

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, Mar 27		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	6:30 am	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	After 9:15 am service	Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour
	11 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Mar 28		<i>Easter Monday</i> Office Closed
	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot
Tues, Mar 29	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 30	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Apr 1	9:30 am	Collate Bridge newsletter, Room 6
Sat, Apr 2	8:30 – 10:30 am	RICUCC Honored Lay Persons Breakfast, Newman Congregational Church
	7:30 pm	Talk by Ambassador Chas Freeman, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Apr 3		<i>'Be the Church' Sunday</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's communion in Library followed by Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	After Worship	'Opportunity Fair' at coffee hour, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 27th

*Shelby Bowman, Kayleigh Putnam,
Van Edwards, Abigail Putnam, Harold Gallant.*

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.

Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt: Following TODAY's 9:15 a.m. service only, there will be Coffee Hour and an Easter Egg Hunt for our youngest children up through children in the lower elementary grades. Please allow the younger children to hunt for eggs before older children go searching. Thank you.

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 or Trish Sylvester – trishsylvester@gmail.com.

RICUCC's Honored Lay Persons Breakfast will be held this SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND from 8:30 – 10:30 am at Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Ave, Rumford RI 02916. 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 *this Tuesday, March 29th*.

Ambassador Chas W. Freeman, Jr. will speak on *The End of the American Empire: Foreign Policy without Diplomacy* this SATURDAY APRIL 2ND at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Ambassador Freeman is an American diplomat, author and writer, and was the US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1989-1992 where he dealt with the Persian Gulf War. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and he is a much sought-after speaker. All are invited to attend this free public talk so please invite your friends. *The event is co-sponsored by our Mission and Justice Ministry team, East Bay Citizens for Peace, and American Friends Service Committee. The event was postponed from January 22nd due to bad weather.*

'Be the Church' Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD. Following worship there will be an 'Opportunity Fair' in Fellowship Hall where you can learn more about what's happening here at church. Teams and activity groups will have displays to celebrate their work, and make available more opportunities for all. Maybe you'll find something you'd like to get involved with. There will be a drawing for a \$50.00 Dine Out gift certificate and the Membership team will have "Be the Church" aprons for sale. Expect to learn more about our church and the work we are doing as we celebrate together. And be sure to take a look at the colorful 'Be the Church' banner on the outside of our Education Building.

'Moving with the Word': On SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH the church school children will have a special program offered by Camellia Lee called "moving with the word". Camellia describes dance as the way she experiences God and knows many different forms of dance including Irish, Afro-diasporic, and dances from Mali, Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria, Brazil, Cuba and Haiti. She is passionate about the healing power, dignity and complexity of Afro-diasporic dances. She will demonstrate how dance can be a way of telling sacred stories. We invite your children to welcome Camellia on APRIL 10TH and come to church school for this wonderful opportunity.

Camellia will also participate in the Jubilation Sunday service on MAY 22ND to share with the whole congregation a little bit of what she taught the church school children!

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!

There is a Nursery Nook available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to adjust the volume.) However, we believe God put the wiggle in children – so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! You and your child are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary if you prefer.

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. *Larry Ashley, Chair*

The church office will be closed tomorrow, EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28TH.

Book Group meets tomorrow MONDAY, MARCH 28TH 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

The Bereavement Group meets MON, APRIL 4TH 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 or 245-8031 for more info.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH 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 All knitters & crocheters welcome.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They are reading the book *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH 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

Dine Out to meet on a Thursday: To take advantage of a prix-fixe menu, Dine Out will next get together on THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH at 6:30 pm at 15 Point Road restaurant in Portsmouth. All are welcome to join in for a friendly dinner out! RSVP by *Tuesday, April 12th* to Sue Black at 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com

JYG Sleepover: On FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH the Junior Youth Group will have their annual church sleepover in the church starting at 6 pm featuring games, pizza, and a movie! Contact the Junior Youth Group leaders for information and/or to RSVP at bccjyg@gmail.com All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome.

Youth Group 'Save the Bay' Cleanup: On SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, the Jr & Sr youth groups will join together at 8 am for breakfast at the church before heading out to clean up the shoreline from 10 am - Noon with Save the Bay. All youth 6th graders and up are invited. Contact Rev. Brendan Curran to let him know if you're coming brendan@bccucc.org

Openness in Inner Inquiry – a workshop on SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH from Noon – 1:30 pm in the library. The workshop is based on the Diamond Approach, a modern path of inner discovery and realization. It will include a presentation, meditation, experiential exploration, and time for questions and discussion. Greg Knight, who has been a member of this church for eight years, will be leading this workshop. He is also an ordained minister and teacher of the Diamond Approach. RSVP greatly appreciated to Greg at greg@gregoryknight.net or call (401) 724-8426.

Breaktime Bowling for Millennials: SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH from 6 – 8 p.m at Breaktime Bowl & Bar, an authentic vintage bowling alley in Pawtucket. 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 and plan to join Rev. Brendan Curran and lay member Gabrielle Sclafani for an evening of fun and fellowship. 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

Mission Trip Fundraisers:

SATURDAY APRIL 30TH. The Mission and Justice team is selling tickets to see "Educating Rita" at 2nd Story Theater. This "Fun-raiser" will support a mission trip scholarship. It's a great opportunity for everyone from the church to enjoy a night at the theater together while supporting the mission trip! Contact Chris Brady for ticket information! cbradyri@aol.com or (401) 639-3849.

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 6 - 7 :30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Show by comedian-hypnotist Frank Santos, Jr.

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND 5 - 7 pm Pasta Dinner in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets for the two May events go on sale at coffee hour next Sunday, April 3rd. More details to follow.

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.

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. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.