

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Nov 27	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	Noon – 2 pm	Senior Youth Group, Library
Mon, Nov 28	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Nov 29	10:30 – Noon	‘White Privilege’ Curriculum study, Library
	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale’s office
Wed, Nov 30	10 am	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Dec 1	9:30 am	Collate <i>Bridge</i> newsletter, Room 6
	1:30 – 3 pm	Women’s Faith Group, Library
Sun, Dec 4	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	1 – 4:30 pm	RICUCC Advent Adventures, Woodridge Church
	5-7 pm	Junior Youth Group, Room 9

Birthdays for the Week of November 27th

Sheila Hutton, Emma Edwards, George Bolton, Kate Colby, and Ray Parker

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 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 begins this Sunday, November 27th: 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 27TH 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.

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.

‘3 Centuries & Beyond’ Merchandise - The Historical Group will be selling our 300th Celebration merchandise at coffee hour every Sunday. Please pick up a Calendar for \$12, or order a Tote for \$22, a T-Shirt for \$18, and/or a Fleece for \$42. Pre-payment is requested with orders. Proceeds will benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving & preservation of our historical documents and items. They make great Christmas gifts! *Please note that orders must be placed by December 4th if you want your items in time for Christmas.* Questions, please contact Pat Rude 837-2845 ru4880@cox.net or Marion Fodor 245-2003 smfodor@cox.net, or email 300th@bccucc.org.

Concert Series at BCCUCC: As part of our 300th Anniversary celebrations, the Historical Group is organizing a series of concerts. The first will be given by Barrington High School Jazz Band on DECEMBER 9TH (see below). The second will be on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH at 4 pm when folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will perform. Save the date! More info to follow.

Jazz Concert to benefit our church’s 300th Anniversary: Barrington High School Jazz Band will give a concert in our sanctuary on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are encouraged to come hear this very talented group of musicians.

SERRV catalogs are available from Helen Schall at coffee hour or contact her at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com. Items for sale can also be seen at 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 being installed next week 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 locks in the church building will remain the same.

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.

Pageant Volunteers needed: The CHRISTMAS EVE Pageant at the 6 pm service will soon be upon us, and the puppets of Bethlehem will be making their way to Barrington. This year we will be changing the pageant a little bit – journeying to the Sanctuary from Fellowship Hall. We need involvement from people of all ages as we did last year to pull this off. We had a great time and I'm sure this year will be another joyful success! Below is a list of the characters. *Our deadline to sign up for the pageant is December 4th.* Please contact Brendan (401-318-2447 or brendan@bccucc.org) to reserve your part - or he might be recruiting you! **CAST – 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 baaaaah!) **2 adult shepherds** (We need two shepherds to guide our sheep... literally. The sheep can't see where they are going in the sheep puppets.) **4 Innkeepers** (We need four innkeepers who are also able to act as ushers and guide people to the sanctuary when the congregation walks in procession to the church. **Mary** (Mary is a large puppet- we need a teenager or an adult. **Joseph** (Joseph is a large puppet – we need a teenager or adult). **Wise Men/Kings** (Three lively characters are needed to operate the single three kings puppet. One needs to be a teenager or an adult.) All participants must be able to attend a rehearsal on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH from 11:15 am – 1 pm. Final rehearsal will be Christmas Eve (main characters and puppeteers from 4:30 pm, and children thru age 10 at 5:30 pm.)

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH 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 or 245-8031.

'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.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 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 or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or 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 1ST. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

'Find Your Four': Barrington Congregational Church is the faith community selected in the Town of Barrington to participate in the Rhode Island Energy Challenge: Find Your Four, a campaign led by SmartPower with the support of National Grid that asks each of us to pledge to take four simple actions in our homes to reduce our energy use and save money. We are committed to getting 10% of our households to sign up. Our church will receive \$500 from National Grid to be used towards energy efficiency improvements on the church if we meet our 10% commitment. We're counting on members of the congregation to help us win! On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH we will be hosting the Rhode Island Energy Challenge's Find Your Four campaign with Malinda Howard from SmartPower. Malinda will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour to help each of us identify four simple actions in our homes to reduce energy. For more information about the Find Your Four Energy Challenge or to join, go online at www.FindYourFour.com

Advent Adventures for 3rd – 8th grade: This RICUCC event is on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH from 1 – 4:30 pm at Woodridge Church, 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston. Youth will rotate around 4 different activity centers. All in grades 3-8 are welcome. Cost is \$4 per youth. RSVP to Kirstin Putney 774-991-1555 or mitchmoon12@hotmail.com

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 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 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

Pasta Dinner: On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH our Mission and Justice Team will be hosting a Pasta Dinner from 5 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will benefit 'English for Action', a nonprofit in RI that helps immigrants through education and ESOL courses. Tickets can be purchased at coffee hour or from the church office. Adult/youth \$10; Child under 12 \$6; Family maximum \$40. Advance ticket purchase is appreciated. Tickets also available at the door.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 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

Book Group next meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH (note that this is the 2nd 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. 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 17th – 22nd. 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 or 401-318-2447.

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 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.