

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 14		<i>Music Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with special music and Sing and Celebrate choir, Church School
Mon, May 15	11:30 – 12:30 pm	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, May 16	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Book Group, Library
Wed, May 17	5:30 pm	PPRT meeting, Dale's Office
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thurs, May 18	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6:30 – 8 pm	Historical Group meets, Tom Wegner's house
Fri, May 19	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, May 21		<i>Jubilation Sunday and 300th Birthday Picnic</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages led by the Church School, Nursery Care only
	11:30 am – 2:30 pm	300 th Birthday Picnic, Fellowship Hall and outside



Birthdays for the Week of May 14th

Grace Ackerman, Phyllis Buckley, Chris Morton, John White, Trish Sylvester, Kristen Kreuzkamp, and Joan Miller. Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MAY: Chris Morton (star), Joe Judge, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, and Pat Rude. 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.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Be sure to check out the church's website www.bccucc.org to read the latest posting – it's from Dale and is titled 'Who? What? Where?' You can also find past posts there if you missed any. Printed copies of recent posts are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Music Sunday: This SUNDAY, MAY 14TH we will celebrate Music Sunday with some special music in worship from our choirs and musicians. We will also recognize our musicians and the important role of music in worship.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MAY 15TH from 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at 245-8031 or jsbeeb@aol.com

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MAY 16TH at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *Mothering Sunday: a Romance* by Graham Swift. "Set in 1924, in an England still reeling from the loss of young men to the Great War, this elegiac tale offers a haunting portrait of lives in a world in transition." (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 18TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to watch the DVD of the book they've just read *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. All women are welcome, including from other faiths and churches. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Brendan's 'Public Office Hours': Brendan makes himself available to anyone who would like to visit him at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren on FRIDAY AFTERNOONS from 3 – 5 pm. All are welcome!

Meet your Muslim neighbors! On SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, Dale is going to lead a group from BCCUCC to 'Open Mosques RI'. This event is being hosted by the RI Council for Muslim Advancement as an opportunity for Rhode Islanders to visit and tour mosques throughout our state and learn more about the religion of Islam and its role in RI. We are going to meet in the church parking lot at 2 pm and carpool to one of the nearby mosques. The event should be over by 4 pm or shortly thereafter. For more information or to RSVP contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 103.

Jubilation Sunday is next SUNDAY, MAY 21ST. There will be a very special Worship Service for All Ages in celebration of the end of the Church School year. We'll celebrate our diversity and the hope for peace with the church school children as we tell the story of "God's Dream", and worship together. There will be an abbreviated traditional service that will continue with a service project in the education building. Please dress casually with the possibility of making a mess as we will be painting our own version of "God's doors are open to all"! The 300th year anniversary team will be hosting an all church picnic following the project (see below). Please join us for a fun time of fellowship.

300th Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC – all are invited! Next SUNDAY, MAY 21ST from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm there will be a 300th Birthday Picnic here at the church. Hosted by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' historical group, this FREE event is open to everyone. We're renting a large grill and food includes hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, baked beans, a variety of salads, sides, cake and ice cream. Live music will be provided by the 3 person band 'Celtic Modern' which plays an upbeat blend of Celtic Tunes and American Folk Rock (and includes church member Steve Venuti). There will also be a bouncy house for the kids, in addition to the playground. This should be a really fun and historic event so we hope you can join us. RSVP's would be most helpful (see below).

Have you RSVP'd for the picnic? For planning purposes, we ask that you please RSVP to 300th@bccucc.org to let us know if you're coming to the 300th Birthday Picnic (see above) and how many. If you don't have access to email, there is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. We want to make sure there's plenty of food etc for everyone!

Salads and sides needed for picnic: The congregation is being asked to make salads and sides to accompany the picnic – sign up sheets are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thanks to those who've already signed up!

Church School Registration for 2017-2018 begins NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21ST after worship in Fellowship Hall. If you registered your child for 2016-17 you'll only need to update and initial your current form. To register a child for the first time, you can fill out a registration form at the table in the foyer next Sunday. All children from nursery through 12th grade must be registered to participate in church school or youth activities (including confirmation, youth group, mission trips, and OWL). A separate registration form is required for each child.

