

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., May 4	8:30 am 8:30 am 10 am 10 am 10:15 am – 2 pm 11:15 am	CEYM meeting, Library Men's Group, Room 6 Worship Service with Communion Children's Communion Service in Room 6, then Church School OWL Session, Library Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
Mon., May 5	11 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting, Jeff's office Lay Visitation meeting, Library Deacons Meeting, Room 6
Wed., May 7	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8 Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs., May 9	6:30 pm	Dine Out Group, SS Dion restaurant Overnight Confirmation retreat
Sun., May 11		<i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:15 am Reception for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall 10 am Worship Service with Confirmation, Church School for Grades PreK-Gd 6 only 11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of May 4th

*Alicia Hamblett, Michaela Hurley, Katrina Swihart,
Susan Doss, David Graham, Andrew Cooke,
Chip Kreuzkamp, Emmee Williams, Ginger Cater,
Vicki Hosford, Lori Rosa, Olivia Soares, Betsy Staples,
Doug Tonn, Laura Cooke, and Morgan Fontaine.*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MAY

Steve Peck (Star Deacon), Stephanie Edwards,
Susan Rotblat-Walker, Pat Rude,
and Francis Seader.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot
reach Jeff (401 247-1787), please contact a deacon.*

The Men's Group is meeting again TODAY from 8:30-9:30 am in Room 6. All men are welcome to come and engage in some interesting conversation, led by Jeff Larsen.

Delicious Peace: Coffee, Music and Religious Harmony in Uganda: TODAY at 2:30 pm at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd, Barrington. The program is free and open to the community and Rev. Jeff Larsen will be participating in it. The guest speaker is Rabbi Jeff Summit – a renowned ethnomusicologist – who has lived in Eastern Uganda with the Abayudaya, a tribe who self-converted to Judaism 95 years ago. In 2004, a member of the tribe, JJ Keki, traveled on foot knocking on the doors of his Jewish, Christian and Muslim neighbors, asking them to put aside their differences and join him to create an extraordinary partnership based on trust and emphasizing peace. Thus, Delicious Peace (Mirembe Kawomera), a cooperative of small-scale farmers came together to grow fair-trade coffee. To promote their endeavor they compose music, encouraging others to work alongside. All are welcome to come hear their compelling story about music and the creation of interfaith peace. Delicious Peace coffee will be served during the reception following.

Confirmation Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11TH when six of our youth will be confirmed. Following the service the congregation will move outside for the traditional release of doves by the clergy and newly confirmed. The congregation is invited to greet and congratulate the newly confirmed at coffee hour after the service. We hope you can be there.

RICUCC Summer Camps & Open House: The Conference is offering several summer camps this year at Irons Homestead for different age groups, as well as a Family Camp:

High School Camp (rising Grades 9-12) July 13-18; Elementary Mini-Camp (rising Grades 3-5) July 27-30;

Middle School Camp (rising Grades 6-8) August 3-8; Family Camp August 22-24

Information about the Summer Camps is available from the Conference website www.ricucc.org where there's more information about Irons as well as a photo gallery. Fliers and registration forms are also available from outside the church office or the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

There will be an **Open House** at Irons on SUNDAY, MAY 11TH from 2 – 4 pm where you can visit and meet the program staff. Located on 70 acres in northwest RI, it's worth a visit and all are welcome, whether camping this summer or not. Mothers who attend will receive a special gift. Irons Homestead is located at 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02857.

Annual Reports due: Church officers and ministry team chairs are reminded that their annual reports are due in to the church office by MONDAY, MAY 12TH for inclusion in the church's 2014 Annual Report. Your report should cover from mid May 2013 to now. Please e-mail them to office@bccucc.org – preferably as an attachment. Thanks.

6th Annual RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty Conference is WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH at Rhode Island College's Donovan Dining Hall, from 8 am – 12:30 pm (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.). Keynote Speaker is Sister Simone Campbell, visionary leader of 'Nuns on the Bus!' She is also a nationally recognized advocate attorney. The event also includes a Faith Breakfast Study on Poverty, and a choice of Advocacy and Faith Workshops. Tickets are \$25 (includes a full breakfast). On-line registration is at www.endpovertyri.org

Jubilation Sunday is SUNDAY, MAY 18TH. Celebrate our diversity with the church school children as we tell the Story of Creation, hear the story "The Crayon Box that Talked" and worship together. We will have 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! Please bring stuffed animals and dolls to be used as props during the service. A light lunch, hosted by the Christian Education & Youth Ministries Team, will be served along with the usual coffee hour goodies. All welcome.

