

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Nov 20	10 am	Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Advent Arts during Church School time
	1 – 4 pm	OWL session, Library
Mon, Nov 21	7 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Barrington United Methodist Church
Tues, Nov 22	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Thurs, Nov 24		<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office Closed
Fri, Nov 25		Office Closed
Sun, Nov 27	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	Noon – 2 pm	Senior Youth Group, Library

### Birthdays for the Week of November 20<sup>th</sup>

*Evan Stabach, Diane Todd, Kim Zeleznik, Beverly Kelly, Dwight McMillan, Louise House.*

Please keep them in your prayers.



If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn't appear in this list, it's because we don't have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

**DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER:** Jon Stabach (star), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, and Kim Zeleznik. 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.

**Advent Arts:** On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> during church school time, children in PreK through Grade 8 are invited to participate in Advent Arts in Fellowship Hall. There will be some old favorites as well as some new crafts this year. Please plan on coming and having fun!

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:** Barrington Clergy Association is holding its annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> at 7 pm at Barrington United Methodist Church, 230 Washington Road, Barrington. This year, as we come together to express gratitude for the bounty that our magnificent country offers us, our community will give thanks, sing hymns of praise, and also take a short look at our country's relationship to the refugee – past, present and future. The service will include some guest speakers, and a special offering will be taken for the Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island. The service is expected to last an hour. All are welcome.

**Deadline** for the Dec/Jan *Bridge* newsletter is past. However, if you still have information for inclusion, please send it to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> and she'll do her best to include it. All information should be sent publication ready (she will take care of formatting it to fit). Remember to include all of the info needed (who, what, where, when, why etc) and any deadline dates. Thanks.

**Altar Flower Donors needed:** It's wonderful to remember those who have passed on with altar flowers, and just as wonderful to 'honor' someone special with them. The schedule of donors on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> is completely open if you would like to pay for the altar flowers on that date (either one or both arrangements - \$30 each). If interested please call Liz Rosenholm at 245-9098; or you can reach her in the church office on Wednesday mornings at 246-0111.

**Have you completed an Estimate of Giving card?** Many thanks to everyone who has completed and returned their Estimate of Giving Card for 2017. If you haven't yet filled one in we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We need to wrap up the Stewardship Campaign and give a final dollar amount to the Finance Team so that they can work on a church budget for 2017, based on that figure. If you need an Estimate of Giving Card, you can find one on the rack outside the church office or from the side in the vestry hallway. Thank you.

**Did you know.....**it took 100 years for the church to realize "out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark"? In 1817 the Rev. Luther Wright's ministry helped establish a "catechism school" for youth at the church and the first Sunday School began (supposedly in the kitchen of the Holmes' house near the church). In 1946 the church bought the Holmes estate for a religious education building. In 1952 the Board of Christian Education was wrestling with the probability of double sessions as the average attendance was about 253 with an enrollment of 350 children. In 1956, on January 1<sup>st</sup> the new Education building was dedicated. As the babes grow – so grows the church!! P.S. More historical information to follow from 3 Centuries and Beyond – Historical Group.

**'300 Hundred Years and Beyond' Apparel and Totes:** In celebration of our church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are selling tote bags, t-shirts and fleece vests with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. The samples have arrived and we're ready to take orders! Items available are: Cranberry Tote Bag \$22.00; Heather Navy Short Sleeve T-Shirt \$18.00; Black Women's and Men's Fleece Vest \$42.00. Order for yourself or to give to others for the holidays! Order forms are available at coffee hour or stop by the office. Pre-payment is requested and a quick turnover on orders has been promised! Feel free to contact us with any questions - Pat Rude 837-2845 [ru4880@cox.net](mailto:ru4880@cox.net) or Marion Fodor 245-2003 [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net).

**Our Church calendar** can be found at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and is regularly updated. If you have items for inclusion, please submit them to the church office. Please also let the office know of any changes/corrections needed. Thanks.

