

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 28		<i>Deadline for KLF Scholarship Applications</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Guest Preacher, Nursery Care only
Mon, May 29		<i>Memorial Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED
	2 – 4 pm	Outside use of Fellowship Hall
Tues, May 30	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, May 31		<i>Deadline for Annual Reports</i>
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thurs, Jun 1	6 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, Jun 2	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
	Evening	Our church will be lit in orange for Gun Violence Awareness Day
Sun, Jun 4		<i>Baccalaureate Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Recognition of High School Graduates, and awarding of KLF Scholarship. Nursery Care only
	7 – 9 pm	Outside use of Room 6



Birthdays for the Week of May 28th

Ann Doran, Robert Knight, Alexis Brenner, Matthew Brenner, William Buckley, Bridgett McCoy, Lily Sylvester, Eva Brieger, Luc Brieger, Liza DeWitt, Abby Voigt, Brittany Muth, and Michael Koble.
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MAY: Chris Morton (star), Joe Judge, Tom Wegner, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, and Pat Rude.
DEACONS FOR JUNE: Abby Ashley (star), Larry Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Jon Stabach, & Kim Zeleznik.
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.

Today's guest preacher is Gabi Sclafani who grew up as part of the BCCUCC family. Her mom, Carol Strakosch, currently serves on the CEYM Team. Gabi graduated from Brown University in 2014 and is now a first-year Masters of Divinity candidate at Union Theological Seminary (NYC), and a Member in Discernment with RI Conference, UCC. Next year, Gabi will conduct her field education at Church of the Living Hope, UCC, in Spanish Harlem, which, along with Gabi, will travel to Mexico this summer on an educational ministry trip. Get more details on Gabi and learn how to support this mission work on our website! Go to www.bccucc.org and click on the link on the home page.

Church School Registration for 2017-2018 continues TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 28TH after worship. 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.

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 (pat@bccucc.org or 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.

Ministry Team members needed: There are still openings on some of our ministry teams for 2017 – 2018. Building & Grounds, Mission & Justice, and Endowment are all looking for some new members and they offer an invitation for you to become more involved in the life of BCCUCC by serving on a ministry team. You can choose to serve on any of these teams 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 them. 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. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve in 2017-2018.

'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 'Flowers on the Water' from Brendan. 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. A link to the posts is included in the eBridge.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships – Application deadline is TODAY: 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 TODAY and the scholarships will be awarded NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH which is BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY. Completed application forms can be emailed to andrea@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office. Applications forms are available from the rack outside the church office; at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; or from a link in the eBridge.

Baccalaureate Sunday is next SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH when we will be recognizing our high school graduates during the worship service. We hope that you can join us.

Do we have your graduation information? If you want your graduate's information to appear in our newsletter, Christine has extended the deadline to 9 am THIS TUESDAY, MAY 30TH. Name of graduate, high school or college from which they are graduating, what college or further education they may be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate, should be sent to the church office at office@bccucc.org by the deadline for inclusion. Thank you to those who have already sent in their graduation information.

Photos from last Sunday's 300th birthday picnic can be seen on our church website www.bccucc.org and also our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/bccucc. If you take photos at a church event and are willing to share them, please send to Dale@bccucc.org a.s.a.p. so that they can be posted in a timely manner. Thank you.

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!

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 THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST. They will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2017 Annual Report in time for distribution prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 11th following the 10 am worship service.

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. The group is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. Their next meeting is THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Wear orange and turn the church orange on FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The Barrington Congregational Church UCC, once again, will be observing the day by shining an orange light on our historic church building. The "Wear Orange" campaign was started by the friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a teen who was shot and killed in Chicago just one week after performing at President Obama's 2013 inauguration. Hadiya's friends chose the color orange to honor her memory, because orange is the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves. So please "Wear Orange" on FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND and join 'Moms Demand Action', 'Everytown for Gun Safety', and millions of Americans across the country in their effort to promote gun violence awareness and advocate for gun safety and sensible gun policies to end the violence. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction> or www.Everytown.org

Book Group meets TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *They May Not Mean To, But They Do* by Cathleen Schine - a tender, sometimes hilarious intergenerational story about searching for where you belong as your family changes with age. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

Senior Ladies Lunch – have you signed up? 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 can 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. The Warrant with the agenda is below.

Proposed By-Law Amendments: One agenda item (#3) is to review and vote on two proposed by-law amendments. One covers the treatment of donations received without a designated purpose. The second covers requirements to be met before distribution of endowment funds can be made for purposes other than the annual dividends. The proposed amendments are posted outside the church office and an Endowment Team member will be at coffee hour TODAY with copies of the proposals and to answer any questions. The proposals were also included in this week's eBridge.

**Warrant for the ANNUAL MEETING Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island
Sunday, June 11th, 2017**

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 11th, 2017**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

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| ARTICLE | I: | To call the meeting to order. |
| ARTICLE | II: | To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams, and delegates. |
| ARTICLE | III: | To review and act on the proposed by-law amendments related to the Endowment Fund. |
| ARTICLE | IV: | To request formal approval for the change to a calendar fiscal year implemented in 2016, and authority for the Clerk to make appropriate changes to the by-laws. |
| ARTICLE | V: | To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting. |
| ARTICLE | VI: | To adjourn the meeting. |

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

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.