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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 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
Mon, May 6	11 am	Staff Meeting, Dale's office
	11 am	Bereavement Group, Library
	7 - 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)
Tues, May 7	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others, Marion Fodor's home
Wed, May 8	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
	7:30 – 9 pm	Choir rehearsal, Vestry
Thurs, May 9	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, May 10		<i>Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
	6 – 8 pm	Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage
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 – 1:30 pm	Confirmation Class, (make-up class), Room 9
	5 – 7 pm	Youth Group meeting, Room 9



Birthdays for the Week of May 5th:

Susan Doss, Emmee Williams, Vicki Hosford, and Betsy Staples. 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!

Want to learn more about our church – and maybe become a member? Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him TODAY from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 7 for 'Conversations about our Church'. 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 is next Sunday, May 12th. You're not obligated to join by attending 'Conversations'!

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, TODAY 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!

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.

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 12TH: **New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday** – for those interested in becoming members of BCCUCC, please attend 'Conversations about our Church' after worship TODAY after worship (*see above 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 & 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.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

'Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive': This SATURDAY, 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.

Special Offering next Sunday: Next week, MAY 12TH, is UCC Sunday. As well as welcoming new members we will be 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. Next week we will 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 will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

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: 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.

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 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.

Staff away: Christine will be out of the office from Sunday, 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.

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.

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: It's 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. 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 Friday, May 31st* (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. Applications forms are available from outside the church office; at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members; and will be at a link in the next 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.

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.