**Advent (begins Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>) at BCCUCC:** We hope that you have it in your Christmas plans to attend worship throughout the season of Advent. Brendan and Dale have prepared a special worship series for this season entitled, “*Coming Together...*” The first of these sermons will take place on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> with a very kid friendly message with the theme, *Prepare*. The series will then continue each week through December covering the themes, *Holy Mess*, *Patience*, and *Emmanuel*. Be sure to make time for yourself, and your church family, as we come together through this special season.

**Christmas Services:** Since Christmas is falling on Sunday this year, we will be hosting only two services on Christmas Eve along with another one on Christmas Day. Please note the change in times from last year. **Christmas Eve: Dec 24 @ 6 pm** The early service will once again be our rendition of the Christmas pageant. Brendan’s famous puppets will be returning to star in this service although we promise there will be a new twist with an actual journey to the manger. **Dec 24 @ 10 pm** Our later service will be a more traditional service of lessons and carols led by Marina and the choir. Dale will be delivering a brief Christmas message as we come together to welcome God’s promise of *Emmanuel*, “God with us”. **Christmas Day: Dec. 25 @10 am** Families and people of all ages are invited to join us for worship on Christmas morning. This service will be celebratory, simple and family friendly. And, yes, there WILL be presents.

**SERRV catalogs** are available from Helen Schall at coffee hour or contact her at 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). Items for sale can also be seen at [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org). Ordering through the church will save you shipping costs and also provides the church with funds to support the 2017 Mission Trip – as well as supporting artisans and farmers worldwide.

**Keypad locks** are soon to be installed on the entrance doors to the Education building in the kitchen and by the church office. A code will be required for entry which will be provided to those who need it. Once the change is made, current Education building keys will not work in any of the outside doors, so please enter via the doors with keypads.

**The Sermons are available online:** You can find them on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under Worship > Sermon Archive. You can also access them directly at <http://www.bccucc.org/sunday-morning/sermon-archive/>

**Interested in being a Church School Volunteer** – then contact our CE Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 x 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) We need 10 volunteers every Sunday to make church school happen!

**‘White Privilege’ study continues:** The Interfaith Conversation Partners are holding a six part study of the White Privilege Curriculum. *White Privilege: Let's Talk—A Resource for Transformational Dialogue*. It is an adult curriculum from the U.C.C. that’s designed to invite church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race. Learn more and download the curriculum at <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>. These sessions are being held in the BCCUCC church library on TUESDAYS, NOV. 1, 15, 29 AND DEC. 6, 13, & 20 from 10:30 am - Noon and are open to the community. For more info, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com).

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</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 information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**The Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> from 10 – 11 am 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 [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Women’s Faith Group** meets THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library to continue their discussion of ‘Finding Nouf’ by Zoë Ferraris. Copies are available for purchase (\$11.20) from the church office. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info 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)

**NAMI Family Support Group:** NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) is holding a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. The group is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 6. Their first meeting was in November and they next meet on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. They are planning to make red hats for newborns or preemies as part of ‘Little Hats, Big Hearts’. Learn more at [www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts](http://www.heart.org/littlehatsbighearts) All knitters and crocheters are welcome, and the group is always pleased to see new faces. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 of [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group next** meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> (note that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday). at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell. For more info, contact Helen Schall 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

**Mission/Service Trip 2017** will be to h.o.m.e. in Orland Maine, and will be during the week of Barrington Public School’s April vacation, the week following Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stay tuned for more details! If you want to learn more about h.o.m.e. please visit their website! <http://www.homecoop.net/> Contact Brendan if you’re in the 9th-12th grade and are interested in joining or if you want to learn more! [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 401-318-2447.

**40 more new chairs needed by Christmas!** Our goal is to have 200 new chairs and to date we’ve been able to purchase 160 chairs and 2 chair racks for Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to all who helped pay for them. If you’d like to make a contribution, please do so at this time. Please make checks payable to BCCUCC with 'chairs' in the memo line.

**Please wear a nametag:** It helps Dale get to know our names, 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. Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.