

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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| Sun, Oct 14 | | Justice Sunday <i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i> |
| | 9 am – 12:15 pm | OWL Session, Library |
| | 10 am | Worship Service with Installation of Deacons, Church School |
| | 5 – 7 pm | Youth Group Meeting, Room 9 |
| Mon, Oct 15 | 11 am | Bereavement Group, Library |
| | 11 am | Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6 |
| | 6 – 8 pm | Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage |
| | 7 pm | Buildings and Grounds meeting, Library |
| | 7 – 8 pm | Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8) |
| Tue, Oct 16 | 11 am | Staff Meeting, Dale's office |
| | 7 – 8:15 pm | Adult Ed Study with Dale: 'The Jesus Diaries', Library |
| Wed, Oct 17 | 2 pm | Communion Service at Atria Senior Living |
| | 7:30 – 8:15 pm | Christmas Cantata rehearsal, Vestry |
| | 8:15 – 9 pm | Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry |
| Thurs, Oct 18 | 1:30 – 3 pm | Women's Faith Group, Library |
| | 3 – 5 pm | Community Office Hours, The Coffee |
| | 6:30 pm | Membership Team meeting, Room 6 |
| | 7 pm | Deacons' Meeting, Library |
| Fri, Oct 19 | | <i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i> |
| Sat, Oct 20 | 9:30 – 11:30 am | East Bay Kids Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall |
| Sun, Oct 21 | | Laity Sunday |
| | 8:30 am | CEYM meeting, Library |
| | 10 am | Worship Service, Church School |
| | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Confirmation Class, Room 9 |



Birthdays for the Week of October 14th: *Emma McMillan, Caroline Morgan, Emily Matthews, Carolyn Watson, Todd Harff, and Julia Bendheim* 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 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.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special offering of the United Church of Christ, that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. We will be taking the NIN offering TODAY and special envelopes are included in the bulletin. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and two thirds funds projects to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. This year's grants will give special consideration to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Checks should be payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'NIN' in the memo line. Learn more or donate online at www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you for your support.

Feasting at Fireside: The first 'feast' is tomorrow, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH from 6 – 8 pm. At the time of writing, there's still space available, so if you'd like to attend, you need to sign up a.s.a.p. TODAY! Members and friends of the church are invited to these dinners for six hosted by Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo at the parsonage. There are 5 additional dates through May 2019, so 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.

Adult Faith Study "The Jesus Diaries: Who Jesus Is to Me": It's past the deadline for signing up for this study but there are still a few spaces and resources available. If you're interested in participating, please talk to Dale TODAY after church. The study meets for four TUESDAY EVENINGS from OCT 16TH - NOV 6TH from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Library. 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 spend some time discovering and discussing our own understandings of this man-God we know as Jesus.

Youth Group Meeting: Youth group will have their first gathering meeting TODAY 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.

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 or 246-0111 x 107.

National Bullying Prevention Month is OCTOBER: The Mission and Justice Team supports the Barrington School District in its observance of this. Some helpful websites are <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/campaigns/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month> and <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

Bereavement Group meets tomorrow, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 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.

Wanted – Baby Food Jars: Andrea needs them for a church school project so please save them for her. Thank you.

Mindful Mondays are MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8), 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.

Christmas Cantata rehearsals are underway: The vocal choir, along with several instrumentalists, will present a Christmas Cantata during worship on December 16th [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!

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.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They will be 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 more info contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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 - 11:30 am starting this SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH and is open to the community. There's a \$3-\$5 donation at the door to cover space rental and expenses, but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> If you have clothes to contribute, please email rikidswap@gmail.com or call congregation member Megan Sheehan at 401-396-6430 and they can come pick up!

TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection: Once again we are joining with other churches in town to help provide the food that is given away to those in need in the TAPIN Thanksgiving Food bags. Our congregation is asked to provide **Instant Mashed Potatoes, Brownie Mix, and Stuffing Mix**. (Please note that TAPIN is not allowed to split up large boxes of these items purchased from BJ's etc – they can only give out the regular sized boxes.) TAPIN helps about 450 families in the East Bay area each Thanksgiving so lots is needed! Food donations may be placed in the bins in the narthex (on your way into church) or in the bin at the back of Fellowship Hall. TAPIN also accepts cash donations for the purchase of gift cards which they can buy in bulk at a discount. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation should make the check payable to 'BCCUCC' and put 'TAPIN' in the memo line. Thank you. *Deadline for all donations is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.*

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run – help needed: We will be taking out the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Trinity Methodist Church and Crossroads in Providence on WEDNESDAY, OCT 24TH. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but we ask that those going out on the truck be at least age 16. Donations of specific food and clothing items are requested. To volunteer to donate items, help with prep or go out on the truck visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>. Please remember to indicate the quantity of a food item you are able to donate. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net). Thank you for your continuing supporting of this outreach ministry.

Trunk or Treat....AND you can wear a costume to worship! On SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 28TH, we will trick or treat each other's car trunks in the church parking lot in the spaces along the tree line during coffee hour. All are invited to wear a costume to church that day! You are also invited to decorate the trunk of your car for Halloween and fill it with candy for trunk-or-treaters! This will be our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat Sunday and we always have lots of fun!

Youth Bereavement Mtg & Retreat: Youth experiencing grief and loss 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 are welcome!

Heroes of Faith Breakfast: THURS, NOV 1ST at 7:30 am at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston. This is the largest fundraiser for the RI State Council of Churches (RISCC) and brings together people from all kinds of faith traditions and cultures. More info and tickets at www.councilofchurchesri.org and click on the 'Heroes of Faith 2018' link.

RICUCC Autumnal Meeting takes place SAT, NOV 3RD from 7:30 am – 2 pm at First Congregational Church, UCC, 300 High St., Bristol. Delegates from our church are reminded that they need to *register by Sat, Oct 27th*. Visitors are also invited to attend and also need to register. Email the church office office@bccucc.org to receive registration info.

Self-Defense Class for Women: Barrington Police Department will be hosting a 'RAD for Women' self-defense class on NOVEMBER 5TH, 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH at the Barrington High School from 5:30-8:30 pm each night. *Participation is required all 4 nights*. No fee. Open to the public. Contact church member JoAnne Waite at jmwaite55@gmail.com to register.

Mission/Service Trip 2019: We will be offering a MINI mission/service trip this year for high school youth from April 14-18, 2019 during the Barrington High School April vacation week. There will be an informational Orientation Meeting for this project on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH at 11:30 am in Room 9. One parent is asked to attend the orientation with their 9th-12th grader. Contact Brendan with any questions or concerns or to rsvp. brendan@bccucc.org

'From the River's Edge': Dale's latest blog '69 Stones & 28 Hymns' 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 at the back of F'ship Hall.

Please wear a nametag for worship and coffee hour: If you don't have one, there are stick-on ones in a basket beside where the greeters stand. Sign up for a permanent one on the list in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall.