

« We encourage you to take this sheet home, to refer to as needed. «

## CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The church office is open Monday – Friday from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm*

Sun, Feb 3		<b>Disability Awareness Sunday</b> ( <i>Superbowl Sunday</i> )
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children's Communion in Room 6 then Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
Mon, Feb 4	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tues, Feb 5	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's Office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group, Elizabeth Azevedo's home
Wed, Feb 6	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 7	10 am	Endowment Team meeting, Room 6
	1:30 – 3 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	6-7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, Feb 8		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Feb 10		<b>Economic Justice Sunday</b>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School Painting Project
	At coffee hour	Valentine making for homebound and college students, Fellowship Hall
	At coffee hour	Mission Trip Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall
	12:30 – 4 pm	RICUCC 'Sliding with Faith', Peace Dale Congregational then Yawgoo Valley



### Birthdays for the Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Tessa Lapinski, Hannah Melker, Eleanor Steger, Haley LaVena, Mary DeWitt, Barbara McWhirter, Asher Soares, Steve Peck, Duncan Brady, and Ashlyn Racinski.* 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.

**FEB DEACONS:** Kim Zeleznik (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Bernie Hawes, Jon Stabach, and Carol Strakosch. In the event of a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (860) 301-6762 or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**Children's Communion:** TODAY the children have a separate communion service *in Room 6* (note the change in location), and afterwards go to their Church School classes. Parents are asked to drop off their children in Room 6 at 10 am but pick them up from their regular classrooms after worship.

**Special Superbowl Coffee Hour** TODAY. Thanks to everyone who came dressed in their favorite football team's colors in honor of Superbowl Sunday. There's a football themed coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the service. We hope you'll join us! Special thanks to Pat Stoddard for decorating Fellowship Hall with some of her football memorabilia!

**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.

**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.

**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.)

**'From the River's Edge':** The latest blog is 'Bullying Works....' by Dale. It can be read on the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org), on Facebook, or in the eBridge. Printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Death of former church member:** We received an email this past week from Susan Scott, notifying us of the unexpected and sudden death of her husband, the Rev. William T. Scott (aka Bill Scott) age 74. Bill grew up in this church and was the only son of Anna and William T. Scott, Sr. who were long-time members of this church. The email Susan wrote was included in this past Thursday's eBridge, but for those without email, there are some copies on the back table in Fellowship Hall and a copy is also posted on the board outside the church office.

**Bereavement Group** meets tomorrow, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> at 11 am in the library. They'll meet again on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> but at the later time of Noon. 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.

**Mindful Mondays** every Monday (except on holidays or otherwise noted) 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. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo. The group meets monthly and makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie hats, etc). They recently sent about 20 red baby hats to the American Heart Association, and some from the group are also working on purple baby hats for raising awareness about Infant Abuse. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! RSVP to Elizabeth at [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com) or (860) 301-2915 so she sets out enough chairs! For more information about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at (245-0085 [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)).

**Join the choir – it's good for you!** Numerous studies have shown the health benefits of singing in a choir. So why not join the BCCUCC church choir? No audition needed and all voice parts welcome. Rehearsals are WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:30 - 9 pm in the vestry (the room below the sanctuary). To learn more speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski on a Sunday, or contact her at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org) - or just come along to a Wednesday evening rehearsal. We'd love to have you join us.....plus you'd be doing something that's good for your body, mind and soul!

**Women's Faith Group** next meets on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. They are discussing the book *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. For more information about the group contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

**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. Community Office Hours happen every Thursday from 3-5 pm at The Coffee Depot, unless otherwise noted.

**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, FEB 7<sup>TH</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

**Attention church school families!** Next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, during church school time, all children and youth will participate in a group painting project. We will be creating a panel that will become part of our Lenten worship. Please dress your kiddos in clothes that can get paint on them. Smocks will be provided for those who need them. Hope everyone can come and join in the fun. Contact Andrea, our C.E. coordinator if you have any questions about this project [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107.

**Mission Trip Bake Sale:** Just in time for Valentine's Day, there will be a bake sale in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour after church next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>. Monies raised will go toward the 2019 Mission Trip.

**Valentine making:** Next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> at coffee hour, the congregation (of all ages) will have the opportunity to make valentines to be sent to our homebound members and also to our college students. The Deacons sponsor this event each year and provide all the materials needed – and you provide the creativity!

**College addresses needed for Valentines:** If you have a college student and would like them to receive a valentine from the church (see above) please send their name and school address to Carol Strakosch at [strakosc@gmail.com](mailto:strakosc@gmail.com) or to the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 by this Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Sliding with Faith:** Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the RICUCC event, *Sliding with Faith*, next SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>. Participants must first gather at Peace Dale Congregational Church in South Kingstown at 12:30 pm for a snack and youth program, before heading to Yawgoo Valley in Exeter for an hour of snowtubing ending at 4 pm. Our youth group is not participating in the event, but youth may attend with a parent. The event fee is \$12 and you must preregister by TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB 3<sup>RD</sup>, to Kristen Putney at 774-991-1555 (tickets are limited).

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *Need to Know* by Karen Cleveland: "Former CIA analyst Cleveland's debut novel is premised on a big "what if." What if you found out after a decade that the person you married and built a life and a family with was not only keeping a huge secret but actually had entered your life just to learn the secrets of your job? This is exactly what CIA counterintelligence analyst Vivian Miller learns when she uncovers the identities of five Russian sleeper agents and one of them is her husband. By mixing the action of a spy thriller and the internal dialog of a loving wife and mother, Cleveland sends listeners on a journey into the private hell that Vivian's life becomes." For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!

**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](mailto: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.

**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 one or two 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.

**In the event of bad weather** we will always do our best to notify you of cancellations, especially if we ever need to cancel Sunday worship. Be sure to check your email, Facebook, and the TV and radio stations. There's also a link to the RI Broadcasters list of cancellations on our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under What's Happening>Snow and Event Cancellation. However, in the event that we lose power and/or internet connection we will be unable to post these notifications. If there is bad weather during office hours, the office may need to close without notice.

**Sermons on line:** If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so by going to the church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and clicking on the post on the home page, or by going to the 'Worship' tab and clicking on 'Sermon Archive' in the drop down menu. Past sermons can also be found there.

**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.

**Help us stay visible on Facebook - 'Like' us:** You not only need to 'Like' our page ([www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)), you also have to 'Like' or comment on individual posts from the church for them to continue to show up in your newsfeed, and also be seen by the wider community. 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.

**2019 Pledge Envelopes** are available for pick up from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand) for those who use them or requested a set. If you haven't been assigned a set but would like one, 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org). She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.