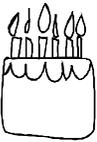


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Nov. 23	10 am 11 am 11:20 am	Worship Service for all ages with Country Music, Nursery Care only Sing & Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Discussion of UCC 'One Read' book, Library
Mon., Nov. 24	10 am 11 am 7 pm	Bereavement Group, Library Staff meeting, Jeff's office Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, BCCUCC Sanctuary
Tue., Nov. 25	1- 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed., Nov. 26	4 pm 5:30 pm	Prep for Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Kitchen Mobile Loaves and Fishes run to Providence
Thurs., Nov. 27		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Fri., Nov. 28		Office Closed
Sun., Nov. 30	10 am 1:30 – 4 pm	Worship Service, Advent Arts during Church School time RICUCC Advent Adventures for Grades 5-8, Newman Cong'l Church



Birthdays for the Week of November 23rd

Tom Bruekner, Beverly Kelly, Dwight McMillan, Louise House, Emma Larrivee, Kristen Murray, Chase Squires, Sheila Hutton, Hadley Wohlrab, Emma Edwards, and Dave Zonfrillo.
Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

Pat Rude (Star Deacon), Susan Seader, Francis Seader, Stephanie Edwards, and Susan Rotblat-Walker.
If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Brendan (318-2447) or Jeff (247-1787) please contact a deacon.

TODAY is "Country Music Sunday." Our worship service is for all ages so there is no Church School but there is still nursery care available for children ages 3 and under over in the Education Building. Today's service includes special music from several members of a country group call "Ragged Company". We welcome them to our worship service.

New Children's Bulletins: We now have two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12 – available for pick up from the basket on the table in the narthex as you come into church. If you forgot, please feel free to go get one!

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.

CITRUS ORDERS are available for pick up TODAY from Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser for our Youth Mission Trip. Contact Beth Zarlengo at zarlengo@cox.net or 295-8411 if there are any problems.

UCC's 'One Read' book discussion is TODAY: *Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age* by Rob Shindler is the book that the UCC is encouraging congregations to read as part of their 'Reading Changes Lives' initiative. A discussion of the book has been scheduled for TODAY after worship in the library to which all are invited. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for \$8.

The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place here at our church TOMORROW, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH at 7 p.m. This is a service of song and sharing from the different houses of worship in Barrington, and is followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Tap-In. Monetary donations for Tap-In will also be accepted.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to bring cider for the reception. Please either drop it off during the day or before the service in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run: BCCUCC is sponsoring the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) run this WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. The truck will go to various locations in Providence serving those in need, offering fellowship, food, clothing, and toiletries. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. at BCCUCC, they'll leave for Providence around 5:30 and return around 7:30 p.m. There are many jobs involved in getting the truck stocked and ready to serve; so much help is needed with: donations of food items; donations of men's new boxer shorts, t-shirts, white socks and toiletries; preparation of food; going out with the truck and passing out food and clothing from the truck; and cleaning out the truck when it returns to BCCUCC. A collection box for all donations is on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

There is an online sign up at www.signupgenius.com for either donating items or helping with preparation etc. Click on the 'Find a Sign Up' tab near the top, and then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net; or contact Liz White at 401-245-1098 or lizzyw2@aol.com. For more info about Mobile Loaves and Fishes visit www.mlf.org

Help!! Candle Lighters and Readers Needed: Individuals or families are invited each Sunday in Advent to light the candles on the Advent Wreath in worship, and to read some accompanying words. Volunteers are needed beginning NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, and then on DECEMBER 7TH, 14TH, & 21ST, and also at the 5 and 9 pm services on CHRISTMAS EVE. We're using a new format this year so even if you've lit the Advent candles in the past, we invite you to volunteer again this year. Additional volunteers are also needed to read Scripture at the 9 pm Christmas Eve service. Please contact Jeff to volunteer for any of these opportunities (jeff@bccucc.org or 246-0111, x. 103). Thank you!

Advent Arts: NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH is the First Sunday of Advent! After the Children's Message, children in Grades PreK-8 are invited to Fellowship Hall for Advent Arts. There will be old favorites like making reindeer food and pinecone bird feeders as well as some new and fun craft projects.

Wanted – baby food jars: Andrea is collecting baby food jars for use at Advent Arts next Sunday. If you have any please let her know TODAY and then drop them off in the church office by this Wednesday. Thank you.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH for the Thanksgiving holiday. The office may also close early on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH **J**

The Bereavement Group will meet tomorrow, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH from 10 - 11 am in the church library. The group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and new members are always welcome. For more info about the group, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group: They will meet this TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH 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

Knitting for Others Group next meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren (245-2003 for directions). All knitters and crocheters are very welcome. The group will be focusing on making items for the mitten tree. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker at rislick@fullchannel.net or 245-0085.

Dine Out Group will next meet on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH at 6:30 pm when they will eat at Bluewater Grill, 32 Barton Avenue, Barrington. All are welcome – both singles and couples. Please reserve your spot with Sue Black by Wednesday, Dec. 3RD: sueandjimblack@gmail.com or 245-2772.

The Book Group will meet on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot in Warren to discuss *Good Poems* edited by Garrison Keillor. *Good Poems* includes poems about lovers, children, failure, everyday life, death, and transcendence. It features the work of classic poets, such as Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, and Robert Frost, as well as the work of contemporary greats such as Howard Nemerov, Charles Bukowski, Donald Hall, Billy Collins, Robert Bly, and Sharon Olds. It's a book of poems for anybody who loves poetry whether they know it or not. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for information about the group. All are welcome.

Sacred Conversations in Advent: On Monday Evenings at 7 pm for the weeks of Advent in December, (DEC 1ST, 8TH, 15TH & 22ND) Brendan will be facilitating a sacred conversations group in the Library. Meetings will consist of lighting the advent candles, reading a brief reflection, sharing together about the weekly conversation topic, as well as sharing Joys and Concerns. The intention is to provide a contemplative and intimate space for reflection and sharing to nurture our spiritual lives together during what can be a stressful time of year. All are welcome for any/all Monday meetings!

A Memorial Service for Natalie Perry will be held at our church on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH at 11 am and will be led by the Rev. Charlie Simonson. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Mitten Tree: As in previous years, our Mission and Justice Ministry Team will have a Christmas Tree in the narthex (where the greeters stand) beginning next Sunday. The congregation is asked to fill it with new hats, mittens, scarves and gloves of all sizes - for children, teenagers and adults. The items will be donated to various local agencies for distribution to those in need. Both handmade and purchased items are most welcome.

SERRV Catalogs Available: SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. Please see Helen Schall at the piano in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour for a catalog, or view items at their website www.serrv.org. Helen will be taking orders through the first week of December, and ordering through the church saves you shipping costs and raises money for the 2015 Youth Mission Trip.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling: On Sunday afternoon, DECEMBER 14TH the Junior and Senior Youth Groups will be going caroling together to local nursing homes Atria Bay Spring and East Bay Manor. They will meet at the church at 2:30 pm for a brief warm up before heading out. After caroling, they will go to the Stabach's home for a potluck dinner and Yankee Swap (\$10 limit). Watch your e-mail for more details. Questions or to be added to their e-mail list, please contact the JYG leaders at bccjpf@gmail.com or speak with Kim Zeleznik, Ginger Stabach or Laurie Dubel.

Help Needed with Coffee Hour: This is an ongoing need so please consider signing up to help by providing food, serving or clearing up on a Sunday that works for you. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall or contact Jane Tonn (jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349) chair of Membership.

BCCUCC **will not** be holding a toy collection this year (correction to notice in the November Bridge newsletter). If you have gently used or new toys to donate, please take them to Tap-In in Barrington for distribution to local families in need. **PLEASE – no stuffed animals!** For more information about Tap-In's Christmas program, please call them at 247-1444.

Changes to BCCUCC Recycling – We now have several large mixed recyclables collection carts that will be emptied by our new trash collector. One is in the Vestry kitchen and one is in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Please **DO** recycle the following items: Bottles, cans, plastic containers less than 2 gallons in size, milk/juice cartons, paper and CLEAN cardboard. The following items **are not recyclable** in RI at this time and belong in the trash: plastic straws, plastic utensils, paper plates, paper towels, paper cups, greasy pizza boxes. All containers must be rinsed clean – keep plastic caps attached to plastic containers but remove metal lids from glass bottles and recycle separately. Plastic grocery and other bags do not belong in the cart – please return them to the dedicated collection bins at local grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.