

# SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Regular Office Hours resume on Tue, Sep 5: Mon.-Fri. 9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30-4:30 pm*

Sun, Sep 3	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only
Mon, Sep 4		<i>Labor Day – Office Closed</i>
Tue, Sep 5	11:00 am 4-5:30 pm	Staff meeting, Dale's office Stewardship Team meeting, Library
Wed, Sep 6	7:00 pm 7:30-9 pm	Deacons' meeting, Room 6 Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Sep 7	3-6 pm 6-7:30 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot, Warren National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Group, Room 6
Sat, Sep 9	2:45 pm	BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen
Sun, Sep 10		<i>Homecoming Sunday</i> Church School registration before & after worship in the Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service for all ages with Dedication of Church School Volunteers, Nursery Care only
	11:30 am–12:00 pm	Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Orientation, Library



**Birthdays for the Week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Dick McWhirter, Leslie Peck, Audrey Rogers, Lisa Allen, Erik Ela, Megan Hoyt, Lory Snady-McCoy, Mark Schuller, Bob Zeleznik, Rebecca Bendheim, Ben Flynn.*  
Please keep them in your prayers.

If you are celebrating a birthday and your name doesn't appear in this list, it's because we don't have your birthdate in our database. Contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 with the information so it'll appear next year!

## Altar Flowers

**On September 3<sup>rd</sup>** the altar flowers are given by Heather Sugg in memory of her parents, Bill and Alice MacQuattie, and her grandparents.



**Hurricane Harvey Donation Options** –See below for links that you can use to financially support the critical relief efforts that are ongoing in Texas and Louisiana.

United Church of Christ Disaster Ministry: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_harvey](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey)

The Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

The Salvation Army: [www.helpsalvationarmy.org](http://www.helpsalvationarmy.org)

**Clean-Up Buckets Urgently Needed:** The United Church of Christ's Disaster Ministry is calling on churches to assemble much needed clean-up buckets and donate them to Church World Service to be used in response efforts to Hurricane Harvey.

On Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, we will assemble the clean-up buckets together and have a blessing of the buckets after church! We will then deliver the buckets to the RI Conference office. There are two ways you can support this effort. One bucket costs \$75.00. Any individual, family, or group is welcome to "commit" to a \$75.00 donation by email to [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or send a check to the office by Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Donations in any amount are welcome. With this money we will purchase the materials and have them ready to assemble after church on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Another option for an individual, family, or group could be to assemble their own clean-up bucket with reference to the link below and bring the clean-up bucket to worship on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please assemble the bucket as specifically listed in the link below and do not add any items not on the list.

<http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>

**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. If you'd like to pay for one or both arrangements for Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl Muth of the Chancel Team would like to hear from you. Flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person or event. If interested, please contact Cheryl at [jccbmuth@aol.com](mailto:jccbmuth@aol.com) or 433-2878.

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

**Soup Kitchen** – Our church's next rotation at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket is this **Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**. The Finance and Membership Teams share responsibility for this rotation. If you would like to help by either contributing food or serving, please contact the Finance Team Chari, Dick McWhirter ([rncwhirter@cox.net](mailto:rncwhirter@cox.net), 247-2288) or the Membership Team Co-Chairs Beth Buckley ([elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com), 247-0324) or Joanne Ela ([gbsbe@me.com](mailto:gbsbe@me.com), 413-262-3880).

**Clergy update:** Rev. Dale Azevedo broke his clavicle (collarbone) playing church softball on August 8<sup>th</sup> and had to undergo outpatient surgery to repair it on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He continues to work part time in the office. Please remember that Dale's day off is now Monday and Brendan's is Friday.

**We're moving ahead with the Riverwalk Accessibility Project:** Thanks to several recent generous donations we've now raised just over \$22,000 which is sufficient to get the project started (but not enough to get everything done that is needed). Buildings and Grounds have chosen a contractor to do the work and after the necessary permits have been obtained, work should begin in a few weeks. Additional donations are needed if we're going to be able to complete more features of the original proposal like install an ADA automatic door from the terrace into Fellowship Hall, put up new fencing, and do any landscaping. Donation forms are available from the table in the vestry or at the back of Fellowship Hall, or you can just put your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Riverwalk'. THANK YOU to everyone whose donation is making this project become a reality! We want to make our church buildings more accessible and welcoming to everyone.

**Softball Update:** From Tom Strolla – "BCCUCC picked a bad night to play its worst game of the season as we were eliminated from the playoffs with a 16-4 mercy rule loss to St. Luke's. Despite some solid hits by Kathy Sullivan and Rob Gonsalves BCCUCC could not take advantage of several offensive opportunities. Solid defense by Paul Movsesian in the outfield was not enough to stop the strong St. Luke's offense. We had a great season. Lots of laughs, fellowship, and victories."

**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. All are welcome to visit them at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Brendan is there on Thursday afternoons from 3 – 5 pm. Dale has put his on hold until further notice while he's recovering from his surgery.

**'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog.** Be sure to check out the church's website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) to read the latest posting by Dale Azevedo. You can also find past posts if you missed any. Printed copies of recent posts are available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

The **Bereavement Group** will resume meeting on **Monday, September 11th** at 11 a.m in the library. Future meeting dates/times tbd. 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.

The **Memory Impairment Support Group** resumes meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. Their next meetings are **Tuesdays, September 12th & 26th**. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim McCartney at 245-3288 or [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net).

**Singers Welcome!** If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir (no audition necessary). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry and will start up again this **Wednesday, September 6th**. All voice parts are welcome. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join us!

**Choir loft curtain:** The pew cushion project is now complete with the replacement of the curtain around the choir loft to match the new pew cushions. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who made it all possible, and to the Chancel Team and Buildings and Grounds who oversaw the project. We recently received a lovely thank you note from First Congregational Church in Bristol, who is using many of our old pew cushions in their sanctuary.

**Little State Biggest Heart Campaign** - St Luke's Church in Barrington is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to send to Mustard Seed Communities in Jamaica - a place they've worked with on mission trips for over 10 years. Their goal is to collect 5,000 stuffed toys **by early September** and they can only do this with the help of others in the community. A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL)** is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to start thinking about participating in the upcoming program year. Letters and information will be mailed to you this summer with an invitation to register. For more information about OWL visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/>

**Bibles needed:** As part of their outreach ministry to those in need, Riverside Congregational Church, UCC, holds a breakfast every week followed by a Bible Study. In the last few months they have given away about 100 Bibles so are in continuous need for more! A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Cheryl Muth.

**Sermons on line:** If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so by going to the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and clicking on the post on the home page, or by going to the 'Worship' tab and clicking on 'Sermon Archive' in the drop down menu. Past sermons can also be found there.

**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.)

**2017-2018 Church Calendar is filling up!** The staff continues to add things to the 2017-2018 Church Calendar and you can view it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

On **Sunday, September 24th** at 4 pm, Elisabeth von Trapp will give a concert in our sanctuary. Elisabeth is the granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp of 'Sound of Music' fame (<http://www.elisabethvontrapp.com>). In lieu of a standard ticket purchase, a collection will be taken at the end of the performance. The concert is open to the public to spread the word and plan to be there!

*Hosted by our church's Historical Group, this will be the last concert in our 300th Anniversary series.*