

« 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 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
Mon, Feb 11	11 am	Lay Visitation Meeting, Room 6
	Noon	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Room 6
	7 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tues, Feb 12	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale’s Office
	7 pm	Church Council Meeting, Room 6
Wed, Feb 13	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 14	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Feb 15		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Feb 16	9:30 – 11:30 am	East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Feb 17		<b>Contemporary Heroes and Heroines</b>
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



### Birthdays for the Week of February 10<sup>th</sup>:

*Corey Miesner, Rich Staples, Joyce Mabey, Betsy Restituyo, Henry Steger, Matt Steger, Sydney Blundin, Lynne Lehman, Matt Zeleznik, Ray Zarlengo, and Barry Melker.* 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.

**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.)

**Church School Painting Project:** TODAY 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. Hopefully you remembered to dress your kiddos in clothes that can get paint on them. Smocks will be provided for those who need them. All children are encouraged to come over to Fellowship Hall following Children’s Time, to join in the fun. If you have any questions about this project speak with Andrea, our C.E. coordinator.

**Valentine making:** TODAY 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. We hope you will come and use your creativity to make some valentines!

**College addresses for Valentines:** If you have a college student and would like them to receive a valentine from the church (see above) please speak with Carol Strakosch at the Valentine making TODAY during coffee hour. Thanks.

**Mission Trip Bake Sale:** Just in time for Valentine’s Day, there will be a bake sale in Fellowship Hall TODAY during coffee hour after church. Monies raised will go toward the 2019 Mission Trip. Thanks to everyone who baked!

**A big THANK YOU** to Pat Stoddard for decorating Fellowship Hall so wonderfully last week with some of her football (ie Patriots) memorabilia. This week she’s covered the bulletin board with pictures from the Superbowl – check it out!

**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.

**Bereavement Group** meets in the library tomorrow, MONDAY, FEB 11<sup>th</sup> at the later time of Noon. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. More info from facilitator Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Mindful Mondays** is 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.

**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.

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

**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. The next one is this SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:megsheehan@gmail.com) and Brendan [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) to coordinate! The clothing swaps take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

**Book Group** meets TUES, FEB 19<sup>TH</sup> at 11:30 am at The Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *Need to Know* by Karen Cleveland. All welcome! For more info about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724.

**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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>. If you'd like to attend, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or call the church office at 246-0111 if you can't sign up online. Singles, couples and families are invited!

**Soup Kitchen:** BCCUCC is next scheduled to do the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>. Anyone willing to help the teams responsible this time (Buildings and Grounds, and Stewardship), should contact a member of either team, or our Soup Kitchen Coordinator Diane Todd (245-4681 [diane.todd15@gmail.com](mailto:diane.todd15@gmail.com)).

**Youth Group cookie making:** The youth group will meet on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> from 4 - 6pm in the kitchen at the church to make cookies for the Loaves and Fishes RI truck run. For those of you who may not know, the Loaves and Fishes truck is a ministry that provides food and clothing to our low-income and homeless neighbors. The truck will go out on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> (see below). Phyllis Buckley, who helps coordinate the Loaves and Fishes effort, suggested that making cookies for the truck would be a great way for the youth group to support this effort. Youth are still invited to come help pack the truck from 4:30 – 6 pm on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> if they would like, but your help could really be used making cookies the day before, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>! Youth from grades 6-12 are welcome to participate on either or both days.

**Loaves and Fishes Truck Run:** We will be taking out the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Trinity Methodist Church and Crossroads in Providence on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>. Specific food and clothing items are needed – find out which from the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>. Please remember to indicate the quantity of a food item you are able to donate. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but those going out on the truck must be at least age 16. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).

**Altar flower donors needed in March:** 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 altar flowers each week and donors may choose to pay for one or both (each is \$30). Donors are needed to pay for the flowers on several Sundays in March. Contact Cindy Racinski of our Chancel Team (401 345-9486 or [wjcjarts@cox.net](mailto:wjcjarts@cox.net)) if interested.

**Mardi Gras Pancakes and Renewal Celebration!** You are invited to kick off the season of Lent, celebrate the culmination of our Renewal Process, and support the mission trip all at the same time this year with a Fat-Tuesday Mardi Gras Renewal Pancake Breakfast! On SUNDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> the mission trip participants will serve pancakes during coffee hour. This festive pancake breakfast is a fundraiser for the mission trip. Congregation members and friends are asked to donate generously. Look for a collection basket for donations in Fellowship Hall. At the same time our Renewal Team will have a special presentation sharing all our learning and success over the past year and half. Wear your green, gold, and purple colors! Come and enjoy!

**Soul Talk: Learning to Listen to the Divine Soul Within:** One of our growth offerings this Lent is an adult series exploring *Soul Talk*, a new book by Dr. Kirk Byron Jones. Dr. Jones has written numerous faith-based books on rest, joy, and play. In his latest book he discusses the need and benefit of listening to our inner voice and God's presence in that listening. Each week through Lent we will discuss a portion of the book and take time to experience *soul talk* for ourselves. No experience or background is necessary, just a desire to explore the Sacred within. Rev. Dale will be leading this five week group on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm beginning on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>. The book should be purchased ahead of time and is available through Amazon and other retailers. Come and join us! For planning purposes, please RSVP to Dale by ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 103.

**Important notice about our email addresses:** We are upgrading the computer software in the office, and as a result are going to be changing to ONLY using our [@bccucc.org](mailto:@bccucc.org) email addresses. We ask that you stop using our [@fullchannel.com](mailto:@fullchannel.com) email addresses and instead just use the following addresses: Dale [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) Brendan [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) Christine [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) Pat [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) Andrea [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) Marina [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). Should you forget, at least for the time being, we'll still be receiving emails that are sent to our Full Channel addresses. Thank you for making these changes to your email contacts/address books.

**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.

**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.

**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.