deacon), Susan Rotblat-Walker,  
Pat Rude, Joe Judge, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner.

*In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Sue (781-724-9831) or Brendan (401-318 2447) please call on one of the deacons.*

**American Denial video:** TODAY following worship, the Mission and Justice Ministry team will show the video *American Denial* in the library. All are welcome. This documentary explores the power of unconscious biases around race and class. Using Gunnar Myrdal's 1944 investigation of Jim Crow racism as a springboard, the film shows how unrecognized, unconscious attitudes continue to dominate racial dynamics in American life. To learn more about the film, go to [www.americandential.com](http://www.americandential.com).

**Haiti One Egg Project:** Chick and egg bags will be available at the Haiti collection table in Fellowship Hall for your donations that will buy chickens for a new community chicken farm. Chickens cost \$10. The eggs produced will be hard boiled over charcoal fires by women in the community. An egg a day provides important nutrition for a Haitian child. School shoes (Mary Janes, tie shoes, loafers – no sneakers please) and art supplies are still being collected for delivery to Haiti later this spring. Art supplies needed are drawing pads, colored pencils, acrylic paints, brushes, craft kits, glue sticks, children's scissors, etc. Bins for your much appreciated donations are in Fellowship Hall. Questions: email Lily Sylvester – [lilysylvester29@gmail.com](mailto:lilysylvester29@gmail.com) or Trish Sylvester – [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com).

**Staff vacation:** Office Administrator, Christine Wallis, is on vacation and will be back in the office this WED, MAR 16<sup>TH</sup>. The church office is open from 9 am – Noon only tomorrow, Mon, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, but will be open all day on Tuesday.

**Chancel Fund:** You are invited to make a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. See separate yellow insert. The deadline for donations is TOMORROW, MONDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>.

**New Member Sunday:** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and it's also when we will receive new members into the church. Whether you're new or have been coming for years but never joined, we invite you to become a member. Anyone interested should speak with Rev. Sue Remick. Talk with her after worship today or contact her a.s.a.p. at 246-0111 x 103 or [sue@bccucc.org](mailto:sue@bccucc.org)

**Lenten Lollapalooza:** During Church School time NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, children will begin in worship at 10 a.m. but then leave and head over to Fellowship Hall at their regular Church School time. This year they will hear about the days leading up to Easter before making various Lenten crafts including palm crosses.

**Holy Joe's Café:** Once again this Lenten season the Mission and Justice Ministry Team is 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.

**Holy Week Morning Prayers and Meditation:** All are invited to join Rev. Brendan Curran each morning during Holy Week MONDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> – GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> at 7 a.m. in the library, when he will lead a brief morning centering time of prayer and meditation. The coffee pot will be on for fellowship afterwards – or take your coffee to go if you need to head off on your day!

**Tenebrae Service:** On MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm the deacons and clergy lead this worship service in which the story of Jesus' passion and suffering is read with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion and music. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.

**Walk the Labyrinth on Good Friday:** An indoor canvas labyrinth will be set up from Noon—3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to meditate on GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>. This will be open to the community. Please use the red foyer double doors for entry. Weather permitting, the outdoor labyrinth is also available at any time.

**Easter Services on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:** All are welcome as we celebrate Christ's resurrection!

6:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Communion Service at Osamequin Point\*

\*Osamequin Point is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Rte 114).

9:15 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

After 9:15 service Coffee Hour, Easter Egg Hunt for lower elementary grades

11 a.m. Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

**Easter Egg Hunt** for children through the lower elementary grades takes place on EASTER SUNDAY after the 9:15 a.m. service only. Children are asked to bring a basket for collecting eggs.

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will begin discussion of the book *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for \$8.50. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

**The Bereavement Group** meets MON, MAR 21<sup>ST</sup> at 10 am in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome - participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031 for more info.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group – date change.** The group has changed the date of their next meeting and will now meet on MONDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)

**Knitting for Others Group:** The group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. They continue making prayer shawls, but also welcome suggestions for other projects that help others. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net) All knitters & crocheters welcome.

**RICUCC's Honored Lay Persons Breakfast** will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 am at Newman Congregational Church. Valerie Tutson will be the guest speaker. Our church's honoree this year is Paul Dennis – chair of our Buildings and Grounds team and longtime member and volunteer. All are invited to attend the breakfast. The cost is \$15 and reservations are made by calling the RI Conference Office at 401 724-7700 by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr.** will speak on *The End of the American Empire: Foreign Policy without Diplomacy* on SATURDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC. The event was postponed from January 23<sup>rd</sup> due to bad weather. Ambassador Freeman is currently a Senior Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and is a much sought-after speaker. The event is free and open to the public.

**'Be the Church' Sunday** is APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>. There will be a 'Church Fair' in Fellowship Hall when ministry teams and activity groups will have displays to celebrate their work, and make available more opportunities for all. Expect to learn more about our church and the work we are doing as we celebrate together. Save the date and plan to be there!

**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](http://www.bccucc.org). Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

**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 adjust the volume.) However, we believe God put the wiggle in children – so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! You and your child are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary if you prefer.

**Hearing Assists available.** We have a number of hearing assists available - two with full headphones and the others with single earbuds. If you need extra help hearing the service, please speak with an usher about using one.

**Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour** – it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church 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 April – June 2016 are now available.

**What do you think about RI partnering with the MA and CT Conferences:** The leadership of the RI Conference UCC wants to hear from **you** on this subject. If you weren't able to make a Regional Meeting you are asked to complete an on-line survey. The link is available in the weekly Ennouncements or e-mail the church office and we'll send it to you.

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