

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 16	10 am After worship 11:20 am	Worship Service, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 'Learn more about the Apostle Paul', Library
Mon., Mar 17	11 am 7 pm 7:15 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Book Group, Coffee Depot Church Council, Room 6
Tues., Mar 18	7 pm	Interfaith event about the Story of Easter, St James Lutheran Church
Wed., Mar 19	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8 Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., Mar 20	1:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Fri., Mar 21	9:30 am 11 am 6 pm	Collate <i>Bridge</i> newsletter, Room 6 Memorial Service for Barbara Heyman followed by Reception JPF Rock-a-thon and Sleepover, Library
Sat., Mar 22	7:30 am 10 am	JPF Sleepover ends RICUCC Sacred Dance Workshop, Seekonk Congregational Church
Sun., Mar 23		<i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i>
	10 am 11:15 am 3 pm	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School Meeting for JPF with parents for those going on NYC trip, Library Ecclesiastical Council for Ellen Brady



Birthdays for the Week of March 16th

*Lisa Graham, Randy Williams, Lauren Calabro,
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

Francis Seader (Star Deacon), Steve Peck,
Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, and Stephanie Edwards
*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Jeff 247-1727 (home), please contact a deacon.*

Learn more about the Apostle Paul: TODAY at 11:20 am in the library. All are welcome. A group from this church will be "Walking in the Footsteps of Paul in Turkey" in the fall. They have been meeting monthly studying places they will be visiting. Part of that study involves the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. There may be others not going on the trip who may be interested in discussing Paul so Jeff is offering today's open discussion on this interesting missionary.

'Fill the Ark' for Heifer: During the Lenten season our congregation is raising money to support Heifer International and the less fortunate families they serve, and our goal is \$5000. We will join the growing movement "Give Up to Give Back" which strives to end hunger during the season of Lent by participating in the "Fill the Ark" program - an interactive and meaningful way to put the sacrificial message of the Lenten season into action. Small ark banks and accompanying calendars are available during coffee hour again TODAY for those families who didn't pick one up last week. Each family is welcome to take a calendar and ONE ark. By following the daily activities on the calendar the arks will quickly fill with money that will be donated to Heifer. Filled arks should be returned on April 6th. Visit heifer.org for more info. Others wishing to make a donation should make checks payable to BCCUCC with 'Heifer' on the memo line. The grand total will be announced on Palm Sunday. Questions? Contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107)

Book Group next meets tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 17TH at 7 p.m. at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. All are welcome! They will discuss the book *A Lady Cyclist's Guide to Kashgar* by Suzanne Joinson. "Present and past meld into an exploration of conflicting traditions in an impressive debut that shifts smoothly between 1920s Turkestan and present-day England." For more info on the group contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com

Blood Drive: Tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 17TH from 3 – 6 pm at Barrington United Methodist Church, 230 Washington Road, Barrington RI. No appointment necessary. Don't forget to take ID with you when you go.

Two interfaith events that explore Easter and Passover have been organized by the Barrington Clergy Association.

Easter and Passover: A Deeper Understanding of Two Major Holidays within Christianity and Judaism

This TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH all are invited to **explore the story of Easter** from the Congregationalist, Episcopal, Luther and Presbyterian traditions. Experience the meaning of Easter through the lens of worship, service, story and interpretation to bring everyone to a deeper level of understanding. 7 – 8:30 pm at St James Lutheran Church, 49 Middle Highway.

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH all are invited to **attend a Passover Seder** which will serve as a model of the way that Jews celebrate the holiday in their homes. Experience the telling of the story of the Israelites Exodus from slavery in Egypt with stories, singing, food and participation by all. 7 pm (arrive by 6:45 pm) at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd.

All are invited to these interfaith events. *Reservations are required for the Seder* and seating is limited.

RSVP to Jodi Sullivan at (401) 245-6536 or office@templehabonim.org

Special Congregational Meeting –change of date: The Church Council calls for a special meeting of the congregation to take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship on SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2014 (note the change in date) for the consideration of the By Law changes as recommended by Church Council. Child care will be provided.

Donations of men's hoodies and tube socks needed: BCCUCC has been asked to take out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH to give out food and warm clothing to those in need. They already have enough volunteers to help with the prep and going out with the truck, and will also get the food they need. Instead they are requesting that the congregation donate hoodies in men's sizes L and XL, and also white tube socks. Also any personal care items (travel & small sizes). A collection box is in Fellowship Hall. For more information or questions, contact Phyllis Buckley 401-245-1098 pbuckley6@cox.net or Liz White 401-245-0825 lizzyw2@aol.com

Collection of hats, scarves etc: For those who can't attend but want to be a part of the New England Women's Celebration IX (Mar 28-30) there is a collection box in Fellowship Hall for the donation of items for the mission focus of the Celebration. Attendees have been invited to take hats, scarves, mittens, gloves & new white socks which will be given to Grace Street Ministries for their work with the homeless in Portland, ME. Please help them by donating these items.

