

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., May 17	10 am	Worship Service with Rev. Sharon Key and Presentation of Bibles to 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> graders, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:15 am	'Reading Changes Lives' presentation, Library
<i>The church office will be open 9 am – Noon only on Mon, Wed, Thurs &amp; Fri, and open all day on Tuesdays from May 18 – June 2.</i>		
Mon., May 18	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed., May 20	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 21	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sun., May 24		<b>Pentecost</b> <i>Strengthen the Church offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for all ages, Nursery Care only
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9

### Birthdays for the Week of May 17<sup>th</sup>

*Grace Ackerman, Phyllis Buckley, Nora Kiley, Chris Morton, John White, Trish Sylvester, Pete Colella, Kristen Kreuzkamp, Joan Miller, Marion Fodor, Kathy Sullivan, Joshua Tirrell, Diane Mason, and Evan Shoaf.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

### DEACONS FOR MAY

Francis Seader (star), Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude, Susan Seader, and Stephanie Edwards.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon.*

**We welcome the Rev. Sharon Key** back to our church. She will lead today's worship service as Brendan will be working with the church school children in preparation for Jubilation Sunday. Brendan will be leading worship next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> which is Pentecost Sunday.

**'Reading Changes Lives':** TODAY at 11:20 am in the library, Elizabeth McDowell, Director of Literacy Volunteers of the East Bay, will speak about the services of this organization and the importance of teaching people to read. Mission & Justice team invites you to grab some coffee and goodies after worship and join them in the library for her presentation.

**Strengthen the Church offering.** Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the 'Strengthen the Church' offering they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking." Your offerings are directed to the local church conferences (in our case RICUCC), Local Church Ministries, and The Still Speaking Ministry for these purposes. Learn more at [www.ucc.org/stc](http://www.ucc.org/stc). Please make checks payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'Strengthen the Church'. Thank you.

**Staff vacation:** Office administrator, Christine Wallis, will be on vacation from tomorrow, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> thru JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>. During this time, the church office will be open Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday from 9 am – Noon and all day Tuesdays.

**Brendan's schedule:** Brendan has changed his days off to Thursdays and Fridays. In the case of a pastoral emergency you can call him at any time at (401) 318-2447.

**Jubilation Sunday** is MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> and a special service is being planned for all ages that will take place outdoors on the hillside by the labyrinth, weather permitting. *If you would like to volunteer to help or be part of the service* – children, youth and adults – please contact Andrea Bullard ([andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)) or Brendan Curran ([Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)) or call them at the church office (401) 246-0111. The service will be followed by a light lunch hosted by CEYM – all are invited. So mark your calendar and plan to bring yourself, family and friends, blankets to sit on picnic style or camp chairs if you would like, and then stay for lunch. *Note: The lunch is no longer a potluck but is being supplied by CEYM.*

**Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship** application forms are available on line at the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under Get Involved > Information for Church Members. Copies are also available from the rack outside the church office. Two \$400 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. *Deadline for applications is May 31<sup>st</sup>* and the scholarships will be awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**The Women's Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group is discussing the book *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and copies are available for purchase from the church office. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Women's Lunch** will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> at Noon in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Women's Faith Group. The group welcomes senior women from the congregation to share this special lunch and fellowship with them. *Please RSVP by Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>* to the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) to let them know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

**Headphones Available.** There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, MAY 26<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)

**Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run:** BCCUCC is sponsoring the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) run on WEDNESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>. The truck will go to various locations in Providence serving those in need, offering fellowship, food, clothing, and toiletries. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC, they'll leave for Providence around 5:30 and return around 7:30 p.m. There are many jobs involved in getting the truck stocked and ready to serve; so much help is needed with: donations of food items; donations of men's new boxer shorts, t-shirts, white socks and toiletries; preparation of food; going out with the truck and passing out food and clothing from the truck; and cleaning out the truck when it returns to BCCUCC. Collection boxes will be available in Fellowship Hall.

There is an online sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net); or contact Liz White at 401-245-1098 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com). For more info about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit [www.mlf.org](http://www.mlf.org)

**Tot's Yard Sale:** Tot's Cooperative Preschool (who rent space in our CE building) will have their annual Yard Sale on SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> from 8 am – 1 pm in the church parking lot. There will also be a raffle with fabulous prizes!

**The Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Baccalaureate Sunday** is SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> when high school graduates from our church will be honored during the 10 am worship service, and the KLF Scholarship will be awarded (see previous page for details on how to apply). All graduates are invited to process and wear their graduation robes if they would like. Graduates are also asked to please RSVP to let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks and congratulations!

**BCCUCC Annual Meeting** will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service. All church members are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided.

**Junior Youth Group go to Seekonk Grand Prix:** SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> from 11:45 am - 2:30 pm. All youth in grades 6-8 are invited as well as current 5th graders as a prelude to next year's program. Bring a friend. Meet in the church library after coffee hour to depart at 11:45 am. Return to church for parent pick up at 2:45 pm. Cost: \$20 to cover pizza lunch, 3 times around the track and 12 tokens. RSVP and questions to [bccjyg@gmail.com](mailto:bccjyg@gmail.com)

**The Book Group** meets TUES, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, Warren to discuss *Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. All welcome. Contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724 for more information.

**It's not too late to make a pledge.** 'Be the Church' is the theme for our Stewardship Campaign and we ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal period of July – December 2015. Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from your pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. Please put your completed pledge card in the offering plate or return it to the church office as soon as possible. Should you need one, blank pledge cards are available from the vestry hallway or the rack outside the church office. THANK YOU to everyone who has already made a pledge.

**The Destiny Africa Children's Choir** will be performing TODAY at 6 pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church of Riverside (165 Rounds Ave, Riverside, RI). This talented group of children tours the world sharing their music and stories of faith. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Kampala Children's Centre, home to the children who perform in the choir as well as many other orphaned children in Uganda. Find out more at [www.destinyafrica.org](http://www.destinyafrica.org) Questions? Contact Rev. Andrew Simon at (401) 246-1331.

**Softball anyone?** Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing should contact Tom Strolla at [ostrolla@cox.net](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Ave. It's fun and new players are always needed and very welcome.

**Donate to help Nepal Earthquake victims:** The UCC Disaster Ministries is providing assistance both within Nepal as well as in neighboring areas. Online donations to their International Emergency Relief Fund can be made through the UCC website [www.ucc.org/disaster](http://www.ucc.org/disaster) If you prefer to donate by mail, please make checks payable to 'International Emergency Relief Fund' and mail to United Church of Christ, c/o Financial Services office, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland OH 44115. Thank you.

**RICUCC Summer Camps:** Four camps will be run at Irons Homestead this summer, each with 3 age groups – elementary, middle school, and high school. See the flier on the bulletin board for more info or visit their website which has a lot more details including the application forms <http://www.ricucc.org/ministries/outdoor-ministry/> **Volunteers** and some **paid staff** are needed to run these camps. Visit the link above for all the details.

**Nurses needed for RICUCC Summer Camps:** Wondering what would be involved in volunteering at Summer Camp at Irons Homestead as a nurse for a day, an evening, a few day or a whole week? A group of inquiring nurses will be gathering at Seekonk Congregational Church at 7 PM on TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>. Please come and learn about this fun adventure. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact Jennifer Geary: 401-710-9478; [jgeary@ricucc.org](mailto:jgeary@ricucc.org).

**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.