

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The church office is open Monday – Friday from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Sun, Sep 23		Seniors, Elders, and Grandparents Sunday
	9 – 9:45 am	Confirmation Orientation with parents, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	Noon – 4 pm	Cliff Walk in Newport for Youth Group and Families
Mon, Sep 24	10 am	Barrington Interfaith Partners, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Sep 25	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Church Council Meeting, Room 6
Wed, Sep 26	Noon	<i>Deadline for the eBridge</i>
	5:30 pm	Renewal Team meeting, Room 6
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Sep 27	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
Fri, Sep 28		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Sep 30		Mission Sunday (Mission at Home)
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	4:30 pm	RICUCC Service of Welcomes, Edgewood Congregational Church, UCC



Birthdays for the Week of September 23rd: *Chris Brady, John Muth, Anne Danzberger, Bobby Dubel, Clyde Slicker, Zeke DeWitt, and Fiona Nicholson.* 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 the database.

DEACONS FOR SEPT: Stephanie Edwards (star), Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, Susan Seader and Pat Stoddard. 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.

Birthdate correction: Last week it was announced in worship that Bette Reid was celebrating her 100th birthday. Unfortunately, our database had the wrong year of her birth and she was only turning 98 years old! Sorry **L**

International Peace Day: The Mission and Justice Team has rehung peace flags in the sanctuary in honor of the International Day of Peace which is observed around the world on September 21st. The General Assembly declared it as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. To find out more about Peace Day go to <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>. We also invite you to stop by the table in Fellowship Hall TODAY for the opportunity to **make your own peace flag**. Learn more about the Peace Flag Project and art exhibits and other events this weekend at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/thepeaceflagproject.org/posts/>

Softball Results: BCCUCC had a hard fought second playoff game last Monday against St Luke's which they won 8-7. They then played Team Unaffiliated in the final on Thursday evening. It was a great game, but unfortunately BCCUCC wasn't able to hold on to an early lead and lost 13-18. After the game both teams took a team picture together and shared refreshments, laughs, and conversation. Many thanks to all on the team for playing and representing our church so well.

Confirmation and Orientation: Youth in 9th grade are invited to be a part of the 2018-2019 Confirmation Class. There was an Orientation for parents and 9th graders TODAY from 9 – 9:45 am in the library. If you missed it and are interested in more information, please speak with Brendan. *Deadline for Confirmation sign up is next Sunday, September 30th.*

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, should they wish to, 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.)

Registration for Church School takes place again TODAY after the worship service. There's a table in the foyer of Fellowship Hall where a parent or guardian who registered their child(ren) last year can just update the info and initial the form for this year, and parents/guardians of children new to the program can fill out a registration form. Please note that for insurance purposes ALL children and youth from infants through Grade 12 are required to have an up-to-date registration form each year, in order to participate in church programs which includes youth group. Thank you.

BCCUCC Cliff walk and Picnic: Our BCCUCC Youth Group kick-off event is TODAY after church for all 6th-12th graders, their families, and any other families who want to join us! We are going to walk the cliff walk together in Newport, RI. Please bring a bagged lunch for a picnic. We will carpooling from the church at Noon and return by 4 pm. Additional families with their own transportation are welcome to join us. A reminder that youth who signed up and don't have a parent coming along, must have a completed permission slip. Questions? Speak with Brendan.

Mindful Mondays are MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, except on holiday Mondays. Led by Brendan, there is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Community Office Hours: Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAYS from 3–5 pm to visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.

Memory Impairment Support Group to meet elsewhere: Effective immediately, the group, led by Jim McCartney, will no longer meet at the church but at Tockwotton, 500 Waterfront Drive, E. Providence. They'll continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 pm. Open to patients and caregivers, they next meet TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH. For more information please contact Jim McCartney 529-5259 jrmcc@fullchannel.net

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

RI Conference Services of Welcome: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH at 4:30 pm at Edgewood Congregational Church, 1788 Broad St, Cranston, to welcome the new Transitional Conference Minister, The Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, and to also welcome the churches to the new Conference offices that are now located at the Edgewood church. All are welcome. A light supper and tours of the new Conference offices will follow. *RSVP to mkendrix@ricucc.org by TODAY, Sept 23rd.*

Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, OCTOBER 1ST at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. More information from facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Knitting for Others Group will meet TUES, OCT 2ND from 7 – 9 pm in the church library. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters welcome, especially new faces! Contact is Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net).

