

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
Mon, Mar 20	7 – 8:30 pm	'Just Mercy' book discussion, Library
Tues, Mar 21	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Book Group, Library
Wed, Mar 22	7 pm	Lenten Service, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 23	3 pm	Membership Team meeting, Room 6
	7 – 8:30 pm	'Just Mercy' Book Discussion with people from other houses of worship, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Mar 26		'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Senior Youth Group, Room 9
	11:20 am - 12:30 pm	Speaker Series, Library - Emily Jones, RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
	11:30 am - 1 pm	Conversations about our Church, Room 7



Birthdays for the Week of March 19th

Mike Hoyt, Winnie Macaulay, Maggie Miniati, Julie Ackerman, Amy Gorman, Rose Marie Bolton, Erin Gamache, Ainsley Brougham, Lois McCartney, Chris Silva, Amanda Brougham, and Alexa Bullard.

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. If you missed any, you can listen to them on the 'Sermon Archive' page of our church website www.bccucc.org under the 'Worship' tab.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals are now in Room 6. They are practicing after church each Sunday in March in preparation for singing in worship on a date tbd. All children Grade 1 & up are welcome to come sing. Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 for more info.

'We Are All In This Together' SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH at BCCUCC from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. You can come for all or part of the afternoon and children are welcome. The event is free and open to the public.

Join us for an afternoon of potluck lunch and timely interactive workshops followed by an uplifting sing along. Choose from workshops on how to de-stress and take care of yourself, how to intervene effectively against bigotry and hate, or learn how to talk with family and friends with differing political views. We hope you will come for all or part of the afternoon and that you will leave with new friends, new skills and ready to "Keep on keeping on".

Potluck & Welcome (Starting at 12:30)

Workshops (Starting at 1:15)

"Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World" Rev. Brendan Curran

"Bystander Intervention" Martha Yager Director AFSC -SENE

"Talking Across the Divide" Keith Morton, Professor at PC, and Barry Brown, MSW

Sing along: (Starting at 3:00) led by Barry Brown, Keith Daniel & Nancy Hood

To RSVP (desired but not required) or for more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or call 401-433-3004. Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team of BCCUCC, and American Friends Service Committee - South East New England.

Donate items for Dorcas International: During the month of March, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team is 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.

Altar Flower Donors needed in April: There are several Sundays in April when donors are needed to pay for the Altar Flowers. Each arrangement costs \$30 and donors can choose to pay for one or both. They can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person or event and a dedication will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Interested donors should contact Cheryl Muth at jccbmuth@aol.com or 433-2878.

Please wear a nametag: It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.

Mission Trip 'envelope' fundraiser – update from Brendan: Many thanks to all who have supported our mission trip by taking an envelope off our “board of many dwelling places” in Fellowship Hall. We are off to a great start with our fundraising, but are still \$1500 short of our goal. If you haven't yet taken an envelope you are encouraged to do so, and also to return envelopes that have been taken. The fundraiser will continue all the way up to Easter Sunday. Your support will help cover the cost of the trip for the kids going to Orland Maine to help build homes for low-income families. Many thanks to all who are supporting the mission trip.

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.

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.

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” that 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.

'Read Across RI' book discussions – twice this week! Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) 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 the discussion continues in the church library from 7 – 8:30 pm on MONDAY, MARCH 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 rotblatwalker@gmail.com for more information.

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.

'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering will be next SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH. OGHS is one of the four national UCC offerings that we take each year at BCCUCC. Informational leaflets and special collection envelopes will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs

After Worship Speaker Series continues next Sunday: The last in the Speaker Series organized by our Mission and Justice Team will take place next SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH from about 11:20 am – 12:30 pm in the church library. The speaker will be Emily Jones, Interfaith Coordinator of Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. All are welcome. Emily will also be giving the sermon that day.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH 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 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

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.

The Bereavement Group will meet on MONDAY, APRIL 3RD from 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church.

'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'.

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!