

# SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on July 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

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

*The Church Office is OPEN Mon, Tues & Thurs, 9 am – 1 pm, Wed, 11 am – 1 pm; and CLOSED Fridays*

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| Sun, Jul 1    |                                     | <b>Independence (Freedom) Sunday</b>  |
|               | 9:30 am                             | Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only  |
| Mon, Jul 2    | Evening                             | Mission Trippers return   |
| Tue, Jul 3    |                                     | <i>Office Closed</i>  |
|               | Noon                                | <i>Deadline for eBridge</i>   |
|               | 9:30 am – 1 pm                      | Staff Calendar Planning Meeting, Library  |
| Wed, Jul 4    |                                     | <b>Independence Day - Office Closed</b>   |
| Thurs, Jul 5  | 3 – 5 pm<br>6 pm                    | Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot<br>NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6                                  |
| Fri, Jul 6    |                                     | <i>Office Closed. Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>   |
| Sun, Jul 8    |                                     | <b>Mission Trip Sunday</b>  |
|               | 9:30 am                             | Worship Service for All Ages with reflections from the Mission Trippers, Nursery Care only                                  |
| Mon, Jul 9    | 10:30 am – 1 pm<br>7 pm<br>7 – 8 pm | Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library<br>Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6<br>Mindful Monday, Meditation Room |
| Tue, Jul 10   | 11 am<br>1-2:30 pm                  | Staff Meeting, Dale's office<br>Memory Impairment Support Group, Library  |
| Thurs, Jul 12 | 3 – 5 pm                            | Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot   |
| Fri, Jul 13   |                                     | <i>Office Closed. Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>   |
| Sun, Jul 15   | 9:30 am                             | Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only   |



**Birthdays for the Week of July 1<sup>st</sup>:** *Karen Bilotti, Bowen Humm, Doug Materne, Joanne Ela, Eli Short, Owen Fernandez, Kim Hoyt, Emma Brady, Dan Lemos, Julia Califano, and Carol Strakosch.*

**Birthdays for the Week of July 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Joan Frary, Barbara Wuth, EJ Anderson, Laurie Dubel, Olin Moore, James Nellis, Leslie Strolla, Sue Terhune, Betty Gidley, and Erik Sheets.* Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

## Altar Flowers

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the altar flowers are given by Ozzie and Liz Rosenholm in honor of their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> the altar flowers are given by Dick and Barbara McWhirter in celebration of their grandchildren



**Deacons serving communion July 1<sup>st</sup>:** Joe Judge, Kim Zeleznik, Patricia Stoddard

**DEACONS FOR SUMMER:** Joe Judge (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Steve Fodor, Bernie Hawes, Susan Seader, Jon Stabach, Patricia Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, and Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) please call on a deacon.

**Clergy away:** Brendan is on the Mission Trip thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dale will be on vacation from July 5<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Office Hours:** OPEN – Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm; Wed 11 – 1 pm; CLOSED – Fri.

**Church Office will be closed on TUES, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>** for Staff Calendar Planning, and **WED, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** for Independence Day.

**Any last minute calendar dates?** The staff will be getting together to plan the 2018-2019 church calendar on TUESDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>. If you have any dates that you haven't yet submitted (for meetings/activities/events etc) please do so *by noon on Mon, July 2<sup>nd</sup>* so that they can be included on the calendar. Email them to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). We realize that some haven't yet made plans, but ask that when you do, you submit the dates so they can be added. Thanks.

**Mission Trip Sunday is SUNDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>:** The Mission Trippers are visiting the Grand Canyon before their return on Monday evening, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They were planning on taking lots of pictures during their time in Arizona and will be sharing photos, information and reflections on the Mission Trip in worship on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to everyone who stopped by to make a blood donation at our recent blood drive. 24 donations were made, which can help save 72 lives! (That's 5 more donations than last time.) Special thanks to Barbara Wuth, our Blood Drive coordinator, for all of her work behind the scenes to make the drive a success, and also to Boy Scout CJ Hilty, who assisted, especially with publicity, as part of his Eagle Scout project.

**Problems with the church website are fixed:** Our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) crashed June 22 or 23 and wasn't working again until the afternoon of June 25. A couple of days later we learned that people were getting redirected to a Japanese website when searching for Barrington Congregational Church! With the help of our host server, the problems were all resolved. If you encounter a problem with our website, please let us know so that we can get it fixed a.s.a.p. Thanks.

