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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, 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
	Noon – 2 pm	The Womxn Project - opportunity to 'take action!', Fellowship Hall
Mon, Mar 18	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room
Tues, Mar 19	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	11:30 am	Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	7 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library
Wed, Mar 20	2 pm	Communion Service at Atria Senior Living
	7 – 8:15 pm	'Soul Talk', Lenten Study with Dale, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Mar 21	10 – 11:30 am	RICUCC Minister's Association meeting, Library
	1 – 2:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	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
	7 pm	Public Forum on 'The Pokanoket Nation: History and Traditions', F'ship Hall
Fri, Mar 22		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Mar 23	8 am – 1 pm	Mission and Service Day for Youth
Sun, Mar 24		A Service of Healing
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
	11:20 am	M&J Speaker Series #2 – Infant Abuse, Library



Birthdays for the Week of March 17th: Andrew Helm, Joe Weissfeld, Mike Hoyt, Christopher Waite, Maggie Miniati, Julie Ackerman, Amy Gorman, and Rose Marie Bolton. 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.

From the River's Edge: The latest blog is "Come to the Water" 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.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals: Our children's choir rehearsals continue 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.

Lenten Speaker Series: The Mission & Justice Team have organized another Lenten Speaker Series that will take place after church at 11:20 am in the library, beginning today and for the next two Sundays. All are welcome. The speakers are:

TODAY: Jordan Hevenor, co-founder of The Womxn Project, and church member 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. The discussion will transition to an opportunity to take action on this issue from 12-2 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH: Marlene Davis from Newport Hospital will speak about their education program that addresses infant abuse.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST: John Gonzalez is a member of the Board of Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light. As a Water Protector who spent three months on the front lines of the Standing Rock occupation, he continues his activism as an organizer with the Land and Water Sovereignty Project here in Rhode Island.

‘Sugar Eat’ Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead is TODAY from 2 – 4 pm at Irons Homestead, 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 are welcome.

Wondrous Encounters: On MONDAY EVENINGS in Lent (MAR 11TH – APR 8TH) 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

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.

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/>.

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.

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 Pokanoket 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.

Support the Service Trip to H.O.M.E. A container has been placed in Fellowship Hall for the collection of items needed by H.O.M.E. A "Wish List" has been given to us by the folks at H.O.M.E. and copies are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Items include Shampoo and conditioner, Deodorant for men and women, Lip balm (chap stick etc), Laundry soap, Dish soap, Body wash for men and women, Shaving Cream for men and women, Hair brushes, Baby diapers of varying sizes, Depends undergarments for adults of varying sizes, Nonperishable food items, Paper plates and cups, New pillows, Twin size sheet sets, and Warm blankets. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated. Our youth and chaperones will take the items with them when they go on their Mission/Service Trip to H.O.M.E. from April 14-17.

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.

Important notice about our email addresses: We have upgraded the computer software in the office, and as a result are ONLY 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.

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.

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.