

# 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*

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| Sun, Nov 18   |                    | <b>Thanksgiving Sunday and New Member Sunday</b>  |
|               | 9 am – 12:15 pm    | OWL Session, Library  |
|               | 10 am              | Worship Service with Reception of New Members,<br>Advent Arts during Church School Time |
|               | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Confirmation Class, Room 9  |
| Mon, Nov 19   | 11 am              | Bereavement Group, Library  |
|               | 11 am              | Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6  |
|               | 7 pm               | Mindful Monday, Meditation Room   |
|               | 7 pm               | Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St John's Episcopal Church                  |
| Tue, Nov 20   | 11 am              | Staff Meeting, Dale's office  |
| Wed, Nov 21   |                    | <i>Office closes at Noon</i>  |
|               | 2 pm               | Communion Service at Atria Senior Living<br>No choir rehearsal                          |
| Thurs, Nov 22 |                    | <b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br><i>Office Closed</i>   |
| Fri, Nov 23   |                    | <i>Office Closed</i>  |
| Sun, Nov 25   |                    | <b>Kinship Sunday</b>   |
|               | 10 am              | Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only   |
|               | 11:30 am           | 2019 Mission/Service Trip Informational Meeting, Room 9                                 |
|               | 5 – 7 pm           | Youth Group meeting, Room 9   |



## Birthdays for the Week of November 18<sup>th</sup>

*Jen Melker, Lorna Wayland, John David Morgan, Seth Forman, Evan Stabach, Diane Todd, Christine Wallis, Kim Zeleznik, Beverly Kelly, Dwight McMillan, and Louise House.* 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.

**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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes.

**DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER:** Susan Seader (star), Stephanie Edwards, Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, and Pat Stoddard. In the event of a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (860) 301-6762 or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**Pew Pals:** Located in the back of the church where you walk in are baskets of "Pew Pals". These fuzzy critters are for children who would like some company during their time in the service. Children may borrow a plush animal at the beginning of worship and return it to the basket as they leave the sanctuary.

**Advent Arts:** TODAY the children are invited to participate in Advent Arts in Fellowship Hall during church school time. There will be some old favorites as well as some new crafts this year. It's a fun time for the children and we look forward to them coming over at church school time!

**New Member Sunday** is TODAY. We welcome our new church members who are officially joining today, and invite everyone to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall where you can greet them and also celebrate with cake!

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<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.

**Barrington's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will be held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. All are invited. Each house of worship will contribute something to the service – music, reading, prayers etc. Non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations for TAPIN will be collected as an offering.

**Cookies needed:** Each house of worship is being asked to bring a few plates of cookies to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service tomorrow, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> (see above). So far we've only had one volunteer. If you can provide a plate of cookies, please let Dale know TODAY after worship. If you're unable to attend the service but are willing to provide cookies, you're welcome to drop them off in the church office tomorrow and we'll take them to the service at St. John's. Thank you.

**Mindful Monday** is tomorrow MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8). Led by Brendan, there is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. Mindful Mondays are held every Monday except when it's a holiday (or otherwise noted). These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

**Church Office closings:** The office will close at Noon on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> and be closed on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Deadline for the next eBridge** will be earlier than usual – Noon tomorrow, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please send information for inclusion to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) Thank you.

**No Community Office Hours** this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. They will resume November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**‘Sacred Spaces’ photo exhibit:** An exhibition of photographs of sacred spaces for different world religions is at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St, Providence, from OCT 31 – NOV 28, weekdays from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. The photographer is Howard Rotblat-Walker.

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

**Youth Group** will meet on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9. All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited. Pizza will be provided. For more information, contact Brendan at (401) 246-0111 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto: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 one is scheduled for MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, and there are 4 others thru May 2019. 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.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich: In this literary masterwork, Louise Erdrich wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture. For more info contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All welcome!

**Altar flowers needed in December:** The flowers on the altar each Sunday are provided by The Greenery florist in Warren but are paid for by donors (payment is sent to the church). The flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving for a person or event, and a dedication is included in the bulletin. We have two vases of flowers on the altar each week and donors may choose to pay for one or both vases (each is \$30). Donors are needed to pay for the flowers on DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> (1 available) and DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> (2 available) so if you're interested, please contact Jen Melker of our Chancel Team at (617) 877-1278 or [jkmelker@gmail.com](mailto:jkmelker@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Focus Group Discussion:** *Age-Friendly Barrington* is a grassroots group of volunteers looking to enrich Barrington's community of support for older residents. They invite the congregation to participate in a Focus Group discussion on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> at 11:30 am in Room 6. They also invite residents of every age to complete a survey on the Town website at [www.barrington.ri.gov](http://www.barrington.ri.gov). For those without on-line access copies of the survey are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Please add your voice to this important conversation. The information gathered will be used in early 2019 to build a proposal for enhancing the lives of those who remain in Barrington as they age. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Young, 465-7378, [laurayoung13@yahoo.com](mailto:laurayoung13@yahoo.com) or Pat Keefe, 245-2198, [keefe299@gmail.com](mailto:keefe299@gmail.com). *If you would like to attend the Focus Group discussion on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Fellowship Hall so we know how many to expect. Thank you.*

**Senior Luncheon:** Senior adults are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> in Fellowship Hall at noon. We would also love to include any of you who are not seniors, but are free that day. Please join us. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour, or you can call the church office at 246-0111. If anyone needs a ride, it can be provided – just be sure to let us know. You will not want to miss this festive event to kick off the Christmas season!

**Women's Faith Group** will not meet on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will next get together for their annual Christmas Lunch at Trafford's Restaurant in Warren on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> at noon. Please RSVP for the lunch to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net) or to the church office at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

**Christmas Eve Services** at our church will be held MONDAY, DEC 24<sup>TH</sup> at 6 pm (Family Service with Pageant) and 10 pm (Lessons and Carols with the vocal choir). We hope you'll be able to join us for one of the services if you are in town.

**Haiti Trip:** The RIUCC Haitian Task Force is planning a trip to Haiti from JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019. Suzanne Swanson will be both coordinating and going. She emailed that the cost of flights has gone down. She will make reservations at the Auberge Hotel. Anyone interested can call Trish Sylvester at (401) 297-0390 or email Suzanne at [suzanneswanson12@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanneswanson12@yahoo.com)

**Wanted – Baby Food Jars:** Andrea still needs a few more so please save them for her. Thank you.

**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.

**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 including on the table beside the greeters when you come in to church. 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.

**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.

**Help us stay visible on Facebook by ‘Liking’ our posts:** Hopefully you've already ‘Liked’ our church's Facebook page and see our posts in your newsfeed – if not, you can find us at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc). The way Facebook works, for our page to keep showing up in your newsfeed and for it also to be seen by the wider community, you also need to ‘Like’ individual posts from the church that you see. So please help us keep getting our message out about who we are and what's happening at BCCUCC by hitting that ‘Like’ button for the posts that you see and like. Thank you.

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