

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This covers two weeks and will be included in the bulletin on Nov 22nd and 29th

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

Sun, Nov 22	9 am	Senior Youth Group meet to go to Matthewson Street Friendship Breakfast
	10 am	Worship Service with Handbell Solo, Advent Arts during Church School time
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
Mon, Nov 23	7 pm	Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Barrington Presbyterian Church
Tues, Nov 24	1:30 – 3 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Nov 25 – Fri, Nov 27		Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Sun, Nov 29	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
Mon, Nov 30	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 pm	Advent Bible Study, Library
Tues, Dec 1	9:30 am	Collate Bridge, Room 6
	7 pm	Search Committee meeting, Library
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Mary Lou Slicker's home
Wed, Dec 2	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Dec 3	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group meeting, Library
Sat, Dec 5	3 pm	BCCUCC leave to serve meal at Soup Kitchen (Music and Endowment teams)
Sun, Dec 6	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	During Coffee Hour	Bake Sale to raise money for Mission Trip, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library



Birthdays for the Week of November 22nd

Kim Zeleznik, Beverly Kelly, Dwight McMillan, Louise House, Emma Larrivee, Kristen Murray, Chase Squires, Sheila Hutton, and Hadley Wohlrab.

Birthdays for the Week of November 29th

Emma Edwards, Dave Zonfrillo, George Bolton, Kate Colby, Ray Parker, Greg Dubel, and Walter Ramsden.

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.

DEACONS FOR DECEMBER

Jon Stabach (star deacon), Abby Ashley, Larry Ashley, Stephanie Edwards, Greg Voigt, and Liz White.

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.

Advent Arts is TODAY. When the Church School children from PreK - Grade 8 leave following the children's message, they will go over to Fellowship Hall to participate in 'Advent Arts'. There will be 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.

Please pick up your fruit: The boxes of grapefruit and oranges have arrived! If you placed an order you can pick it up TODAY from Room 7 where they are laid out in alphabetical order. Thanks to all who ordered fruit to raise funds for the Mission Trip, and also to all who donated fruit to TAPIN – it was given out yesterday with the bags of Thanksgiving food.

Stewardship Update from the Stewardship Team: Thank you to the 112 households that have already made a pledge for the 2016 calendar year. If you have not yet pledged we ask that you please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Team needs all pledges to be submitted before the end of December so they can finalize the 2016 budget. If you need a pledge card they are available from the church office. You can drop off or mail in your pledge card, put it in the collection plate or email your pledge to Financial Secretary Pat Stoddard - pat@bccucc.org We cannot build a "future with hope" without you!

CarePage for Jeff Larsen: Jeff underwent surgery for ulcerative colitis this past Friday, November 20th. Kathleen has set up a CarePage at <http://www.carepages.com/carepages/SacoBayJeff> to keep people updated on how he's doing. Messages can be sent to Jeff via this page. Cards can be sent to him at 279 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford ME 04005.

The annual Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is tomorrow MON, NOV 23RD 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.

Volunteers needed to provide refreshments at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service (see above). Each church is asked to bring some so if you are willing to provide a plate of goodies, please let Rev. Sue know TODAY. Thank you.

Office Closings and Staff Vacations: The church office will be closed WEDNESDAY, NOV 25 - FRIDAY, NOV 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Christine Wallis will be away Nov 23 – 25 and Rev. Sue Remick will be away Nov 25 - 30.

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 5 pm Christmas Eve Pageant: Please note the revised rehearsal schedule below and also that there is a deadline of SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH to sign up to participate. Volunteers of all ages are needed as indicated below.

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

Narrator - age 12 and up **3 Prophets** **2 Townspeople** **3 Shepherds** *** **3 Innkeepers**
Angel Puppet: *** (3 strong high school students or adults operate this larger puppet)
3 Sheep *** (3 people fifth grade and up - 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 baaaaahh!
Mary *** A large puppet - we need a teenager or an adult **Joseph** *** A large puppet - we need a teenager or an adult
Wise Men/Kings *** 3 people are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. One needs to be a teenager or an adult.
Chorus of Angels and Shepherds Younger children from preschool thru age 10

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH at 11:15 am for 45 minutes. Everyone should attend for a reading and walk through. This includes the younger Chorus of Angels and Shepherds who will learn their song and pick up their angel or shepherd costume.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH at 11:15 am. Rehearsal with puppets for cast and puppeteers. Refreshments will be provided. (The chorus of angels and shepherds do not attend – their only rehearsal is on December 13th).