**Summer changes in communications & deadlines:** With shorter office hours and less activity, these Announcements and the eBridge are each being produced every other week on alternating weeks. Please submit items for inclusion to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) by **Tuesdays at Noon** over the summer.

**Summer Musicians wanted:** During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina will be posting a sign-up calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

**Elevette Operators needed:** We are looking for a couple of additional volunteers willing to run the elevette on Sunday mornings. This important ministry enables those unable to manage the stairs to join us for worship in the sanctuary. Elevette operators are only scheduled 4 or 5 times a year and training will be provided - it's very simple! If interested, please contact George Bolton at 368-7899 or [rmgb18@yahoo.com](mailto:rmgb18@yahoo.com). Thank you.

**Want to play softball?** 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](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936. (Each team is allowed 2 exceptions to the age rule). Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 pm. It's fun and new players are always welcome. Schedule info is below.

**Softball results and upcoming games:** BCCUCC lost their second game, which was played June 25<sup>th</sup> against St Luke's, but they had a lot of fun! They also played Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>, but the game hadn't happened at the time of writing. Their next game is scheduled for MONDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup> against Temple Habonim. All games begin at 6 pm and are played at Bicknell Field (at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln Avenue). Spectators are encouraged to come cheer them on!

**2018 Softball Schedule is available** from the home page of the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and printed copies can also be picked up from outside the church office, or the back of Fellowship Hall. Spectators are always most welcome!

**Mindful Mondays:** No session on July 2<sup>nd</sup> but they will resume on JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> with Brendan leading. All are welcome to attend these one hour sessions which consist of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. Our Meditation Room is open to people of all faiths and all are welcome.

**NAMI Family Support Group:** NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org)

**Community Office Hours this summer:** Dale and Brendan will share doing them on THURSDAYS from 3–5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren - depending on who is in town. Brendan will do them for the four Thursdays in July, then Dale will do them in August. Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by The Coffee Depot and visit the minister in this more informal setting. All are welcome.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** meets TUESDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup> 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 529-5259 [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Book Group** meets TUES, JULY 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue: 'A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream - the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy.' For more info contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All welcome!

**Picnics at the Parsonage!** Elizabeth and Dale will be opening up the parsonage for a casual cookout for 10 in their yard on TUESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. Then on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm they will host an indoor dinner for 6. 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!

**Loaves and Fishes RI Ministry:** We have added two additional truck runs, going out every other month from our church beginning on WED, AUG 22<sup>nd</sup> (*corrected date*). If there is anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)). We are looking for help with shopping, food prep, going out on the truck, as well as additional drivers.

**Sermon Series in August:** Throughout August, Dale will be telling stories of some of the less reputable folks we find in the Bible. Was there more to Cain's story than the fact he committed the first murder? Was Jezebel as bad as she is made out to be? What was Judas' real motivation? And did Sapphira really deserve the death penalty for not giving her full pledge to the church? We'll have some fun and a few laughs while we wrestle with some of these difficult people and stories in scripture. (Sunday mornings @ 9:30am throughout August)

**Would you share your story?** Susan Catherine Collyer is a Barrington resident and artist looking to share stories of faith. She recently produced an original play entitled, "Reflections in Rhode Island," celebrating 100 years of stories from seniors living in the East Bay. She is looking to do something similar revolving around peoples' experiences of faith. Are there points in your life when you felt an experience of Someone or Something Greater? These can be stories of miracles, magic or the mundane. Susan would like to interview people of different faiths and no faith to create an original theatrical piece to help break down walls of division and separation. If you are interested or would like more information you can contact Dale at the church office (246-0111) or Susan directly at [rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com](mailto:rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com).

**The Renewal Team** gave an update to the congregation at the church's Annual Meeting in early June. To learn more about the work of the Renewal Team as well as read the reports of the Phase 1 work done by the seven Strategic Teams, visit our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and click on the Church Renewal link on the home page. The Renewal Team will work through the summer to review and process all the information. Then, in the early fall, they hope to have a condensed list of ministry projects and ideas with which to share with the congregation to garner feedback, before moving forward.

**Do we have your email address?** To receive the eBridge newsletter and other mailings from the church, send your email address to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) - be sure to include your name – or sign up in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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**'From the River's Edge':** Brendan's latest blog 'A Big THANK YOU!' can be read on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org), on Facebook, or at a link in the eBridge. Printed copies are on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

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