

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 6		<b>UCC Sunday / New Member Sunday</b>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Communion, and Reception of New Members; Children prepare for Jubilation Sunday during Church School time
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	1 pm	<i>BCC Miracle Mudders</i> take part in Tough Tiger, Hampden Meadows School
	5 – 7 pm	Mission Trip meeting, Library
Mon, May 7	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, May 8	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, May 9	Noon	<i>Deadline for the eBridge</i>
	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 10	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, May 11		<i>Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, May 13		<b>Confirmation Sunday / Mothers Day</b>
	9:15 am	Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6



## Birthdays for the Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> :

*Emmee Williams, Vicki Hosford, Betsy Staples, and Elizabeth Roach.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

**DEACONS FOR MAY:** Joe Judge (star), Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader and Steve Fodor. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**Deacons Envelopes** will be included in next week's bulletin instead of this week's, as TODAY we are focusing on Membership Giving to our local RI Conference of the UCC. A special envelope for this is included in today's bulletin.

**BCCUCC team to run the Tough Tiger Race** TODAY at 1 pm at Hampden Meadows School. Our team of ten - the *BCC Miracle Mudders* – is captained by Rev. Dale Azevedo and includes Brendan Curran plus other adults and children from the congregation. We invite you to come cheer them on. Go to [www.hampdenmeadowspto.org](http://www.hampdenmeadowspto.org) for more info.

**Atwater Donnelly Concert 'Songs to Heal the Web of Life':** Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and song with the Atwater-Donnelly folk duo on SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> at 3 pm in the sanctuary! Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour, and will be available from the church office and at the door. \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. Proceeds support BCCUCC's 2018 service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation where volunteers will partner with the Black Mesa Water Coalition in efforts to plant "edible landscapes" and help develop food sovereignty for the Navajo People.

**Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior?** If so this announcement is for you! We will be recognizing our high school seniors on BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> and we invite our High School Seniors to attend. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office *by Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>* ([office@bccucc.org](mailto: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 Brendan ([brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) *by Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>*. Information needed is name of graduate, high school, or institution 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 *Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>* and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Applications forms are available from outside the church office; at [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; and at a link in the next eBridge.

**Annual Reports:** It's fast approaching that time of year again – time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2017 – May 2018. Reports should be sent to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or dropped off in the church office *by Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2018 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> following the 10 am worship service.

**Please wear a nametag** for both worship and coffee hour. It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.

**Our complete Church calendar** can be viewed online from our website or directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** Dale's latest blog is 'Are you more committed to addressing problems, or holding onto your solutions?'. It can be read on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) from a link on the home page, on Facebook, or at a link in the next eBridge. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Confirmation Sunday** is next SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> when several of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed and become full members of our church, following preparation with Brendan since September. We hope that you can join us.

**Jubilation Sunday** is MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>. There will be a very special Worship Service for All Ages to celebrate the Church School community. This year's theme is the "Web of Life". Please join the children as we witness our connections to one another and the world. The celebration will continue with make-your-own ice cream sundaes during coffee hour.

**Church School Registration for 2018-2019** begins SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> after worship. If you registered your child for 2017-18 you'll only need to update and initial your current form. To register a child for the first time, you can fill out a registration form at the table in the foyer that day. All children from nursery through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Good news from our Renewal Team!** The Renewal Team is in monthly contact with Rev. Steve Sterner, our consultant, as is Dale individually. They are excited to report that the seven strategic teams have been busy researching information and gathering data in their goal to complete phase one of our process. There is an energy and excitement among team members about their results. Thank you all for your hard work. (*See below for how you can help two of the strategic teams with their research and data gathering*). There will be a Strategic Team Feedback Session on SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, from 8:30-10:00 in the library. We encourage everyone on all seven strategic teams to be present to facilitate communication and share their enthusiasm. A continental breakfast will be offered.

On SUNDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, the Renewal Team will report to the entire congregation during the Annual Meeting. As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions. We welcome all input. Go teams, go!

*Rev. Dale Avezedo, Larry Ashley, Tom Colby, Erik Ela, Marion Fodor, Helen Schall, Heather Williamson*

**The Capital Improvement Team wants to hear from you:** As part of their data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), they're interested in hearing your thoughts on building repairs and improvements. Have you noticed something that should be repaired or could really use an upgrade? Or do you have a building improvement idea? Then drop them an email at [BCCUCCBG@gmail.com](mailto:BCCUCCBG@gmail.com), or speak with Larry Ashley. Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

**The Community Connection Team needs your help to gather data** on the "unofficial" outreach that congregational participants are performing in the community. They'd appreciate receiving responses to the following questions:

1. What are ways that you connect with the community? (Note: we are defining community as the East Bay)
2. Do you volunteer for an organization, either as a representative of the church or on your own? If so which organization and what type of service do you provide?
3. What are the issues facing members of the East Bay community about which you are the most passionate?
4. Do you perceive that there are unfulfilled needs in the community? If yes, what are these needs?
5. Are there people in town or in the East Bay that we should be engaging regarding unfulfilled needs?

Please send your responses to Nancy Arena at [nancy.arena@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com). Printed survey sheets with these questions are also on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

**Ministry Team members needed:** The Membership Team is helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Anyone interested in serving – perhaps on a particular team or you're open to suggestions – should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com).

**Our Meditation Room** is open to the public and to people of all faiths. **Mindful Monday** is MONDAYS from 7 – 8 pm and includes a 20-25 minute guided meditation led by Brendan, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. **Mid-Week Recharge** is WEDNESDAYS from 12:30 – 1 pm when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or a short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Brendan's Community Office Hours** are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"** is SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> and all local donations go to TapIn. Please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver to TapIn to stock their food pantry which serves hundreds of East Bay residents. Last year, this food drive collected 4,376 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community. Volunteers are also needed to unpack, sort and organize the food donations at TapIn on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should call (401) 247-1444 or email [info@tapin.org](mailto:info@tapin.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Book Group** meets TUES, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Since We Fell* by Dennis Lehane. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All welcome!

**A Ladies Lunch** will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> at Noon to which ALL ladies of the church are invited, regardless of age! RSVP to the office by *Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>* or sign up at coffee hour.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) - and be sure to include your name – or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) or at the back of Fellowship Hall.