

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Nov 26		<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Baptism, Nursery Care only
Mon, Nov 27	11 am	Bereavement Group
Tue, Nov 28	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Wed, Nov 29	Noon	Deadline for eBridge
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Nov 30	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot
Fri, Dec 1		Trip to Medicine Wheel and Vigil for World AIDS Day (see below)
Sun, Dec 3		<i>Advent 1 / World AIDS Day</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
After Church School		Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am – 1:15 pm		Confirmation Class, Room 9
1 – 4 pm		RICUCC Advent Adventures for Grades 3 – 8, Woodridge Church



Birthdays for the Week of Nov 26th: *Kristen Murray, Sheila Hutton, Emma Edwards, George Bolton, Kate Colby, and Achina Stein.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER: Susan Seader (star), Stephanie Edwards, Joe Judge, Chris Morton and Tom Wegner. 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 a deacon.

Photos wanted: If you have pictures that you are willing to share of the 300th anniversary brunch and worship service, please email them to abbyashley01@gmail.com. She will do her best to pick through them to feature the best and clearest photos to share to the church's Facebook page. There are already a few photos on the church website www.bccucc.org but there is room for plenty more if you send them to Abby!

Cards for Sale: Cards with a watercolor print of the church continue to be available during coffee hour. The original painting was the work of long time member Mary Kutcher. The cards make great gifts for family and friends, are available in two sizes - greeting card (3 for \$5) and note card (5 for \$5) sizes – and are blank inside.

Have you completed an Estimate of Giving card? Many thanks to the 112 households who completed and returned their Estimate of Giving (EOG) Card for 2018 – that includes 8 'new' households that haven't pledged before! If you intend to return an EOG card for 2018, we hope to hear from you as soon as possible. Our Finance Ministry Team and the Church Council are in the process of finalizing the budget for 2018, and many of their decisions are based on the 2018 Estimates of Giving from our members and friends. If you need an EOG Card, you can find one on the rack outside the church office or from the side in the vestry hallway. You can also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at pat@bccucc.org with your Estimate of Giving for 2018, and she will confirm receipt of your email and the amount. Of course, you can also mail in your card or place it in the offering plate.

SERRV catalogs and order forms are available thru December 3rd - Helen Schall will have the catalogs available at the piano TODAY in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. SERRV sponsors small scale, on-the-ground programs to bring practical training and business support to their artisan partners - particularly women - to extend their earning potential into the future. You can also go online to see the many items available at www.serrv.org and e-mail your order to helenschall@hotmail.com including item number and description. Remember, ordering through the church will save you shipping charges and provide financial support for the 2018 Service Trip.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUES, NOV 28TH from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. Open to patients and caregivers, and they need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Next eBridge: The next eBridge will be published this THURS, NOV 30TH - deadline for submissions is Noon on *Wednesday, November 30th*, but an earlier submission is appreciated.

Community Office Hours are when our ministers make themselves available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. Brendan is at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm. Dale is hoping to resume his community office hours in the New Year. Stay tuned!

Medicine Wheel Installation and Vigil for World Aids Day: On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST Brendan will be going to offer prayers at the annual Medicine Wheel Installation and Vigil at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama. Each year, people are invited to keep the "Medicine Wheel" installation and vigil remembering those who have died from HIV/AIDS and continue to suffer worldwide for lack of access to life-saving medicine. This has been a meaningful and powerful way for individuals and groups to connect to themselves and to each other. Groups and individuals have been invited to lead or participate in meditation, song, prayer, healing rituals, dance, reading poetry, etc. Many spend the full twenty four hours in the wheel. Brendan will be visiting for an hour. If you would like to join him contact him directly before December 1st at brendan@bccucc.org More info at <http://mwponline.org/wordpress/projects/medicine-wheel/>

Confirmation Class: The next class will be held on SUN., DEC. 3RD from 11:15 am -1:15 pm in Room 9.

