

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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
Tues, May 23	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, May 24	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 26	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
Sun, May 28		<i>Deadline for KLF Scholarship Applications</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of May 21st

Marion Fodor, Kathy Sullivan, Diane Mason, Evan Shoaf, Will Restituyo, Declan Cooke, Greg Voigt, and Will Huard. 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.

Jubilation Sunday is TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 21ST. There is a 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 as our church school children tell the story of "God's Dream", and we all worship together. There will be an abbreviated traditional service that will continue with a service project in the education building. We hope you dressed casually as there's 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 are hosting the all church 300th birthday picnic following the project (see below).

300th Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC – all are invited (even if you didn't RSVP)! TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 21ST from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm there is the 300th Birthday Picnic here at the church. Hosted by the '3 Centuries and Beyond' historical group, this FREE event is open to everyone. We've rented a large grill and there will be lots of food including hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, baked beans, a variety of salads, sides, cake and ice cream. Live music is being 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's also a bouncy house for the kids, in addition to the playground. This should be a really fun and historic event so we hope you will stay and join us.

Church School Registration for 2017-2018 begins TODAY, 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 need to fill out a registration form at the table in the foyer. 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 TODAY, SUN, MAY 21ST, with ceremonies beginning at 1 pm. The Park is a tribute to the 100 people who lost their lives on Feb 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.

Riverwalk Accessibility Project needs your support: BCCUCC is seeking to make our buildings more accessible. Church Council recently approved a plan that will make it much easier for those with physical disabilities to access the Education Building from the Church Sanctuary. This new plan calls for a sidewalk to be constructed along the back of the Education Building running from the sanctuary to the terrace behind Fellowship Hall. This cuts the distance in half for those joining us at coffee hour who need ramp access. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$30,000. To make this project happen, we need your financial support. If you can make a donation, please send a check to the church office with "Riverwalk Project" in the memo, or contact Pat Stoddard at the office (401-246-0111 Ext. 102). We need everyone's help to continue making our church truly welcoming to all. To learn more about this project and see pictures go to www.bccucc.org and follow the link to the Riverwalk Accessibility Project.

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.

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 TODAY 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 info 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 **TODAY 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 next 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.

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, and next meets TUESDAY, MAY 23RD 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 McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.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!

Altar Flower donors needed for SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH. Cost is \$30 per vase and you can choose to pay for one or both vases. A dedication of your choosing 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: On THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH the 5th Annual Senior Ladies Lunch will take place in Fellowship Hall at Noon. 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

Mission Trip Sunday is JUNE 11TH and it's when the youth who went on the Mission Trip to h.o.m.e. in Orland, ME during the April school vacation, will report back on their experiences. We hope you will join us.

BCCUCC's Annual Meeting will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. All church members are encouraged to attend. 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 Wednesday, 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.

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 are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. Games are usually played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome.

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/>

Tri-Conference Annual Meeting: The official call to the RI Conference Annual Meeting has gone out and all are invited to come to this historic meeting! Not only will this be the Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ, it will also be an historic gathering of the three UCC Conferences in southern New England (RI, MA and CT). We will come together not only to have our three separate Annual Meetings; this event has been carefully planned for us to share in collaborative time together as we all make a decision about our shared future. The meetings take place at the Convention Center in Hartford, CT on FRIDAY, JUNE 16 and SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017. Dale, Brendan, and the delegates to the RI Conference from our church will all be attending and will get to vote. Non-voting guests are also very welcome. For more details and registration visit www.ricucc.org/TriConAM

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.

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!

Did you know.....in February of 1738, while the new meeting house was being rebuilt, the town voted that Rev. Heath shall preach at the home of Mr. Bosworth – close to Tyler Point. This was about ¼ mile from the original site of the Congregational meeting house. Conflict again arose as a protest was entered declaring the residents of the town of Barrington were against paying any part of the minister's salary if he preached and conducted business other than at a place the Town appointed. When the Town met again in March, the protestors declared that half a year's salary be withheld except he comply with the location the Town "hath appointed." His answer "I will consider it." His consideration was not to preach at the home of Mr. Bosworth and brought suit against the Town for withholding half a year's salary. It was voted by the selectmen to pay the legal costs and to exempt the Baptists from paying any part of the ten pounds and also to raise 100 pounds to defend themselves against the legal actions pending. To shorten this last part of the saga, all sorts of law suits were filed, people were imprisoned and after two years of conflict and expenditures of hundreds of pounds, by mutual vote of the Church Council, the Town and the Church, pastoral relations were dissolved. In November of 1740, it was agreed to "concur with the vote of the Town in dismissing the Rev. Heath."

This fascinating story and more can be found in the "History of Barrington" by Mr. Bicknell.