

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 20	10 am 6 – 8 pm	<i>Palm Sunday and Membership Sunday</i> Worship Service, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time Mission Trip meeting, Library
Mon, Mar 21	7 am 10 am 11 am 7 pm	Morning Prayer and Meditation, Library Bereavement Group, Library Staff meeting, Library Church Council, Room 6
Tues, Mar 22	7 am 1 – 2:30 pm 7 pm	Morning Prayer and Meditation, Library Memory Impairment Support Group, Library Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 23	7 am	Morning Prayer and Meditation, Library
Maundy Thurs, Mar 24	7 am 7 pm After Service	Morning Prayer and Meditation, Library Tenebrae Service with Communion, Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Good Friday, Mar 25	7 am Noon – 3 pm	OFFICE CLOSED Morning Prayer and Meditation, Library Walk the Labyrinth, Fellowship Hall
Easter Sunday, Mar 27	6:30 am 9:15 am After 9:15 am service 11 am	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



### Birthdays for the Week of March 20<sup>th</sup>

*Maggie Miniati, Julie Ackerman, Amy Gorman,  
Rose Marie Bolton, Erin Gamache,  
Lois McCartney, Chris Silva, Alexa Bullard,  
and Carolyn McGarry.*

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.*

**Lenten Lollapalooza is TODAY:** Youth in Grades 7 – 8 should have arrived at 9:45 am and gone straight to Fellowship Hall. Children in PreK-Grade 6 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 see a presentation by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the days leading up to Easter. The Lenten Lollapalooza will follow when they will make various Lenten crafts including palm crosses.

TODAY is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

We invite all to participate in the various worship opportunities happening during this time.

**Holy Week Morning Prayers and Meditation:** All are invited to join Rev. Brendan Curran each morning during Holy Week at 7 a.m. in the library, beginning tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>. 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 with the choir. 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.

**Haiti One Egg Project:** Chick and egg bags are 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 also 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).

**Building Security update:** Some security cameras have been installed in the Education Building. We continue to lock the outside doors of that building (with the exception of the office door opposite the sanctuary) from 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings until church is dismissed. If you carry a key and unlock a door, please lock it behind you. Thank you for your understanding.

**Extended Bridge deadline:** Late entries for the April/May Bridge newsletter can be accepted through tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>. Please e-mail them to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Thank you. The April/May Bridge will be published on April 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**Hearing Assists available.** We have purchased a couple of additional hearing assists for use in the sanctuary. If you need extra help hearing the service, please speak with an usher about using one. We want you to hear the service!

**A new update from the Search Committee:** The Search Committee has continued to meet weekly reviewing the Minister Profiles that we've received from those who are interested in being our next Senior Minister. These profiles represent ministers from across the country with varied levels of spirituality, experience, education and other unique gifts. Having ten Search Committee members reviewing profiles closely is an interesting and very positive experience. I think it's brought each of us closer to each other and to the church as well. We have a lot of work ahead of us so please keep us in your prayers. As always, we're more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to email us at [bccuccsearch@gmail.com](mailto:bccuccsearch@gmail.com). Larry Ashley, Chair

**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)

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They are reading 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).

**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)

**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 in Rumford. 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 an 'Opportunity 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!

**Knitting for Others 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.

**Openness in Inner Inquiry – a workshop:** On SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> from Noon – 1:30 pm in the library, church member Greg Knight will lead a workshop on the Diamond Approach to meditation. Details to follow – save the date!

**Breaktime Bowling for Millennials:** Are you a 20 or 30 something in the BCCUCC community? Are you looking to get to know other young people in the area or talk with people of faith? Then save the date of SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. and plan to join Rev. Brendan Curran and lay member Gabrielle Sclafani for an evening of fun and fellowship at Breaktime Bowl & Bar, an authentic vintage bowling alley in Pawtucket. The group will discuss ideas for how the church can better serve young people in the community. Please RSVP to Gabi at [gabrielle\\_sclafani@alumni.brown.edu](mailto:gabrielle_sclafani@alumni.brown.edu)

**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.

**'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.