

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 4		<i>Jesus and Women</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM (Christian Education and Youth Ministries) meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:30 am	Prep meeting for Mar 18 th presentation, Room 6
	11:30 am	Staff Pastor Relations Team (SPRT) meeting, Library
Mon, Mar 5	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room (Room 8)
	7 pm	Speaker on 'The Hate You Give' book themes, Temple Habonim
Tue, Mar 6	11:00 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library (note the change in day)
	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Room 6
	7 - 9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Liz Rosenholm's
Wed, Mar 7	12:30 - 1 pm	Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
	6 - 7 pm	"God in America" (part 3) viewing, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Discussion of "God in America" video, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 8	3-5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
	3 pm	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
Sat, Mar 10	5 - 7 pm	Meet the Farm School Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	Bedtime	Move your clocks forward 1 hour
Sun, Mar 11		<i>Economic Justice Day</i>
		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am - 1:15 pm		Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:30 am	Mission and Justice Speaker Series # 2, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 4th: *Steve Fairbanks, Kim Fernandez, Megan Hecht, Alice Reitzel, Bud Geary, Jane McCabe, Katie Odjakjian, John Brex, Colin Stabach, and Finn Stabach.*

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org 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.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting from Dale 'It's Time to Celebrate!' is on the church website www.bccucc.org. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Jar Openers: The handy blue jar openers have our church's name, address, phone, and website printed on them and also the words "Our doors are open to all." They were generously donated for inclusion in our New Member packets. They are also available at Coffee Hour for a donation of \$1. The money will be used for further outreach and marketing.

Book Event for March: The '2018 Reading Across Rhode Island' book selection is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas – a novel that examines issues of racism honestly and compassionately. The book is the focus of two events in March sponsored by the Barrington Interfaith Partners and Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association. The groups are encouraging community members to read the book and attend the events. Jordan Seabury, director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence, will address some of the themes of the book on MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, at Temple Habonim (165 New Meadow Road, Barrington) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. On MONDAY, MARCH 12TH, from 7 to 8:30 pm, a discussion, led by the Interfaith Partners, will be held at St. James Lutheran Church (49 Middle Highway, Barrington). Both events are free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and teenagers.

Lenten Meditations: Brendan is offering two separate interfaith meditation experiences this Lent:

Mindful Mondays meet MONDAY EVENINGS (through March 26th) from 7 - 8 pm in the new Meditation Room (Room 8). 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.

Mid-Week Recharge meets WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES (through March 28th) from 12:30 - 1 pm in the Meditation Room for a quick spirit-boost. If you're around town on your lunch break and want to mentally/spiritually hit the reset button in the middle of your week, come enjoy a quick guided relaxation meditation.

Knitting for Others Group: Meets TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 18 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, Warren. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls. RSVP to Liz at lizzozier@fullchannel.net or 245-9098 so she knows how many to expect. For more information about the group contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.

Adult Faith Formation and Discussion: God in America. This 6-part discussion series continues every Wednesday through March 28th. Dale is guiding us through the PBS special "God in America" and in-depth discussions on how the subject matter impacts our religious experiences today. Public viewing of each episode is from 6 - 7 pm in the library, and discussion follows from 7 - 8 pm. Participants are also welcome to view each episode at their leisure if they are unable to attend the public viewing, and just come for the discussion. The episodes are all available on YouTube or can be found at www.pbs.org/godinamerica/view/. On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH we will view and discuss Episode 3, *A Nation Reborn*. Hour three explores how religion suffused the Civil War. As slavery split the nation in two, Northern abolitionists and Southern slaveholders turned to the Bible to support their cause. All are welcome to come to whichever sessions they are able.