Holy Joe's Café Collection: Once again during Lent we are collecting monetary donations for the Holy Joe's Café run by UCC military chaplains in Forward Operating Bases, hangar bays, hospitals, aid stations and makeshift chapels. Collection baskets will be on the coffee hour table. Money raised is used to purchase Equal Exchange Coffee that is sent to the Holy Joe's Café project and sent overseas to where it is needed.

Are you going to Boston? Members of the knitting group as well as others in the congregation are busy knitting blue and yellow 'Boston Strong' scarves for the Old South Street Church 'Marathon Scarf Project'. The goal is to present every runner with a scarf at their annual Blessing of the Athletes that takes place the day before the Boston Marathon. There are 35,000 runners so many scarves are needed! We already have quite a number of finished scarves and hope to have more soon. All of the scarves need to be delivered to Old South Church in Boston by April 6th. Is there anyone in the congregation who perhaps is going to Boston and would be willing to take them there? If so, please contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. Thanks.

CROP Walk: This year's Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk takes place on SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH at 2 pm (registration at 1:30 pm) and will begin and end at St John's Episcopal Church. To register to walk, donate or just find out more visit www.cropwalk.org. Click on the 'Find a CROP Hunger Walk' interactive map to get to the Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk page. This year everyone is walking together as a community rather than having teams from each church.

Eat out and raise money to fight hunger! In addition to walkers raising money through sponsorship (see above), there are a couple of other great ways to raise additional funds! *Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant* (1125 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA) will donate 15% of the total check amount to the Barrington/East Bay CROP Hunger Walk on Mondays in March and Tuesdays in April. In addition, *1149 Restaurant* (1149 Division St, East Greenwich, RI) will donate 20% of the total guest check amount to our CROP Hunger Walk from now until April 5th. To participate in these great opportunities to raise more money to help fight hunger, just inform your server that you would like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk Giveback! Certificates for *Not Your Average Cause* are also available for use at NYAJ on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. By eating at these two restaurants, others can eat!

The Dine Out Group will cross the bay to eat at Eleven Forty Nine restaurant in East Greenwich, on FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH at 6:30 PM. Join us as we eat out and raise money to fight hunger - 1149 will donate 20% of the guest check amount to our Barrington/East Bay CROP Hunger Walk! The restaurant is located at 1149 Division St. Learn more about their food and get directions at <http://restaurant.elevenfortynine.com> Sign up by contacting Helen Schall by *Sunday, March 30th* at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4723

Women's Faith Group: The group will meet THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the church library. All women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions are welcome. They will continue watching and discussing a couple of dvd's and decide on a new book. For info contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com.

Landscape Planning Meeting: On MONDAY, MARCH 24TH at 7 p.m. in the church library there will be a meeting for anyone interested in long term landscape planning of our church property. A number of changes have taken place in the past year including the removal of two large trees that were diseased or damaged. This has prompted an interest in how we can improve the grounds in the long-term. All interested are invited to attend this meeting hosted by B&G.

'5 Wishes' discussion: The next discussion has been scheduled for SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH at 11:20 am in the library. The '5 Wishes' program challenges us to think about end of life issues and provides a way of discussing them with loved ones. All are welcome. Copies of the '5 Wishes' booklet are available from the church office for a \$1 donation.

RICUCC Sacred Dance Workshop: SATURDAY, MARCH 22 from 10-11:45 am at Seekonk Congregational Church, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk. This FREE workshop will teach leaders and children to plan a sacred processional or sacred dance for a worship setting. No previous dance experience necessary. Contact Kristen Putney at 774-991-1555 or mitchmoon12@hotmail.com. Children must be accompanied by a parent or leader.

Meeting about a Children's Sacred Dance Troop at BCCUCC: Faith, connection with God and prayer can be expressed in many different ways and Sacred Movement/Dance is one way for children to express their connection. About a month ago, a few girls performed a Sacred Movement piece during the church service. They had a lot of fun doing this and it did not require a lot of practice. We are hoping to do this a couple of times a year & plan on keeping the routines short & "simple". More parents & children are needed to make this happen. Dance experience is not required. We are asking for 20 minutes of your time on SUNDAY, MARCH 30th right after church in the sanctuary, for those who are interested in sharing some ideas & creativity on how to move forward with this. If you cannot make it & want to take part, we would love to hear your ideas & input. Please call Jennifer Silva 401-219-0734 or Meghan Kiley 401-954-6421.

Check out our new on-line Church Calendar: Accessible from our new church website www.bccucc.org either from the bottom of any page or from the drop down menu under 'What's happening'. The on-line calendar will be the place to go to see what's happening and when. You can also print out a copy of either the monthly, weekly or daily view. The information is currently up to date through the end of April - but the rest will be added soon. If at any time you see that corrections, changes or additions are needed, please contact Christine at office@bccucc.org so they can be made.