

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, 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
Mon, Oct 22	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Oct 23	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	7 – 8:15 pm	Adult Ed Study with Dale: 'The Jesus Diaries', Library
Wed, Oct 24	4:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes RI prep in kitchen then truck run to Providence
	4:30 – 6 pm	Youth Group help with Loaves and Fishes, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 – 8:15 pm	Christmas Cantata rehearsal, Vestry
	8:15 – 9 pm	Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Oct 25	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee
Fri, Oct 26		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Oct 28		A Day of Healing
	9 – 11:15 am	OWL Session
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot
	Noon – 1 pm	Youth Bereavement meeting, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of October 21st *Nick Califano, Jonathan Nicholson, Rick Watson, Paul Dennis, Ken Meade, Alexia Boulais, Ruby Joachim-DelPoio, Cindy Cioe, Maddy Fairbanks, and Anna Robertson.*
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.

OCT DEACONS: 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 (860) 301-6762 or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

Clergy and Staff away: Dale is away today on his Fall weekend off. Christine will be out of the office October 25th -31st. The church office will be open mornings only from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm during her absence.

Change in Dale's listed phone number: Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo are getting rid of their landline. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, please call Dale on his cell phone (860) 301-6762.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering was taken last Sunday but it's not too late to make a donation. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'NIN' in the memo line, and the ushers have the special offering envelopes if you need one for donating cash. NIN is a special offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. Learn more or donate online at www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.

Remembering those who have died: We invite you to submit names of loved ones who died since last All Saints Sunday (November 5th, 2017) to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) by *Wednesday, October 31st*. Their names will then be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.

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 on the stage in 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.*

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.

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run – some items still needed: We are taking out the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Trinity Methodist Church and Crossroads in Providence this WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with this outreach ministry. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm and donated items need to be dropped off in the kitchen by then. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3> to find out what items are still needed. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net).

Youth Group will meet this WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH from 4:30 to 6:00 in Fellowship Hall to help with Loaves and Fishes. All 6th-12th graders welcome!

Christmas Cantata rehearsals are underway: The vocal choir, along with 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 voices 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.

Trunk or Treat....AND you can wear a costume to worship! Next 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: *'Healing Connections - building a community of support for youth experiencing grief and loss.'* 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 SUN, OCT 28TH from 12-1 pm, participants will have an opportunity to get to know each other and share stories. During the mini-retreat on SUN, NOV 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 be in Rms 8 and 9. If interested in participating or have questions, contact facilitators Brendan Curran brendan@bccucc.org (401-318-2447) and/or Betsy Brenner jsbeeb@aol.com (401-323-6320).

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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 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.

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.

Women's Faith Group meets THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 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 begin reading a new book *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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.

Want to learn more about our church – and maybe become a member? Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 6 on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH. Child care will be provided for young children and older children have the option to sit in if they wish. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be November 18th. For planning purposes, if you would like to attend 'Conversations' please RSVP to the church office *by Sunday, October 28th* at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org – and let us know if you need child care.

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.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH at 7 pm at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. Save the date - details to follow!

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

Feasting at Fireside: Members and friends of the church are invited to dinners for six hosted by Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo at the parsonage. The next dinner will be on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH from 6-8 pm. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> for a date that works for you (there are 4 more through May 2019), or contact the church office 246-0111 if you are unable to sign up online.

Christmas Eve Services at our church will be held MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH at 6 pm (Family Service with Pageant) and 10 pm (Lessons and Carols with the vocal choir).

'From the River's Edge': Brendan's latest blog 'God is Gender-Full' can be read on the church website www.bccucc.org, on Facebook, or at a link in the next eBridge. Printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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

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.

Want to be on our mailing list? Send your info to office@bccucc.org and be sure to include your name. There are also sign up sheets on the table in the narthex (by the greeters) and at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Our Church calendar can be viewed online at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.

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.