

# 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 30		<b>Mission Sunday (Mission at Home)</b>
	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
Mon, Oct 1	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Oct 2	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others, Library
Wed, Oct 3	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 8:15 pm	Christmas Cantata rehearsal, Vestry
	8:15 – 9 pm	Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Oct 4	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, Oct 5		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Oct 6	2:45 pm	Volunteers from BCCUCC leave for Soup Kitchen
Sun, Oct 7		<b>Ecumenical / World Communion Sunday</b>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only



**Birthdays for the Week of September 30<sup>th</sup>:** *Duncan Maio, Margo Williams, Kristin Anderson, Jay Buckley, Beth Zarlengo, Art Woolverton, Alex Nicholson, and Dave Rogers.* 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.

**DEACONS FOR OCT:** Abby Ashley (star), Chris Brady, Bernie Hawes, Jon Stabach, Carol Strakosch, and Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (289-3780) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**RI Conference Services of Welcome:** TODAY at 4:30 pm at Edgewood Congregational Church, 1788 Broad St, Cranston, to welcome Rev. Marilyn Kendrix as our Transitional Conference Minister, and to welcome the churches to the new Conference offices there. All are welcome. A light supper and tours of the new Conference offices will follow.

**Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice:** No matter your opinion or political affiliation, your voice - your vote - matters and you deserve to be heard. Have you registered to vote yet? Visit the Mission and Justice Team's table at coffee hour TODAY to fill out a registration form. You must be at least 16 years old (18 to vote) and have a driver's license or ID number for the M&J Team to turn in your form. For a statement about the importance of voting from Traci Blackmon of the UCC visit: [http://www.ucc.org/lift\\_every\\_voice\\_in\\_2018](http://www.ucc.org/lift_every_voice_in_2018)

**Volunteer for the Barrington Day of Caring** There's a table at coffee hour TODAY where you can register, or you can register online at <https://bit.ly/2wCOIrX> Registrations are due by tomorrow, Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Barrington Day of Caring is a community wide day of volunteering that's happening on MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> (Indigenous People's Day aka Columbus Day) from Noon – 5 pm. Volunteers will gather at the town hall at noon then go 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. Dale is on the planning team and hopes to have many volunteers from our church!

**Soup Kitchen Servers Needed:** Our church's next rotation for the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen is SAT, OCT 6<sup>th</sup>. The Music and Endowment teams are responsible this time, but because it's a holiday weekend, a number of those folks are away. 3 adult servers are still needed to go to the Soup Kitchen. If you can assist with this ministry, please contact Pat Stoddard (829-0654 [pstoddard55@yahoo.com](mailto:pstoddard55@yahoo.com)) or Soup Kitchen Coordinator Diane Todd (245-4681 [diane.todd15@gmail.com](mailto:diane.todd15@gmail.com))

**Volunteers are needed to help with church school:** We don't need a long-term commitment, just your willingness to teach or assist in one of the classrooms for a few Sundays during the program year. We provide all the information and resources you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith. For more information or to volunteer, speak with or contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107.

**Wanted –Baby Food Jars:** Andrea needs them for a church school project. Please start saving them for her. Thank you.

**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.

**'From the River's Edge':** Dale's next blog '69 Stones & 28 Hymns' will be posted to the website on OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**Bereavement Group** meets tomorrow, MONDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**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.

**Knitting for Others Group** meets this TUES, OCT 2<sup>ND</sup> from 7 – 9 pm in the church library. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie 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](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)).

**Christmas Cantata rehearsals have begun!** The vocal choir, along with several instrumentalists, will present a Christmas Cantata during worship on December 16<sup>th</sup> [Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration, by Joel Raney]. You can hear the piece via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsfw83UfpFY>. Anyone that would like to join the choir for this particular piece is invited to attend a portion of choir rehearsal every Wednesday from 7:30-8:15 pm, when we will practice the cantata. The choir will prepare their other pieces after the cantata practice is complete. All are welcome!

**Women's Faith Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library beginning this THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**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.

**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 4<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)

**Memory Impairment Support Group now meets elsewhere:** The group, led by Jim McCartney, no longer meets at the church but at Tockwotton, 500 Waterfront Drive, E. Providence. They continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 pm. For more information please contact Jim McCartney 529-5259 [jrmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

**Youth Group Meeting – change in date and time:** Youth group will have their first gathering meeting on SUNDAY, OCT 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 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. (They will not meet on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>).

**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 16<sup>th</sup> - NOV 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 by Tues, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Feasting at 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 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. Members and friends of the church are invited. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> for a date 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) (401-318-2447) and/or Betsy Brenner [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) (401-323-6320).

**Book Group** next meets TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All welcome!

**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](http://www.bccucc.org).

**Do we have your email address?** If not and you'd like to receive the *eBridge* newsletter and other mailings from the church, please send your email address to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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.

**Please wear a nametag:** 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. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour. Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.

**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) by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Change in Keypad Code:** The code for entry into the Education Building was changed this week. If you need access when the office is closed and didn't receive an email with the new code, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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