

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Oct 5	10 am 10:30 am – 2:30 pm	<i>Neighbors in Need offering</i> Worship Service with Communion, Church School OWL Session, Library
Mon., Oct 6	11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Staff meeting, Jeff's Office Lay Visitation meeting, Library Finance Team meeting, Room 6
Tues, Oct 7	7 pm	Book Group, The Coffee Depot
Wed., Oct 8	7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Mission and Justice Meeting, Library Choir Rehearsal, Vestry Marijuana Anonymous meeting, Room 8
Fri., Oct 10	6:30 pm	Dine Out Group eat at The Wharf Tavern in Warren
Sun., Oct 12	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of October 5th

Dick Fairfield, Hannah Hearn, Kate Robertson, Brianna Shoaf, Jean Stover, Grace Gaines, Dyana Koelsch, Art Edgette, and Brett White.

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR OCTOBER

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

If in a pastoral emergency after hours you cannot reach Jeff Larsen (247-1787) or Brendan (318-2447) please contact a deacon. Note Brendan's new phone #.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering: TODAY, together with many other UCC congregations, we are taking the special UCC offering for 'Neighbors in Need'. An informational insert and offering envelope are included in the bulletin. More info about NIN is included in the October *Bridge* or visit www.ucc.org/nin. Please make checks payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'NIN'. Donations can also be sent to the church office. Thank you.

New Children's Bulletins: Beginning TODAY we have new children's bulletins with two different versions – one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12. They are available from a basket on the table in the narthex – near where the greeters stand. Parents are asked to pick up whichever bulletin they need for their child as they come into church. If you're reading this and didn't pick one up on the way in, please feel free to go get one now!

OWL Sessions begin: TODAY is the first OWL (Our Whole Lives) session for 7th and 8th graders. It is being held from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm in the library. For more info about the OWL program, visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>. If you haven't yet signed up your child, please contact Andrea to register (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107).

Citrus Fruit Sale begins TODAY: As a fundraiser for the youth service trips, the church will again be selling Florida fresh oranges and grapefruits in the month of October. The fruit will arrive the week before Thanksgiving, so think about all of those relatives who would love to have some fresh fruit as a holiday gift! Or teacher's gifts! Or even a minister's gift! 10-lb boxes are \$20: either 14-20 navel oranges or 8-10 grapefruit (usually red) or a mix of 6-8 oranges and 4-5 grapefruit. 20-lb boxes are \$27: either 24-40 navel oranges, or 16-24 grapefruit, or a mix of 14-20 oranges and 8-10 grapefruit. Beth or Ray Zarlengo will be in coffee hour each Sunday in October, ready to receive your orders. October 26th is the last day to order. Any questions - please contact Beth Zarlengo at zarlengo@cox.net

Sing and Celebrate Choir: There has been a change to the schedule and the children's choir will not begin rehearsals until NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH after worship in Room 9. Children (boys and girls) in grades 1 – 5 are invited to participate. For more info contact Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or speak with our organist, Marina.

Help Needed with Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is now being done a little differently with 'self-serve' stations for coffee, decaf and hot water for tea. Ministry Teams still oversee coffee hour, but assistance is needed from congregation members. Volunteers are being asked to sign up on a specific Sunday to help by providing food, serving or clearing up.

Sign up at the Welcome Table at the back of Fellowship Hall for a Sunday that will work for you. Or contact Jane Tonn (jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349) chair of Membership.

Sign up on-line: A SignUpGenius on-line sign up form has been created for coffee hour where you can sign up to help with set up, serving, provide food, or clean up. The link to it can be found in the October *Bridge* (just click on the link when you read it on-line).

Senior Minister leading Turkey Trip: Jeff Larsen together with 25 others (including 13 from BCCUCC) will be heading to Turkey this THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH to "Follow in the Footsteps of Paul". While there Jeff hopes to send back updates from the trip and these will be made available to the congregation via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc and the church website www.bccucc.org. Jeff will return to the office on Tues, Oct. 21st.

New phone number: Brendan has switched his personal phone to a local Rhode Island number so can now be reached in pastoral emergencies at (401) 318-2447.

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!

