

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Church Office Hours are Monday -Friday 9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30-4:30 pm*

Sun, Sep 17		<i>Barrington Heritage Sunday</i>
	Before and After Worship	Church School Registration, Foyer of Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service with Baptism, Church School Classes begin
	11:30 am	Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth, Room 6
Mon, Sep 18	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Sep 19	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, Sep 20	7:30 - 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Sep 21	10 am – 5 pm	OWL Class, Library
		No Community Office Hours as Brendan is teaching OWL.
	6:30 – 8 pm	Historical Group meeting, Tom Wegner's home
Sat, Sep 23	8 am – 6:30 pm	JYG, SYG and others hike Mt. Monadnock
Sun, Sep 24		<i>Mission Sunday (Mission at home)</i>
	8 – 9 am	Breakfast at Mathewson Street Church (Meet BCCUCC parking lot at 7:30 am)
	9 – 9:45 am	Confirmation Orientation for confirmands and parents, Room 9
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:15 am	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade and JYG attend Pow Wow in Providence
	4 pm	Concert by Elisabeth von Trapp, Sanctuary

**Birthdays for the Week of Sept 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Gabriel De La Torre, Judy Miesner, Paul Movsesian, Susan Rotblatt-Walker, Laura Bendheim, Susan Roach, Bill DeWitt, and James Schuller.* Please keep them in your prayers.



**DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Stephanie Edwards (star). In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (401 289-3780) or Brendan (401 318-2447) please call the star Deacon.

**Church School Registration** for 2017-2018 is required for all children and youth from Nursery thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade participating in programs at BCCUCC including OWL, Confirmation & Youth Groups. Registration takes place again TODAY both before and after worship, in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. If you completed a registration form last year, you will only need to update and initial it for this year. (Please do so, even if nothing has changed).

**Church School classes begin TODAY.** Children should go with their families into church for the first part of the service and will get the opportunity to leave part way through to go to Church School. Learn more about all of the programs we have for children and youth in *A Guide to Christian Education & Youth Ministry at BCCUCC 2017-2018*. Copies are available from the registration table, and it can also be read or downloaded from our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org).

**Mandatory Meeting for Volunteers who work with our children and youth** is TODAY at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6. This will be a brief gathering to review all aspects of our Christian Education programs. For more info contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 ext. 107 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)

**Meet our church consultant!** As many of you know, BCCUCC has contracted with The Center for Progressive Renewal (CPR) to engage in a visioning and renewal program for our ministries. To guide us through the first phase of the process will be Dr. William "Bill" McKinney. Bill comes to us with wonderful credentials and a lifetime of experience in the church on many different levels. More information on Bill, the BCCUCC Renewal Team, and the entire renewal process is found on the church website. What you need to know now is that Bill will be with us later this month (Sept. 28-Oct. 1) and he will be hosting a series of listening sessions. He wants to hear from you about your experiences with, and hopes, for BCCUCC. Your participation in these sessions is vital to our success, because you are BCCUCC! Please look to sign up for individual or small group sessions in Fellowship Hall TODAY or by contacting the church office.

**Seeking Altar Flower Donors:** The altar flowers each week are paid for by donors and a dedication of their choice is included in the bulletin. Flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person/event. If you'd like to pay for one or both arrangements for SUNDAY, SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>, please contact Cheryl Muth at [jccbmuth@aol.com](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com) or 433-2878.

**Ushers needed:** Additional volunteers are needed to be ushers for the Sunday morning services from Sep-Jan. Volunteers receive training and are scheduled only once every 4 weeks. If interested, contact Bethia Rosner at 383-5538.

**Clean-Up Buckets Update:** Many thanks to everyone who donated money enabling us to purchase supplies to fill 35 buckets last Sunday at coffee hour, and to Center Ace Hardware in Barrington for donating the buckets. Thanks also to Brendan, Andrea and Pat for purchasing all of the supplies. A number of people have since donated money for more buckets. However the current request following Hurricane Irma is for monetary donations so we will be sending the additional donations to the UCC Disaster Ministries – Emergency USA Fund, so it can be used where it's most needed.

**Riverwalk Accessibility Project:** Work has begun on building a walkway behind the Education building to more closely connect the church and Fellowship Hall for those with mobility issues. We've raised enough money to get the project started but need more donations to pay for an ADA door into Fellowship Hall, new fencing and special gates, and landscaping. If you'd like to make a donation to help with this please make checks payable to BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'Riverwalk'. Donations can be put in the offering plate or sent to the church office. More information is available on the vestry table or at the back of Fellowship Hall. THANK YOU to everyone who has made a donation.

**Weekly Wednesday Noon deadline:** Information for inclusion in both the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge needs to be submitted by the deadline of Noon on Wednesdays, to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

**Rainbow Doors:** We have our very own set of Rainbow Doors! We painted them as a part of our Jubilation Sunday, celebrating the end of the Church School year. After being completed through the summer, we installed them in time to welcome people to Homecoming Sunday, celebrating the start of our new church school year. Special thanks to Francis Seader and Carol Strakosch (along with the rest of the CEYM Team) for shepherding this project to its conclusion!

