

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Nov 8		<i>Pledge Consecration Sunday</i>
	10 am	Worship Service with consecration of pledges, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Confirmation Class, Library
	6 – 8 pm	Junior Youth Group Service and Fellowship Night, Room 9
Mon, Nov 9	11 am	Staff meeting, Sue's office
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7:30 pm	Mission and Justice meeting, Library
Tues, Nov 10	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren
Wed, Nov 11		<i>Veterans' Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Fri, Nov 13	10 am - 5 pm	Outside use of Fellowship Hall - Baked Beads Sale
Sat, Nov 14	9 am – 3 pm	RICUCC Confirmation Mission Day in Providence
	10 am - 5 pm	Outside use of Fellowship Hall - Baked Beads Sale
Sun, Nov 15		<i>Deadline for the Dec/Jan Bridge newsletter</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
	Noon – 3 pm	Non Violence Group, Library



Birthdays for the Week of November 8th

Pat Stoddard, Laura Ward, Joan Allen, Amanda Colby, Allie Bannon, Madison Hamblett, Ann Wood, Gail Tighe, Abby Ashley, John Hawkins, Farrell Saluja, and Maggie Zarlengo.
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.
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.

TODAY is Pledge Consecration Sunday when we ask you to turn in your completed pledge card. If you forgot your pledge card today or never received one, additional cards are available at the end of the pew. *All completed pledge cards should be returned by next Sun, Nov 15th.* 80% of the church's income comes from money pledged by church members and friends like you. Making a pledge (promise) ahead of time of the amount of money that you will give in 2016 allows the Finance team to prepare a budget for the year. Thank you to all who have already turned in their 2016 pledge.

Please wear your nametag for both worship and coffee hour – it helps us all get to know each other and is welcoming to newcomers. Need a nametag? Sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack or contact the church office.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals continue TODAY after church school in Room 9. They will also rehearse this month on Sundays Nov 15 and 22. The choir is for boys and girls in grades 1-5, although older children also sing with them. The choir is organized by Kate Colby and accompanied by Marina Zabinski. They welcome new children to join them as they learn a new song to be sung in worship in a few weeks. Questions? Contact Kate Colby at kcolby@fullchannel.net or (401) 246-1743.

Junior Youth Group meets TODAY from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9 for an evening of service and fellowship. They will be making Care Packages to be sent to troops currently deployed in Afghanistan. All youth in grades 6 – 8 are invited to come and be a part of JYG. The youth are invited to bring along Halloween candy and other items to go into the packages (see the list outside the office). They will also be writing notes of appreciation to the servicemen for inclusion.

What to do with leftover Halloween candy? Bring it to church! We've been collecting Halloween candy and there's a box at the back of Fellowship Hall for donations. Some of the candy will be included in the packages to the troops (see above) and the rest will go to TAPIN with the Thanksgiving food donations – to be included in the Thanksgiving Food Bags (see below). Thanks to all – especially the children - who donated candy for these worthy causes.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN ends TODAY. Every year TAPIN provides Thanksgiving Food bags to at least 450 needy families in our area and our church has been asked to provide *Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix* and *Brownie Mix*. TODAY is the deadline for donations and donated items should be placed on the table in the vestry. If you forgot yours, please drop it off in the church office by 10 am tomorrow morning and we'll make sure it gets to TAPIN.

Providence Singers Concert: TODAY at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, in Bristol, church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator Christine Wallis will be singing with the Providence Singers in a concert of Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Cantata #140*, and Mozart's *Coronation Mass*. The Singers will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and joined by some wonderful soloists. Tickets are available at the door. More details at www.providencesingers.org

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.

Weren't able to attend a chat? We still want to hear from you. The same 6 questions were asked at each chat so if you didn't attend and would like to have some input, we ask that you submit your answers in writing as soon as possible. Copies of the questionnaire are on the table near the coffee in Fellowship Hall – please fill one out and turn it in soon. Please sign your document so we know who to reach should we be unable to read your comments. No anonymous surveys please. The six questions that were asked were:

1. Name a significant faith experience/event in the life of this church?
2. Name a significant challenging faith experience/event in the life of this church in the last 3 years?
3. What is great about this church?
4. What needs shoring up in this church/ministry?
5. What is God calling this church to be/become in the next 5 years?
6. If money were no problem, how would we dream?

Thank you to everyone who attended a chat and/or filled out a questionnaire. Thanks also to the hosts of the cottage chats for opening up their homes.

Do you like to sing? The choir is looking for some new singers who would like to worship by joyfully singing with them. Why not join them! While it is hoped that choir members will attend both Wednesday rehearsals (7:30 – 9 pm) and Sunday worship services on a regular basis, Marina, our choir director, is understanding that there are some whose schedule simply does not allow this. She welcomes these singers in the choir when they are available.

Advent Arts: Church School children from PreK – Grade 8 will participate in 'Advent Arts' on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND during their church school time. They will have 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. Mark your calendar and plan to be here!

The Memory Impairment Support Group meets this TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 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

Book Group meets this TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH at 7 pm at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. They will discuss *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland – a fictional book about Auguste Renoir as he conceives, plans and paints the 1880 masterpiece that gives her vivid fourth novel its title. For more info about the group, contact Helen Schall at 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com All are welcome!

Dine Out meets to eat together this FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH at 6:30 pm at Le Central, 483 Hope Street, Bristol RI. All are welcome – the more the merrier! Reservations should be made to Sue Black at 245-2772 or sueandjimblack@gmail.com by this Wednesday, November 11th. Both singles, couples and new people are most welcome.

The Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH & 30TH at 10 am in the library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. Contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031 for more info.

The Women's Faith Group: The new book they're reading by Desmond Tutu is available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12.80. They next meet on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. All women from the church are invited to attend, as well as women from other faith communities. Questions? Contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Senior Youth group will be going to the Matthewson Street Friendship Breakfast on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND (see below). All youth in grades 9 – 12 are invited to participate. Contact Brendan for details.

Book Drive: All are encouraged to bring a book they are willing to part with to church now THRU SATURDAY, NOV. 21ST and leave it in the book collection box located by the Membership table in Fellowship Hall. The books will be delivered to the Matthewson Street Friendship breakfast when our senior high youth join them on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. It is a Sunday morning meal and prayer service for Providence's downtown community, especially geared to those in need.

Interested in going on the 2016 Mission Trip: Rev. Brendan Curran will be leading a group of high school youth and adults to *Borderlinks* in Tucson, AZ the last week of June 2016. If you are interested in going, please contact Brendan as soon as possible as there is space available. He can be reached at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104.

Bridge newsletter deadline is NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH. Please submit all information for both December and January to Christine in the church office at office@bccucc.org Please remember to also send in reports about what your team/group has been doing. Information submitted after the deadline may not be able to be included.

The annual Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - organized by the Barrington Clergy Association - will take place on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD at 7 pm at Barrington Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. Save the date!

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** – Service led by Brendan (more details tba).

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.)

Keep up to date with that's happening with our on-line Church Calendar – either at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the link at the bottom of any page of our church website www.bccucc.org. Please notify the office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) of any changes/additions/corrections needed so it can be updated and kept current. Thank you.

'Baked Beads' Annual Clearance Sale takes place in our Fellowship Hall this FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOV. 13TH & 14TH from 10 am – 5 pm. Baked Beads sells fashion jewelry and accessories and they've been holding one of their 'Tent' clearance sales here since 2006! For more information see www.bakedbeads.com