

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, Nov 25		Kinship Sunday
	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
Mon, Nov 26	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	6 – 8 pm	Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage
	7 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tue, Nov 27	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	11:30 am	Book Group, Coffee Depot
Wed, Nov 28	7:30 – 8:15 am	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
	8:15 – 9 pm	Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata, Vestry
Thurs, Nov 29	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
Fri, Nov 30		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Dec 2		First Sunday of Advent
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:30 am	Age Friendly Barrington Focus Group, Room 6
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of November 25th

Kristen Murray, George Bolton, Kate Colby, and Achina Stein. 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.

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.

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.

Mission/Service Trip 2019: We will be offering a MINI mission/service trip this year for high school youth from April 14th – 18th, 2019 during Barrington High School's April vacation week. There will be an informational meeting on this project TODAY at 11:30 am in Room 9. One parent is asked to attend the meeting with their 9th-12th grader.

Youth Group will meet TODAY 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

Giving Tree: Mission and Justice's "Giving Tree" will be in Fellowship Hall beginning TODAY with envelopes for your donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, etc. The gift cards will be given to the Women's Resource Center to help families there afford the necessities, and also allow the women to have money to purchase gifts for their families and themselves. Donations need to be made *by Sunday, December 16th*. Contact Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com or 246-0212 for more information or with questions.

Bereavement Group meets tomorrow, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH 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.

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 tomorrow, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH and at the time of writing, there are still two seats available. If you'd like to attend, *please sign up no later than this evening*. There are also 4 other additional dates thru May 2019. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or speak with Dale after church TODAY.

Mindful Monday is from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8) every Monday except when it's a holiday (or otherwise noted). Led by Brendan, there is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public.

Book Group meets TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH 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 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 9TH (1 vase) and DECEMBER 23RD (1 vase) so if you're interested, please contact Jen Melker of our Chancel Team at (617) 877-1278 or jkmelker@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

The Mitten Tree will be up in the narthex starting SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND to start receiving your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens etc. - both purchased and hand-made - for children, youth, and adults of all sizes. *Donations may be made through December 23rd.* Items on the mitten tree will be donated Amos House and to LFRI.

Warm clothing needed for Loaves and Fishes RI: Our church will be sponsoring another Loaves and Fishes RI truck run on Wednesday, December 26th. We are collecting warm clothing to give out to those in need and we're seeking donations of new or gently used adult warm clothing. This includes hats, gloves, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants etc. There is a bin on the stage in Fellowship Hall for your donations. 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 2ND 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. 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 or Pat Keefe, 245-2198, keefe299@gmail.com *If you would like to attend the Focus Group discussion on Sunday, December 2nd, 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 4TH 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 TODAY 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!

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. The group meets monthly and makes a variety of different items to be given away. All knitters/crocheters welcome, especially new faces! RSVP to Audrey at adrogers8@cox.net or 246-1727 so she sets out enough chairs! For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net).

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, DEC 4TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhosdeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

East Bay Kids Clothes Swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up for newborn to age 12 years old. Next one is SATURDAY, DEC 15TH from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Give what you can, take what you need! There's a \$3-\$5 donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> Open to the community.

Change in Soup Kitchen Schedule: The dates that BCCUCC is scheduled to do the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket have changed and are now SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH (Membership and Finance teams), February 23rd, 2019 (Buildings and Grounds, and Stewardship Teams), May 4th (Chancel, and Mission and Justice Teams), and July 13th (Deacons).

Mark your calendar for BCCUCC's Christmas Chorale! On SUN, DEC 16TH, our choir will be presenting an upbeat and powerful Christmas Cantata during the 10 am worship service, which will be followed by a coffee hour filled with cookies, crafts and cocoa!! Join us for worship that Sunday morning to hear our choir, along with many special musical guests, present "Joy! A Gospel Christmas", by Joel Raney. This is a family friendly event and we want to pack the church to celebrate our choir's hard work, and then retire to Fellowship Hall to broaden our waistbands with Christmas cheer!

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

Christmas Eve Services at our church will be held MONDAY, DEC 24TH at 6 pm (Family Service with Pageant) and at 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 9TH – 15TH, 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

'From the River's Edge': The latest blog is 'We're In The Armor' written by Brendan. It can be read on the church website www.bccucc.org, on Facebook, or in the eBridge. Printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget as you do your holiday shopping that if you shop online at Amazon, you can make money for the church simply by starting your shopping at **AmazonSmile** where every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. Learn more at <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization, or go to smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531. It costs you nothing and the church receives a quarterly deposit from Amazon!

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.

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. 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.