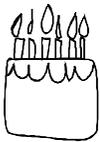


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Sept 20		<i>Deadline for the October/November Bridge newsletter</i>
Before and After Worship	10 am	Church School Registration, Foyer
After Worship	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Worship Service, Church School classes begin
	6 – 8 pm	All church meeting about the search process etc, Sanctuary
		Kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove
		Junior Youth Group Kick-Off event, Room 9
Mon, Sep 21	10 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	11 am	Staff Meeting, Sue's Office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, Sept 23	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Sat, Sept 26	3 pm	Volunteers leave to serve meal at Soup Kitchen
Sun, Sep 27		<i>Deadline for recommendations for Search Committee members</i>
	8:30 am	CEYM Meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	6 – 8 pm	Meeting for Senior High Youth, their parents, and other interested adults, about the 2016 Mission Trip, and the Senior Youth Group, Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of September 20th

Lorenzo Solanot, Helen Ward, Lauren Bendheim,
Susan Roach, Bill DeWitt, Andrew Hemingway,
Chris Brady, John Muth, Anne Danzberger,
Bobby Dubel, Marylouise Gamache, Brianna Gausland,
Clyde Slicker, and Jackson Horn.

Please keep them in your prayers.

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Susan Rotblat-Walker (star deacon),
Chris Brady, Pat Rude, Susan Seader,
Jon Stabach, 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.

Church School Registration continues TODAY both before and after the service in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. All children and youth from nursery thru Grade 12 are required to be registered to participate in church school or youth activities. If you completed a form last year, all you need do is check it over, make any updates and initial it for this year.

Church School classes begin TODAY: Following the Children's Time in the worship service, teachers and children leave the sanctuary and go down to the vestry (the room below the sanctuary). Once there the teachers will have signs indicating the grades for their group so that the children can see where they need to go. When everyone has gathered, the teacher will lead his/her class over to the education building and to their classroom.

Church School classes end at 11:10 am. In order for the teachers to have time to finish their lessons, we ask that parents please wait until class is over before picking up their child(ren). If church lets out earlier, feel free to go get a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall and then come back to collect your child from their classroom once class is over. Thank you.

Interested in volunteering in Church School? It takes 10 volunteers every week to make church school happen. If you would like to help one Sunday (or more) please contact Andrea Bullard at or 246-0111 x 107.

Want to know what's available for children and youth at our church? Then read the *2015-2016 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministries at BCCUCC* - copies are available from the Church School Registration Table in the Foyer. It can also be read on line at the church website www.bccucc.org under Education > Children. Read about all of the opportunities available to our children and youth from birth thru 12th grade – including some new programs.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

An Important Church Meeting about the Search Process and Choosing a Search Committee will take place immediately after worship TODAY in the sanctuary. Rev. Sue Remick will talk briefly about the interim period, the search process, selecting a search committee and answer questions.

All are encouraged to attend and child care is being provided.

Nominations requested for Search Committee Members: The Church Council is charged with selecting the search committee but is asking the congregation to recommend church members whom they think would be good candidates. Recommendations must be **in writing** and include a brief reason why you recommend them. You may recommend yourself. All recommendations need to go to our Moderator, Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net or to Rev. Sue Remick sue@bccucc.org, or sent to the church office Attn. Steve Peck. The deadline is NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH.

Before nominating anyone, be sure to read the articles about the Search Timeline and the 5 Commitments for Search Committees that will be in a handout at today's meeting, and are also in the September *Bridge* and the Ennouncements.

Come Kayaking with us TODAY! Those who have a kayak (or can borrow one!) are welcome to join together for the church's annual kayak on Hundred Acre Cove TODAY from 2:30—4:30 pm. All ages are welcome, but *youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*. We will leave together from the launch ramp at Walker Farm, off the Wampanoag Trail just north of the church. If you'd like to borrow a kayak or if you have a kayak to loan, please contact Brendan and he will help coordinate! (401) 318-2447 or brendan@bccucc.org

Junior Youth Group Kick Off is TODAY from 6 – 8 pm in Fellowship Hall. All youth in grades 6-8 are invited and can bring a friend. We'll enjoy a pizza dinner (bring \$5), games, and getting to know each other. Please bring any old magazines to cut up for a fun project! We'll also share activity ideas for the year. Questions? Contact leaders – Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach, Kathy Sullivan and Kim Zelechnik - or email them at bccjyg@gmail.com

Bridge deadline: If you have information or articles for inclusion in the October/November *Bridge* newsletter, please submit it by TODAY to Christine at office@bccucc.org or drop it off in the church office. Our newsletter will now cover two months, and we also hope to include reports from ministry teams and groups about what they've been doing. If you have any questions about this, please contact Christine or talk with Rev. Sue Remick.

