CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Sept 18, 2016 GATHERING SUNDAY and FIRST SUNDAY WITH REV. DALE AZEVEDO Before and after worship Church School registration, Foyer Worship Service for All Ages with Dedication of Church School Volunteers, 10 am Nursery Care only After Worship Welcome Reception at coffee hour – with cake and ice cream! Mon, Sept 19 3:30 pm Lay Visitation meeting, Library Tues, Sept 20 Staff meeting, Dale's office 11 am Church Council meeting, Room 6 7 pm Wed, Sept 21 7:30 - 9 pmChoir rehearsal, Vestry Thurs, Sept 22 3 pm Graveside Service for Barbara Spicer, Forest Chapel Cemetery Memorial Reception, Fellowship Hall 4:15 pm Leave for Mount Monadnock Hike Sat, Sept 24 8 am Sun, Sept 25 9 - 9:45 am Confirmation Orientation, Library Before and after worship Church School registration, Foyer 10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Church School classes begin 11:15 am Ad hoc Landscape Team meeting, Room 6 11:30 am JYG Leaders meeting, Library 1-4 pmOWL Session, Library



Birthdays for the Week of September 18th Lee Miller, Connor Macken, Lorenzo Solanot, Helen Ward, Lauren Bendheim, Susan Roach, Bill DeWitt, Andrew Heningway, James Schuller, Chris Brady, and John Muth. Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Stephanie Edwards (star), Chris Brady, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Joe Judge, Pat Rude, Susan Seader, and Tom Wegner. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Brendan (401-318 2447) or Dale, please call on one of the deacons.

Gathering Sunday is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH and is also the first Sunday with our new Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Azevedo. There will be a Welcome Reception in Fellowship Hall after worship. We hope that you will join us as we welcome our new minister and his family, and mark the beginning of our new program and Church School year. There will be cake as well as ice cream!

Please wear a nametag: Dale will have lots of new names to learn and we can help him by all wearing nametags. If you have a church nametag, please wear it for both worship and coffee hour. If you don't there are baskets with stick-on nametags in the vestry hallway, the narthex tables, and the back table in Fellowship Hall. Please make yourself one. If you need a church nametag, there are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org. Be sure to indicate if you want clip, pin, or string style.

Contact info for Dale: Rev. Dale Azevedo's email address is <u>dale@bccucc.org</u>. He can also be reached at the office at (401) 246-0111 ext 103. Confidential messages can be sent to either of them.

Clergy Days Off: Brendan will be taking Mondays off and Dale will be taking Fridays off.

Do you have surplus produce in your garden: Then bring it to church this SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH when once again we are inviting the congregation to share their surplus garden produce – veggies, fruit, flowers etc - with others. Old records indicate that during September of 1717, people brought the excess of their harvest to church on Sundays – a farmers market of sorts – and we're recreating this. Look for the balloons in the Vestry and Fellowship Hall for where to place your items when you arrive on Sunday!

Favorite hymn survey: Our new Senior Minister, Rev. Dale Azevedo is interested in finding out which hymns the congregation likes to sing. We included a survey in last Sunday's bulletin and we're including it again this Sunday, in case you missed it. If you're not able to be in church on Sunday, email either Dale or the office, or mail/drop off a list of your favorites. Many thanks for all of those who have already completed the survey.

Info about children and youth programs: The "2016-2017 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry Programs at BCCUCC" was emailed to the congregation. Copies of the booklet are available for pick up from church. Information on everything related to children and youth here at BCCUCC is included, and there are some changes to the church school programs for 2016-2017 which you can read about. Questions? Contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

Church School Registration continues both before and after the worship services on SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18TH & 25TH in the Foyer outside Fellowship Hall. All children from nursery thru Grade 12 must be registered to participate in church school or youth activities. If you registered your child last year, you only need update and initial last year's form. New registration forms can be downloaded from www.bccucc.org and are also available at the registration table.

Deadline for the Oct/Nov *Bridge* newsletter was this past Thursday. If you haven't yet sent your information to Christine at office@bccucc.org, please do so as soon as possible. All information should be sent publication ready (Christine will take care of formatting it to fit). Remember to include all of the info needed (who, what, where, when, why etc) and any deadline dates. Thanks.

