

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 23	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i></p> 10 am Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School 11:15 am Meeting for JPF with parents for those going on NYC trip, Library 3 pm Ecclesiastical Council for Ellen Brady
Mon., Mar 24	11 am Staff Meeting, Jeff's office 7 pm Landscape Planning meeting, Library 7:15 pm Church Council, Room 6
Wed., Mar 26	2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library 4 pm Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck prep, Kitchen 5:30 pm MLF truck run to Providence shelters 6:45 pm Interfaith Model Jewish Seder, Temple Habonim 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry 7:30 pm Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8
Sun., Mar 30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pledge Dedication Sunday</i></p> 10 am Worship Service, Church School 11:05 am Sacred Dance Informational meeting, Sanctuary At coffee hour French Toast Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall 11:20 am '5 Wishes' discussion, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 23rd

*Rose Marie Bolton, Erin Gamache, Lois McCartney,
Chris Silva, Alexa Bullard, Stew Morrison,
Carolyn McGarry, Stiles Bennet, Shelby Bowman,
Kayleigh Putnam, Van Edwards, and Abigail Putnam.*

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.*

'Fill the Ark' for Heifer: Thanks to everyone who has already made a donation and to families who are busy filling their ark. 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. Small ark banks and accompanying calendars are still available at coffee hour for any family who doesn't yet have them. 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)

Interfaith Jewish Passover Seder organized by the Barrington Clergy Association. This 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. *Reservations are required* and there are currently still some seats available. RSVP to Jodi Sullivan at (401) 245-6536 or office@templehabonim.org

Seder meal donations needed: BCCUCC has been asked to provide the following for the Seder meal: 5 gallons of water, 24 hardboiled and peeled eggs (boil in salted water for easier peeling), 1 large fruit platter, 50 small lettuce leaves (these need to be washed and will be the garnish under the gefilte fish which will be the size of a dollar coin). If anyone would like to provide any of these items, please contact Jeff Larsen a.s.a.p. or by Tuesday morning at the latest.

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 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 is taking out the Mobile Loaves and Fishes truck this WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH to give out food and warm clothing to those in need. 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, gloves and new white socks: TODAY is the deadline for these donations that will be taken to the New England Women's Celebration IX next weekend – the collection box is in the back of Fellowship Hall

The church photo directory has arrived!! All members and friends who were photographed by LifeTouch or submitted a family photo receive a free directory. There are some extra directories available for purchase for \$5.00. Directories are available for pick up or purchase TODAY and also next SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH during coffee hour after the service. They are also available during the week from the church office. Later this spring there will also be a secure on-line copy of the directory available from a link on our new church website. Details on this to follow.

'Living in Covenant' is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Church members & friends were mailed a letter this week asking that they make a pledge for our next fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015). Included was a pledge card which indicated the amount they had previously pledged. Please take time to read the letter and prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2014-15 to financially support the work and mission of our church. We are totally self-supporting and rely on your pledges to carry out our mission. Completed pledge cards should be returned next SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH which is **Pledge Dedication Sunday**, or returned to the office before then. If you didn't receive a letter in the mail please let the church office know so we can add you to our mailing list. Additional pledge packets are available for pick up from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. Thank you.

'Boston Strong' Scarves deadline: Duncan Maio has kindly agreed to transport all of the blue and yellow 'Boston Strong' scarves that people are knitting, to Old South Church in Boston. All completed scarves should be in to the church office (or given to Mary Lou Slicker) by this THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH. If you can't get yours finished by then, don't panic! Duncan can make a second delivery later if needed but all scarves must be in Boston by April 6th. Old South Church's 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! Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. Thanks.

The April Bridge newsletter will be published on FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH – a little later than originally planned – so if you still have material for inclusion, please submit it to Christine at office@bccucc.org by tomorrow. Thanks.

Check out our new on-line Church Calendar to see all that's happening. 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'.

Landscape Planning Meeting: Tomorrow, 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.

French Toast Fundraiser: As a Mission Trip fundraiser, our Sr High Youth will be offering French Toast and Fruit Salad at coffee hour next SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH. Cost: Adults \$8, Children (under 12) \$5, Family max \$20. Coffee, tea and juice will be served by CEYM as part of the regular coffee hour. The youth will be taking orders TODAY, but anyone is welcome to purchase a meal next Sunday.

'5 Wishes' discussion: The next discussion has been scheduled for next 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 welcome. Copies of the '5 Wishes' booklet are available from the church office for a \$1 donation.

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 next 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.

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 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

The Bereavement Group now meets every other week and will meet tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 24TH from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet this WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church library. Both caregivers and patients with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia are welcome. The group is open to all - not just members of this church. It is a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net.

Visiting Bell Choir: Mark your calendar for SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH when the Wheeler School Concert Handbell Ringers will be coming to BCCUCC to play at our worship service. They are very talented and you won't want to miss it!

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.

Men's Group? Are there any men interested in gathering occasionally before church to share men-related issues of faith or otherwise? Bring your coffee and come to the church library 8:30-9:30 am, SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH and meet with Jeff. Open to all, no set agenda, casual. Bring ideas.