Brendan's Community Office Hours are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

You SAVED The Farm School! Come Meet The Farmers at a Community Dinner! On SAT, MARCH 10TH stop into Fellowship Hall between 5 - 7 pm to meet the Barrington Farm School team and enjoy some hearty soups, salads and breads. Learn about volunteer opportunities, and how students of all ages can join them this year. Bring your ideas! The event is free and open to the public! More info, contact Tim Faulkner at 330-6276 or BarringtonFarmSchool@gmail.com

Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour when you go to bed on SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be taken next SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH and information and special envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Checks should be made to 'BCCUCC' with "OGHS" in the memo line.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal: SUN, MAR 11TH at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals are every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to come sing with us. For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net or speak with our organist, Marina.

Mission and Justice Speaker Series - #2: On SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH Allen Scott, co-chair of Loaves and Fishes Rhode Island will be our guest speaker at 11:30 am in the library. Church members Phyllis Buckley and Liz White have been organizing BCCUCC's participation in the LFRI truck runs over the past years. Allen will tell us more about the wider organization as it enters its tenth year of helping to feed the homeless and hungry here in our state. All are invited.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MARCH 12TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAR 13TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published THURS, MAR 15TH. Deadline for submissions is Noon *on Wednesday, March 14th* but an earlier submission is appreciated. (Announcements deadline is every Wednesday at Noon.)

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. Their new book for discussion is *Dinner at Six: Voices from the Soup Kitchen* by Helen Hudson. Copies of the book are available from the church office. The group welcomes all women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more info contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Mid-Lent retreat postponed. Due to a scheduling conflict, the 'Healing Hands, Healing Hearts' retreat, led by Rev. Brendan Curran, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 17th, will be rescheduled to a later date tbd.

RICUCC Maple Sugar Overnight Camp for Gds 7-12 will be held 6 pm FRI, MAR 16TH – 2 pm SAT, MAR 17TH at Irons Homestead in Glocester, RI. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning to make sugar from maple trees. More information and registration at www.ironshomestead.org or call 401-710-9478. There is also an option for Sat only.

'Sugar Eat' Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead: SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH from 2 – 4 pm at Irons, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Come enjoy hot maple syrup poured over snow to create instant candy! \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. More info at www.ironshomestead.org - click on the tab under 'Events'.

Like to learn more about BCCUCC's finances? Do you have any questions? On SUNDAY MARCH 18TH at 11:15 am in the library, Co-Treasurers John Loerke and Barbara Wuth; Finance team members Dick McWhirter and Tom Colby; Endowment team chair Kate Colby; Buildings & Grounds team chair Paul Dennis; and Stewardship team member Bill Block will dig into the numbers but more importantly be there to answer your questions. Guaranteed to last no more than one hour. If we can't answer your questions in that time we'll get back to you ASAP. Grab a coffee and cookie. Meeting will start promptly at 11:15. All are invited.

Book Group next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH at 11:30 am (note the later time), to discuss *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. "A paean to a housewife in a small Midwestern town who saved her ten children from homelessness by winning hundreds of jingle-writing contests during the 1950s and '60s." For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Come Bowl With Us! Barrington Congregational Church is organizing a bowling team in support of the Primrose Elementary School's Family Bowl A Thon on SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH (1-2 pm and 2-3 pm). Proceeds benefit the school and Barrington community - such as new after-school programs and playground renovations. Learn more at <https://www.bowlathon.net/event/primrose-hill-pto-2018/> We hope you will lace up your bowling shoes and sign up for our team - or create a 6-person of your own. If you can't attend, you can still score a strike for our team – especially if you own a local business – by sponsoring the event! If you have any questions about signing up or sponsorship, please contact congregation member Maggie Slane (if you recall the hero sermon, Maggie is the mom of the 6 year old Wonder Woman fan!) at slanemaggie@gmail.com or 917-667-8305. Thanks.

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

Hearing aid batteries: If you use size 13 batteries in your hearing aids, we have a pack of 32 available. A church member purchased and opened them – only to discover they were the wrong size. Contact the church office if interested.

Save the date of SUN, MAY 20TH when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC for another concert at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.

Our Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.