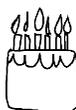


CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Jan 6, 2019		Epiphany
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
Mon, Jan 7	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Jan 8	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's Office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Marion Fodor's home
Wed, Jan 9	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Jan 10	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Jan 11		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Jan 13		Baptism Sunday
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of January 6th

Jim McCartney, Becky Porter, Bernie Hawes, Gracie Restituyo, Sophie Milisaukas, Aeva Racinski, Clare McMillan and Andrew Porter. 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.

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.)

2019 Pledge Envelopes are available for pick up again 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 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. She will be happy to assign a set to you, for pick up next Sunday.

Clergy Away: Brendan is in Arizona at the Next Generation Leadership Initiative and will be back in the office on Thursday, Jan 10th. Dale will be away on Monday and Tuesday, Jan 14th & 15th at the RICUCC Ministers' Retreat.

Mindful Monday won't happen tomorrow as Brendan is away. They will resume on MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

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 TUESDAY, 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). 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 Marion at smfodor@cox.net or 245-2003 so she sets out enough chairs! For more information 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. Community Office Hours happen every Thursday from 3-5 pm at The Coffee Depot, unless otherwise noted.

Mindful Mondays resume on MON, JAN 14TH from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8) and happen 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.

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.

Women's Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. Their new book for discussion is *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright and copies are available for purchase from the office at the discounted price of \$13. For more information about the group contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

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 Tree results: The congregation donated \$880.00 to the Giving Tree – many thanks to all who made a donation. The Mission and Justice Team purchased \$680.00 in gift cards for Stop and Shop, Cumberland Farms, Rite Aid, CVS, and Target. The gift cards were delivered to the Women's Resource Center on December 21st for distribution to their clients. The remaining \$200.00 was donated to the Good Neighbor Fund that helps people pay their energy bills.

Mitten Tree update: Thanks to everyone for donating items to the mitten tree and also to those who donated other warm clothing for the Loaves and Fishes truck. All of the adult items donated to the Mitten Tree were given to the Loaves and Fishes truck, and all of the children's items were donated to Amos House. Thanks to Kathy Block for delivering the children's items to Amos House. Approximately half of the adult hats, scarves, mittens, etc. were given out on the December 26th Loaves and Fishes truck run from our church. The remaining items will go out on the February truck run.

Thank you from the lay staff: "Once again this Christmas, the congregation has been generous in their response to thanking the lay staff for all that they do. We are so fortunate to work at BCCUCC with two great ministers for 'bosses' and such a caring and appreciative congregation. Even those of us who don't worship here feel part of the BCCUCC family! Thank you all so much, and we wish you all the best in 2019. *Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Paul and John*"

Thank you for your support of Loaves and Fishes RI: "We extend our deep, heartfelt gratitude for the support our entire congregation provides to the Loaves and Fishes RI ministry. This important outreach ministry is embraced by so many other ministry teams and individuals, we would hate to miss a soul in expressing our thanks. Thank you! Blessings, *Jay and Phyllis Buckley, and Liz White*"

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 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 - 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. 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.

Christmas may be over but you can still shop through AmazonSmile where every eligible purchase made on Amazon will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church. To learn more visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. The church receives a quarterly deposit from Amazon!

'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.

It's never too late to fill out a Giving Card! Even though 2019 has begun, it's not too late to complete a Giving Card to let the church know your financial commitment to support BCCUCC this year. Our Finance Team bases the church's annual budget on what the congregation tells us they plan to give. Extra cards are available from the rack outside the office and 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. Many thanks to the 117 households who have completed a Giving Card with their financial commitment to support BCCUCC in 2019.