

« 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 31		Mission Sunday (Mission in the World) <i>‘One Great Hour of Sharing’ offering</i>
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	10 am	Worship Service, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
	11:20 am	M&J Speaker Series #3 – Cristina Cabrera on Water Protection, Vestry
	12:30 - 2 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9
Mon, Apr 1	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 – 8 pm	Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room
Tues, Apr 2	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others Group, Barbara Wuth’s house
Wed, Apr 3	4 – 5 pm	Autism Support Group for young adults, Room 6
	7 – 8:15 pm	‘Soul Talk’ Lenten Study, Library
	7 pm	Mission and Justice team meeting, Room 6
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, Apr 4	10 am	Endowment team meeting, Room 6
	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
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, Apr 5		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Apr 7		Children’s Sunday (Stopping Abuse and Neglect)
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Children’s Communion Service in Room 6 followed by Church School
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15 am	Endowment Conversation, Library
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6



Birthdays for the Week of March 31st:

Celeste Knight, Susan Clemens, and Luke Short 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. **APRIL DEACONS:** Chris Brady (star), Abby Ashley, Bernie Hawes, Jon Stabach, Carol Strakosch, and Kim Zeleznik. In the event of a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (860 301-6762) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the special Lenten offering of the UCC to be taken TODAY. Your gift to OGHS provides hope in the world and does more for families and communities than we can imagine. For example, in 2018 the offering supported 421 UCC volunteers to rebuild homes ravaged by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 4 states and Puerto Rico. Last fall the offering provided immediate help to families and communities displaced by wildfires in Northern California. In Kenya, the offering helped hundreds of flood displaced families find shelter until they could return to their homes. OGHS is present to those in need here in the US and across the globe. Special offering envelopes are included in today’s bulletin. Checks should be made to ‘BCCUCC’ and mark the memo line “OGHS”. Learn more and give online at www.ucc.org/oghs

Lenten Speaker Series: The last of M&J’s Lenten Speaker Series is TODAY at 11:25 am in the Vestry. The original speaker had to cancel, but we’re fortunate to have Cristina Cabrera join us instead. She is an organizer with *Water is Life RI* and is a talented educator and a member of the Eagle Clan of the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe of the Pokanoket Nation. We will be meeting in the Vestry, so grab some drinks and goodies and join us around 11:25 am. All are welcome to attend.

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals continue TODAY at 11:20 am in Room 6. They last about 20 mins and are scheduled for MAR 31, APR 7, & 28 as they prepare to sing 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! Questions? Contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.

Youth Group meets TODAY in Rm 9 from 12:30 - 2 pm for lunch following the speaking event. Youth in Gds 6-12 welcome.

Dale will be away this week (MARCH 31-APRIL 6). He was chosen by the Rhode Island Conference, UCC, to attend a Coaching for Clergy training in Massachusetts. The first part of the training is this week with the second coming next fall. Throughout these weeks, Dale will be developing his skills as a consultant working with other churches and church leaders and it will undoubtedly bear fruit with his leadership with us! Please keep him your prayers during this intensive course.

Bereavement Group meets on MON, APR 1ST at 11 am in the Library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. More info from facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Wondrous Encounters: On MONDAY EVENINGS in Lent (through MON, APR 8TH) from 7-8 pm, Brendan invites you to participate in a Lenten meditation series centering on the reflections of the contemplative Christian writer Richard Rohr. We are exploring together how we “encounter” and experience the divine in our daily lives. All are welcome to come for the full 6 weeks of the series or on a drop-in basis! Questions? Contact Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

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

Emails sent to our old ...@fullchannel.com addresses will not reach us after TODAY! Use only: Dale dale@bccucc.org, Brendan brendan@bccucc.org, Christine office@bccucc.org, Pat pat@bccucc.org, Andrea andrea@bccucc.org.

Knitting for Others Group next meets on TUES, APR 2ND from 7-9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! RSVP to Barbara at bwuth54@gmail.com. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.