Interested in being a Church School Volunteer – then contact our CE Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 x 107 or andrea@bccucc.org We need 10 volunteers every Sunday to make church school happen!

Graveside Service for Barbara Spicer and Reception: Longtime church member, Barbara Spicer, died in August and the family is having the burial and graveside service on Thursday, September 22ND at 3 pm in Forest Chapel Cemetery, Nayatt Road, Barrington. A reception will follow at 4:15 pm in Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC. All are welcome to attend, either or both portions.

Ad-Hoc Landscape Team Meeting: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH at 11:15 am in Room 6. Anyone from the congregation that is interested is welcome to join the team as they discuss and decide the plantings for the church front area, based on a number of suggestions that have been proposed. The current soil there will be removed and replaced in preparation for the planting this Fall. The other smaller project is some plants to be located just beyond the entrance to the access ramp from the main church parking lot to the back of Fellowship Hall. The goal is to set them back far enough to not be affected by plowing, but to allow some definition of that area. If you have any questions, please contact Buildings & Grounds Chairperson Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or wrbtwks@aol.com

The Bereavement Group meets on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH at Noon in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at anytime 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.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 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 irmcc@fullchannel.net

Hike Mount Monadnock: Rev. Brendan Curran invites the Senior Youth Group, friends, family, and **all** who are interested to kick off the calendar year by hiking up Mount Monadnock together! Monadnock is a small mountain 2 hours away in Jaffrey, NH. It's a beautiful day hike! We'll car pool from the church around 8am on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH and return the same day between 5 and 6pm. If interested in joining in for this adventure please RSVP to Brendan at <u>Brendan@bccucc.org</u> or (401) 246-0111 ext 104 *by Tuesday Sept.* 20th.

Super Saturday is a collaborative effort of the MA, CT and RI Conferences, UCC, with presenters and attendees from each conference. All are invited to attend for a day of worship, workshops, forums, marketplace and networking on Saturday, October 15TH, 2016 at Keefe Technical Regional High School, Framingham, MA. Featuring Rev. Laura E. Everett, Executive Director of the Mass Council of Churches, and Angie Thurston and Casper ter Kuile of Harvard Divinity School. Super Saturdays are growing in popularity – register early to reserve your spot! The first 50 people to register *online* will receive a Super Saturday Sport Bag. For complete details and to register, visit: http://www.ricucc.org/event/super-saturday-3/

Volunteer(s) needed for checking on coffee hour supplies: We are in need of a volunteer (or two) willing to come in once a week (or alternate weeks) to check on the supplies in the kitchen of coffee and paper goods etc for Sunday coffee hours, and to restock as needed from the supply closet. Someone willing to go purchase Apple Juice when needed would also be much appreciated. Both can be done at your convenience. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Christine at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

Locking up the building: Chairs of teams or church groups are reminded that they are responsible for making sure that the building is locked when they leave. On Sunday mornings, the coffee hosts have that responsibility for the CE building and the Ushers are responsible for locking up the Sanctuary after worship. Please also make sure that all windows are closed, and once the cooler weather arrives, that the heat is turned down. Thank you.

Wanted – old church photos: In preparation for our church's 300th Anniversary next year, we are looking for old photos of the church showing a significant time period (such as when the steeple was blown off), or of a particular time period (such as Christmas/Easter/Fall/Winter) or events (such as a church fair etc). If you have any, please contact Tom Wegner at (401) 383-0999 or twegner@cox.net. Thank you.

40 more new chairs wanted: All who attended over the summer really appreciated the comfortable new chairs in Fellowship Hall. To date 160 chairs and 2 chair racks have been purchased. Many thanks to all who helped pay for them. Our goal is to purchase an additional 40 chairs, so if you have not yet contributed to the project, you are welcome to do so at this time. Please make checks payable to BCCUCC with 'chairs' in the memo line.

'These Days' *Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*: These booklets are made available for free by your Deacons and anyone is welcome to take a copy. Copies for the current month, as well as the new booklets for Oct - Dec 2016 are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall, or from the vestry table. Please help yourself.

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.

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