

« 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 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
Mon, Apr 8	11 am	Lay Visitation meeting, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7 – 8 pm	Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room
Tues, Apr 9	11 am	Staff meeting, Office
	7 pm	Church Council meeting, Room 6
Wed, Apr 10	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, Apr 11	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	Speaker on ‘Five Freedoms of the First Amendment’, Fellowship Hall
Fri, Apr 12		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sun, Apr 14		Palm/Passion Sunday
	10 am	Worship Service, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time
	11:15 am	Endowment Conversation, Library
	Coffee Hour	‘Bring and Buy’ Bake Sale Mission Trip Fundraiser, Foyer



Birthdays for the Week of April 7th:

Jean Arnold, Will Loehning, Bob Mason, Kevin Stewart, Gabi Scalfani, Finn Sheehan-Stewart, Tom Colby, Andrew Collins, Jan Roberts, Dan Drake, and Aven Sheets. 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.

Children’s Communion is TODAY at 10 am in Room 6. Afterwards they will go to their church school classes.

Leaving a Legacy: Conversation about BCCUCC’s Endowment Funds. Join the Endowment Team either TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH or NEXT 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.

It’s not too late to make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS): Write checks to ‘BCCUCC’ and mark memo line “OGHS”. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs where you can also donate online. If needed, ushers have OGHS envelopes.

From the River’s Edge’: The latest blog is “Lent – Easter Refresher” by Dale. It can be read at the link on the home page of our church website www.bccucc.org, and printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for all the plastic shopping bags! We’ve been collecting clean, thin plastic bags to be woven into strong, durable sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. Adults with developmental difficulties will be doing this task as a community service program organized by L.I.F.E. Inc. and the RI Coalition for the Homeless. There is a collection bin for your plastic bags in Fellowship Hall and the response has been so great, that TODAY is the last day for collecting them! Questions? Contact Liz Wiedenhofer at (401) 396-8010 or LizW@LifeIncRI.org

Emails sent to our old ...@fullchannel.com addresses will no longer reach us!: Please use: Dale dale@bccucc.org, Brendan brendan@bccucc.org, Christine office@bccucc.org, Pat pat@bccucc.org, Andrea andrea@bccucc.org. Thank you.

No Wi Fi: The WiFi in the Education Building is currently not working. We apologize and hope to have it fixed soon.

Chancel Fund: Donation forms with all of the information together with special envelopes are included in today’s bulletin. We hope that you will consider donating to this fund. *Deadline for donations is Mon, April 15th.*

Wondrous Encounters: This Lenten meditation series, led by Brendan, is exploring how we “encounter” and experience the divine in our daily lives. The last one is tomorrow, MON, APRIL 8TH from 7-8 pm in the Meditation Room. All are welcome.

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. Questions? Contact Brendan brendan@bccucc.org 246-0111.

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 next Sunday, April 14th when they leave.*

'The Five Freedoms of the First Amendment': Our M&J Team and East Bay Citizens for Peace are sponsoring this talk by journalist Ed Fitzpatrick 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 next Sunday, 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': Next Sunday, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH will be the last mission trip fundraiser. All are encouraged to bring a baked item to church that can be sold and/or 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!

Holy Week and Easter at BCCUCC: See the yellow insert in today's bulletin for information about the various worship opportunities, plus information about Holy Week Morning Reflections, and the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday!

Help needed with coffee hour on Easter Sunday: Our Buildings and Grounds Team is hosting coffee hour this month, but they need some assistance on Easter Sunday when coffee hour takes place between the two services at approx 10:15 am. To volunteer to help please contact the chair of B&G, Larry Ashley, at saltmarsh02@gmail.com or (508) 965-2699. Thank you.

Women's Faith Group meets THURS, APRIL 18TH 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 Tomm at 289-2349 or jtomn2@cox.net.

East Bay Kids Clothes & Toy Swap: Trade in your kid's 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 SAT, APR 20TH from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The event is open to the community and takes place on the 3rd Sat of the month. There's a \$3-\$5 donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>

Bereavement Group meets on MON, APRIL 22ND 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.

Book Group meets TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 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 or 245-4724. All welcome!

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run: Our next Loaves and Fishes RI truck run will be WED, APRIL 24TH. Specific food and clothing items are 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) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net).

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

Jubilation Sunday Supplies: We're already planning for Jubilation Sunday when we celebrate the culmination of our church school year together. This year we will celebrate how we, as the church, are, "one body with many parts," and we'll make a mandala during worship on SUNDAY, MAY 19TH. Between now and then, we are 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* and put in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help in making Jubilation Sunday a meaningful and exciting service! Contact Brendan or Andrea with any questions you may have. brendan@bccucc.org, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.