

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 15		<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>Laity Sunday</i>	<i>Strengthen the Church offering</i>
		<i>Deadline for the June/Summer Bridge</i>		
	10 am	Worship Service led by the laity, Jubilation prep during Church School		
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9		
	2 – 6 pm	Millennials go hiking in Tiverton		
Mon, May 16	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library		
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6		
Tues, May 17	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library		
Wed, May 18	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry		
Thurs, May 19	1 – 3:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library		
Sun, May 22		<i>Jubilation Sunday</i>		
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages (in Fellowship Hall) led by the church school children, Nursery Care only		
	After Worship	Ice Cream Social, Fellowship Hall		
	5 – 7 pm	Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall		



Birthdays for the Week of May 22nd

Diane Mason, Evan Shoaf, Will Restituyo, Brock Carroll, Declan Cooke, Greg Voigt, Drew Graham, Will Huard, Ann Doran and Robert Knight.

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MAY

Susan Seader (star deacon), Chris Brady, Pat Rude, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Joe Judge, 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.

Our church calendar is at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Learn more at www.bccucc.org/stc Informational inserts and special offering envelopes are included in the bulletin again TODAY for your donations. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC', and write 'Strengthen the Church' in the memo line. Thank you.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for the Mission Trip is NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22ND from 5 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Those who attended the one in January will tell you that the food is delicious and not to be missed! Tickets are Adult/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6, Family max \$40 – on sale at coffee hour TODAY. Tickets are also available from the church office during the week and online at www.bccucc.org. Click on the link on the homepage - the menu is also included.

Bridge deadline: The deadline for the June *Bridge* newsletter is TODAY, MAY 15TH. Please submit for inclusion information about June and summer events to Christine at office@bccucc.org. Thank you.

Millennials to go hiking TODAY: Are you a 20 or 30 something in the BCCUCC community? Are you looking to get to know other young people in the area or talk with people of faith? Join Rev. Brendan Curran and lay member Gabrielle Sclafani TODAY for an afternoon hike through Weetamoo Woods in Tiverton, RI. The group will gather at 2:00 PM in the church parking lot to carpool and return by 6:00. Please RSVP to Gabi at gabrielle_sclafani@alumni.brown.edu

Got GRIT? Dropout rates for college freshman now exceed 40%. Teachers report that kids' default reaction when faced with frustration is to quit. Learning self-reliance - developing GRIT – doesn't happen by itself! The question is: Are we making GRIT too hard for our children to develop by making their lives too easy? TODAY, May 15th at 6:45 pm, a program is being offered at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington where parents will find out how to instill it, and kids (separately) will find out how to get it. It will be led by Stephanie Donaldson-Pressman - therapist and clinical director of NE Center for Pediatric Psychology; developer of the theory of Empowerment Parenting; author of 'The Learning Habit'; and internationally recognized expert on family dynamics. All are invited to this free event. There's also the option to come early for the 5:30 pm service and/or dinner at 6:15 pm. (RSVP for dinner required at 245-4065).

Calling all graduates! It is our tradition to publish in the newsletter the names of those from our church who are graduating from high school, college, or other institute of higher learning each spring. If you have someone graduating, please send their name, the school/college from which they are graduating, and if appropriate, where they are continuing their education. Information should be sent to office@bccucc.org or call the church office at 246-0111 **by this Wednesday, May 18th** in order to be included.

Altar Flower Donors needed: Donors are needed to pay for flowers on SUNDAYS JUNE 5TH and JUNE 19TH. Cost is \$30 per arrangement and donors can always choose to pay for one or both. They can be given as a memorial or celebration of a person or event. Anyone interested should contact Cheryl Muth at 433-2878 or jccbmuth@aol.com. Thank you.

Planned Giving Seminar: George Weavill of the RI Conference of the UCC will present a seminar on Planned Giving on SATURDAY, MAY 21ST from 1 – 3:30 pm at First Congregational Church of Bristol, 300 High St, Bristol. All are invited to attend and discover options for Planned Giving that benefit both you and your church. Register by calling the Bristol church office at (401) 253-7288 or call Sally Evans at (508) 674-0276.