The Dine Out Group will meet for their last get-together of the year on FRIDAY, MAY 9TH at 6:30 p.m. at one of their favorite restaurants, S.S. Dion, 520 Thames Street, Bristol. To make a reservation, contact Sue Black at sueandjimblack@gmail.com or (401) 245-2772, *by this Tuesday, May 6th*. All are welcome—both singles and couples.

The Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, MAY 12TH from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

The Knitting for Others Group next meets on TUESDAY, MAY 13TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Marty Kee, 3 Briarfield Road, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join them for an evening of knitting/crocheting and fellowship. For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

Memory Impairment Support Group: The group will meet WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH AND 28TH from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the church library. Both caregivers and patients with memory impairment diagnoses such as Alzheimer's and dementia are welcome. The group is open to all - not just members of this church. It is a safe space to share experiences and coping strategies. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, MAY 15TH from 1:30 – 3 p.m. in the church library. All women from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions are welcome. They will continue discussion of their new book, *Evensong* by Gail Godwin. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for the discounted price of \$12. For info about the group contact Carol Louttit at 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com.

The Book Group meets on TUESDAY, MAY 20TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St., Warren. They will discuss *Flora* by Gail Godwin. For more information on the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com

JPF Spring Bike Ride will take place on SUNDAY, MAY 18TH at 1 pm. All 6th – 8th graders welcome. Meet in Shaw's parking lot adjacent to the bike path and travel to Colt State Park. Please bring money for a stop at Del's or ice cream. Plan to be back at Shaw's for 3 pm. E-mail Ginger Stabach or Kim Zeleznik at bccJPF@gmail.com with any questions!

2nd Annual Senior Women's Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH 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 29th* to the church office (246-0111), Nancy Martin (273-1078), Carol Louttit (245-2299) or Jane Tonn (289-2349) to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you need transportation.

Graduate information please: Each year we publish the names of graduates - from high school and from college - in the June *Bridge*. In order to do this we need their names! If a member of your family is graduating this spring, please call the church office (246-0111) or e-mail us at office@bccucc.org and let us know their name, from what high school or college they are graduating, and, if they plan to continue their education, at what institution. In order to be included in the June *Bridge*, information must be in the church office *by Monday, May 12th*.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship application forms are available from outside the church office or the church website www.bccucc.org on the 'Information for Church Members' page. Two \$400 scholarships are awarded each year - one to a graduating senior and one to a student currently in college – who have completed the confirmation process and are currently members of BCCUCC. *Deadline for applications is Sunday, June 1st*. All who are eligible are encouraged to apply. Contact Andrea Bullard andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x.107 with questions.

Baccalaureate Sunday is JUNE 8TH when our high school seniors are invited to wear their gowns and be recognized during the 10 a.m. worship service. The Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship will also be awarded. High school seniors are invited to send in pictures from various stages of their lives to Jeff at jeff@bccucc.org so that a collage can be made. These can be everything from baby pictures to more recent ones, including family scenes. Thanks.

Our on-line Church Calendar is a great resource and is now available directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. You can also access it from the church website www.bccucc.org. It is now the only calendar being used in the church office – and is up to date with the information we have through the end of June. Please inform Christine (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thanks.

Have you made a pledge yet? We ask that everyone make a pledge for our next fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015). Our church is totally self-supporting and relies on the income from your pledges to pay its bills and carry out its mission. Completed pledge cards may be put in the offering plate or returned to the church office. 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.

Church photo directory: All members and friends who were photographed by LifeTouch or submitted a family photo receive a free directory. Those who haven't yet picked up their copy may do so from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). Additional directories are available for purchase for \$5.00.

Nametags: Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour. It helps us get to know each other and is particularly welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office.

Instrumentalists Wanted: A church member who plays violin would like to join others for rehearsal and music making, leading to a chamber music offering in worship. Do you play a string instrument, woodwind, flute etc. and wish to dust off your instrument and play again. Contact Music co-chair Mary Lou Slicker: RISlick@fullchannel.net or 245-0085

Our church website www.bccucc.org is regularly updated - check out new posts under 'Latest News' on the home page. Let Christine know (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) if there's information you think should be included, or corrections made – or any errors you find. There are still some blank pages that need to be worked on, and that will happen as soon as possible. We hope you will use the website as an additional tool to keep you up to date with what's happening at church. Hopefully, visitors will also find the information on our website helpful as they look around for a church community with whom to connect and worship.