**Community Office Hours** are when our ministers make themselves available in a more informal setting for anyone from the church or community to stop by and visit. Brendan is at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm. Dale has put his on hold until further notice while he's recovering from his shoulder surgery.

**Bereavement Group** meets again on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Singers Welcome!** If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir (no audition necessary). Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry. All voice parts are welcome. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org), or just show up. We'd love to have you join us!

**Youth Groups (and others) go hiking:** The junior and senior youth groups (JYG and SYG) are kicking off the church calendar year by climbing Mt. Monadnock together! They also invite all interested hikers to come along and join them for the adventure. On SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, we will gather in the church parking lot at 8 am to leave by 8:15 to arrive at Mt. Monadnock by 10:30 am. Monadnock is a 4-5 hour hike! We should be back at the church by 6:30 pm. This will be a great way to start the school year off together! Brendan, Hollie Ogden, and Kathy Sullivan are chaperoning this event. *Please RSVP that you are coming to Rev. Brendan Curran by Wednesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>* 401-318-2447 or [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**Have Breakfast. Help a Neighbor!** On SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> from 8 – 9 am, BCCUCC is going to breakfast at Mathewson Street Church in Providence. You may not know it, but that church feeds between 250 and 300 people every Sunday. They do this for those who are homeless/food insecure at no charge! All they ask from us is that we show up, eat a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage, fruit, pancakes, waffles, and soup with their attendees. Then, when we are through, to pay for our meal with a donation as if we ate at a restaurant. The excess from our "donations" helps pay for the meals of the other attendees. Not only that, there is worship and wonderful live music at the breakfast! The breakfast ends at 9 am, so we'll leave Providence in time to return to BCCUCC for our regular worship service. Dale is going, won't you sign up in Fellowship Hall to come too!! (Details with signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.)

**Confirmation Orientation:** On SUNDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, the 2017-2018 confirmation class and their families are asked to come to Confirmation Class Orientation in Room 9 from 9-9:45 am. The class is open to all 9th graders (or older). If you haven't yet signed up you can do so by contacting Brendan at 401-318-2447 or [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**Youth Invited to Pow Wow:** The 7th & 8th graders are learning about world religions in church school this year including Native American spiritual traditions. On SUNDAY, SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup> the Junior Youth Group is invited to join the 7th & 8th graders in going to the Narragansett nation's annual pow wow in downtown Providence. We will be leaving from the church parking lot at 11:15. Kids are asked to bring a bagged lunch or money to buy lunch. We will be back at the church by 1:30 pm. Contact Rev. Brendan Curran to RSVP, or if you have any questions. (401-318-2447) [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**Concert by Elizabeth von Trapp in our church:** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> at 4 pm. See flier in today's bulletin.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** next meets TUES, SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup> from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. Open to patients and caregivers, and they need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Providence Rag* by Bruce De Silva: "The third entry in this gritty newspaper series spans 20 years, from 1992 to 2012, at the start of which a teenage male commits five gruesome murders, is imprisoned for them, and, years later, becomes the center of a campaign to free prisoners convicted as juveniles." Copies are available through the library system or Barrington Books (tell them you're part of a book group and they will offer 20% off). For more info contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724

**2018 Mission Trip and SYG:** The deadline to sign up for the 2018 Service Project with the Black Mesa Water Coalition of the Navajo Nation in Pinon, Arizona is *Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>*. Approx. dates for the trip are June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Senior Youth Group (SYG) will meet SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> from 6-8 pm in the library. This SYG meeting will also serve as an orientation for the 2018 mission trip/service project. All who wish to participate are asked to attend. There will be refreshments! Youth are especially invited to come on the mission trip and are given priority but all who are interested in joining our youth in service are welcome. If you want to join this trip please contact Rev. Brendan Curran to RSVP or to ask any questions you may have (401-318-2447) [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

**The BCC Women of Faith** reading group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30–3 pm in the church library beginning THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. Bring book suggestions. We welcome women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. We share our faith journeys through stories of our own experiences and the stories found on the pages of the fiction and nonfiction we read. For information contact: Jane Tonn at 289-2349, Carol Louttit at 245-2299, or Nancy Martin at (741) 604-4703.

**Adult Education:** Rev. Dale Azevedo invites everyone to join him for a fall adult education program entitled "Embracing an Adult Faith" running for 5 weeks in the library on THURSDAY EVENINGS from OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. Each class will run an hour and half and be largely discussion based responding to short videos led by Marcus Borg. The start time will depend on participants' availability. "Embracing an Adult Faith is an exciting, five-session, adult-formation resource for those seeking a richer understanding of the issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith?" *Please RSVP to Dale* [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) *or the church office (246-0111) by September 25<sup>th</sup>* if you are interested so we can make sure we have enough resources.

**Save the date** of SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> when we will celebrate our church's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Details to follow.

**Diapers for Sayaanda and Robel:** The two refugee families supported by Sts Matthew and Mark Church each have a young boy in diapers. Needless to say, they use a lot of diapers! The M&J Team has placed a bin in Fellowship Hall for the collection of diapers for them in sizes 4 and 5. Drop packages off at any time and we will be sure that they get them.