

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 13		Confirmation Sunday / Mothers Day
	9:15 am	Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
Mon, May 14	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, May 15	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, May 16	11 am	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
	2 pm	Communion Service at Atria
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 17	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, May 11		<i>Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, May 20		Jubilation Sunday
		<i>Strengthen the Church offering</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Nursery Care only
	After Worship	Ice Cream Sundaes at coffee hour, Fellowship Hall
	3 pm	Atwater-Donnelly Concert, Sanctuary



Birthdays for the Week of May 13th: Reese Humm, Ryan Kiley, Grace Ackerman, Phyllis Buckley, John White, and Trish Sylvester. Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

DEACONS FOR MAY: Joe Judge (star), Stephanie Edwards, Susan Seader and Steve Fodor. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

Confirmation Sunday is TODAY and we hope you can join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall following the service and dove release to meet the newly confirmed and enjoy some cake!

Deacons Envelopes are included in TODAY's bulletin instead of last week's when we were focusing on Membership Giving (see below). Money donated to the Deacons Fund goes to help those in our church and community in need of a helping hand. Thank you for your donation.

Membership Giving: Last week, special envelopes were included in the bulletin for donations for 'Membership Giving'. The money collected helps offset our church's payment to the RI Conference, UCC, for our 'per capita' fee. If you have not yet made a contribution and would like to, the ushers have additional envelopes for your use. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Membership'. Thank you to everyone who made a donation last week.

Jubilation Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20TH. The special Worship Service for All Ages will celebrate the Church School community. This year's theme is the "Web of Life". Please join the children as we witness our connections to one another and the world. The celebration will continue with make-your-own ice cream sundaes during coffee hour.

Church School Registration for 2018-2019 begins NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20TH after worship. If you registered your child for 2017-18 you'll only need to update and initial your current form. To register a child for the first time, you can fill out a registration form at the table in the foyer that day. All children from nursery through 12th grade must be registered to participate in church school or youth activities (including confirmation, youth group, mission trips, and OWL). A separate registration form is required for each child.

Atwater Donnelly Concert 'Songs to Heal the Web of Life': Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and song with the Atwater-Donnelly folk duo next SUNDAY, MAY 20TH at 3 pm in the sanctuary! Tickets are on sale TODAY during coffee hour, from the church office during the week and at the door. \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. Proceeds support BCCUCC's 2018 service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation where volunteers will partner with the Black Mesa Water Coalition in efforts to plant "edible landscapes" and help develop food sovereignty for the Navajo People.

Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior? If so this announcement is for you! We will be recognizing our high school seniors on BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD and we invite our High School Seniors to attend. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office *by Friday, May 25th* (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111); 2) get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office and return it; 3) don't worry about wearing a gown to church (regular church clothes will suffice). If you have any questions, talk with Brendan (brendan@bccucc.org). And Congratulations!

Graduation information needed for newsletter: We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school etc, by publishing their names and graduation info in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the info to the church office at office@bccucc.org *by Friday, May 25th*. Information needed is name of graduate, high school, or institution from which they're graduating, what college or further education they may be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships: Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a high school graduate going on to further education, and one to a student already in college. Graduating high school seniors and college students *who have been confirmed and are members of this church* are eligible to apply. Application deadline is **Sunday, May 27th** and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 3rd. Applications forms are available from outside the church office; at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; and at a link in the next eBridge.

Annual Reports: It's that time of year again – time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2017 – May 2018. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office **by Monday, May 28th**. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2018 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH following the 10 am worship service.

Ministry Team members needed: The Membership Team is helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Anyone interested in serving – perhaps on a particular team or you're open to suggestions – should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com. You don't have to be a member to serve on many of the teams so if you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to have you!

Softball anyone? Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. Games are usually played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome.

Please wear a nametag for both worship and coffee hour. It helps us get to know one other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. If you don't have a permanent one, stick-on nametags are available from baskets in various locations. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.

Summer Camp at Irons Homestead, Glocester, RI: Various different camps are being offered this summer – both overnight and day camps - for ages 6 through high school. Check them out at www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead, see the flyers on the boards, or pick up a leaflet at the back of Fellowship Hall. Irons is run by the RI Conference of the UCC.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Dale's latest blog is 'Are you more committed to addressing problems, or holding onto your solutions?'. It can be read on the church website www.bccucc.org from a link on the home page, on Facebook, or at a link in the next eBridge. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our Meditation Room is open to the public and to people of all faiths. **Mindful Monday** is MONDAYS from 7 – 8 pm and includes a 20-25 minute guided meditation led by Brendan, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. **Mid-Week Recharge** is WEDNESDAYS from 12:30 – 1 pm when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or a short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

Women's Faith Group meets THURS, MAY 17TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They will be discussing possible books to read in the fall – so come with your suggestions! The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Brendan's Community Office Hours are THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by and visit in this more informal setting.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, MAY 21ST 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 or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, MAY 22ND from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. It is open to patients and caregivers, and need not be members of this church. Info: contact Jim McCartney 245-3288 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Book Group meets TUES, MAY 29TH, at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Since We Fell* by Dennis Lehane. For more info about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All welcome!

A Ladies Lunch will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall to which ALL ladies of the church are invited, regardless of age! RSVP to the office **by Friday, June 1st** or sign up TODAY at coffee hour. Don't miss this annual event that includes strawberry shortcake! Hosted by the Women's Faith Group and the Membership team.

Good news from our Renewal Team! They continue to work with our consultant, Rev. Steve Sterner and are excited to report that the seven strategic teams are busy researching information and gathering data in their goal to complete phase one of our process. There is an energy and excitement among team members – thanks for all your hard work. (*See below for how you can help two of the strategic teams with their research and data gathering*). There will be a Strategic Team Feedback Session on SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, from 8:30-10:00 in the library. We encourage everyone on all seven strategic teams to be present to facilitate communication and share their enthusiasm. A continental breakfast will be offered.

On SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, the Renewal Team will report to the entire congregation during the Annual Meeting. As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions. We welcome all input. Go teams, go!

Rev. Dale Avezedo, Larry Ashley, Tom Colby, Erik Ela, Marion Fodor, Helen Schall, Heather Williamson

The Capital Improvement Team wants to hear from you: As part of their data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), they're interested in hearing your thoughts on building repairs and improvements. Have you noticed something that should be repaired or could really use an upgrade? Or do you have a building improvement idea? Then drop them an email at BCCUCCBG@gmail.com, or speak with Larry Ashley. Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

The Community Connection Team needs your help to gather data on the “unofficial” outreach that congregational participants are performing in the community. They'd appreciate receiving responses to the following questions:

1. What are ways that you connect with the community? (Note: we are defining community as the East Bay)
2. Do you volunteer for an organization, either as a representative of the church or on your own? If so which organization and what type of service do you provide?
3. What are the issues facing members of the East Bay community about which you are the most passionate?
4. Do you perceive that there are unfulfilled needs in the community? If yes, what are these needs?
5. Are there people in town or in the East Bay that we should be engaging regarding unfulfilled needs?

Please send your responses to Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com. Printed survey sheets with these questions are also on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Do we have your email address? If not and you'd like to receive the weekly eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at office@bccucc.org - and be sure to include your name – or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex (near where the greeters stand) or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our complete Church calendar can be viewed online from our website or directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>