

# 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 7		<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only
Mon, Oct 8		<b>Indigenous People's Day</b> (aka Columbus Day)
		OFFICE CLOSED
	Noon – 5 pm	Barrington Day of Caring, Town Hall then to various sites
Tue, Oct 9	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, Oct 10	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	7:30 – 8:15 pm	Christmas Cantata rehearsal, Vestry
	8:15 – 9 pm	Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Oct 11	3:30 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot ( <i>note the later start time</i> )
	7 pm	Service of Healing Honoring Survivors of Sexual Assault, Sanctuary
Fri, Oct 12		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
	6 pm	Deacons Potluck and Retreat, Ashley's home
	6:30 – 9 pm	RICUCC 'Youth Music and More' Event, Seekonk UCC
Sat, Oct 13	9:30 – 11 am	Volunteers prepare for the East Bay Kids Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Oct 14		<b>Justice Sunday</b>
		<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



**Birthdays for the Week of October 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Kate Robertson, Jean Stover, Dyana Koelsch, Art Edgette, Joanne Judge, Ginger Stabach, Dan Watts, and Jessica Morgan.* 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.

**Office Closed and No Mindful Monday:** TOMORROW, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - because it's a holiday.

**It's not too late to participate in the Barrington Day of Caring** - a community wide day of volunteering that's happening TOMORROW, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> (Indigenous People's Day) from Noon – 5 pm. Volunteers will gather at the town hall at noon (and register if you haven't yet done so), then go to various sites where they will put their talents to work by improving the lives of their neighbors and the local community. Activities 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, together with others from our church, will be volunteering – but more volunteers would be welcome!

**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.

**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!

**Community Office Hours – later start time this week:** Please note that on THURS, OCT 11<sup>TH</sup> they will start at the later time of 3:30 pm but still end at 5 pm. 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.

**A Service of Healing Honoring Survivors of Sexual Assault:** This THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm in the sanctuary. During this time when perpetrators of sexual assault are too often not held accountable for their actions, and survivors are silenced or alienated, we invite all to this healing space to share our grief, anger and hope, with one another and God.

**RICUCC 'Youth Music and More':** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend 'Youth Music and More' on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> from 6:30 - 9 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk MA. Fee is \$5. There will be pizza, a melted crayon pumpkin project, a youth concert, and a speaker on teen anxiety and stress. **RSVP by Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** to Kristen Putney 997-991-1555 or [mitchmoon12@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchmoon12@hotmail.com)

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special offering of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and two thirds of this offering 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. We will be taking the offering NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 14<sup>TH</sup> and special envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Checks should be made out to 'BCCUCC' with 'NIN' in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support.

**Youth Group Meeting:** Youth group will have their first gathering meeting next SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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 are not meeting today after church).

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</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.

**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.

**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 TUESDAY EVENINGS from OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the BCCUCC Library. Come and join Dale for this interesting discussion. Register at the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 by this Thurs, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Women’s Faith Group** next meets THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 SAT, OCT 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/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> If you have clothes to contribute, please email [rikidswap@gmail.com](mailto:rikidswap@gmail.com) or call Megan Sheehan at 401-396-6430.

**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 24<sup>TH</sup>. 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](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)). If you are interested in helping with shopping or being a driver please contact one of them at the links above. Thank you for your continuing supporting of this outreach ministry.

**Youth Bereavement 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 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 are welcome!

**RICUCC Autumnal Meeting** takes place SAT, NOV 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are also invited to attend and also need to register. Email the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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 5<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, & 9<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:jmwaite55@gmail.com) to register.

**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)

**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.

**‘From the River’s Edge’:** Dale’s latest blog ‘69 Stones & 28 Hymns’ can be read on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org), on Facebook, or at a link in the next eBridge. Printed copies are on the table at the back of F’ship Hall.

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

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