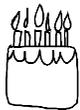


« We encourage you to take this sheet home, to refer to as needed. «

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, Mar 10		Lent <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
	11:30 am	Membership Team meeting, Library
Mon, Mar 11	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7 – 8 pm	Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room
Tues, Mar 12	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	7 pm	Church Council, Room 6
Wed, Mar 13	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	7 pm	Mission and Justice team meeting, Room 6
	7 – 8:15 pm	‘Soul Talk’, Lenten Study with Dale, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 14	3 – 4 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	4 – 5 pm	‘Come to the Water’ Lenten study with Brendan, The Coffee Depot
Fri, Mar 15		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
	4 pm	Confirmands leave for Confirmation Retreat at Craigville
Sat, Mar 16	9:30 – 11:30 am	East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall
	6 pm	Confirmands return from Confirmation Retreat
Sun, Mar 17		Jesus and Women
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
	11:20 am	M&J Speaker Series #1 - The Womxn Project, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 10th: Jenn Peters, Finn Stabach, Tim Milisauskas, Jack Miniati, Tom Gidley, Adam Gorman, Tony Cioe, and Wade Ogden. 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.

MARCH DEACONS: Pat Stoddard (star), Stephanie Edwards, Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, and Susan Seader. 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.)

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.

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

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals: Our children's choir is starting rehearsals again TODAY at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals last about 20 minutes and will take place after church on the following dates: MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31, APRIL 7, & 28 as they prepare to sing a piece in church on May 5th. The S&C Choir welcomes boys & girls in Grades 1-5, and older children are also very welcome to come sing. If there are kindergartners interested, please speak with Kate as she's willing to let them try it out! For more info or questions, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.

From the River's Edge': The latest blog is "How are you growing this Lent?" by Dale. 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.

Wondrous Encounters: On Monday evenings beginning tomorrow, MON., MARCH 11th, from 7-8 pm, 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

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 this 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, if you haven't yet RSVP'd please contact Dale a.s.a.p. at dale@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 103.

Community Office Hours during Lent includes ‘Come to the Water’ book/Bible study: From 4-5 pm on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS during Lent Brendan is leading a Lenten book/Bible study ‘Come to the Water’ 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. They are reading the “Read Across RI” book, “*What The Eyes Don’t See*,” by Mona Hanna-Attisha. Brendan is incorporating this book study into the second hour of the community office hours that he hosts every Thursday at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, from 3-5 pm. He is hosting weekly discussions on sections of the book and providing eco-themed scripture passages to expand the discussion. All who wish to participate in this book/Bible study can purchase the book on Amazon. Questions? Contact Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111. Brendan has also written an article titled ‘Come to the Water’ about the proposed privatization of the RI water supply, and vigils being held in protest. It appears in the RICUCC newsletter and can be read at <https://www.ricucc.org/blogdetail/12768333>

Less Plastic for Lent: The Mission and Justice Team is offering a different type of Lenten discipline this year. You are invited to pick up one of the *Less Plastic for Lent* calendars from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. To learn more about the origins of this idea, go to <https://ruthvalerio.net/green-living-2/plastic-less-lent-2018/>.

East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap: Trade in your clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, get new (to you) clothes, shoes and toys! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need! The next one is this SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. There’s a \$3-\$5 donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> The event is open to the community and takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

After church speaker next Sunday: The Mission and Justice Team invites you to the first in this year's Lenten Speaker Series. Next SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH at 11:20 am in the library, Jordan Hevenor, co-founder of The Womxn Project, and our own Caroline Jackson Morgan, volunteer lobbyist with The Womxn Project, will join us to Demystify the State House. They will provide an update on the status of reproductive health care in Rhode Island and present ways to have all our voices heard on this important issue. Come one, come all!

Sugar Eat Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead takes place NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH from 2 – 4 pm at Irons, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Delicious hot maple syrup is poured over snow to create an instant candy. Served with dill pickles, plain doughnuts, deviled eggs and a variety of drinks. \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. All welcome.

Bereavement Group next meets on MONDAY, MARCH 18TH 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.

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 MONDAY, MARCH 18TH. 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 all welcome!

Book Group meets TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *A Girl's Guide to Missiles: Growing Up in America's Secret Desert* by Karen Piper. “For designing and detonating missiles, China Lake was perfect - a desert wasteland within driving distance of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. But for Piper's family, life at the military base was full of secrets and challenges, as she reveals in this fascinating memoir.” For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All welcome!

Women’s Faith Group next meets on THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST from 1-2:30 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. Their current 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

The Pokanot Nation: History and Traditions is the subject of a public forum taking place in our Fellowship Hall on THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST at 7 pm. Sagamore Po Wauipi Nemagaug, also known as William Guy and a Barrington resident, will lead the program which will include an aboriginal drumming circle, singers and a tribal storyteller. The Sagamore and other members of the tribe will explain the nation’s history and traditions. The Pokanoket nation pre-dates the Wampanoag and, at one time, their land spanned parts of what are now Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In 2017, the tribe set course to reclaim their ancestral land on Mt. Hope Bay in Bristol from Brown University. The Pokanoket Tribe was the largest aboriginal nation in northeastern North America when the first colonizers arrived. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. The program is free and will be appropriate for middle schoolers through senior citizens. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by Barrington Interfaith Partners – a group of laypeople from several communities and houses of worship, who work to build relationships among people of different faiths and beliefs as it examines topics related to faith and justice, and works to bring about a just society. All are welcome. For more information, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Save the date! Our Mission and Justice Team are joining with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to bring you a talk by journalist Ed Fitzpatrick on *First Amendment Rights* on THURS, APRIL 11TH at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

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.

‘What Sweeter Sound: Songs of the Spirit’: Church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator Christine Wallis, both sing with the 90 voice Providence Singers who will be presenting the second of their concerts of sacred music TODAY, SUN, MAR 10TH at 3 pm at St Michael’s Episcopal Church, 399 Hope St, Bristol. The music is a selection for unaccompanied choir and for chorus with organ, and includes works by Brahms, Elgar and several beautifully arranged spirituals. Tickets are available at the door. Beth and Christine hope to see some of you in the audience this afternoon!

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.