

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
Mon, Mar 19	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tue, Mar 20	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	11:30 am	Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren
	6 - 8 pm	Feasting at Fireside Parsonage
Wed, Mar 21	12:30 - 1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6 - 7 pm	"God in America" (Episode 5) viewing, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Discussion of Episodes 4 & 5 of "God in America", Library
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 22	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
Fri, Mar 23	2 pm	Usher meeting, Library
	4 pm	Confirmands leave for retreat at Craigville.
Sat, Mar 24	Evening	Confirmands return from their retreat
	1 – 3 pm	Primrose Hill Bowl-a-Thon
Sun, Mar 25		<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time
	11:15 am	Membership Team meeting, Library
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6



Birthdays for the Week of March 18th: *Andrew Helm, Joe Weissfeld, Mike Hoyt, Maggie Miniati, Julie Ackerman, Amy Gorman, Rose Marie Bolton, Ainsley Brougham, Lois McCartney, and Chris Silva.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at 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: Thank you to everyone who made a donation last Sunday. If you didn't get a chance it's not too late to do so. Checks should be made out to 'BCCUCC' with "OGHS" in the memo line. Donations can be sent to the church office or put in the offering plate. The ushers have extra OGHS envelopes for cash donations. More information is at www.ucc.org/oghs where you can also make donations online.

Chancel Fund donations: Please see the insert in today's bulletin about the Chancel Fund. Deadline for donations is Monday, March 26th. Thank you.

Like to learn more about BCCUCC's finances? Do you have any questions? TODAY 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.

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.

One Egg for Haiti: We are once again collecting money to provide an egg a day for needy children in Haiti. The RICUCC Haiti Task Force now provides eggs to 2,000 children in a number of different schools! There will be a table in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour where you can make a donation, or take home a plastic egg and bring it back next week with money inside. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC' and write 'One Egg Haiti' in the memo line. The program will just run for this week and next so please donate while you can. Thank you.

'Sugar Eat' Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead: TODAY 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'.

Altar Flowers needed for April 15th. If you would like to pay for either one or both of the arrangements of altar flowers that day, please contact Audrey Rogers at 246-1727 or adrogers8@cox.net. Flowers may be given in memory of or celebration for someone or something, and a dedication of your choice will be included in the bulletin.

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.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting from Brendan 'Leaves for the Healing of the Nations' is on the church website www.bccucc.org. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America. Dale is guiding us through the 6 part PBS special "God in America". A snowstorm cancelled a session so to catch up participants are asked to watch Episode 4 at home. Episode 5 will be viewed this WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST from 6 – 7 pm. A discussion of both Episodes 4 and 5 will follow from 7 – 8 pm. The episodes are all available on YouTube or can be found at www.pbs.org/godinamerica/view/ All are welcome to attend as 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.

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!

RICUCC Passion of Christ Retreat: 6 pm MARCH 29TH – 9 am MARCH 31ST at Irons Homestead. A retreat involving shared meals, time outdoors, an interactive Way of the Cross and a number of spiritual practices, including but not limited to art, music, meditation, movement, silence and sharing, will be offered. All participation is voluntary. Details and registration at www.ricucc.org - click on the link under Events. Or call (401) 710-9478. Deadline is 3/26/18.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER at BCCUCC

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH Palm/Passion Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service with Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time. All are welcome to join us for this special worship service that will include both the distribution of eco-palms and straight palms, and a special liturgy 'Jesus Encounters Six Women'. During church school time the children will have a Lenten Lollapalooza when they will do a variety of crafts and activities in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us.

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH Mindful Monday 7 pm in the Meditation Room (see earlier for details)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH Mid-week Recharge 12:30 – 1 pm in the Meditation Room (see earlier)
God in America 6-7 pm video, and 7 – 8 pm discussion in the Library (see earlier)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH Service of Tenebrae and Communion 7 pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to join the Deacons and Clergy as they celebrate communion then read the story of the Passion with the extinguishing of candles in the traditional Service of Tenebrae. This is a particularly meaningful way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH Good Friday Walk at 12 pm from the church. You are invited to join the ministers on a prayerful walk through town during which we will pause at certain points to reflect on each of the 7 final statements uttered by Christ from the cross. On the walk we will take time to honor Christ's passion together and meditate on the presence of the cross as well as the living Christ in our own community and in our lives. We hope you can join us for this sacred time.

EASTER SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST 'Healing Hands, Healing Heart' Retreat 9am – 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.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at Osamequin Point 6:15 am. All are welcome to attend this outdoor service held jointly with St James Lutheran Church.

Worship Services for All Ages 9:15 am and 11 am in the Sanctuary. (Nursery Care only). All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt for Elementary aged children: 10:15 am (between the two services). Bring a basket!

'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>

Community Dinner: On SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29TH, from 5-7 pm there will be a community dinner in Fellowship Hall to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.

Save the date of SUN, MAY 20TH when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC for another concert at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.

Dale's day off: Starting April 1st, Rev. Dale Azevedo will be taking Fridays as his day off. This is being done for a number of reasons, the most important of which is that it allows him to be more available to the congregation throughout the week. He will once again be in the office and open for evening meetings on Mondays. Since this also means that Dale and Brendan will share the same day off, one of them will always be "on call" each Friday for pastoral concerns. The "on call" pastor will be listed on the church calendar everywhere it is available. We hope this is a positive change.

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).

3x your impact! Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase - through March 31st! If you've never done it before, go to smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531 and Amazon will donate 1.5% of the purchase price for eligible items to Barrington Congregational Church. All other purchases result in a 0.5% donation. It all adds up!

Our complete Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>