The Station Fire Memorial Park in West Warwick will be dedicated on SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, with ceremonies beginning at 1 pm. The Park is a tribute to the 100 people who lost their lives on February 20th, 2003, at the Station Nightclub fire. More than 100 Churches (including BCCUCC), Synagogues, Mosques and Houses of Worship donated money to this memorial and received a commemorative brick in the walkway. More details at www.ricucc.org and click on the link.

Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior? If so this announcement is for you! We will be hosting our annual Baccalaureate Service on SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH and we invite our High School Seniors to attend. This year's service will be handled a little differently than in the past. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office *by Sunday, May 21st* (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111); 2) get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office and return it; 3) don't worry about wearing a gown to church (regular church clothes will suffice). If you have any questions, talk with Dale (dale@bccucc.org). And Congratulations!

Graduation information needed for newsletter: We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school etc, by publishing their names and graduation information in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the info to the church office at office@bccucc.org *by Sunday, May 21st*. Information needed is name of graduate, high school or college from which they're graduating, what college or further education they may be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships: Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a high school graduate going on to further education, and one to a student already in college. Graduating high school seniors and college students *who have been confirmed and are members of this church* are eligible to apply. *Application deadline is Sunday May 28th* and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4th. Applications forms are available from outside the church office; at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; and at a link in the eBridge.

Altar Flower donor needed for one vase on SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH. Cost is \$30 and a dedication will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Flowers can be given in memory, in celebration, or in thanksgiving of a person or event etc. If interested, please contact Audrey Rogers at 246-1727 or adrogers8@cox.net or speak with her at coffee hour.

Senior Ladies Lunch: The 5th Annual Senior Ladies Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall. It will be hosted by the Women's Faith Group and the Membership Team, and all Senior Ladies from the church are invited. (Not sure what constitutes a 'Senior'? You can decide!) If you would like to attend, please either sign up at coffee hour or contact the church office at (401) 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org

Save the date: On SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH the youth who went on the recent Mission Trip to h.o.m.e. in Orland, ME, will report back on their experiences. Following worship will be our church's Annual Meeting held in the Sanctuary. All church members are encouraged to attend the meeting and child care will be provided.

Annual Reports: It's that time of year again – time for the church officers and ministry team chairs to write their annual reports covering the period June 2016 – May 2017. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office *by May 31st*. They will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2017 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 11th following the 10 am worship service.

Opportunities to serve: There are several ministry teams that have openings for 2017-18. Building & Grounds, Mission & Justice, and Endowment are all looking for some new members and they all offer an invitation for you to become more involved in the life of BCCUCC. There is also an opening for a Member-at-Large on the Church Council. You can choose to serve in any of these capacities for one or two years, and since our 2014 By-Laws update, you don't have to have officially joined the church to serve on some of the ministry teams. Please contact Joanne Ela or Beth Buckley of Membership/Nominating if interested in any of these positions. Look for them at Coffee Hour or email/call either Beth at elizabethbuckley21@msn.com (401) 247-0324, or Joanne at gsbse@me.com ((413) 262-3880).

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10th – 12th grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10th – 12th graders to start thinking about participating in the upcoming program year. Letters and information will be mailed to you this summer with an invitation to register. For more information about OWL visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/>

Registration Open for Online Forums about New Conference Proposal: Leading up to the historic, first-ever Tri-Conference Annual Meeting of the CT, MA and RI Conferences, Conference leaders will be hosting a series of five online forums, or webinars, open to anyone who would like to join a discussion about the proposal to form a new Conference. The free webinars will be no longer than 90 minutes each and will be limited to 100 participants each. They will be held at various times on May 16, May 21, June 7 and two on June 8. Details/registration at www.ricucc.org and click on the link.

Our complete church calendar can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website www.bccucc.org and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.

Weekly Wednesday Noon deadline: Information for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge needs to be submitted by the deadline of Noon on Wednesdays, to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the weekly eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name!

Family Footnotes: Sheila Hutton moved to Brookdale East Bay, 1440 Wampanoag Trail, Apt. 234, Barrington RI 02806.