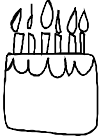


## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
Mon., Dec. 1	11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Staff meeting, Jeff's office Lay Visitation Meeting, Library Sacred Conversations in Advent, Library
Tue., Dec. 2	7 -9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Marion Fodor's home
Wed., Dec. 3	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Fri., Dec. 5	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Collate the Dec/Jan Bridge, Room 6 Dine Out Group eat at The Bluewater Grill
Sun., Dec., 7	10 am After Church School 6 – 8 pm	Worship Service with Communion, Church School Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9 Confirmation Class, Library



### Birthdays for the Week of November 30<sup>th</sup>

*George Bolton, Kate Colby, Ray Parker,  
Greg Dubel, Walter Ramsden, and Bethia Rosner.*  
Please keep them in your prayers.

### DEACONS FOR DECEMBER

Chris Brady (Star Deacon), Cheryl Muth,  
Liz White, and Greg Voigt.

*If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach  
Brendan (318-2447) or Jeff (247-1787) please contact a deacon.*

**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.

**Advent Arts:** TODAY is the First Sunday of Advent and in recognition children in Grades PreK-8 are invited to Fellowship Hall after the Children's Message for 'Advent Arts'. There will be old favorite activities like making reindeer food and pinecone bird feeders as well as some new and fun craft projects.

**Advent Candle Lighters and Christmas Eve 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 on DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, & 21<sup>ST</sup>, and also at the 5 pm service 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](mailto:jeff@bccucc.org) or 246-0111, x. 103). Thank you!

**Sacred Conversations in Advent:** On Monday Evenings during Advent - beginning tomorrow, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> and then on DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> - Brendan will be facilitating a sacred conversations group in the Library at 7 pm. 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 or all Monday meetings!

**Staff Christmas Bonus:** *A message from Jeff....* "During Advent you will find in the pew racks an envelope marked 'Staff Christmas Bonus'. Brendan and I are blessed to have wonderful people working here who give more hours to our church than expected or than compensated for. We invite you to give them a gift during these holidays. Please be generous. Your gifts will be divided up among eight different people; Christine and Pat in the office, Andrea our CE Coordinator, Marina at our organ, and Jack, Jimmy, Paul & John on the custodial staff - percentage-wise according to the number of hours they work. Thank you."

**Christmas Eve Services:**

5 pm	Family-friendly service that includes a Christmas Pageant
9 pm	Traditional Service of carols and readings with the adult choir
11:30 pm	Contemplative Service with Communion

**The Bereavement Group** next meets on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**The Memory Impairment Support Group** will next meet on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</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 info contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Knitting for Others Group** next meets on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net) or 245-0085.

**Dine Out Group** will meet on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 *this Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*: [sueandjimblack@gmail.com](mailto:sueandjimblack@gmail.com) or 245-2772.

**The Book Group** will meet on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724 for information about the group. All are welcome.

**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.

**Giving Tree:** The 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 is up in Fellowship Hall and donations will be taken each Sunday through December 14<sup>th</sup>. The gift cards purchased will be donated to the Women's Resource Center for Newport and Bristol Counties.

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

**SERRV Orders:** 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](http://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 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:bccjpf@gmail.com) or speak with Kim Zeleznik, Ginger Stabach or Laurie Dubel.

**Chancel Fund:** The congregation is invited to make donations to our Chancel Fund which is used to purchase plants for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. The Fund is also used to purchase Christmas plants for donation to our homebound, sick and bereaved. See the separate insert in today's bulletin for details and donation form. Thank you.

**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](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net) or 289-2349) chair of Membership.

**Free to a Good Home:** There is a wooden drop-leaf table downstairs in the Vestry that is free to anyone who wants it. First come, first serve! The table is in need of a little t.l.c. and is the one with a sign on it **J**

**Bridge delayed:** The December/January edition of the *Bridge* newsletter has been delayed but it will be sent out on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. However all of the information you need for things happening in early December have been included in these Announcements or the weekly Enouncements that are sent out electronically.

**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. Comfortable chairs, toys and books are provided. We invite parents and children to make use of the Nursery Nook if they would like.

**Nametags:** Please wear your nametag to both the worship service and coffee hour – it helps us get to know each other and is also welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up under the nametag rack, or contact the office. Nametags that were requested last week can be found on the rack in the vestry hallway. Please be sure to check the racks carefully before requesting a new one as duplicates are often found!

**Keep up to date with that's happening** by using our on-line Church Calendar – it is kept up to date and lists everything that's happening here at the church. You can access it directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>, or go to the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and click on the link at the bottom of any page. Please remember to notify the office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

**'These Days' Daily Devotions for Living by Faith:** These booklets are made available free to the congregation by your Deacons and anyone is welcome to take a copy. They can be found on the sideboard in the vestry hallway, the rack outside the church office, or at the back of Fellowship Hall. Copies for October - December, 2014 are currently available.

**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.