

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, May 20		Jubilation Sunday / Pentecost <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 Folk Duo Concert, Sanctuary
Mon, May 21	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, May 22	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
	7 pm	Renewal Team meeting, Library
Wed, May 23	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 24	3 – 5 pm	Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	6:30 pm	Communications Team meeting, Library
Fri, May 25		<i>Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i> <i>Deadline for Baccalaureate Sunday RSVPs</i> <i>Deadline for graduation information for the eBridge</i>
Sun, May 27		Addiction Awareness Sunday <i>Deadline for KLF Scholarship applications</i>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of May 20th: Joan Miller, Marion Fodor, Kathy Sullivan, Diane Mason, Evan Shoaf, and Greg Voigt. 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.

Jubilation Sunday is TODAY and our worship service celebrates the Church School community. The celebration will continue at coffee hour in Fellowship Hall where all are invited to make-your-own ice cream sundae!

Strengthen the Church offering will be taken TODAY. Your donations help support the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. Special envelopes are included in today's bulletin. Offerings may also be sent to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'STC'. Learn more at www.ucc.org/stc

Church School Registration for 2018-2019 begins TODAY after worship in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. 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 available at the registration table. 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 back TODAY at 3 pm in the sanctuary to enjoy a concert of music and song with the Atwater-Donnelly folk duo! Tickets are on sale during coffee hour this morning or 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.

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Brendan's latest blog is 'How do you 'like' that?' 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.

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, college, 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 eBridge.

Our Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.

Annual Reports: Church officers, ministry team chairs etc. are asked to write their annual reports covering the period June 2017 – May 2018 and send to office@bccucc.org or drop off in the office **by Monday, May 28th**. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2018 Annual Report prior to the Annual Meeting on SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH that takes place following the 10 am worship service.

Ministry Team members needed: The Membership Team is still looking for a few people to serve on ministry teams for the 2018-19 Church year. Many slots have been filled but there are still some openings – including 3 on the Membership Team. Anyone interested in serving in any way should speak with Joanne Ela at coffee hour TODAY, or contact Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com or Joanne at 262-3880 or gsbse@me.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.

Have you let the Capital Improvement Team know how you'd like to see our buildings improved? As part of their data gathering effort 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.

Have you completed a 'Community Connections' survey? If not, The Community Connection Team would really like you to do so to help them 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 on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Completed forms can also be returned to the church office. Thank you.

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.

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!

Strategic Teams Feedback Session will take place on SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, from 8:30-10:00 in the library. The Renewal Team encourages everyone on all seven strategic teams to be present to facilitate communication and share their research findings and enthusiasm. A continental breakfast will be offered.

Class on the Grass will be held during church school time on SUNDAYS, JUNE 3RD, 10TH & 17TH. The church school children will hear a Bible story, do an activity or art project and have a snack out on the playground (hopefully). All children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate.

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.

BCCUCC Annual Meeting will take place on SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 am worship service. In addition to the regular business of the meeting, the Renewal Team will give a report to the congregation. All church members are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided.

Free Fun Day at Irons Homestead: All members and friends of the United Church of Christ are invited to enjoy a day at the waterfront at Irons Homestead Camp & Retreat, SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH from Noon on. There will be life guards on duty from 12:30 - 4 pm for boating and swimming. Grills will be at the ready, please bring your own food. The field will be ready for play, the stone throwing area will be open, and there will be volleyball, basketball and lawn games in addition to waterfront fun. For more info contact Director Jennifer Geary 401-710-9478 or IronsHomestead@ricucc.org

Summer Camp at Irons Homestead, Gloucester, 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.

New Feasting at Fireside dates are available!! Elizabeth and Dale are once again opening up the parsonage for small dinner groups beginning in June. Special for the summer dates are picnics for 10! On these dates they won't be sitting around the dining room table, but hopefully be out in the yard for a cookout. These will be a little more casual affairs with a few more people, but still the same great fellowship. Dates are MON, JUNE 25TH, TUES, AUG 7TH, AND TUES, SEPT 18TH from 6-8 pm. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office 246-0111. All members and friends of the church are welcome – individuals of all ages as well as families!