Jubilation Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22ND and the worship service will take place in Fellowship Hall. Please wear bright colors to help create a festive atmosphere! The theme for this year is, "The Unbroken Circle," because we will be celebrating all the ways God's Love circles around us and connects us together. Camellia Lee, our guest teacher who offered the program "Moving with the Word," in April, will be returning to share sacred dance as part of the service. Sidy Maiga, a Malian drummer, will accompany Camellia and share his talent with us as well. Jubilation Sunday is an opportunity for the church school to share what they've learned all year and for church school volunteers and leaders to be thanked. We hope that you will join us next Sunday to enjoy a fun service and support our church's children and youth.

Ice Cream Social: Following next Sunday's worship service (see above) all are invited to an Ice Cream Social hosted by the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team at coffee hour.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own GABI SCLAFANI! On Wednesday, May 11th Gabi, Rev. Sue, and Pat Rude as chair of Deacons, met with the Church and Ministry committee of the RI Conference of the UCC. Steve Fodor was there too as he serves on the committee. Gabi was there to present her paper and be interviewed. She was making her formal request to become a Member in Discernment, the first step in entering the ordained ministry and we were there as representatives of her sponsoring church. As you can imagine, it did not take long for the whole committee to wholeheartedly endorse her! We are so proud. It is quite an honor for a church to "sponsor" a member in discernment. More news on how we can support Gabi as she enters Seminary in the Fall will be forth coming in future Bridge articles. For now, we want to say, "WELL DONE, GABI!"

Haiti Update: Many thanks to all who donated art supplies and funds for the One Egg Project in Haiti. The art and school supplies will be packed up on May 15th and will be on board with Trish Sylvester and others from the RICUCC Haiti Task Force when they fly to Haiti on May 24th. Your generous monetary contributions came to \$760, enough to purchase 76 chickens, and eventually provide nourishing hard boiled eggs for hungry Haitian children.

Deadline for Annual Reports: It's time to start thinking about the church's Annual Report. Church officers and ministry team leaders are asked to write a report for inclusion and if possible also include any goals for the upcoming year. The deadline for reports to be submitted to the church office at office@bccucc.org is SUNDAY, MAY 29TH. For reference, previous year's Annual Reports can be found on the church website www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members. Copies of last year's report are available outside the church office.

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 29TH and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th. Applications forms are available from outside the church office and also at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members

Free Piano: We are trying to find a new home for the upright piano that's in Fellowship Hall. It is no longer needed and we'd love to see it going to someone who could use it. Contact the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-00111 if interested.

Information needed about the weathervane: As many of you know, the weathervane that was on top of our steeple broke last year, so it was taken down. As a decision is made about a possible replacement, the Buildings and Grounds team is looking for information about its history. Do you know what happened to the weathervane when the steeple blew off in the hurricane of 1938? Do you know anything about any previous weathervanes? Please contact Paul Dennis at wrbtwks@aol.com or 245-6296 if you can help. Thanks.

The Bereavement Group meets MON, MAY 16TH 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 or 245-8031 for more info.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 19TH from 1:30-3 pm in the church library. They are reading *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry, and copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$12. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Senior Ladies Lunch: The 4th Annual Senior Ladies Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND at Noon in Fellowship Hall. It will be hosted by the Women's Faith Group and the Membership Team, and all Senior Ladies (65+) from the church are invited. If you would like to attend, please either sign up at coffee hour TODAY or contact the church office at (401) 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 24TH 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

Sparks are flying in Barrington! Research shows that youth who identify and pursue their sparks or passions are more likely to feel they have a purpose and to experience positive academic, social and behavioral outcomes. A number of opportunities are being made available to help Barrington youth, including a workshop on June 2nd for parents, youth leaders, teachers etc; and Camp iAm from July 5th - 8th for middle school youth. See the flier on the bulletin board or visit www.thebayteam.org for more information about these and other opportunities.

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.

Building Security: For safety reasons, we lock the outside doors of the Education building (with the exception of the office door opposite the sanctuary) before worship at **9:55 a.m.** on Sunday mornings until church is dismissed. If you carry a key and unlock a door, please lock it behind you. Thank you for your understanding.