

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 7		<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>
	9:15 am	Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service with Confirmation and Communion, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	2 – 6 pm	OWL Session, Library
	7 pm	Concert by Yale Whiffenpoofs, Sanctuary
Mon, May 8	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
Tues, May 9	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Wed, May 10	7 pm	Mission and Justice team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 12	3 - 5 pm	Brendan's 'Public Office Hours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
	6 pm	Junior Youth Group Game Night, Movie and Sleepover at church
Sat, May 13	9 am – 12:45 pm	JYG and SYG 'Save the Bay' Clean up
	10 am	Memorial Service for Peter Scott, Sanctuary
	4:30 – 6 pm	Interfaith Peace Parade, St John's parking lot to Police Cove Park
Sun, May 14		<i>Music Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with special music and Sing and Celebrate choir, Church School



Birthdays for the Week of May 7th

Chip Kreuzkamp, Emmee Williams, Ginger Cater, Vicki Hosford, Olivia Soares, Betsy Staples, Doug Tonn, Tuckerman Lukens, and Elizabeth Roach. 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.

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir rehearsals continue after church in Room 6 this SUNDAY, MAY 7TH in preparation for singing in church again next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14th, and again on Jubilation Sunday, May 21st. All children (boys and girls) Grade 1 & up are welcome to join the choir and come sing. Contact Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or 246-1743 for more info.

Membership Giving envelopes: Last Sunday was UCC Celebration Sunday and included in the bulletin was a special 'Membership Giving' envelope. Dale talked about the importance of our relationship with the UCC and invited the congregation to make a donation to cover the \$20 per capita fee that our church pays to the RI Conference UCC. If you are returning an envelope from last week with a donation, please place in the offering plate. Additional envelopes are available from the back of the church or from the back table in Fellowship Hall for anyone who needs one. Thank you to all who have donated.

'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 – it's from Dale and is titled 'Who? What? Where?' 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.

TONIGHT! Yale Whiffenpoofs in concert at BCCUCC: As part of the '3 Centuries and Beyond' Concert series, the world famous Whiffenpoofs a cappella group from Yale University is giving a concert in our sanctuary this SUNDAY, MAY 7TH at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at www.Whiffenpoofs.com/Tickets or at the door. A portion of the ticket sales benefits our church's 300th Anniversary celebrations and preservation efforts. Tickets are \$20 each (+ \$1.87 handling fee), or children/students are \$10 (+ \$1.28). There is also a \$30 ticket (+\$2.31) for seats in the front two rows!

The Junior Youth Group's annual church sleepover and shoreline clean-up with *Save the Bay* is happening this FRIDAY, MAY 12TH - SATURDAY, MAY 13TH. JYG members are invited to gather at the church at 6 pm on FRIDAY 12TH for pizza, games, movies and sleepover. There will be a pancake breakfast the morning of SATURDAY 13TH. Together with Senior Youth Group members, they will join *Save the Bay* for a shoreline clean-up later that morning, leaving from the church in car-pools at 9 am. Parents are encouraged to join in for the clean-up! They will be at the clean-up site from 10 am - 12 pm. The event concludes at the church at 12:45 pm. Junior Youth Group (JYG) is open to any youth in Grades 6–8. Questions or to sign up to go - contact Rev. Brendan Curran at 246-0111 x104 or Brendan@bccucc.org

Interfaith Peace Parade: On SATURDAY, MAY 13TH from 4:30 – 6 pm all are encouraged to join the Interfaith Peace Parade being held to celebrate the origins of Mother's Day! Participants are invited to gather at 4:30 pm in the parking lot of St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. Bring diapers or baby wipes to donate to Project Undercover, an organization that helps mothers in need. The community will then walk to Police Cove Park where there will be prayers and poems for peace shared from different faith communities, song, and a reading of Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day proclamation. We hope you will participate in this joyful Springtime community event! Bring a picnic basket if you wish! Questions? Contact Brendan Curran at 246-0111 x 104 or Brendan@bccucc.org