Welcome Newcomers: If you are new to our church we welcome you and invite you to participate in any activities or events that interest you. Please pick up a copy of our October *Bridge* newsletter filled with information about everything that's happening – copies are available in the Narthex and vestry hallways, outside the church office, and on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Much of our communication is now done via e-mail so if you'd like to receive our monthly *Bridge* newsletter, weekly Ennouncements, or Jeff's Weekly, please give us your e-mail address by contacting the church office at office@bccucc.org, or include the information on the pew pad that's located at the end of each pew. Thank you.

The Book Group will meet on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH at 7 pm at The Coffee Depot in Warren to discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir. All are welcome. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 for info about the group.

The Dine Out Group will eat at The Wharf Tavern, 215 Water St., Warren on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH at 6:30 pm. All are invited—singles & couples. *RSVP's are required by Wed, Oct 8th* to Sue Black 245-2772 sueandjimblack@gmail.com

The Bereavement Group will meet again on TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 14TH AND 28TH from 9:30 – 10:30 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 – CORRECTION to dates: They will next meet on TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 14TH & 28TH 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

The Knitting for Others Group will meet on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH from 7 – 9 pm in the church library. The participants make items to be given away including prayer shawls, chemo caps etc. New ideas as well as new knitters (and crocheters) are always welcome. For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net

The Women's Faith Group will meet again on THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 16TH AND 30TH (note the additional date) from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. They are reading and talking about the UCC's 'One Read' book *Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age* by Rob Shindler. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for \$8. The group is open to all women in the church plus women from other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net

Change in time for Confirmation Class: The meeting time for the Confirmation class has been moved to Sunday evenings once a month from **6 - 8 pm** at the request of a number of families. 9th graders who didn't sign up because they couldn't make Sunday morning classes are invited to contact Brendan Curran a.s.a.p. at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x104 if they would like to participate in the program. The first class will take place on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH from 6-8 pm in the library.

Endowment Education Event: Save the date of SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH after worship when our Endowment Ministry Team will offer an education session in the Vestry. Attendees will learn about the church's Endowment, and also ways in which they can make the church part of their estate plans. They will be joined by Jim Sanzi from the RI Foundation. All welcome. Refreshments will be served so come straight from worship (no need to go to Fellowship Hall for goodies!!)

Senior Youth Group: Save the afternoon of SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH as the group will be going hiking to the Norman Bird Sanctuary with Brendan from 1 – 4:30 pm. All youth in grades 9-12 are welcome. The trip costs \$6 per person but if there are 10 or more people it will only cost \$3 per person. Friends in grades 9-12 are also welcome. *RSVP by Thursday, Oct 23rd* to Brendan at Brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104.

Attention all Seniors (65+) The Membership team is sponsoring a fall luncheon get together for all senior BCCUCC members and friends. It will take place on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall. After a lunch of soup and salad, Jeff Larsen will share highlights of the recent trip to Turkey. All seniors are welcome to join us for lots of fellowship, food and Jeff's presentation. *Please RSVP to Christine in the church office by Friday, October 31st* 401-246-0111 x101 or office@bccucc.org. If you need transportation or can provide it let Christine know when you RSVP.

UCC's 'One Read' book: *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. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office for \$8. Contact Helen Schall helenschall@aol.com or 245-4724 for information about discussion times.

RI Conference of the UCC Autumnal Meeting will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST from 8 am – 1 pm at Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Ave, Rumford RI. Clergy and delegates should soon be receiving the official call from the Conference office and are reminded to register by Oct 26th for the early rate of \$20 (includes lunch). Visitors are also most welcome to attend and should contact the church office for info on how to register.

Altar Flowers Donors: The Chancel team is looking for people willing to pay for one or both of the altar flower arrangements when there is an opening (\$30 each). There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall, or contact Audrey Rogers at adrogers8@cox.net or 246-1727.

WiFi has been installed in the CE building and can be accessed without a password. It is now available throughout the building, but is strongest in the office area, Room 6, Fellowship Hall and the Library.

Share our newsletter: You are welcome to pick up a copy of the October *Bridge* newsletter and pass it along to a friend. It might be the invitation they need to come join us.

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 and click on the link at the bottom of any page. Please remember to 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.