

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 15	10:00 am After Church School After Worship 11:45 am – 2:30 pm 6 – 8 pm	Worship Service, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Junior Youth Group members help at coffee hour Junior Youth Group go play Laser Tag, Fall River Confirmation Class, Library
Mon., Mar 16	11am 7 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Church Council, Room 6
Tue., Mar 17	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren
Wed., Mar 18	7:30-9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., Mar 19	7-7:30 am 1:30 – 3 pm	Meditative Morning, Library Women's Faith Group, Library
Sun., Mar 22	10:00 am After Church School After Worship	<i>Pledge Dedication Sunday</i> Worship Service, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 All Church Luncheon



Birthdays for the Week of March 15th

*Wade Ogden, Lisa Graham, Randy Williams,
Lauren Calabro, Andrew Helm, Kathleen Larsen,
Joe Weissfeld, Brady White, Mike Hoyt, Winnie Macaulay,
Maggie Miniati, Julie Ackerman, and Amy Gorman.*

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
Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.*

Clergy Away: Rev. Jeff Larsen is away on vacation and will be back in the office on Monday, March 23rd.

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). The program runs through Lent and is raising money to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti.

“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.”*



Members of the congregation should have received a letter in the mail this week concerning our current Stewardship campaign to raise money to fund the operation and outreach of our church for the six-month period from July through December 2015.

Anyone who didn't receive the letter is asked to contact the church office and we'll be happy to send you one.

We ask that you please read the material carefully as there are some changes, then prayerfully consider how much you can pledge to your church to support its work.



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND is **PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY** and we ask that you return your completed pledge card during the worship service that day, or to the church office a.s.a.p. Your response is needed in order for the Finance Team to put together a budget for our next fiscal period which will be July – December 2015.

In celebration of Pledge Dedication Sunday NEXT SUNDAY, our Stewardship Team is hosting an **ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON** in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. **ALL ARE INVITED.** Please remember to bring your completed pledge card with you to church to hand in.



Bridge Deadline is TODAY: Please submit all information for the April newsletter to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Junior Youth Group are helping host coffee hour TODAY. Afterwards those who signed up will be going to Laser Gate in Fall River for a pizza lunch and to play laser tag from 11:45 am – 2:30 pm. Don't forget to bring \$20 and your signed permission slip. Those going should meet in the church kitchen in time to leave at 11:45 am.

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!

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour – it helps us get to know each other and is also welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office. New nametags are put on the racks - please check the racks carefully before requesting a new one as duplicates are often found!

Help Beautify the Sanctuary this Easter: Donations are requested in any amount for the **Chancel Fund** and can be made in memory, celebration or thanksgiving for someone or a special occasion. *See the insert in today's bulletin.*

Meditative Mornings in Lent: Brendan is continuing to lead this half hour of contemplation each THURSDAY MORNING in Lent through MAR 26TH from 7 - 7:30 am in the Library. It consists of a brief reading/reflection, ten minutes of silent meditation and then ten minutes of Taizé singing, which is a form of meditative song. All are welcome.

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.

Youth Service Project: This year's Service Project is open to all youth in Grades 7-12 and will be from FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – SATURDAY APRIL 11 (beginning after school on Friday). We will be partnering with *Save the Bay* to clean up our shorelines. Those interested in participating should contact Brendan at 246-0111 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org a.s.a.p.

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 Book Group meets this 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.

The Women's Faith Group will meet this THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH 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

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH 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

The Bereavement Group next meets MONDAY, MARCH 30TH 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.

Honored Lay Persons Breakfast: Pat Stoddard is this year's honoree from our church and all the RICUCC church honorees will be celebrated at a special breakfast on SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH at 9 am at United Congregational Church of Westerly. All are invited and we hope that a number from this congregation will attend to show their appreciation for Pat and all that she does here. Register with the Conference Office. Cost is \$15 per person. Checks should be made out to 'RICUCC' with 'HLPB' in the memo line. Interested in carpooling? Contact Cheryl Muth 433-2878 jccbmuth@aol.com

News of a former BCCUCC Minister: William T. Scott, Jr, former pastor of our church (1963-1972), has entered hospice care. He was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in May 2014 and underwent radiation over the summer which shrunk the tumor. However, the damage to his digestive system has caused a precipitous decline in his health. He (and his wife, Mary) are currently in Cobblestone Health Center, 500 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087 and would welcome your prayers. Those who wish to follow the story more closely may sign up for a CaringBridge account, navigate to his page (<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/williamscott3/journal>), and request access.