A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism is planning to start meeting at our church on the 1st Wednesday of the month, beginning WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

Women's Faith Group meets THURS, APRIL 4TH from 1-2:30 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faiths. They will be starting, *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble – copies will be available for purchase from the church office. For more info, contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

Community Office Hours & 'Come to the Water' book/Bible study: During Lent (thru Apr 18th), Brendan is incorporating a book/Bible study into the second hour (from 4-5 pm) of the community office hours that he hosts on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, from 3-5 pm. All are welcome. The book is "*What The Eyes Don't See*," by Mona Hanna-Attisha and Brendan hosts weekly discussions on sections of the book and provides eco-themed scripture passages to expand the discussion. Participants are 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. brendan@bccucc.org

NAMI Family Support Group: NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group here for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is THURS, APRIL 4TH from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Children's Communion: Next SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, the children have a separate communion service in **Room 6**, and afterwards go to their Church School classes. Parents are reminded to drop off their children in Room 6 at 10 am.

Leaving a Legacy: Conversations about BCCUCC's Endowment Funds. Join the Endowment Team on SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH OR SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH beginning at 11:15 am in the Library. Did you know our church has permanent funds that earn monies annually to help run our church? Would you like to know the status and significance of these long-term investment funds? Would you like to have input on the strategy for growth of these funds? This legacy has been left to us by people like you who cared about the future of our church. Would you like to leave a legacy too? There will be a brief update on the status and significance of our Endowment funds, but mostly we want you in the conversation. Feedback and ideas will help us develop plans for the future. There are 2 meetings scheduled and childcare will be provided. Come to either one - whichever fits your schedule. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing what you have to say.

Support the Service Trip to H.O.M.E. A container is 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. 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. *Donations must be made by Palm Sun, Apr 14th when they leave.*

Help turn plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless: Church member Liz Wiedenhofer works at L.I.F.E. Inc., an agency that supports adults with developmental disabilities. They have a Community Service program for their clients where they create intentional service projects with local non-profits. They are currently working with the RI Coalition for the Homeless to have the L.I.F.E. clients upcycle and weave plastic bags into strong, durable sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. There will be a collection bin for your clean, thin plastic bags in Fellowship Hall for the next two weeks. Questions? Contact Liz Wiedenhofer at (401) 396-8010 or LizW@LifeIncRI.org

Jubilation Sunday Supplies: We're already planning for Jubilation Sunday which is the worship service when we celebrate the culmination of our church school year together. We need everyone's help! This year, to celebrate how we as the church are, "one body with many parts," we will be making a mandala during worship on SUNDAY, MAY 19TH. Between now and then, we will be collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass. We invite you to prayerfully seek out these items and bring them into church *by May 12th*. There are collection baskets for these items in Fellowship Hall between now and then. Thank you for your help in making Jubilation Sunday a meaningful and exciting service! Contact Brendan & Andrea with any questions you may have. brendan@bccucc.org, andrea@bccucc.org

The Five Freedoms of the First Amendment: Our M&J Team and East Bay Citizens for Peace are sponsoring a talk by journalist Ed Fitzpatrick on *First Amendment Rights* on THURS, APRIL 11TH at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Edward Fitzpatrick is director of media and public relations for Roger Williams University, board member of New England First Amendment Coalition, and Common Cause RI, and a former Providence Journal columnist. His First Amendment column appears monthly in the Journal. He is the author of RWU's First Amendment blog at: FirstAmendment.rwu.edu. The talk is free and open to the public. All welcome.

Lenten Lollapalooza will take place during church school time on PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH. The Church School children will have the opportunity to do a variety of crafts in Fellowship Hall including making pretzels and palm crosses.

Palm Sunday 'Bring and Buy': On PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH we will be having our last mission trip fundraiser. All are encouraged to bring a baked item to church that can be sold and buy something that someone else made. Baked goods will be placed on a table in the foyer. Meet our friendly mission trip participants who will be tending the table. Buy yummy baked goods for Easter and support our church's mission trip. The mission trip team thanks you!

Tickets available for the Loaves and Fishes RI fundraiser: LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on THURS, MAY 16TH from 6 – 9 pm at the RI Country Club, 150 Nayatt Rd, Barrington. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet and cash bar, silent auction, and raffles. Tickets are \$40 each from church member Phyllis Buckley at coffee hour, or contact her at pbuckley6@cox.net or 742-7320. The LFRI truck makes about 20 runs a month and serves food, clothing, and basic necessities to the homeless and those in need of nourishment and basic necessities, at multiple sites throughout RI. Learn more at www.lfri.org.

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.