

« 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 28		Mission Trip Sunday
	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
Mon, Apr 29	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tues, Apr 30	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's Office
	7 pm	Deacons meeting, Library
Wed, May 1	4 – 5 pm	Autism Support Group for young adults (age 18-30), Room 6
	7 pm	Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 2	1 – 2:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
	6 – 7:30 pm	NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
Fri, May 3		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, May 4	9:30 – 11:30 am	East Bay Women's Clothing Swap, Fellowship Hall
Sun, May 5		Music and Choir Celebration Sunday
	9 am – 12:15 pm	OWL Session, Library
	9:30 am	Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10 am	Worship Service with Communion and Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School
	11:15 am – 12:45 pm	Estate Planning Workshop, Room 6
	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Conversations about our Church, Room 7
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of April 28th:

Charlie McCoy, Nancy Arena, Christine Arena, Helen Schall, Mark Dana, Brendan Curran, Hayden DiOrio, Maya Kelly, Debbie Mason, Carol Spiller, Elizabeth Meade, and Katrina Swihart. 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.

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.

TODAY is Mission Trip Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported all of their fundraisers making the trip possible.

An opportunity to say goodbye: Please join us at coffee hour TODAY to say goodbye to long-time church member Nancy Martin who is leaving RI this week and moving to Michigan to be close to family.

Youth Group will meet TODAY from 5-7 pm in Room 9. All in grades 6-12 are welcome.

Thank You to everyone who made a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Your generosity made possible the purchase of the plants that continue to decorate the sanctuary, 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.

Many thanks to Elizabeth, Dale and Jesse Azevedo who between them cut out, made and hung the 350 butterflies that are decorating our sanctuary for Easter. They are truly spectacular and make a lasting impression on all who see them.

Thanks to the Colby family – Kate, Tom, Amanda and Kim – who decorated Fellowship Hall so beautifully for our Easter Sunday coffee hour that was held between the services. Many of the decorations were hand made by them.

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 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.

Are you using our correct email addresses? They are Dale dale@bccucc.org, Brendan brendan@bccucc.org, Christine office@bccucc.org, Pat pat@bccucc.org, Andrea andrea@bccucc.org. Our old email addresses no longer work.

Special Worship Services in May and June: It's always busy at our church this time of year, and we have some special services coming up. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us:

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH: **Music and Choir Celebration Sunday** – there will be extra music during worship and we'll recognize the role of music and the musicians who provide it, during next Sunday's worship service.

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH: **New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday** – for those interested in becoming members of BCCUCC, please attend 'Conversations about our Church' after worship next Sunday, May 5th (*see below for details*)

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH: **Jubilation Sunday** – the worship service marks the end of the church school program year (*see below*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND: **Confirmation Sunday**

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH: **Baccalaureate Sunday and Annual Meeting.** During worship we'll recognize our high school graduates. Immediately after worship ends we'll hold our church's Annual Meeting which includes electing church members and friends to fill open positions. *See the flier included in TODAY's bulletin to see where there are vacancies and where you might like to serve.*

Mindful Mondays is ongoing on MONDAY EVENINGS from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed. 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 1st Wed of the month – next meeting is WED, MAY 1ST from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Interested? Contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

Women’s Faith Group meets THURS, MAY 2ND 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.

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.

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 2ND from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

The first **East Bay Women’s Clothing Swap** will be held SAT, MAY 4TH 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

Want to learn more about our church – and maybe become a member? Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him next SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 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 12th. If you’d like to attend “Conversations” *RSVP to the church office at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 by Mon, April 29th*. 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, next SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 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 or (401) 246-1743, while not required is kindly appreciated.

Bereavement Group next meets on MON, MAY 6TH 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.

Knitting for Others Group meets TUES, MAY 7TH 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 or 245-2003. To learn more about the group, contact Marion.

‘Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive’: On SAT, MAY 11TH, 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 11th. *To volunteer, contact them at info@tapin.org or 247-1444 before Wed, May 1st*.

Jubilation Sunday Supplies: In preparation for Jubilation Sunday on May 19th, 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 12th* and put in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Contact Andrea with any questions andrea@bccucc.org

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.

‘A Taste of Haiti’ Fundraiser - SAT, MAY 18TH 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 or 401-447-6489.

Book Group meets TUES, MAY 21ST at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, Warren, to discuss *The Ruin* by Dervla McTiernan. “After Maude’s mother overdoses and her brother’s body is found in a nearby river, Detective Cormac Reilly is pressured to arrest her for the deaths, but evidence emerges that points to an unexpected series of events that changes everything.” For more info about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All welcome!

Blood Drive at BCCUCC: THURSDAY, MAY 23RD from 3 – 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Visit www.ribc.org to learn more about donating, eligibility, or make an appointment (use sponsor code 1562). Drop-ins are also very welcome. Don’t forget to bring your drivers license or other form of ID. All are encouraged to give the gift of life by donating blood.

Annual Reports: It’s fast approaching that time of year again – time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2018 – May 2019. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office *by Friday, May 24th*. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC’s 2019 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH following the 10 am worship service.

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.

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