CHRISTMAS EVE at 3:30 pm Dress rehearsal for cast and puppeteers.

CHRISTMAS EVE at 4:30 pm Chorus of Angels and Shepherds arrive.

To volunteer for any of the roles or ask questions, contact Rev. Brendan Curran at 246-0111 or Brendan@bccucc.org

Advent Bible Study: For the first three Monday evenings in Advent, NOVEMBER 29TH, DECEMBER 7TH & 14TH all are invited to join Rev. Brendan Curran at 7 pm in the Library for an hour of practicing "Lectio Divina," a contemplative way of reading scripture. Together, participants will "read, reflect, respond, and rest," with the Advent scriptures inviting the Christmas story to take root in the heart. Hope you can join us for this special time during the busy holiday season.

Advent Candle Lighters needed: Sue and Brendan are looking for people to read the short liturgy and light the Advent candles on December 6, 13, 20 and on Christmas Eve at the 5 pm & 7 pm services. Individuals, families or groups are welcome to do this. If you are interested please contact Sue (246-0111 x103 or sue@bccucc.org).

Mitten Tree: During Advent, NOVEMBER 29TH - DECEMBER 20TH we will have our Mitten Tree in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) for your donations of new hats, mittens, scarves and gloves of all sizes - for children, teenagers and adults. The items will be donated to Amos House for distribution to those in need at their annual Christmas dinner in Providence. Both handmade and purchased items are most welcome.

Giving Tree: Our Mission and Justice Ministry Team is again having a "Giving Tree" with envelopes for donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, toy stores, Wal-Mart, shopping malls, etc. to help needy families afford the necessities, and also allow them to have money for gifts for their families and themselves. The tree will be up in Fellowship Hall from SUN, NOV 29TH THRU SUN, DEC 20TH and donations will be taken each Sunday. The gift cards purchased will be donated to the Women's Resource Center for Newport and Bristol Counties.

Candle Sale: To raise funds for the 2016 Mission Trip we will be selling Ava Anderson's artisan chemical-free candles during the four weeks of advent! Candle sales will take place during coffee hour starting SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH and going through the month of December. Order forms will be available at coffee hour or from the rack outside the church office. To help with this fundraiser or with questions contact Ginger Stabach gstabach@gmail.com or (401) 225-2076

Bake Sale: The Mission & Justice Team will be hosting a bake sale during coffee hour on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH to support the 2016 Mission Trip. People are encouraged to bake something to sell, and/or buy something someone baked! If you want to help or if you have any questions please contact Stephanie Edwards sedwards@rwu.edu or (401) 484-4701

Search Committee update: The Search Committee has hit the road running and already has several meetings behind them. They'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 them as they move forward in the search for our next Senior Minister.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 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

The Bereavement Group meets MON, NOV 30TH at 10 am in the 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.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Mary Lou Slicker, 9 Hilltop Ave, Barrington. They are working on caps, scarves, mittens or knit cuffs for the church mitten tree and for donation through the *Knit 1 Quilt 2* store that works through an agency to support foster children and help supply them with some warm items. The group welcomes donations from other knitters or crocheters who cannot make the gatherings but would like to contribute to the supply of warmth giving items. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or RISLick@fullchannel.net

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD from 1:30 - 3 pm in the church library to finish their discussion of *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu. All women in the church - and from other churches - are invited to attend. On THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH the group will meet on the first floor of Trafford Restaurant in Warren for their annual Christmas Lunch. RSVP for the lunch by Dec 14th to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net, or to the church office.

Dine Out Group: All are invited to join Dine Out on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH at 6:30 pm at SS Dion restaurant, 520 Thames Street, Bristol RI. RSVP's are required by Wednesday, December 9th to Sue Black or (401) 245-2772 at sueandjimblack@gmail.com. All are welcome - singles, couples, oldtimers and newcomers alike!

Book Group meets TUES., DEC 15TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss the book *Goodnight June* by Sarah Jio. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com