

« 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 24		Diversity of God's Creation
	10 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	5 - 7 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9
Mon, Feb 25	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
Tues, Feb 26	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	4 – 6 pm	Youth Group make cookies for Loaves and Fishes RI, Kitchen
Wed, Feb 27	12:30 – 2:30 pm	St. Andrew's students prepare food and sort clothing for LRFI, Kitchen & FH
	4:30 pm	Volunteers prep for LRFI Truck run to Providence, Kitchen
	4:30 – 6 pm	Youth Group help with LRFI prep, Kitchen
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Feb 28	10 am	Endowment Team meeting, Room 6
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Mar 1		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Mar 2	2:45 pm	Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
Sun, Mar 3		Holy Communion Sunday
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion, Church School
	11:15 am	Mardi Gras Pancakes and Renewal Celebration at Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall



Birthdays for the Week of February 24th: Sam Sylvester, Sofia Forzano, Pat Gregory, Carolyn Gammell, Nancy Melies, Ellen Brady, Andrew Nellis, Matt Block, Greg Knight, Walter Joachim -DelPoio, Lucy Joachim-DelPoio, and Marjorie Stumpff. 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.

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.

Clergy away: Dale is away this weekend and will be back in the office on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.

Important notice about our email addresses: We are upgrading the computer software in the office, and as a result are going to ONLY be using our **@bccucc.org email addresses**. We ask that you stop using our @fullchannel.com email addresses and instead just use the following addresses: Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org Marina 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.

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.)

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 at 401 345-9486 or wjcart@cox.net if interested.

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

Youth Group meeting: The youth group will meet TODAY, FEB 24TH, from 5-7 pm in Room 9. The meeting will focus on planning for the mission trip. Youth who aren't going on the trip are still invited to attend for a game, pizza, and an opportunity to learn about this year's trip and how they can support it. All in grades 6-12 are welcome.

Mindful Mondays resume tomorrow, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 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.

Youth Group cookie making: The youth group will meet this TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH from 4 – 6 pm 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 27th (see next page). 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 27TH if they would like, but your help could really be used making cookies the day before, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH! 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 27TH. Specific food and clothing items are needed – find out which we still need from the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> and sign up how you can help. Thanks to everyone who's already signed up. 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) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@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.

Soup Kitchen: There have been some recent changes in the churches doing the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket, so BCCUCC is next scheduled this SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND. 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). The church calendar has been updated to show the new dates and teams responsible.

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! After worship next SUNDAY MARCH 3RD the mission trip participants, with support from the CEYM team, 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!

Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, MARCH 4TH at 11 am in the Library. 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 or 245-8031.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 18 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, Warren. The group meets monthly and makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc). All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! RSVP to Liz at lizzozier@fullchannel.net or (401) 245-9098. For more info about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at (245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net).

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning on Lent and is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm in the sanctuary to which all are welcome.

Women's Faith Group is now meeting at the earlier time of 1 – 2:30 pm in the library, and next meets on THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. Their new book for discussion is *The Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri and copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$12. For more information about the group contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Come to the water: A Lenten book/bible study exploring the theme of God in creation and how our faith moves us to act as stewards and sustainers of the natural world that makes life possible. We will be reading the “Read Across RI” book, *“What The Eyes Don't See,”* by Mona Hanna-Attisha. Every Thursday, Brendan hosts community office hours at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, from 3-5pm. During Lent (BEGINNING THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH), from 4 - 5 pm, he will host weekly discussions on sections of the book and provide eco-themed scripture passages to expand the discussion. All who wish to participate in this book/bible study can purchase the book on Amazon. If you have any questions about the study contact Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104.

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 - 8:15 pm beginning WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH. 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 6th* at dale@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 103.

Wondrous Encounters: On Monday evenings BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 11TH, from 7-8pm, Brendan invites you to participate in a special Lenten meditation series centering on the reflections of the contemplative Christian writer, and founder of the center for action and contemplation, Richard Rohr. This series is offered during Lent as a space for us to explore together how we “encounter” and experience the divine in our daily lives. Our contemplative practice together should nicely compliment the “soul talk” discussions also taking place. All are welcome to come for the full six weeks of the meditation series or on a drop-in basis! Questions? Contact Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104

From the River's Edge: The latest blog is “Back to Basics” 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.

Save the date for a Loaves and Fishes RI fundraiser: Loaves and Fishes RI (LFRI) is embarking on its 11th year serving food, clothing, and basic necessities to those who are homeless and in need of nourishment and basic necessities. The truck makes no less than 19 visits a month to multiple sites statewide. We are grateful to our entire community who keep this vital mission alive and growing. LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on THURS, MAY 16TH at the RI Country Club so mark your calendar to spend an evening with dedicated, warm-hearted folks sharing a unified mission, while raising funds for LFRI. For details, see flier on bulletin board. Learn more about the organization at www.lfri.org.

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 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.

Free hearing aid batteries, Duracell size 13: A church member purchased several packets of the wrong size of batteries, and is unable to return them. If you could use them, contact the church office and they're yours for free!