

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 8		<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>
	9:15 am	Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service with Confirmation, Church School for PreK – Gde 6 only
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
Mon, May 9	11 am	Staff meeting, Sue's office
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 7
Tues, May 10	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, May 11	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 12	6:30 pm	Dine Out at SS Dion restaurant in Bristol
Fri, May 13	7 pm	Discussion of Ambassador Freeman's talk, Fellowship Hall/Library
Sun, May 15		<i>Pentecost Laity Sunday Strengthen the Church offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service led by the laity, Church School
	11:15 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	2 – 6 pm	Millennials go hiking in Tiverton



Birthdays for the Week of May 8th

*Ginger Cater, Vicki Hosford, Lori Rosa,
Olivia Soares, Betsy Staples, Doug Tonn,
Laura Cook, Morgan Fontaine,
Tuckerman Lukens, Elizabeth Roach,
Denise Zonfrillo, and Mark Hanchar*

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR MAY

Susan Seader (star deacon), Chris Brady, Pat Rude,
Susan Rotblat-Walker, Joe Judge, Tom Wegner.

*In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you
cannot reach Sue (781-724-9831) or Brendan (401-318
2447) please call on one of the deacons.*

Our church calendar is at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

TODAY is Confirmation Sunday. Following the service there will be the traditional dove release outside. We ask that the congregation please allow the newly confirmed and their families to leave the sanctuary first via the front doors, and that the remainder of the congregation then leave by the vestry door. All are welcome to observe the dove release. At coffee hour following in Fellowship Hall there will be a celebratory cake for all to enjoy. We hope that you can make it over to coffee hour to congratulate and welcome the newly confirmed into membership of our church.

Calling all graduates! It is our tradition to publish in the newsletter the names of those from our church who are graduating from high school, college, or other institute of higher learning each spring. If you have someone graduating, please send their name, the school/college from which they are graduating, and if appropriate, where they are continuing their education. Information should be sent to office@bccucc.org or call the church office at 246-0111 **by this Wednesday, May 11th** in order to be included.

Dine Out in May is this THURSDAY, MAY 12TH at 6:30 pm for the special weeknight menu at SS Dion restaurant, 520 Thames St, Bristol. All are welcome - singles, couples, newcomers and old-timers alike. This will be the last Dine Out until the Fall. Let's have a good turn out! RSVP's required by **Tues, May 10th** to Sue Black at (401) 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for the Mission Trip is SUNDAY, MAY 22ND from 5 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Those who attended the one in January will tell you that the food is delicious and not to be missed! Tickets are Adult/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6, Family max \$40 – on sale at coffee hour TODAY. Tickets also available from the church office during the week and online at www.bccucc.org. Click on the link on the homepage - the menu is also included.

Doors locked earlier: For safety reasons, we lock the outside doors of the Education building (with the exception of the office door opposite the sanctuary) before worship and will now do so **at 9:55 a.m.** on Sunday mornings until church is dismissed. If you carry a key and unlock a door, please lock it behind you. Thank you for your understanding.

Altar Flower Donors needed: Donors are needed to pay for the flowers on SUNDAYS JUNE 5TH (2) and JUNE 19TH (1). Cost is \$30 per arrangement and you can choose to pay for one or both. They can be given as a memorial or celebration of a person or event. Anyone interested should contact Cheryl Muth at 433-2878 or jccbmuth@aol.com. Thank you.

Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Learn more at www.bccucc.org/stc Informational inserts and special offering envelopes are included in the bulletin TODAY and also NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15TH for your donations. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC', and write 'Strengthen the Church' in the memo line. Thank you.

Follow Up Discussion on Amb. Chas Freeman's talk: FRIDAY, MAY 13TH at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our Mission and Justice Ministry team together with East Bay Citizens for Peace, and the American Friends Service Committee - SENE, are hosting a discussion group to follow up on Ambassador Chas Freeman's talk, "The End of the American Empire: Foreign Policy without Diplomacy" that took place here on April 2nd. A copy of his talk can be found online at <http://chasfreeman.net/the-end-of-the-american-empire/>. All are welcome to come to the discussion, whether or not they attended the talk.