Sing and Celebrate Choir: Rehearsals resume on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD after worship in Room 6 when they will be practicing a song to be sung in church on December 17th. Boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are most welcome to come sing and new singers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net

Mitten Tree: The mitten tree will go up in the narthex NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD to start receiving your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens for children, youth and adults of all sizes this holiday season. Donations should be made *by Sunday, December 17th* so they can be given to Amos House for distribution at their annual Christmas Dinner.

Knitting for Others Group: Next meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH from 7-9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Knitters are encouraged to bring red yarn to make hats for the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" project, or work on a prayer shawl, or hats, scarves etc for our church's Mitten tree. For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker, 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Senior Luncheon: Senior adults are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th in Fellowship Hall at noon. We would also love to include any of you who are not seniors, but are free that day. Please join us. There will be a sign up list at Coffee Hour TODAY, or you can call Beth Buckley at 401-247-0324. If anyone needs a ride, it can be provided – just be sure to let us know. You will not want to miss this festive event to kick off the Christmas season!

Women of Faith Christmas Lunch will be on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH at Noon at Trafford Restaurant, 285 Water Street, Warren. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 jtonn2@cox.net by *Tues., December 5th*.

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, DEC 7TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info Contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Dale and Elizabeth would like to get to know you better! All members and friends of the church are encouraged to sign up and join Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo for monthly dinners at the parsonage (7 Fireside Drive, Barrington). The next dinner is on WED, DEC 13TH from 6 – 8 pm. They don't guarantee a gourmet meal, but do promise a comfortable table where all are welcome! For more info, or to sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. You can also sign up for dates in 2018.

The Book Group next meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley. "Through the cheeky humor, the author gives readers a very real sense of the 16th century when science and superstition held equal sway, and a man was always a sword's breadth away from a horrible death". (Publisher's Weekly). For more info contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Services: On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH there will be a regular 10 a.m. worship service for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Later the same day, Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary at 5 pm and 10 pm. The 5 pm service will include a Christmas Pageant, and the 10 pm service will be Lessons and Carols.

Advent Candle Lighters & Christmas Eve Readers needed: Dale and Brendan are looking for people to read the liturgy and light the Advent candles ON SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, AND 17 at 10 am, and on DECEMBER 24 at 10 am, 5pm & 10 pm. Volunteers are also needed to read scripture at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these please contact Rev. Dale Azevedo (401) 246-0111 ext 103 or dale@bccucc.org. Thank you.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. The latest posting "Be not afraid" by Rev. Brendan Curran can be read at the church's website www.bccucc.org. Copies are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Please consider joining the Lay Visitation Team: They meet once a month and between times reach out to members of the church who need a call, a card, or a visit. So if you are looking for an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus--this is for you! Call Dale at 401-246-0111 with your interest.

Singers Welcome! If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir (no audition necessary). Rehearsals are WEDNESDAYS from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry. All voice parts are welcome. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 marina@bccucc.org, or just show up. We'd love to have you join us!

Room 8 to become a Meditation Room: As a part of his ministry plan this year, Brendan will be leading meditation classes at the church and we need your help to transform Room 8 into a meditation space. A list of what's needed is on the church website (www.bccucc.org and click on the link on the home page) or speak with Brendan.

Make money for the church while Christmas shopping: You can raise money for our church when you shop online by shopping at **AmazonSmile** where 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. The church receives a quarterly deposit from Amazon!

Sermons on line: If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so by going to the church website www.bccucc.org and clicking on the post on the home page, or by going to the 'Worship' tab and clicking on 'Sermon Archive' in the drop down menu. Past sermons can also be found there.

Drivers needed: We sometimes get requests from church members who want to attend either a worship service or other church event, but are no longer able to drive themselves. We are compiling a list of volunteers we can call upon when we receive such a request. If interested please contact the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org. Thank you.

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.)

Our Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also any errors or changes. Thanks.