

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 5	8:30 am	CEYM and Membership Team meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:15 am	Ad Hoc Landscape Committee meeting, Room 7
	11:15 am – 1 :15 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Speaker Series, Library (Kathleen Cloutier from Dorcas International)
	1 – 4 pm	OWL Session, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Junior Youth Group (JYG), Fellowship Hall
Mon, Mar 6	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
	7 – 8:30 pm	'Just Mercy' book discussion, Library
Tues, Mar 7	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	2 pm	Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Carol Louttit's home
Wed, Mar 8	7 pm	Lenten Service, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Sat, Mar 11		<i>Turn Your Clocks FORWARD an hour at bedtime!</i>
Sun, Mar 12		<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:20 am – 12:30 pm	Speaker series, Library (Barb Silvis, Advocacy & Justice Commission, RISCC)



Birthdays for the Week of March 5th

Sara Clemens, Bud Geary, Jane McCabe, Katie Odjakjian, John Brex, Colin Stabach, Finn Stabach, Erik Weber, Tim Milisaukas, and Jack Miniati. Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MARCH: Joe Judge (March star), Chris Morton, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, and Susan Seader. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289 3780) or Brendan (401 318 2447), please call on one of the deacons.

Sunday Sermon Series in Lent: Brendan and Dale will be exploring many of the different facets of prayer through a weekly sermon series called 'Encountering God'. They will not only be talking about these forms of prayer but providing opportunities for the congregation to experience them in the worship service and their daily lives. On SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH the sermon will be 'Encountering God: Pray Without Ceasing'. We hope you can join us.

Ad hoc Landscape Committee will meet briefly on SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH after worship in Room 7. They will discuss plans for the planting of a new tree on the terrace (to replace the birch tree that had to be removed). Anyone with an interest or suggestions for a replacement tree is invited to attend (or contact Pat Stoddard, pat@bccucc.org, 246-0111 x.102 with your thoughts for consideration at the meeting).

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals have moved to Room 6, as the piano has been moved there. They will practice after church on SUNDAYS, MARCH 5TH & 12TH. All children from Grade 1 & up are welcome to sing. Questions? Contact Marina Zabinski marina@bccucc.org or 726-5118; or Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743.

After Worship Speaker Series begins this Sunday: The theme chosen by the Mission and Justice Team for this year is 'Visualize Peace'. They have supported the Community Dinners and have worked with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to present various programs. Now, they are inviting everyone to a Speaker Series that will take place after church during Lent from about 11:20 am - 12:30 pm in the church library. Please join them to hear about three programs that they have supported this year that reach out to the wider community in both mission and advocacy. Also listed below is a special event with several speakers being held here at BCCUCC on March 19th (more details on the next page).

MARCH 5TH: Kathleen Cloutier, Executive Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island.

MARCH 12TH: Barb Silvis, Chair, Advocacy and Justice Commission of the RI State Council of Churches.

MARCH 19TH: "We're All In This Together" event - Potluck, Workshops, and Sing Along (see next page for details)

MARCH 26TH: Emily Jones, Interfaith Coordinator, Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. Emily is also giving the sermon on this date.

The Weathervane is in! As announced as part of the kick off of our "3 Centuries & Beyond" celebration we were looking to have the old weathervane replaced. An artist in Warren has now completed the work and we are going to have the new and the old weathervanes on display after service this SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH during coffee hour. Please stop by to take a look. Plans are in the works to raise it to its rightful place on top of the steeple.

Did you know.....in the year 1711 when the towns of Swansea and Barrington were being separated, it was recommended that the petitioners for separation (Barrington) follow this decree "the establishment and support of a learned orthodox minister of good conversation, and to endeavor by subscription for his comfortable and honorable maintenance." Now 300 years later we have installed Rev. Dale Azevedo who personifies that decree. Thanks be to God.

The 'Did you know...' historical segments are brought to you by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' group.

Junior Youth Group (for grades 6-8) meets this SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. As always, they can bring a friend and food and snacks will be provided. Questions? email bccjyg@gmail.com or contact Brendan.

Weekly deadline is Wednesdays at Noon for info to be included in the Sunday Announcements and eBridge. Send all info (who, what, where, when, contact person, cost etc), publication ready, to Christine at office@bccucc.org. Thanks.