Millennials to go hiking (instead of bowling): Are you a 20 or 30 something in the BCCUCC community? Are you looking to get to know other young people in the area or talk with people of faith? Join Rev. Brendan Curran and lay member Gabrielle Sclafani on SUNDAY, MAY 15TH for an afternoon hike through Weetamoo Woods in Tiverton, RI. The group will gather at 2:00 PM in the church parking lot to carpool and return by 6:00. Please RSVP to Gabi at gabrielle_sclafani@alumni.brown.edu

Bridge deadline: The deadline for the June *Bridge* newsletter is next SUNDAY, MAY 15TH. Please submit for inclusion information about June and summer events to Christine at office@bccucc.org Thanks

Deadline for Annual Reports: It's time to start thinking about the church's Annual Report. Church officers and ministry team leaders are asked to write a report for inclusion and if possible also include any goals for the upcoming year. The deadline for reports to be submitted to the church office at office@bccucc.org is SUNDAY, MAY 29TH. For reference, previous year's Annual Reports can be found on the church website www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members. Copies of last year's report are available outside the church office.

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 29TH and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th. Applications forms are available from outside the church office and also at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members

Free Piano: We are trying to find a new home for the upright piano that's in Fellowship Hall. It is no longer needed and we'd love to see it going to someone who could use it. Contact the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-00111 if interested.

Information needed about the weathervane: As many of you know, the weathervane that was on top of our steeple broke last year, so it was taken down. As a decision is made about a possible replacement, the Buildings and Grounds team is looking for information about its history. Do you know what happened to the weathervane when the steeple blew off in the hurricane of 1938? Do you know anything about any previous weathervanes? Please contact Paul Dennis at wrbtwks@aol.com or 245-6296 if you can help. Thanks.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 10TH 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 or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

The Bereavement Group meets MON, MAY 16TH at 10 am in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome - participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031 for more info.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, MAY 19TH from 1:30-3 pm in the church library. They have a new book *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry, and copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$12. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net or Nancy Martin at 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Senior Ladies Lunch: Save the date of THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND at Noon when the Women's Faith Group and the Membership Team will host the 4th Annual Senior Ladies Lunch in Fellowship Hall. All senior ladies of the church are invited. Details to follow.

Got GRIT? Dropout rates for college freshman now exceed 40%. Teachers report that kids' default reaction when faced with frustration is to quit. Learning self-reliance - developing GRIT - doesn't happen by itself! The question is: Are we making GRIT too hard for our children to develop by making their lives too easy? On SUNDAY, MAY 15TH at 6:45 pm, a program is being offered at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington where parents will find out how to instill it, and kids (separately) will find out how to get it. It will be led by Stephanie Donaldson-Pressman - therapist and clinical director of NE Center for Pediatric Psychology; developer of the theory of Empowerment Parenting; author of 'The Learning Habit'; and internationally recognized expert on family dynamics. All are invited to this free event. There's also the option to come early for the 5:30 pm service and/or dinner at 6:15 pm. (RSVP for dinner required at 245-4065).

Planned Giving Seminar: George Weavill of the RI Conference of the UCC will present a seminar on Planned Giving on SATURDAY, MAY 21ST from 1 - 3:30 pm at First Congregational Church of Bristol, 300 High St, Bristol. All are invited to attend and discover options for Planned Giving that benefit both you and your church. Register by calling the Bristol church office at (401) 253-7288 or call Sally Evans at (508) 674-0276.

There is a Nursery Nook available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to adjust the volume.) However, we believe God put the wiggle in children - so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! You and your child are most welcome to remain in the sanctuary if you prefer.

Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour - it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.

Hearing Assists available. We have purchased some additional hearing assists for use in the sanctuary. If you need extra help hearing the service, please speak with an usher about using one. We want you to hear the service!

Want to raise money for our church when you shop online? Then shop at AmazonSmile and every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. To learn more visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization.

Keep up to date with that's happening with our on-line Church Calendar - either at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the link at the bottom of any page of our church website www.bccucc.org. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.