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## 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, Jan 20		<b>Celebration of Beloved Community</b>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	2 - 4 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9 ( <i>note the change in time</i> )
Mon, Jan 21		<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> Office Closed
Tues, Jan 22	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's Office
	11:30 am	Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Wed, Jan 23	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 24	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Jan 25		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Jan 27		<b>Stewardship – Tithing Your Time</b>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	After Worship	Annual Budget Meeting, Sanctuary
	12:45 – 5 pm	RICUCC Youth Racial Justice Awareness Training, Seekonk UCC



### Birthdays for the Week of January 20<sup>th</sup>

*April Harff, Sue Black, Rob McGarry, AJ Maio, and Owen Porter* 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.

**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.

**'From the River's Edge':** The latest blog is 'Believe you are beloved' by Brendan. 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.

**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.)

**Youth Group Meeting – change in time:** The Youth Group meeting TODAY has been rescheduled to the earlier time of 2 – 4 pm to accommodate our football fans who don't want to miss the evening game! In the first hour, from 2-3 pm, we will plan for this April's mission trip. Even if you're not going on the mission trip all are welcome. We can use everyone's help! Youth group meets in Room 9 and is open to everyone in grades 6-12.

**Closings and cancellations:** The church office will be closed TOMORROW in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be no Mindful Monday as it's a holiday.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!

**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.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our church's Annual Budget Meeting will be held NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> in the sanctuary immediately after worship. All church members are encouraged to attend, and child care will be provided. The proposed 2019 budget should be emailed to the congregation on Tuesday. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

### Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, January 27, 2019

The annual budget meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

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| ARTICLE | I:   | To call the meeting to order.  |
| ARTICLE | II:  | To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—December 31, 2019 |
| ARTICLE | III: | To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.        |
| ARTICLE | IV:  | To adjourn the meeting.  |

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

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

**2019 Pledge Envelopes** are available for pick up for those who use them or requested a set. They are on the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand). 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.

**Racial Justice Awareness Program for Youth:** Youth & Leaders from the RI Conference of the UCC are invited to a full afternoon of a Racial Justice Awareness (RJA) Program for confirmation classes and those in 7th grade-12th grade. It will held NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 – 5 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk. Trained RJA facilitators (Brendan is one of the facilitators) will offer presentations including videos and guided discussions for youth to develop a strong voice as advocates of the future of change. (snacks provided) Special free lunch option 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Please RSVP to Kristin Putney 774-991-1555, [mitchmoon12@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchmoon12@hotmail.com). The BCCUCC confirmands will be attending, and any other youth in grades 7-12 are also welcome to attend.

**It's Time We Talk** – connecting the community through a series of discussions and events (being held from Jan – Jun 2019) promoting emotional well-being. The Kick-Off Reception will be held NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at Barrington Public Library. The event is free and features Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen - president and founder of **Give an Hour**<sup>™</sup> which also leads the Campaign to **Change Direction**<sup>®</sup>, a global initiative focused on changing the culture of mental health. For more information see the fliers on the boards, and visit [www.changedirection.org](http://www.changedirection.org)

**Bereavement Group** meets MONDAY, JANUARY 28<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.

**Mindful Mondays** next meets MONDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8), and will continue to meet every Monday except on holidays 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. 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)).

**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.

**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.

**Haiti Delegation Posts Updates, Photos:** A delegation of nine members of the Rhode Island Conference traveled to Haiti from Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the Conference's Haiti partnership. One of the participants, Irons Homestead Director Jennifer Geary, posted updates and photos via social media. They have been compiled on the conference website and can be found at <https://www.ricucc.org/newsdetail/haiti-delegation-posts-updates-photos-12658208>

**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.

**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.

**Thank you from Irons Homestead:** We recently received a letter from Rev. Jennifer Geary, Director of Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat. BCCUCC was one of several churches in the RI Conference who were asked to financially support Irons Camp Program in 2018. Jennifer wrote: "Thank you for your generous donation of \$2000 to facilitate the operation of Summer Camp during the summer of 2018. We had a wonderful and challenging summer as we reintroduced Summer Camp after a three year hiatus. Knowing there were funds committed to underwrite the endeavor enabled us to focus on the program and campers. We ran eight weeks of Forest Day Camp and two weeks of overnight camp with campers from RI, MA, VT and China. The two weeks of Overnight Camp provided sixteen camp weeks to children who are currently living at one of the Crossroads shelters. It was a joy to watch the campers grow in community and self-confidence over the summer. ....Now that we have experienced staff, a known program and have purchased the necessary durable supplies, we are ready to build on the successes of this past summer to provide a special camp experience in 2019. Thank you for being a part of this new beginning and for your continued support."

**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.