

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Coffee Hour and All Church Luncheon
Mon., Mar 23	11 am	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office
Tue., Mar 24	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed., Mar 25	7:30-9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., Mar 26	7-7:30 am	Meditative Morning, Library
Fri., Mar 27	9:30 am	Collate April Bridge, Room 6
Sat., Mar 28	10 am 2 – 5 pm	Memorial Service for Marie McGlory, Reception following in Fellowship Hall Outside use of Fellowship Hall
Sun., Mar 29	10:00 am	<i>Palm Sunday and New Member Sunday</i> Worship Service with Communion, Reception of New Member, Music from Alfresco Flutes; Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School & Coffee Hour



### Birthdays for the Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Rose Marie Bolton, Erin Gamache, Lois McCartney,  
Chris Silva, Alexa Bullard, Carolyn McGarry,  
Stiles Bennett, Shelby Bowman, and Kayleigh Putnam.*

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 tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>.

**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!

**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.

**Collections:** Our Mission and Justice Team continues to collect monetary donations for the **Holy Joe's Café Ministry** – donation basket and info on the coffee hour table. Also **new or gently used books** for the UCC's 'Reading Changes Lives' initiative – donated books can be left on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Both collections end at Easter.

**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 always welcome new singers. For more information talk with Marina Zabinski our organist, or choir member Kate Colby.

***“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.”*



### “Be the Church” ~ All Church Luncheon TODAY after Worship

The Stewardship Team invites everyone to a lunch of soup, salad and bread following worship today to celebrate our special church family.

If you did not bring your pledge card to church today, please mail it in the return envelope that was included in the mailing. Your prompt reply (**by Sun., March 29, 2015 please**) is important to allow time for the Finance Team to put together a budget for the upcoming 6 month financial period. This will transition the church back to a calendar year fiscal year.



**April Bridge Deadline is past....**however, if you have something for inclusion, please get it to Christine by tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> and she'll do her best to include it. Send it to her at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

**Meditative Mornings in Lent:** Brendan will lead the last of these sessions this THURSDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 7:30 am. This half hour of contemplation 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.

**Chancel Fund:** Help beautify the sanctuary this Easter by making a donation to the Chancel Fund. Included in today's bulletin is a donation form with all the details and a donation envelope. A member of the Chancel Fund will be at the piano in coffee hour to take your donation and completed form, or put them in the offering plate. Thank you.

**Palm Sunday** is next SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> and the service will include communion. Normally, communion happens on the first Sunday of the month, but because the first Sunday in April is Easter, communion has been moved up a week. Those wishing to receive communion on Easter are invited to attend the Sunrise service. Next week's service will also include distribution of palms, reception of new members, and music from guest musicians Alfresco Flutes (see below).

**Alfresco Flutes:** NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> a flute duo called 'Alfresco Flutes' will play in our worship service. The duo members are Gianna Sullivan, a Juilliard trained musician, and Shirley Hardison. Shirley is also member of the RI Conference Haiti Task Force and was a guest speaker in worship on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Helen Schall 'won' the opportunity to have them play for her at an auction and she generously donated her prize to the church. We look forward to hearing them.

**Lenten Lollapalooza for all ages** is NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>. This year the children will leave worship after the children's message and go straight to Fellowship Hall for the Lollapalooza which will run into coffee hour. Adults and youth are invited to join them after worship to make palm crosses and other Lenten crafts.

**Holy Week Early Morning Reflections:** Rev. Jeff Larsen will lead these each morning during Holy Week, MON - FRI, MARCH 30 – APRIL 3 from 7 - 7:15 a.m., in the church library. He will give a word for the day, provide coffee and will finish in time for you to head off to work or school. All are welcome to come for this 'quiet time' at the start of their day.

**Holy Week and Easter Services:** MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 7 pm – Tenebrae Service with Communion in the Sanctuary. No Good Friday service. EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> – 6:20 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion at Osamequin Point. - 9:15 and 11 am Worship Services for All Ages in the Sanctuary. After the 9:15 service - Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt for children aged through lower elementary grades.

**Altar Flowers:** The Chancel team has two openings for altar flowers on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in paying for either one or both vases that day (\$30 each) should contact Cheryl Muth 433-2878 or [jccbmuth@aol.com](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com)

**Lost:** The 5th & 6th Grade Attendance Book has gone missing from Room 6. It's a blue 3-ring binder. Anyone knowing its whereabouts is asked to contact Andrea Bullard at 246-0111 x 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)

**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](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org) a.s.a.p.

**Save the date:** As part of the Youth Service Project, Brendan has arranged for Hawk Henries, a Nipmuc Native American storyteller and flute player, to come and give a presentation at the church on FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> from 6:30 - 8 pm in Fellowship Hall. The presentation is open to everyone.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** next meets TUESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</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)

**The Bereavement Group** next meets MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Dine Out Group** invites you to join them for some good Italian food on FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm at Perella's Ristorante, 311 Metacom Ave, Warren. Reservations are required by *Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>* to Sue Black at 245-2772 or [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com). All are welcome – singles and couples.

**Plant Based Community Potluck & Cooking Demo** organized by church member Judy Harff is on SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The event starts with a demo by Deb, a personal chef, of how to make a 'creamy' vegetable soup without cream, and spring vegetable rolls. A potluck will follow and those attending are asked to bring a completely plant based dish (low oil and sodium) to share with 8 people. This is a community based event so all are welcome – spread the word! RSVP to [judy@2startfresh.com](mailto:judy@2startfresh.com) A donation is appreciated to cover hall rental and meetup membership.

**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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com)

**The Book Group** next meets TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724 for more information.

**RICUCC Summer Camps:** Four camps will be run at Irons Homestead this summer, each with 3 age groups – elementary, middle school, and high school. See the flier on the bulletin board for more info or visit their website which has a lot more details including the application forms <http://www.ricucc.org/ministries/outdoor-ministry/> Volunteers and some paid staff are needed to run these camps. Visit the link above for all the details.

**Rev. Bill Scott** - former minister (1963-1972) died on Thursday. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> in Atlanta, Georgia. Earlier in the week we had we received the following from his daughter, Libby: "We're listening to a tape of the White Church's favorite hymns this morning. My father is resting comfortably. Hospice has arrived at a good sequence of pain and anxiety medications to keep him comfortable. He is not talking, but we're convinced he hears the music." His obituary may be read at <http://www.stewartfh.com/obituaries/William-Scott-18/>