Friendship Dinner: WED, OCT 3RD at Roger Williams Park Casino. Reception 6:30–7 pm, Dinner 7–8:30 pm. Hosted by the Dialogue Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting harmony in the diverse cultural setting in RI. People of all heritages, cultures, and histories come together and share the common hope and faith that people can understand, accept and learn from each other. Keynote speaker on ‘Embracing the World’ is Dr. Ori Soltes of Georgetown University. *RSVP by Sept 28th to info@dialoguef.org or www.dialoguef.org*

Women’s Faith Group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library beginning THURS, OCT 4TH. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They will begin by reading Parker Palmer’s new book *On the Brink of Everything: Grace Gravity and Getting Old* and copies are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$16. For the first session, the group will watch a Parker Palmer interview/lecture. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group here for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, OCT 4TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Youth Group Meeting: SUN, OCT 7TH from 11:15 am - 1:15 pm in Room 9. All youth 6-12 grade are invited. Junior and Senior Youth will break into groups at the meeting. Pizza will be provided. For more information, speak with Brendan.

Barrington Day of Caring – a Community Wide Day of Volunteering: MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH (Columbus Day) from Noon – 5 pm. Volunteers will gather at the town hall then leave to various sites where they can put their talents to work by improving the lives of their neighbors and the local community. Activities will include home improvement, decluttering, yard work, and cleanup of the beach. All ages and skill levels welcome. Barrington Day of Caring is a new initiative of the Barrington Community Support Coalition (BCSC) that comprises of representatives of houses of worship, volunteer agencies, Barrington Business Association, town and school departments, EMS, Fire and Police. Volunteers can register either online at <https://bit.ly/2wCOlRrX> downloading a form at www.Barrington.ri.gov or picking up a form at Barrington Town Hall or the Bayside YMCA. The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/BarringtonDayOfCaring>.

Adult Faith Study: “The Jesus Diaries: Who Jesus Is to Me” When is the last time you talked about Jesus and what you really believe about him? Do you even know who Jesus is to you? In this study we will read nine “diaries” from writers of the Stillspeaking Writers Group who will share with us some of the intimacies of their understandings of Jesus in an accessible way. We will discuss these different personal relationships with Jesus and what they may mean to us. We will also spend some time discovering and discussing our own understandings of this man-God. The study meets for four (4) Tuesday evenings from OCT 16TH - NOV 6TH from 7:00-8:15 pm in the BCCUCC Library. Come and join Dale for this interesting discussion. *Register for this class at the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 by Tues, Oct 11th.*

Feasting@ Fireside: Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo have added six additional dates through May 2019, when they will be hosting dinners for 6 at the parsonage. The first will be on MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH from 6 – 8 pm. Members and friends of the church are invited. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> for one of the dates that works for you, or contact the church office 246-0111 if you are unable to sign up online.

East Bay Kids Clothes Swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up! Ages newborn to 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! It’s a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. It will take place in Fellowship Hall the 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am-11:30 am starting SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH and is open to the community. \$3-\$5 donation at the door to cover space rental and expenses, but no one turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/rikidswap>. If you have clothes to contribute, please email rikidswap@gmail.com or call Megan at 401-396-6430.

Healing Connections - building a community of support for youth experiencing grief and loss. Adults are not the only people who experience grief and loss! Youth do too but might not have spaces where they can address their grief and be supported by others going through similar experiences. Using group circle process, we will create a space together for youth of all faith backgrounds and perspectives to have a community of support to cope with grief and loss. In a meeting on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH from 12-1 pm, participants will have an opportunity to get to know each other and share stories. During the mini-retreat on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH from 1-4 pm participants will explore ritual arts and creative practices for processing significant losses and honoring the memories of their loved ones. Meetings will take place in rooms 8 and 9 of the education building. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact facilitators Brendan Curran brendan@bccucc.org (401-318-2447) and/or Betsy Brenner jsbeeb@aol.com (401-323-6320).

Book Group next meets TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *Blood Brothers: The Story of the Strange Friendship between Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill* by Deanne Stillman. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All welcome!

‘From the River’s Edge’: Brendan’s latest blog ‘Thoughts and Prayers’ can be read on the church website www.bccucc.org, on Facebook, or at a link in the eBridge. Printed copies are on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall.

Help the UCC Respond to hurricane damages by making a donation to UCC Disaster Ministries: Learn more and make an online donation by clicking on the link on the home page of our church website www.bccucc.org.

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so more easily. Thank you.

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