

★ 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, May 12		UCC Sunday and New Member Sunday
	8:30 am	CEYM meeting, Library
	10 am	Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Church School
	11:30 am	Conversation with our Conference Minister, Library
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, (make-up class), Room 9
	5 – 7 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9
Mon, May 13	10 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	11 am	Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
	7 pm	Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6
	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tues, May 14	7 - 8:30 pm	Church Council Visioning Meeting, Library
Wed, May 15	2 pm	Communion Service at Atria Senior Living No Choir rehearsal
Thurs, May 16	1 – 2:30 pm	Women's Faith Group, Library
	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, May 17		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, May 18	9:30 – 11:30 am	East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall
	2:45 pm	BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket
Sun, May 19		Jubilation Sunday
	10 am	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall for All Ages, Nursery Care only
	Noon – 2 pm	Youth Community Clean Up



Birthdays for the Week of May 12th: *Elizabeth Roach, Reese Humm, Ryan Kiley, Fiona Grace Henderson, Grace Ackerman, Phyllis Buckley, John White, and Trish Sylvester.* 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.

MAY DEACONS: Joe Judge (star), Stephanie Edwards, Steve Fodor, Susan Seader, and Pat Stoddard. 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 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!

Special Offering: TODAY, is UCC Sunday. As well as welcoming new members we are celebrating our role in the United Church of Christ (UCC). As a member of the Rhode Island Conference of the UCC, we provide a \$20 per person contribution to the Conference to support its ministries and outreach. This contribution is in addition to our usual funding called Our Church's Wider Mission. TODAY we invite anyone who would like to support the conference's work to contribute their \$20 per capita dues (or a portion thereof) to participate in this special offering. Let's support local RI mission! Special collection envelopes are included in the bulletin. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Membership'.

Conversation with RI Conference Minister, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix: We welcome Marilyn to our worship service today. She was hired last summer to be the transitional conference minister and help shepherd the RI Conference, UCC, into our merger with the MA and CT Conferences. Marilyn is our guest preacher in worship and has also offered to stay after coffee hour to talk with us about what is happening in the conference. She is especially interested in sharing with us the latest information on the merger. If you have any questions, or are just wondering how this merger could benefit us, you are invited to join her and Dale for this conversation at 11:30 am TODAY in the library. All are welcome.

May's Coffee hour is hosted by our Mission & Justice team. To honor God's creation and reduce the amount of trash produced, they will be serving hot beverages in REAL cups at coffee hour. Other opportunities will include letter writing and composting. TODAY all are invited to join M&J in writing letters to our Congressional Delegation concerning climate change.

Cups needed! The Mission and Justice Team has heard that some people had trouble holding the cups that were used for hot beverages last Sunday (and in some cases, that they weren't big enough). We invite you to bring in any extra mugs you might like to donate to the church kitchen and leave them off at the coffee hour table. Thanks for the feedback - and the cups.

Last chance to bring in Jubilation Sunday Supplies: We have been collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass to make a mandala at Jubilation Sunday's worship service next Sunday, May 19th (see later). TODAY is the deadline for bringing in these items and putting them in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who donated items. We look forward to creating the mandala! Questions? Contact Andrea at andrea@bccucc.org

'From the River's Edge' The latest blog is by Dale "So what is this 'coaching' thing that Dale is doing?" Read it from the link on the home page of our church website www.bccucc.org. Printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

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

Softball anyone? Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. Games are usually played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome.

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.

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.

Women's Faith Group meets THURS, MAY 16TH 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.

Tickets available for the Loaves and Fishes RI fundraiser: Auction Fundraiser on THURS, MAY 16TH from 6 – 9 pm at the RI Country Club, 150 Nayatt Rd, Barrington. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet & cash bar, silent auction, raffles. Tickets \$40 each from church member Phyllis Buckley at coffee hour, or contact her at pbuckley6@cox.net or 742-7320. Learn more at www.lfri.org.

East Bay Kids Clothes & Toy Swap: Newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need! The next one is SAT, MAY 18TH from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Open to the community 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/>

'A Taste of Haiti' Fundraiser - SAT, MAY 18TH 5-8 pm at North Farm Yacht Club, Bristol. Haitian food, wine & beer, slide show, vocalist Becky Bass with her steel pan, a 50/50 drawing, and hopefully a beautiful sunset over the bay! Tickets \$60 each or 2 for \$100. If you can't attend, donations welcome and drawing tickets are being sold (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). Proceeds to One Egg Haiti program that brings nourishing eggs to hundreds of children in schools & orphanages in Haiti. Event sponsored by RI Haiti Task Force. Contact Trish Sylvester at trishsylvester@gmail.com or 447-6489 for reservations, donations or info.

Jubilation Sunday is next SUN, MAY 19TH. Please join us! This is the time of year when we celebrate our children and our church school programs. The theme is "One Body", and we will gather for worship in Fellowship Hall at 10 am to share what it means to be the body of Christ. Please help us explore this concept through prayer and meditation as we create our very own mandala ("...a graphic symbol of the universe"). This will be a fun and reflective service with a special treat at coffee hour!

Youth Community Clean Up: All 6th to 12th graders who wish to participate in the Youth community clean-up are asked to meet in front of Starbuck's in Barrington at Noon NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH. This event will be chaperoned.

Staff away: Christine will be out of the office from MONDAY, MAY 20TH THRU FRIDAY, MAY 31ST. During that time the office will be opened from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only each day, and be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Bereavement Group next meets MONDAY, MAY 20TH *for this session only at the later time of 12:30 – 1:30 pm* 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 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.

Special Worship Services in June: Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on:

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND: **Confirmation Sunday** when eight of our youth will be confirmed and become members of the church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH: **Baccalaureate Sunday & Annual Meeting.** During worship we'll recognize our high school graduates.

Immediately after worship we'll hold our 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.*

A Ladies Lunch will be held on THURS, JUNE 6TH at Noon in Fellowship Hall to which ALL ladies of the church are invited, regardless of age! RSVP to the office (246-0111) **by Friday, May 31st** or sign up TODAY at coffee hour. Don't miss this annual event that includes strawberry shortcake! Hosted by the Women's Faith Group and the Membership Team.

Annual Reports needed: Church officers, ministry team chairs etc. are asked 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. Previous year's reports can be viewed on our church website under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior? We will be recognizing our high school seniors on BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH and we invite our High School Seniors to attend. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office **by Sunday, June 2nd** (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111); 2) get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office and return it; 3) don't worry about wearing a gown to church (regular church clothes will suffice). If you have any questions, talk with Dale (dale@bccucc.org). And Congratulations!

Graduation information needed for newsletter: We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school etc, by publishing their names and graduation info in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the info to the church office at office@bccucc.org **by Friday, May 31st**. Information needed is name of graduate, high school or institution from which they're graduating, what college or further education they may be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships: Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a high school graduate going on to further education, and one to a student already in college. Graduating high school seniors and college students *who have been confirmed and are members of this church* are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is Sunday, June 2nd** and the scholarships are awarded on BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH. Application forms are available from outside the church office; at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; and from a link in the eBridge.

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.