

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Mar 30	10 am 11:05 am At coffee hour 11:20 am 4:30 pm	<i>Pledge Dedication Sunday</i> Worship Service, Church School Sacred Dance Informational meeting, Sanctuary French Toast Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall '5 Wishes' discussion, Library Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall
Mon., Mar 31	11 am	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office
Wed., Apr 2	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8
Thurs., Apr 3	1:30 pm 7 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library Planning meeting for RICUCC Annual Meeting, Library
Fri., Apr 4	1:15 pm 6:30 pm	JPF leave for trip to Nightwatch in NYC Dine Out Group eat at 1149 Restaurant in East Greenwich
Sat., Apr 5	9 pm	JPF return from NYC
Sun., Apr 6	8:30 am 10 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 1:30 pm	CEYM meeting, Library Worship Service with Communion and Wheeler School Concert Bell Choir, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Meeting for Turkey Trip participants, Library Registration for CROP Walk that begins at 2 pm, St John's Episcopal Church



Birthdays for the Week of March 30th

*Harold Gallant, Emily Graham,
Wendy Bennet, Natalie Antonio,
Larry Cater, Susan Clemens,
Maddie Loos, and Luke Short.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MARCH

Francis Seader (Star Deacon), Steve Peck, Susan Rotblat-Walker,
Pat Rude, and Stephanie Edwards

DEACONS FOR APRIL

Greg Voigt (Star Deacon), Cheryl Muth, Helen Schall,
Sam Sylvester, and Liz White.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach
Sharon(401 241-8718, please contact a deacon.*

TODAY is Pledge Dedication Sunday: Congregation members are asked to bring forward their completed pledge card at the offertory and place them in the baskets at the head of each aisle. If you didn't remember to bring your completed pledge card with you today, you can either get a blank one from the ushers to fill in, or wait and return yours to the church office as soon as possible. 'Living in Covenant' is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015). Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on your pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. If you didn't receive a Stewardship letter in the mail please let the church office know so we can add you to our mailing list. Additional pledge packets that include the Stewardship letter are available for pick up from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. Thank you.

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 during coffee hour after the service. They will also be 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.

French Toast Fundraiser is TODAY: As a Mission Trip fundraiser, our Sr High Youth is offering French Toast and Fruit Salad at coffee hour after worship today. 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.

'5 Wishes' discussion: The next discussion is TODAY 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 – including those who haven't been before. 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 is TODAY: 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 TODAY 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.

'Fill the Ark' for Heifer and make your donation worth twice as much! By earmarking our donation to Heifer for Cambodia, whatever we donate is being matched by an outside foundation. So if we raise our \$5000 goal, it will be worth \$10,000!!! Visit heifer.org for more info. Thanks to everyone who has already made a donation and to the families who are busy filling their ark. Filled arks should be returned, and donations made, by NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH. 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)

The Dine Out Group - sign up deadline is TODAY. The 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 TODAY at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4723

'Boston Strong' Scarves: Thanks to everyone who has made a yellow and blue scarf to be given to the Boston Marathoners. At the time of writing we had 16 finished scarves – and a few more are still being made! Any more finished scarves can be put in the box in the office workroom TODAY ready for Duncan Maio to transport to Old South Church in Boston. Any others should be dropped off in the church office or to Mary Lou Slicker early this week so that they can be taken to Boston in a second delivery before the deadline. 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. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. Thanks.

The April Bridge newsletter has been published and can be read on our church website www.bccucc.org or pick up a copy from the vestry hallway, the rack outside the church office, or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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'.

Visiting Bell Choir: You won't want to miss worship NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH when the Wheeler School Concert Handbell Ringers will be coming to BCCUCC to play at the worship service. They are a very talented bell choir and we are very fortunate to have them come and play at our church – so plan to attend. Also, Jeff will be back to lead worship!

CROP Walk: This year's Barrington/East Bay CROP Walk takes place next 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!

Special Congregational Meeting: 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.

The Bereavement Group meets twice a month and will meet, MONDAY, APRIL 14TH & 28TH 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 again on WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 9TH & 23RD 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.

Women's Faith Group: The group will meet THURSDAY, APRIL 3TH & 17TH from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the church library. All women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions are welcome. They will conclude the discussion of the DVD on the Emerging Church and begin discussion of their new book, *Evensong* by Gail Godwin. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for the discounted price of \$12. For info about the group contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com.

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.

Holy Joe's Café Collection: We continue to collect monetary donations during Lent 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.

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.

Our new church website is up and running, though still a work in progress as some pages haven't been finished. Check it out at www.bccucc.org. Let Christine know if there's information you think should be included, or corrections made.

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