Fill an envelope to raise money for the 2017 Mission Trip! Thank you to those who have already responded and ‘filled an envelope’. In case you missed it last week, the following message from Brendan will explain what’s happening: “We have a great mission trip planned for this year, going to the h.o.m.e. cooperative in Orland, Maine where we will be helping to build houses for families in need. As a church, we offer great service opportunities for our church youth. The mission trip relies on your help and there’s a great way for you to support our service/mission work. In Fellowship Hall is a board of envelopes. Each envelope is numbered 1 to 144. (In the gospel 144 signifies the expansion of the realm of God when people come together in love and service.) All we want you to do is choose an envelope and fill it with that amount of money. If you can manage this by yourself that’s wonderful! If you can’t, maybe you can recruit friends or family to help you! Fifty dollars from you and sixty from your friend knocks out our 110 envelope! 36 dollars from you and three other friends takes care of the 144 envelope, the biggest on the wall! If we fill all the envelopes we can cover the cost of this year’s mission trip. Whatever envelope you choose, that money goes to supporting this year’s mission! Thank you so much for supporting our church’s youth and their meaningful work. Blessings.”

‘From the River’s Edge’ – the Pastor’s blog. The latest post is on “Being Faithful in Anxious Times” and is written by Dale. A link to it was included in this week’s eBridge. Printed copies are available from the table in Fellowship Hall.

Clergy away: Rev. Brendan Curran will be out of the office from WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH at a three day continuing education opportunity, and will then take his Winter weekend off. He will be back on TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We will gather each Wednesday through Lent at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year’s meditations come from Robert Fulghum’s classic book, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. This series ends on April 5th. All are welcome to come as they are able.

Donate items for Dorcas International: During the month of March, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting items for Dorcas International. Right now there is a need for toiletries (shampoo, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc. - hotel or regular size). Go to their website to learn more and see other needed items: <http://www.diiri.org/HowYouCanHelp/DonateHousewarestoTheRefugeeResourceCenter/tabid/452/Default.aspx>. Or go to www.diiri.org and click on the ‘How You Can Help’ tab. A collection bin will be in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

“Read Across RI’ book discussion starts Monday: Barrington Interfaith Partners is encouraging Barrington's houses of worship to read and discuss the ‘Read Across Rhode Island’ book *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (learn more at <https://ribook.org/rari/>). A New York Times book reviewer describes Stevenson: "For decades he has fought judges, prosecutors and police on behalf of those who are impoverished, black or both. . . . Injustice is easy not to notice when it affects people different from ourselves; that helps explain the obliviousness of our own generation to inequity today." Here at BCCUCC discussions will be held in the church library from 7 – 8:30 pm on MONDAYS, MARCH 6TH, 13TH & 20TH, and then all participating houses of worship will come together on THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD in Fellowship Hall from 7 – 8:30 pm to share thoughts and information. Contact Helen Schall 245-4724 helenschall@hotmail.com or Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or srotblatwalker@gmail.com for more information.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH from 7 – 9 pm at Carol Louttit’s - Atria Apt 204, 147 Bay Spring Ave., Barrington. They continue to work on prayer shawls and other projects and can provide patterns and help for newcomers. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please let Carol (245-22991 or chl2299@aol.com) or Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net) know if you are coming. Contact Mary Lou for more info.

Daylight Savings Time begins: Don’t forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour when you go to bed next SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, otherwise you’ll be late for church on Sunday morning!

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH 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 information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Women’s Faith Group – meet the author! When the group next meets on THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH in the library, they will be joined by the author Mai Donohue who wrote *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge*. Her memoir has been described as ‘A Captivating story of a young Vietnamese girl who resisted all odds and realized a true American dream’. Learn more about her at www.MaiGoodness.com All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net.

Maple Sugar Camp is being run by RICUCC at Irons Homestead and is for Grades 7-12 from FRI - SAT, MARCH 17TH – 18TH. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning how to make sugar from maple trees. Experienced counselors are waiting for the youth to join them for a fun overnight! Friday night includes supper, night games and outdoor fire. On Saturday, participants will tap trees, collect sap and boil it down to sugar then make maple candy! More info at www.ironshomestead.org. Register at (401) 710-9478 or ironshomestead@ricucc.org

‘We Are All In This Together’ is an event to be held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, on SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team of BCCUCC, and American Friends Service Committee - South East New England, the event will feature a Potluck Lunch, Workshops, and a Sing Along. The workshops and presenters are:

“Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World,” Rev. Brendan Curran

“Bystander Intervention,” Martha Yager, Director AFSC -SENE

“Talking Across the Divide,” Keith Morton, Professor at Providence College, and Barry Brown, MSW.

The Sing Along will be led by Nancy Hood, Keith Daniel and Barry Brown. This event is free and open to the public. Come for all or part of the afternoon – children welcome. To RSVP (desired but not required) or for more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or call 401-433-3004.

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank: ‘In Frank’s deeply moving second novel, Matt Greene and Daniel Rosen, a couple in Northampton, Mass., cope with the deaths of Daniel’s twin brother and his wife-Israeli citizens who are killed in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem’ All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.