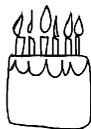


# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 25		<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>
	10 am	Worship Service, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time
	11:15 am	Membership Team meeting, Library NO Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal
	11:30 am	Community Connection Team meeting, Room 9
Mon, Mar 26		<i>Deadline for Chancel Fund donations</i>
	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room
Tue, Mar 27	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 - 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Mar 28	11 am	Memorial Service for Joshua Dana, Sanctuary
	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	12:30 - 1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6 - 7 pm	"God in America" viewing, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Discussion of "God in America", Library
Thurs, Mar 29		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae, Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	Choir rehearsal following the service, Vestry
Fri, Mar 30		<b>Good Friday – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	Noon	Good Friday walk, start at church
Sat, Mar 31	9 am – 12:30 pm	'Healing Hands, Healing Hearts' Retreat, Meditation Room
Sun, Apr 1		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	6:15 am	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt for young children
	11 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



**Birthdays for the Week of March 25<sup>th</sup>:** *Amanda Brougham, Alexa Bullard, Carolyn McGarry, Shelby Bowman, Van Edwards, and Harold Gallant.* 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.

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

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER at BCCUCC

**TODAY - Palm/Passion Sunday** 10 a.m. Worship Service with Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time. When the children leave the worship service they will go to Fellowship Hall to participate in the Lenten Lollapalooza, where they will have the opportunity to do a variety of seasonal crafts and activities. Parents should pick up their children there.

**MONDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> Mindful Mondays** 7 pm in the Meditation Room (see next page for an update)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> Mid-week Recharge** 12:30 – 1 pm in the Meditation Room

**God in America** 6-7 pm video, and 7 – 8 pm discussion in the Library

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 30<sup>TH</sup> 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. 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.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 'Healing Hands, Healing Heart' Retreat** 9am – 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room. Led by Brendan, the retreat will include Celtic Christian prayers and meditations on healing. They will explore Christian contemplative and embodied prayer as well as Christian healing traditions of anointing with oil and 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 knowledge of prayer practices. All are invited.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

**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. Osamequin Point is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Route 114).

**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, and coffee hour: 10:15 am (between the two services). Bring a basket!

**RICUCC Passion of Christ Retreat:** 6 pm MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – 9 am MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://www.ricucc.org) - click on the link under Events. Or call (401) 710-9478. Deadline is tomorrow -3/26/18.

**144 envelopes fundraiser:** In Fellowship Hall you will notice a “tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations.” Each “leaf envelope” has an attached dollar amount. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount on it that appeals to you and return your offering to the church office. Your offerings will fund our service project/trip to the Navajo Nation where we will be restoring sustainable food systems on the reservation and learning about Navajo culture. If we all contribute what we can to this fundraiser, we will be very close to our goal for this year. Thank you for supporting the mission trip. *“And then during coffee hour I saw a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” Rev:22:2 (slightly adapted.)*

**One Egg for Haiti:** We are 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 is a table at coffee hour for the last time TODAY where you can make a donation or pick up a plastic egg to fill with a donation. Checks should be made payable to ‘BCCUCC’ and write ‘One Egg Haiti’ in the memo line. Thank you.

**‘Dinner at Six’ books available during coffee hour:** The Mission and Justice Team has books available for “purchase”. *Dinner at Six*, a book written by Helen Hudson when she worked at a soup kitchen, is a collection of interviews of women and men who were homeless. It serves as a testament to the courage of real lives lived under challenging circumstances. The Helen Hudson Foundation (now under the umbrella of the RI State Council of Churches) distributes this book free of charge to organizations to use as a fundraising tool to support the work of those who fight to end hunger and homelessness. Money has been raised at BCCUCC through the generosity of people who attended the first two Speaker Series events and the women who attend Women of Faith. That money will be given to the Mathewson Street Church to help with their work with the homeless, and will also go towards the needs of our Loaves and Fishes volunteers for their next run. We invite you to take a book and leave a contribution in the basket on the coffee hour table. Thank you.

**Interested in joining our church, or maybe just learn more about who we are?** Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for ‘Conversations about our Church’ from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library on SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. For planning purposes, if you would like to attend ‘Conversations’ please RSVP to the church office by *Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>* at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) – also let us know if you need child care which we are happy to provide if requested.

**Ministry Team members needed:** The Membership/Nominating Team is in the process of helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Over the next few Sundays, we will provide information on a ministry team that you might consider joining. It is a very exciting time to be involved and see God’s work being done among us.

This week we are featuring information on our very own ministry team. In the past, the **Membership/ Nominating Team** has been called “the Fun Team.” We host several events: Breakfast for the Confirmands and families, New Member welcoming events, Fall Senior Luncheon, Spring Ladies Luncheon with the Women of Faith. We also find the greeters for Sunday Worship. We meet about 5 times a year and do some of our organizing online. For a very enjoyable experience with enthusiastic people, you may want to join this team! Anyone interested should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com).

**Mindful Mondays** will be ongoing on MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (except days when the office is closed). 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. All are welcome. (The office will be closed on Mon, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> so no Mindful Monday that day!)

**Mid-Week Recharge** happens for the last time this WED, MAR 28<sup>TH</sup> from 12:30 – 1 pm in the Meditation Room. All are welcome to come for a quick guided relaxation meditation in the middle of this Holy Week, led by Brendan.

**Dale’s day off:** Starting in April, 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.

**Knitting for Others Group:** Meets TUESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> from 7-9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. RSVP to Marion at [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net) or 245-2003 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).

**Women’s Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to begin a new book *Girl at War* by Sara Novik. Copies will be available for purchase from the office. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**‘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 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. More info and register at <https://www.ricucc.org/eventdetail/11005636>

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All welcome!

**Community Dinner:** On SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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.