OWL Registration – deadline extended to tomorrow, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST: Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to participate in the 2015-2016 OWL program which this year will also be open to youth from outside the church - so spread the word. Learn more about OWL (Our Whole Lives – Sexuality & Our Faith) at <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html> Contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org to register or with questions.

The Bereavement Group will meet tomorrow, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST at 10 am in the library. The group is for anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and all are welcome – they need not be from this church. For more information, contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

2016 Mission Trip – Orientation meeting is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH from 6-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. All in grades 9-12, as well as interested adults from the church, are invited to participate in the 2016 Mission Trip which is scheduled for the last week of June 2016. Priority will be given to 9th – 12th graders who want to go. All interested are asked to come to the orientation meeting. **Important:** *9th to 12th graders who are interested in coming on the trip are asked to bring a parent with them to this first orientation meeting!* The goal is to send a delegation to 'Borderlinks' - a nonprofit educational and service organization based in Tucson, Arizona that connects people to the reality of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and immigrant communities in the United States. At the meeting you will receive a packet with more information about the trip and you'll hear from people from our church who went to Borderlinks in 2012! We will learn a little bit about our fundraising schedule for the year, and there will be a sign-up sheet as well as pizza and fellowship! Please contact Brendan if you know you will be attending the meeting, or if you have any questions or concerns! (brendan@bccucc.org) (401 318-2447). Stay tuned for dates regarding mission trip meetings throughout the year!

The Memory Impairment Support Group next meets on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 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

Community Plant-Based Potluck will be held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH from 5:30—7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is another event organized by church member Judy Harff, that is open to the entire community so invite friends, and children are welcome. Participants are asked to bring a completely plant based dish (low oil, no dairy and low sodium) to share with 8 people. In addition to the potluck, there will also be a demo on how to make vegan cheese and Rejuvelac – a probiotic drink. RSVP to Judy Harff at judy@2startfresh.com or 252-9076. Or sign up at <http://www.meetup.com/Plant-Based-Nutrient-Rich-ETL-FOK-Barrington-Meetup/events/224763112/>

Book Group will next meet on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH at 7 pm at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. They will discuss *Juliet's Nurse* by Lois Leveen. 'Beautifully written, this retelling of Romeo and Juliet will be a satisfying read for fans of historical fiction.' All are welcome to participate in the book group and new members are welcome. For more info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Non-Violence Training: Save the dates! The Rev. Sharon Key will be offering a six hour training (in 2 parts) here at BCCUCC on FRI, OCT 23 7-9:30 pm and SUN, OCT 25 Noon-3 pm. Sharon is a Level II Trainer for over 10 years in the philosophy and strategies of Nonviolence as developed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and has trained people in churches, police departments, prisons, children of all ages, and Israel and Palestine. The event is open to all and more information can be found in the weekly Enouncements and p. 15 of the on-line version of the Sept *Bridge*.

Do you like to sing? The choir is looking for some new people 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.

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.

Please wear a nametag? The Rev. Sue Remick has lots of new names to learn and nametags will really help the process. If you need a nametag, please contact the church office or sign up for one on the sheet under the nametag rack in the vestry hallway. Be sure to specify pin, clip or string style of holder. Please remember to wear your nametag to both church and coffee hour as it also helps us get to know one another and is welcoming to newcomers. Stick-on nametags are available from baskets on the narthex table and the back of Fellowship Hall if you don't have a permanent one. If you request a nametag, once made it will be placed in the rack in the Vestry hallway for you to pick up.

Pledge Envelopes for July – December 2015 are available for pick up from the table in the Narthex (in alphabetical order). If you use the elevator and don't pass the narthex table, please ask someone to pick up your envelopes for you. Contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 ext 102 or pat@bccucc.org if you didn't request a set but would like one. Also let her know if you have been assigned envelopes but don't need them.

'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 Oct - Dec 2015 are now available.