

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Nov 15		<i>Deadline for the Dec/Jan Bridge newsletter</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	Noon – 3 pm	Non Violence Group, Library
Mon, Nov 16	10 am	Bereavement Group
	11 am	Staff meeting, Sue's office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Tues, Nov 17	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
Wed, Nov 18	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Nov 19	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
Sat, Nov 21	9 am – Noon	Boy Scout Troop 2 Rummage Sale, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Nov 22	9 am	Senior Youth Group meet to go to Matthewson Street Friendship Breakfast
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School with Advent Arts
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9



## Birthdays for the Week of November 15<sup>th</sup>

*Mackenzie Cater, Rick Loomis, Robbie Loos, Maggie Porter, Aquinnah Crosby, Claire Crosby, Melanie Lane, Kate Loos, Lorna Wayland, Evan Stabach, Diane Todd, and Christine Wallis.*  
Please keep them in your prayers.

## DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

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

**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.

**Headphones Available.** There are two sets of full headphones in the sanctuary for those who need extra help hearing the service. They plug into the usual box and cover both ears. Check with the ushers for availability.

**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 turn up the volume.)

**Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals** continue TODAY after church school in Room 9. They rehearse each week (except for Nov 29). The choir is for boys and girls in grades 1-5, although older children also sing. It is organized by Kate Colby and accompanied by Marina Zabinski. They welcome new children to join them as they learn a new song to be sung in worship in a few weeks. Questions? Contact Kate Colby at [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or (401) 246-1743.

**Bridge newsletter deadline** is TODAY. Please submit all information for both December and January to Christine in the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). She will be out of the office for Thanksgiving week so it's important that everything is submitted by today's deadline for it to be included. Please remember to also send in reports about what your team/group has been doing. Thanks.

**Search Committee update:** The Search Committee has hit the road running and already has a couple of meetings behind us. We've been meeting with other folks that have been a part of prior processes as a sort of "lessons learned". A lot of information has been gathered and this will help us as we move forward in our search for our next Senior Minister.

**Have you made a pledge yet?** Many thanks to all who have made a financial pledge for 2016 – it is much appreciated. For those who haven't yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can financially support your church in 2016. 80% of the church's income comes from money donated by church members and friends like you. Making a pledge (promise) ahead of time of the amount of money that you will give in 2016 allows the Finance team to come up with a budget for the year. If you didn't receive a pledge packet, either let us know and we'll mail one to you, or pick up a blank pledge packet from the rack outside the church office. The Stewardship team have asked that all pledges be turned in by TODAY. If you have not yet done so, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Do you like to sing?** The choir is looking for some new singers who would like to worship by joyfully singing with them. Why not join them! While it is hoped that choir members will attend both Wednesday rehearsals (7:30 – 9 pm) and Sunday worship services on a regular basis, Marina, our choir director, is understanding that there are some whose schedule simply does not allow this. She welcomes these singers in the choir when they are available.

**The Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> at 10 am in the library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031 for more info.

**The Women's Faith Group:** The new book they're reading by Desmond Tutu is available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12.80. They next meet on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net)

**Advent Arts:** Church School children from PreK – Grade 8 will participate in ‘Advent Arts’ next SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> during their church school time. They will have the opportunity to do a number of different art and craft activities, and adults who want to participate will be able to do so during coffee hour. Mark your calendar and plan to be here!

**Senior Youth group** will be going to the Matthewson Street Friendship Breakfast next SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. All youth in grades 9 – 12 are invited to participate. They will be serving breakfast to those in need and delivering the books that they've been collecting (see below). Those planning to go should let Brendan know *by November 18th* at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 401 318-2447. Signed permission slips are required. Meet at BCCUCC at 9 a.m. on Nov 22.

**Book Drive:** All are encouraged to bring a book they are willing to part with to church by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> and leave it in the book collection box located by the Membership table in Fellowship Hall. The books will be delivered to the Matthewson Street Friendship Breakfast when our senior high youth join them on Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a Sunday morning meal and prayer service for Providence’s downtown community, especially geared to those in need.

**The annual Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will be on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> at 7 p.m. at Barrington Presbyterian Church, 400 County Road, Barrington. It will be a service of Psalms, Prayer and Praise. A canned food offering will go to support TAPIN and a monetary offering will go to support both TAPIN and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Parking at BPC is limited so carpooling is encouraged, or park in the BCCUCC commuter lot and walk. There will be a time of fellowship following the service with simple refreshments provided by the participating houses of worship. All are welcome.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** meets on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Volunteers needed to provide refreshments** at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service (see above). If you are willing to provide a plate of goodies, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Interested in going on the 2016 Mission Trip:** Rev. Brendan Curran will be leading a group of high school youth and adults to *Borderlinks* in Tucson, AZ the last week of June 2016. If you are interested in going, please contact Brendan as soon as possible as there is space available. He can be reached at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 104.

**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](http://www.bccucc.org). Please notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

**Christmas Eve services** this year will be at **5 pm** – Service includes Pageant (with puppets); **7 pm** – Lessons and Carols (traditional with choir); and **11 pm** – Contemplative Service with Communion.

**Volunteers needed for Christmas Pageant:** It’s not too early to start thinking about the Christmas Pageant which will take place during the 5 pm Christmas Eve service. Once again it will feature large puppets made by Brendan, and he is currently working on a new puppet – of Joseph. Volunteers of all ages are needed as indicated below:

**CAST:**

Unless otherwise indicated all parts are open to kids age 10 and up.  
Puppet roles have stars \*\*\* next to them.

**Narrator** - age 12 and up

**3 Prophets**

**2 Townspeople**

**Angel Puppet:** \*\*\* (3 strong high school students or adults operate this larger puppet)

**3 Sheep** \*\*\* (3 people fifth grade and up - we need one large adult sized sheep, a medium sized person sheep, and a little sheep!) We need lively sheep with strong personalities! Must be able to baaaahh!

**3 Shepherds** \*\*\*

**3 Innkeepers**

**Mary** \*\*\* This is a large puppet - we need a teenager or an adult

**Joseph** \*\*\* This is also a large puppet - we need a teenager or an adult

**Wise Men/Kings** \*\*\* Three eccentric people are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. *One needs to be a teenager or an adult.*

They cast will be joined on Christmas Eve by.....

**Chorus of Angels and Shepherds** *Younger children from preschool thru age 10 - they will rehearse separately (see below)*

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

The cast will read and walk through the pageant at 11:15 am on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> for 45 minutes. They will also have a rehearsal WITH the puppets after church on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> (hot chocolate and snacks included!). There will be a final rehearsal for the pageant's main characters and puppeteers at 3:30 pm on CHRISTMAS EVE.

The younger children who are the chorus of angels and shepherds will rehearse separately as part of church school and will come to join the pageant rehearsal on CHRISTMAS EVE at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary.

To volunteer for any of these roles or with questions, please contact Brendan at (401) 246-0111 ext 104, or (401) 318-2447 or e-mail him at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**Volunteer Opportunity in Providence:** Young students in Providence need you, and Inspiring Minds can help you decide how to make a difference! We are a 50-year old educational non-profit looking for volunteers to become tutors and confidence-builders; our opportunities include in-school tutoring with students grade K through 5, after-school tutoring with high school students, and facilitating workshops in STEAM fields. Can you commit one hour per week, or are you bi-lingual in Spanish? Call us! No previous teaching or tutoring experience required. You can change a child's life just by showing you care, and training is provided. Call 274-3240 or email [inspire@inspiringmindsri.org](mailto:inspire@inspiringmindsri.org) to learn more.