

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Mar 6, 2016		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am - Noon	Conversations about our church, Library
	5 – 7 pm	Junior Youth Group meet for pizza and Flint, Michigan project, Room 9
Mon, Mar 7	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	11 am	Staff meeting, Sue's Office
	3:30 pm	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
Tues, Mar 8	10:30 am – Noon	Study of 'To Kill a Mockingbird', UCC church in Middletown
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 9	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Mar 11	6:30 pm	Dine Out eat at Davenport's, East Providence
Sat, Mar 12		<i>Move your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed</i>
Sun, Mar 13		<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	10:15 am – Noon	Senior Youth Group meet, Room 9
	11:15 am	Showing of 'American Denial' video, Library
	2 pm	'To Kill a Mockingbird' play at Trinity Rep

Wed, Mar 9 – Fri, Mar 11  
Office open 9 am – Noon only



### Birthdays for the Week of March 6<sup>th</sup>

*Sara Clemens, Bud Geary, Jane McCabe, Katie Odjakjian, John Brex, Colin Stabach, Finn Stabach, Tyler Kirk, Tim Milisauskas, and Jack Miniati.*

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.*

**Rev Sue Remick** is teaching a class in church school today, and will also present *Conversations about our Church* at 11:15 am in the library (see below). Sue will be out of the office all next week attending her father-in-law's funeral in upstate New York. She will be back in church to lead worship and preach next Sunday.

**Considering joining our church?** Or are you new and just want to learn more about us? Then come to *Conversations about our Church* TODAY at 11:15 am in the library. It will be a time to get to know one another and learn about BCCUCC including a short presentation with Rev. Sue and members of the Deacons and Membership Team. For anyone interested in joining, New Member Sunday – when new members join the church - will be Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Included again in TODAY's bulletin is information and an offering envelope for *One Great Hour of Sharing* - a special mission offering of the UCC that takes place nationwide TODAY. This year's offering focuses on refugees and displaced persons. Learn more at [www.ucc.org/oghs](http://www.ucc.org/oghs) - where you can also donate online. If donating by check please make it payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line OGHS. Thank you.

**Junior Youth Group** meets TODAY from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9 for a pizza dinner and Flint Michigan project. Many youth at our church have expressed concern for the residents of Flint Michigan and the water crisis they continue to struggle with. Rev. Brendan will join them to lead a discussion on this significant situation. Following a pizza dinner they'll create prayer sticks and discuss spring plans. All youth in grades 6 – 8 are welcome.

**Collections for Haiti:** The orphanages and schools connected with the RI Haiti Task Force have asked for donations of art supplies (drawing pads, colored pencils, acrylic paints, brushes, craft kits, glue sticks, children's scissors, etc.) and "gently used" shoes (not sneakers) that the elementary school children can wear to school. Bins for your much appreciated donations are in Fellowship Hall. Questions: email Lily Sylvester – [lilysylvester29@gmail.com](mailto:lilysylvester29@gmail.com) or Trish Sylvester – [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com).

**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.

**Hearing Assists available.** We have 4 hearing assists available - two with full headphones and two with single earbuds. If you need extra help hearing the service, please speak with an usher about using one.

**Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour** – it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.

**Staff vacation:** Office Administrator, Christine Wallis, will be on vacation from Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. During her absence the church office will be open for shorter hours (from 9 am – Noon) with the exception of Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> when it will be open all day.

**The Bereavement Group** meets MON, MAR 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031 for more info.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, MARCH 8<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)

**Dine Out** will meet FRIDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm at Davenport's restaurant, 1925 Pawtucket Ave, East Providence. All are invited – singles, couples, newcomers and old-timers alike - to join fellow church members and friends for dinner together in a different restaurant each month, enjoying some good food and fellowship! Those wishing to go need to *sign up by Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>* to Sue Black 245-2772 or [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com)

**Benefit Concert for Mobile Loaves and Fishes-RI:** Prism of Praise Community Gospel Choir will give a FREE concert at St Andrew's School Auditorium, 63 Federal Rd, Barrington, RI on SATURDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm. All are welcome - no reservations are required. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Mobile Loaves and Fishes-RI.

**American Denial video:** NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> following worship, the Mission and Justice Ministry team will show the video *American Denial* in the library. All are welcome. This documentary explores the power of unconscious biases around race and class. Using Gunnar Myrdal's 1944 investigation of Jim Crow racism as a springboard, the film shows how unrecognized, unconscious attitudes continue to dominate racial dynamics in American life. To learn more about the film, go to [www.americand denial.com](http://www.americand denial.com).

**Book Group** meets MONDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30–3 pm in the church library. They will begin discussion of the book *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for \$8.50. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net) or Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

**Chancel Fund:** You are invited to make a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. See separate yellow insert.

**What do you think about RI partnering with the MA and CT Conferences?** The last RICUCC regional meeting about this is being held TODAY, from 7 – 9 pm at Kingston Congregational Church, 2610 Kingstown Road, Kingston RI 02881. All are welcome. The leadership of the RI Conference UCC wants to hear from **you** on this subject. If you weren't able to make it to a meeting you are asked to complete an on-line survey. The link is available in the weekly Enouncements or e-mail the church office and we'll send it to 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](http://www.bccucc.org). Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

**Want to raise money for our church when you shop online?** Then shop at AmazonSmile and every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. To learn more visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization.

**Webmaster wanted:** Our church website could be so much more than it currently is - with the right person able to spend just a little bit of time with it! You could post sermons, update pictures, post news about happenings in church and much more! If you have experience with WordPress, this is the job for you! Contact Steve Peck at [steven.peck@cox.net](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net) if interested or with questions. It's particularly important that our website looks good and is current as potential candidates for the position of Senior Minister will be looking at it.

**Solar Committee volunteers needed:** There is an opportunity here in Barrington for us to explore adding solar electricity. If making our buildings more green is a passion of yours, this may be a wonderful opportunity for you! You'll even have a bit of a head start, since preliminary discussions have already occurred - you'll just need to take the ball and run with it to determine if it is a right fit for us! If interested, contact Steve Peck at [steven.peck@cox.net](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net)

**Personnel Committee members sought:** Since the bylaw change we have found that there are a few tasks that would really benefit from having a personnel committee. We are looking for a few people who would like to fill this role. You would have times where you had a series of tasks, then there would be periods of slower times where there wouldn't be much to do. This is an important and currently missing role. If you have experience in human relations, this could be perfect for you! If interested or have questions, contact Steve Peck at [steven.peck@cox.net](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net)

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** Our 300th Anniversary will be here soon! It's a big event in the life of this church and we would love to see a group start to form now to be involved with planning. What type of celebrations do we want to have? This group would help to determine that! Even if you can't necessarily help organize the events themselves, but have great ideas, we'd love to hear from you! If interested or have questions, contact Steve Peck at [steven.peck@cox.net](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net) or (401) 454-9725.

**Goodwill Professional Clothes Drive:** There is currently a special Goodwill bin in the foyer of Fellowship Hall for the collection of men's and women's suits, shirts, dresses, blouses, shoes, belts, purses and anything else that might be appropriate for a person to wear for a job interview. The bin is only here for a limited time so don't delay!

**Providence Singers Concert** of Sacred Choral Music by British Composers is TODAY at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, 300 Wood Street, Bristol. Church member, Beth Zarlengo, and Office Administrator, Christine Wallis, both sing with the group. If you like 'glorious rafter-ringing music in the British choral tradition' you definitely won't want to miss this concert entitled *The British are Coming*. Tickets available at the door. More info at [www.providencesingers.org](http://www.providencesingers.org)