

« 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, Apr 21		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	5:45 am	Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Communion Service, Osamequin Point
	9 am and 11:15 am	Worship Services for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour, and Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers thru elementary aged children
Mon, Apr 22		<i>Office Closed</i>
	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
Tues, Apr 23	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's Office
	11:30 am	Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Wed, Apr 24	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	4:30 pm	Prep begins for Loaves and Fishes RI Truck Run, kitchen No Choir rehearsal
Thurs, Apr 25	10 am	Endowment Team meeting, Room 6
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, Apr 26		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Apr 27	8:30 am – Noon	RICUCC Spring Annual Meeting, Edgewood Congregational Church
	9 am – 1 pm	Church Clean Up Day
Sun, Apr 28		<b>Mission Trip Sunday</b>
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Mission Trip Reflections, Church School
	11:20 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
	11:30 am – 2:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9
	5 – 7 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9



**Birthdays for the Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>:** *Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, Jennifer Collins, Dale Azevedo, Katie Dubel, Clare Knight, Lina Lemos, Jon Stabach, Paula Rooks, Barbara Smith, Jibbyl Diakite, and Elizabeth Glass.* 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.

**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.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** TODAY following the 9:15 am service only there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the lower elementary grades and younger. Older children are asked to wait and allow the younger children to find some eggs first!

**Coffee Hour** will take place TODAY between the two services. All are welcome to come to Fellowship Hall, located at the far end of the Education Building, for some light refreshment following the 9:15 am service only.

**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 fill out the Visitor Response Card located in the Welcome Folder or in the pew rack, so that we can get to know you. We're glad that you're here and hope you'll join us again!

**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.

**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.

**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. Thanks.

**Thank You** to everyone who made a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Your generosity made possible the purchase of the plants that are decorating the sanctuary this Easter Sunday, plus the plants delivered by the deacons to the homebound, ill, or recently bereaved. The Fund also pays for other things that enhance the worship experience or are needed in the sanctuary.

**From the River's Edge' – our Pastors' blog:** The latest is "All things in common..." by Brendan. It can be read at the link on the home page of our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org), and printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Our complete Church calendar** can be viewed on our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) or directly at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

**Are you using our correct email addresses?** They are 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). Our old email addresses no longer work.

**Bereavement Group** meets on MON, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

**Book Group** meets TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. For more info about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All welcome!

**Loaves and Fishes Truck Run:** Our next Loaves and Fishes RI truck run is this WED, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>. Specific food and clothing items are still needed – find out which at the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> and sign up how you can help. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. 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)).

**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.

**'Awakenings' – RI's Inspired Stories of the Divine:** Barrington resident and artist Susan Catherine Collyer has created an original theatrical piece – based on interviews with people in RI - called "Awakenings" in which multi-faiths, cultures and traditions come together in visual media, sensory sounds, poetry, music and dance. All are invited to "Awakenings" at Bay Spring Community Center, 179 Narragansett Ave, Barrington, at 7 pm on THURS, APR 25<sup>TH</sup> or 7:30 pm on FRI, APR 26<sup>TH</sup> or SAT, APR 27<sup>TH</sup>. Ticket reservations at [www.bsccri.org](http://www.bsccri.org). Church member Cheryl Muth shared her faith experience for the project.

**RICUCC Annual Spring Meeting:** All are invited to attend this meeting on SAT, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> at Edgewood Congregational Church, 1788 Broad St, Cranston RI. 8:30 am Continental Breakfast. 9 am - Noon Worship, Meeting, Communion. Registration \$10. Delegates and visitors are reminded to register at [www.ricucc.org](http://www.ricucc.org) where there are also more details.

**Church Clean Up Day** is SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers of all abilities (skilled & unskilled) and ages are welcome, even if you can only be there for a short time. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 will also be assisting. Sign up is appreciated - contact Larry Ashley at (508) 965-2699 or [saltmarsh02@gmail.com](mailto:saltmarsh02@gmail.com). Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.

