

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 29		<i>Palm Sunday and New Member Sunday</i>
	10:00 am	Worship Service with Communion, Reception of New Member, Music from Alfresco Flutes; Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School & Coffee Hour
Mon., Mar 30		<i>Deadline for Chancel Fund donations</i>
	7 am	Holy Week Reflection, Library
	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	11 am	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office
Tue., Mar 31	7 am	Holy Week Reflection, Library
Wed., Apr 1	7 am	Holy Week Reflection, Library No choir rehearsal (Thursday evening instead)
Thurs., Apr 2		<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
	7 am	Holy Week Reflection, Library
	1:30 -3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	7 pm	Tenebrae Service and Communion, Sanctuary
	After service	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
	After service	Deacons meeting, Room 6
Fri., Apr 3		<i>Good Friday</i>
	7 am	Holy Week Reflection, Library
Sat., Apr 4	9:30 – 2:30	Outside use of Room 6
Sun., Apr 5		<i>Easter</i>
	6:20 am	Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
	9:15 and 11 am	Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary, Nursery Care only
	After 9:15 am service	Coffee hour and Easter Egg Hunt for children thru lower elementary grades



### **Birthdays for the Week of March 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Van Edwards, Abigail Putnam, Harold Gallant, Emily Graham, Wendy Bennet, and Larry Cater.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

### **DEACONS FOR APRIL**

Greg Voigt, Cheryl Muth, Chris Brady, and Liz White

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Jeff (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.*

**Deacons' Offering Envelopes** are included in today's bulletin because communion has been moved up a week because of Easter. Those wishing to receive communion on Easter Sunday are invited to attend the Sunrise service. Please use the offering envelope for donations to the Deacons' Fund which provides a helping hand to those in need in our church and immediate community. Thank you.

**Lenten Lollapalooza for all ages is TODAY.** The children will leave worship after communion 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.

***“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”**

#### **July – December 2015 Stewardship Campaign Update**

TO DATE, APPROXIMATELY 85 PLEDGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED – THANK YOU!



If you did not bring your pledge card to church today, please mail it in the return envelope that was included in the mailing. Pledge cards and envelopes are also available from the rack outside of the church office and on the sideboard as you enter the Vestry. Your prompt reply 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. Reminder: an additional Stewardship Campaign for 2016 will take place in the fall of 2015.

**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. Completed forms and donations may be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Deadline for donations is tomorrow, MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>. Thanks.

**Fill the eggs for Haiti:** All are invited to take home and fill plastic eggs with money for the 'One Egg for Haiti' campaign. Filled eggs should be returned by NEXT SUNDAY and placed in the 'nest' on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) as the program ends at Easter. The money raised provides an egg a day for needy children in Haiti.

**The Church Office will be closed** on GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> and EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>.

**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 –books can be left on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Both collections end NEXT SUNDAY.

**Passion of Christ Retreat:** APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> at Irons Homestead Camp & Retreat, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI  
This is an experiential retreat that begins with supper on Thursday evening and ends with breakfast on Saturday morning. Participants will encounter the last supper, crucifixion and death of Jesus through a variety of media. All participation is voluntary. Participants will bring their own bedding, towels and toiletries. Feel free to bring your own additional devotional aides. Cost \$120. Register by emailing [jgeary@ricucc.org](mailto:jgeary@ricucc.org). Deadline 3/31/15.

### Holy Week and Easter

HOLY WEEK EARLY MORNING REFLECTIONS MON, MAR 30<sup>TH</sup> – FRI, APR 3<sup>RD</sup> 7 – 7:15 am

Rev. Jeff Larsen will lead these each morning 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 7 pm – Tenebrae Service with Communion in the Sanctuary.

The deacons and clergy will lead this service in which the story of Jesus' passion and suffering will be read with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion and music. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

6:20 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion at Osamequin Point.

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

9:15 and 11 am Worship Services for All Ages in the Sanctuary (Nursery Care provided at both services).

After the 9:15 service - Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt for children from little ones through lower elementary grades. Children are asked to bring a basket.

**A Memorial Service** for Eric Cabral will be held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Eric was the son of Sue and Steve Terhune.

**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) by Easter.

**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.

**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)

**The Bereavement Group** meets tomorrow 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.

**The Women's Faith Group** will meet this THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group is starting a new book, *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and copies are available for purchase from the church office. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**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.

**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.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** next meets TUESDAY, APRIL 14<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)

**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)

**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.