Music Sunday: Next SUNDAY, MAY 14TH we will celebrate Music Sunday with some special music in worship from our choirs and musicians. We hope you can join us as we recognize the important role of music and musicians in worship.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MAY 15TH from 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at 245-8031 or jsbeeb@aol.com

Book Group will meet TUESDAY, MAY 16TH at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *Mothering Sunday: a Romance* by Graham Swift. “Set in 1924, in an England still reeling from the loss of young men to the Great War, this elegiac tale offers a haunting portrait of lives in a world in transition.” (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

Women’s Faith Group will meet on THURSDAY, MAY 18TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to watch the DVD of the book they’ve just been reading *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are still available for purchase (\$13) from the church office. All women are welcome, including from other faiths and churches. For more information contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Meet your Muslim neighbors! On SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, Dale is going to lead a group from BCCUCC to ‘Open Mosques RI’. This event is being hosted by the RI Council for Muslim Advancement as an opportunity for Rhode Islanders to visit and tour mosques throughout our state and learn more about the religion of Islam and its role in RI. We are going to meet in the church parking lot at 2 pm and carpool to one of the nearby mosques. The event should be over by 4 pm or shortly thereafter. For more information or to RSVP contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 103.

300th Birthday Picnic at BCCUCC – all are invited! On SUNDAY, MAY 21ST from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm there will be a 300th Birthday Picnic here at the church. Hosted by the ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ historical group, this FREE event is open to everyone. We’re renting a large grill and food includes hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, baked beans, a variety of salads, cake and ice cream. Live music will be 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 will also be a bouncy house for the kids, in addition to the playground. This should be a really fun and historic event so we hope you can join us. RSVP’s would be most helpful (see below).

RSVP’s needed for the picnic: For planning purposes, we ask that you please RSVP to 300th@bccucc.org to let us know if you’re coming to the 300th Birthday Picnic (see above) and how many. If you don’t have access to email, there is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. We want to make sure there’s plenty of food for everyone!

Salads and sides needed for picnic: The congregation is being asked to make salads and sides to accompany the picnic – sign up sheets are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thanks to those who’ve already signed up!

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 it 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 *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 information 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 *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 Sunday, May 28th* and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4th. Applications forms are available from outside the church office and also at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

Senior Ladies Lunch: The 5th Annual Senior Ladies Lunch will take place on THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall. 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

Opportunities for involvement. There are several ministry teams that have openings for 2017-18. Building & Grounds, Mission & Justice, and Membership/Nominating all offer an invitation to become more involved in the life of BCCUCC. Also there is an opening for a Member-at-Large on the Church Council. Please contact Joanne Ela or Beth Buckley of Membership/Nominating to discover new ways to serve the church. Look for them at Coffee Hour or email either Beth at elizabethbuckley21@msn.com, or Joanne at gsbse@me.com.

Photos from the recent Mission Trip to h.o.m.e. in Orland, ME can be viewed on our church website at www.bccucc.org. Click on the link on the home page. On SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH the youth who went on the Mission Trip will report back on their experiences. Mark your calendars!

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.....the original building for the church was near Jenny’s Lane and was in extreme disrepair in 1737. Since it needed so much work and the population had settled mostly in the north section of town – including Rev. Peleg Heath – it was decided to move the building to the north. This created a great disturbance and the town was divided into two hostile camps – up-neck and down-neck. Joshua Bicknell helped to settle the debate by the gift of land on which the church is now located. While the building was being torn down Mr. Heath was on the “Lord’s business” in the Bristol Court House. He was taunted by the town for not being present while this was happening. This saga is the beginning of the end of Reverend Mr. Heath’s ministry.....more to follow.

The ‘Did you know...’ historical segments are brought to you by the ‘3 Centuries and Beyond’ group.