**Mission Trip Sunday** is next SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>. A group of youth and adult chaperones just returned from their Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. in Oreland, Maine. We hope you will join us next Sunday when they will share reflections of their experiences during the worship service. Thank you to everyone who supported all of their fundraisers making the trip possible.

**An opportunity to say goodbye:** Long time church member, Nancy Martin is leaving RI and moving to Michigan to be close to family. Please join us next SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> as we say goodbye to Nancy, and send her off with our best wishes.

**Mindful Mondays** is ongoing on MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed (which includes Mon, April 22<sup>nd</sup>). The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion, led by Brendan. These sessions are for people of all faiths and are open to the public.

**A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism** meets at our church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month – next meeting is WED, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Interested? Contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

**Women's Faith Group** meets THURS, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 are reading *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble – copies are available for purchase from the church office (\$13). For more info, contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

**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, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

The first **East Bay Women's Clothing Swap** will be held SAT, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3-\$5 entry, no one turned away. Clean out your closet and bring shoes, bags, and clothing that you no longer need to the swap, and bring home a new wardrobe! The event is open to the community. Interested in volunteering? Email [Melissalorusso22@gmail.com](mailto:Melissalorusso22@gmail.com)

**Want to learn more about our church – and maybe become a member?** Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him on SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you'd like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to attend "Conversations" *RSVP to the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 by Mon, April 29<sup>th</sup>*. Childcare will be provided if you let us know it's needed when RSVP.

**BCCUCC's Estate Planning Workshop for the Beginner:** The Endowment Team is happy to announce this workshop, led by attorney and church member Megan Sheehan, on SUN, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> from 11:15 am - 12:45 pm in Room 6. If you are new to the estate planning process and would like a basic overview of what to think about and what's involved, this is the workshop for you. Megan will define estate planning, describe the tools used, and give you a basic understanding of the probate process and estate taxes. Some time will also be given to considerations for how estate planning connects to and can benefit your long-term giving plans. Come work with Megan and begin the process of Estate Planning! An RSVP to Kate Colby, [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or (401) 246-1743, while not required is kindly appreciated.

**Knitting for Others Group** meets TUES, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> from 7-9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren, for their last meeting until the fall. The group makes a variety of items to be given away and all knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please RSVP to Marion at [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net) or 245-2003. To learn more about the group, contact Marion.

**'Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive':** On SAT, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box for your letter carrier to pick up and deliver to TAPIN to stock their food pantry. TAPIN depends on **volunteers** to unpack, sort and organize the donations on May 11<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, contact them at [info@tapin.org](mailto:info@tapin.org) or 247-1444 *before Wed, May 1<sup>st</sup>*.

**Jubilation Sunday Supplies:** In preparation for Jubilation Sunday on May 19<sup>th</sup>, we are collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass. This year we'll celebrate how we as the church are "one body with many parts," and we'll make a mandala with these items during worship. We invite you to prayerfully seek out these items and bring them in *by May 12<sup>th</sup>* and put in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Contact Andrea with any questions [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)

**Tickets available for the Loaves and Fishes RI fundraiser:** LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on THURS, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.lfri.org).

**'A Taste of Haiti' Fundraiser** - SAT, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> at North Farm Yacht Club in Bristol from 5-8 pm. There will be Haitian food, wine and beer, slide show, vocalist Beck Bass with her steel pan, a 50/50 drawing, and hopefully a beautiful sunset over the bay. Tickets \$60 each or 2 for \$100. Space is limited so only 75 tickets will be sold. If you cannot attend, donations are welcome and drawing tickets are now being sold (\$1 for one, \$5 for 6). Proceeds go to the One Egg Haiti program that brings nourishing eggs to hundreds of children in schools and orphanages in Haiti. The event is sponsored by the RI Haiti Task Force. To make a reservation, donation, or for info, contact Trish Sylvester at [trishsylvester@gmail.com](mailto:trishsylvester@gmail.com) or 401-447-6489.