

SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sun, Jun 24		Strengthening the Community Day <i>Start of Summer Worship Schedule Deadline for 2018-2019 Calendar Dates</i>
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Jun 25	6 – 8 pm	Picnic at the Parsonage, Fireside Parsonage
	6 pm	Softball game vs St Luke's, Bicknell Field
	7 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Jun 26	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	1 – 2:30 pm	Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
Thurs, Jun 28	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours with Dale, The Coffee Depot
	6 pm	Softball game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field
Fri, Jun 29		<i>Office Closed. Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Jul 1		Independence (Freedom) Sunday
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of June 24th: *Susan Seader, and Lucy Strolla.* Please keep them in your prayers. If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can update our database.

Altar Flowers

TODAY's altar flowers are given by Jim McCartney with gratitude to his wife Lois for these 64 years of sharing their life and love.



Guest Musician: We welcome Luke Abrahamson to our worship service this morning. Luke is a piano student of Marina Zabinski, and he will be playing the following pieces for the service: Prelude - Chopin *Nocturne*; Offertory – *Bagattelle* by Beethoven; Postlude - *Rondo* from Beethoven Sonata (Duet with Marina).

DEACONS FOR JUNE: Bernie Hawes (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Jon Stabach, and Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) please call on a deacon.

Deadline for 2018-2019 calendar dates is TODAY! If you or your ministry team/group has activities/meetings or anything else to be included on the calendar, please email it to Christine at office@bccucc.org a.s.a.p. This includes the dates for the various teams and groups who have regular meetings, as well as special one-time events. We realize that some haven't yet made plans, but ask that whenever you do, you submit the dates so they can be added. Thanks.

Clergy away: Brendan is on the Mission Trip today thru July 2nd. Dale will be away from July 5th – 29th.

Please keep the Mission Trippers in your prayers: Early this morning Brendan Curran, Bob Zeleznik, Kathy Sullivan, Phyllis Buckley, Joanne Waite, and youth Amanda Colby, Emily Waite, Michael and Matthew Zeleznik, Hannah Melker, and Ben Flynn left to fly to Arizona to begin their weeklong mission/service trip to the Navajo Nation. They will be assisting with land restoration efforts with the Black Mesa Water Coalition. Read more about what they will be doing in Brendan's latest blog 'From the River's Edge'. The group will return the evening of Monday, July 2nd after spending the last two days visiting the Grand Canyon! They plan to take lots of pictures during their time in Arizona and will be sharing information and reflections on the Mission Trip in worship on SUNDAY, JULY 8TH. Mark your calendar!

'From the River's Edge' – the Pastor's blog. Brendan's latest blog is 'A Big THANK YOU!' 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 eBridge. Printed copies are also available from the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Summer changes in communications & deadlines: With shorter office hours and less activity, these Announcements and the eBridge will each be produced every other week on alternating weeks – beginning next week. Please submit items for inclusion to office@bccucc.org. Also, the weekly deadline is **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. She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina will be posting a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

Ice Cream Social and Celebration of Rev. Barbara Libby on her retirement as Interim RI Conference Minister is TODAY from 3 – 5 pm at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset Street, Providence. (Free parking in church lot and free street parking on Sundays). All are invited. 3-5 pm is reception and conversation over ice cream and Barbara's famous homemade fudge sauce. 4 pm is words of appreciation from friends and colleagues.

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

Office closures: CLOSED - TUES, JULY 3RD for Staff Calendar Planning, and WED, JULY 4TH for Independence Day.

The Renewal Team: On Saturday, June 2nd, the Renewal Team met with all seven Strategic Teams to hear the reports of their Phase 1 work. It was a wonderful and inspiring morning with great feedback from all of our teams. One week later, at our Annual Meeting, Heather Williamson gave a greatly condensed rundown of all that our teams accomplished. The Renewal Team will work through the summer to review and process all this information. Then, in the early fall, we hope to have a condensed list of ministry projects and ideas with which to share with the congregation to garner feedback, before moving forward. For more information on these reports or the Renewal Process, check out the church website!

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 245-3464 or 368-7899 or boltong@mindspring.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 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.

2018 Softball Schedule is available from the home page of the church website 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!

Softball results and upcoming games: Unfortunately BCCUCC lost their first game against St John's, but they had a great turnout of both players and spectators, and lots of fun and fellowship! On MONDAY, JUNE 25TH they will play against St Luke's, and on THURSDAY, JULY 28TH against Team Unaffiliated. 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!

Picnics at the Parsonage! Elizabeth and Dale are once again opening up the parsonage for small dinner groups and the first one is TOMORROW, MONDAY, JUNE 25TH. During the summer they are doing a cookout for 10 in the yard, and at the time of writing there's still room for more people to sign up! These will be 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 (dinner for 6 inside in Sept) 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!

Mindful Mondays while Brendan is away: It will take place on MONDAY, JUNE 25TH (with a different leader) but is cancelled for MONDAY, JULY 2ND. Brendan will resume leading these sessions on JULY 9TH, 16TH & 23RD.

Memory Impairment Support Group meets TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH 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

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. Dale will do them this THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH and again in August. Brendan will do them for the four Thursdays in July. 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.

Book Group meets TUES, JULY 31ST 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 245-4724. All welcome!

Loaves and Fishes Ministry: We have added two additional truck runs, going out every other month from our church beginning on WED, AUG 22ND (*corrected date*). If there is anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or 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.

CT, MA and RI Conferences of the UCC vote to go forward Together, as One: At the TriConference Annual Meeting last Saturday the three conferences each voted overwhelmingly to form a new unified Conference in which they will not only do ministry together, but to which they will invite other religious and secular organizations to join. "UCC History was made today," said the Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC general minister and president. "Signaling to the wider church that we can accomplish more together than apart, that we live in an interdependent world in which we all need each other, and looking to maximize the use of precious mission resources, delegates to this tri-conference annual meeting voted to carve out a new pathway for what we hope will be new life, new vitality, and new relevance." Read more about the vote and its significance at www.ricucc.org.

Camp Hope fundraiser: Catherine Muth, a survivor of childhood cancer herself, is raising money for Camp Hope, a week-long overnight camp for kids ages 7-17 affected by cancer in their immediate family - self, sibling, or parent. Camp Hope gives them a chance to be a kid again - no tubes, needles, or IV pumps and no cost to them. It's a week of games, swimming, music and the great outdoors. More info at <https://www.youcaring.com/helpusraisemoneytosendkidstocamp>.

Thanks for the clothing: Many thanks to everyone who brought in clothing for middle schoolers in Providence. It was much appreciated. The collection has now ended.

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 - be sure to include your name – or sign up in the narthex or at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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