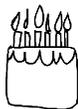


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Dec 30		1st Sunday after Christmas / Watchnight
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, Dec 31		New Year's Eve - Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only
Tues, Jan 1, 2019		New Year's Day - Office Closed
Wed, Jan 2	Noon	<i>Deadline for the next eBridge</i>
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 3	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
	6 – 8 pm	Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage
Fri, Jan 4		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Jan 6		Epiphany
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	1 – 4 pm	RICUCC event at Seekonk Church then at Skyzone



Birthdays for the Week of December 30th

Gabe Anderson, Alex Anderson, Kristen Westmoreland, Tracy Hoyt, John Marshall Lemos, Pat Cordeiro, Any Harff, Eli O'Brien, Harrison Ogden, and Bill Rooks. 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.

DECEMBER DEACONS: Jon Stabach (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Bernie Hawes, Carol Strakosch, and Kim Zeleznik.

JANUARY DEACONS: Steve Fodor (star), Stephanie Edwards, Joe Judge, Susan Seader, 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 halfway up the stairs as you come into the sanctuary are baskets of "Pew Pals" for children who would like some company during their time in the service. Please return them to the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

Welcome Folders: If you're new to our church, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to pick up a blue Welcome Folder from the racks half way down the stairs. We also invite you to join us for refreshments after the service at coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, located at the far end of the Education Building. We're glad that you're here.

There is a Nursery Nook available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship, should they wish to, and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. (If you can't hear anything, use the knob on the front of the speaker to turn up the volume.)

Giving reminder for tax purposes: If you wish any contribution to be recorded as being received by the church in 2018, it must be in the hands of the church office by tomorrow, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST or postmarked by that date. Please note that the church office is open from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only tomorrow and closed on New Year's Day.

2019 Pledge Envelopes are available for pick up TODAY for those who use them or requested a set. They can be picked up from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). If you haven't been assigned a set but would like some, please sign up on the sheet on the Narthex table, or contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org. She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.

Clergy Away: Brendan will be away at the Next Generation Leadership Initiative from January 3rd – 9th, 2019.

Community Office Hours: No Community Office Hours on January 3rd as no minister is available. They will resume on THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH.

Mindful Mondays are taking a break as Brendan will be away. They resume on MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

'From the River's Edge': The latest blog is 'Finding the Light Together' 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.

Women's Faith Group next meets THURS, JAN 3RD from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. For more info contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.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, JAN 3RD from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Bereavement Group meets MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH 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.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUES, JANUARY 8TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. The group meets monthly and makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie hats, etc). All knitters/crocheters welcome, especially new faces! RSVP to Marion at smfodor@cox.net or 245-2003 so she sets out enough chairs! For more info about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net).

Donations needed for Haiti trip: Church members Rev. Jennifer Geary and her husband, Bud, will be heading to Haiti with a group from the RICUCC Haiti Task Force from Jan 9th – 15th where they'll be painting the school and orphanage. Donations are being sought to purchase the paint and painting supplies, or folks can donate supplies. They will buy the paint in Haiti but will be taking all the supplies with them. Contact Rev. Geary at jenngeary@hotmail.com for more info.

Community Office Hours: Anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURS, JAN 10TH from 3–5 pm to visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.

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, JANUARY 19TH 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.

The Kid's Clothing Swap is recruiting musicians! To make this thriving family event at our church even more exuberant, the clothing swap organizers are looking for musicians of all varieties to come share their talent and provide music for the clothing swappers. If you have a singing voice, sing with a group, play an instrument, or have a musical talent of any kind that you'd like to share, this is a chance for you to enrich a community event with your gifts. Contact Meghan Sheehan megsheehan@gmail.com and Brendan brendan@bccucc.org to coordinate! The clothing swaps take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Book Group meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *Turner House* by Angela Flournoy: "In this wonderfully lively debut novel, Flournoy tells the story of a complicated family, stepping back in time to show the parents' early married days in the 1940s, their move north to Detroit from the rural South, and how their children each experienced a different version of the neighborhood, which comes to symbolize both the hopes and dashed dreams of Detroit's lower-middle-class blacks. Encompassing a multitude of themes, including aging and parenthood, this is a compelling read that is funny and moving in equal measure." (Booklist) For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!

Giving Card Reminder: Thank you to the 117 households who have completed a Giving Card with their financial commitment to support BCCUCC in 2019. If you'd like to fill out a card, letting us know what you plan to give next year, it's not too late, but please do so a.s.a.p. Our Finance Team and Church Council are finalizing the 2019 budget and many of their decisions are based on the congregation's financial commitments on their giving card. New cards are available from the rack outside the office and from the Vestry table. Completed cards may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate. You may also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org with your financial commitment for 2019, and she will confirm receipt of your email and the amount. Thank you.

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.

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 - 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.