

« We encourage you to take this sheet home, to refer to as needed. «

## SUMMER CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This covers 2 weeks and will be included in the bulletin on June 30<sup>th</sup> & July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Summer office hours: OPEN Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm; Wed 11 am – 1 pm; CLOSED Fridays*

Sun, June 30		<b>Led by the Holy Spirit Sunday</b>
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Mon, July 1	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Rm 8)
Tues, July 2	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
	Noon	<i>Deadline for eBridge</i>
Thurs, July 4		<b>Independence Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>
Fri, July 5		<i>Office Closed. Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies.</i>
Sun, July 7		<b>Independence (Freedom) Sunday</b>
	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only
Mon, July 8	6 pm	Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field
	7 – 8 pm	Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Rm 8)
Tues, July 9	11 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, July 10	4 – 5 pm	Autism and Asperger's Support Group (for ages 18-30), Room 6
Thurs, July 11	3 – 5 pm	Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
Fri, July 12		<i>Office Closed. Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies.</i>
Sun, July 14	9:30 am	Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only



**Birthdays for the Week of June 30<sup>th</sup>:** *Lucy Strolla, Karen Bilotti, Bowen Humm, Doug Materne, Joanne Ela, Eli Short, Owen Fernandez, Kim Hoyt, Emma Brady, Dan Lemos, Julia Califano, and Carol Strakosch.*

**Birthdays for the Week of July 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Joan Frary, Barbara Wuth, EJ Anderson, Laurie Dubel, Olin Moore, James Nellis, Leslie Strolla, and Sue Terhune.* 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.

### Altar Flowers

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the altar flowers are given by Liz Rosenholm for the joy of being married to Ozzie for 65 years on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> the altar flowers are given by the Chancel Team.



**Deacons serving communion July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Bernie Hawes, Kim Zeleznik, Steve Fodor

**DEACONS FOR SUMMER:** Bernie Hawes (star), Chris Brady, Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Kim Zeleznik. In a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (860 301-6762) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

**Clergy away:** Dale will be on vacation from MONDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> through SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>.

**Summer Office Hours:** OPEN – Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm; Wed 11 – 1 pm; CLOSED – Fri.

**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 halfway down the stairs. We also invite you to fill out the Visitor Response Card located in the 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 come again!

**Our Summer Worship Schedule** runs from SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> through SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. The Worship Services are for All Ages at the slightly earlier time of **9:30 am**. We hope you will join us for worship over the summer when you are in town. Nursery Care is provided each week for our youngest members up to age 3.

**Summer Musicians wanted:** During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinksi at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. A signup calendar has been posted in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

**Summer deadlines for Announcements and eBridge:** The deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (both of which are published every other week over the summer, on alternate weeks) is *Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.* Deadline for the next eBridge is *Tues, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.*

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

**The McCoy's are looking for help:** Lory and Charlie McCoy are welcoming to their home a woman and her 2 children (ages 10 and 12) from Mexico who are legally seeking asylum. This will be a huge change in the family's lives. The family will need a lot of assistance as they transition to RI. The McCoy's are willing to provide for most of their needs, but are looking for any assistance in transportation, short term housing when the McCoy's are away, being "on call" for the family's needs when Lory is at work, clothing, financial assistance, and help as they negotiate through the school system, the government offices, and the many human services agencies. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lory at [lsnadymccoy@gmail.com](mailto:lsnadymccoy@gmail.com) or 401-369-2341.

**Hymn Sing:** On SUN, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> the Providence Singers is hosting a Hymn Sing at 3 pm at Greenwood Community Church, 805 Main Avenue, Warwick. Michael Galib, the Providence Singers' assistant conductor, will lead a spirited round of hymn singing with the Singers' accompanist, John Black at the organ. A \$5 donation is suggested, and a light reception follows the singing. All are welcome to come sing!!

**'From the River's Edge'** Brendan's latest blog published June 15<sup>th</sup> is "2019 General Synod of the United Church of Christ". Dale's new blog will be "Are we a social club, a mission, or a monastery?" and will be published on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The blogs can be read from the links on the home page of our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) and a link to the latest blog is included in each eBridge newsletter. Printed copies are put on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall once published.

**Mindful Monday** resumes on MONDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> and is ongoing on Monday evenings through JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room. 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.

**Come cheer on our team!** BCCUCC's softball season began with an 11-2 win against St. Luke's and a 5-13 loss against Team Unaffiliated. Their next games are MON, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> against Temple Habonim and THURS, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> against St. John's. All games begin at 6 pm at Bicknell Field located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. The team loves spectators to cheer them on so if you're available, please stop by and support them! Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at [ostrolla@cox.net](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. The schedule for the 2019 Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League is on our website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org). Printed copies are also available at the back of Fellowship Hall and on the rack outside the church office.

**A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism** meets at our church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Due to the holiday, their next meeting will be a week later than usual on WEDNESDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Interested? Contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

**Community Office Hours** will resume on THURS, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> as there won't be any on July 4<sup>th</sup>! Except when otherwise noted, 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.

**Altar flower donors needed July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or remember loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. We have openings for donors to pay for the altar flowers (either 1 or 2 vases) on SUN, JUL 14<sup>TH</sup> (\$30 per vase). Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com) if interested.

**East Bay Kids Clothes & Toy Swap:** Newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need! Open to the community on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month. The next one is SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. (*Please note that there will not be a Kids Clothes Swap in August*). There's a \$3-\$5 donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>

**Synod Approves Replacing Three Southern New England Conferences with One:** Delegates to the United Church of Christ's national meeting on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> overwhelmingly approved a request by its three conferences in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to dissolve and join together to form a new conference. The vote was 601 to 90, with four delegates abstaining. The new conference, not yet named, will officially come into being on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Read more at <https://www.ricucc.org/newsdetail/synod-approves-new-conference-for-southern-new-england-12838959> or from the print out of this information on the bulletin boards. There are also copies on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

**Pocket Prayer Shawls update:** Members of our Knitting for Others Group made a number of pocket prayer shawls (small knitted or crocheted squares) to be given out at the AIDS Walk on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Roger Williams Park. Following the event we received a phone call from Community Care Rhode Island to let us know that some of their clients had been given the pocket prayer shawls at the walk and loved them, but other clients had been unable to attend but would really like one. Thanks to the efforts of the knitting group, Nancy Arena was able to meet with Cindy Macleod from the organization and give her 21 more pocket prayer shawls. Cindy was very appreciative and let us know how much the pocket prayer shawls mean to those who receive them. Many thanks to the members of our Knitting for Others Group for this outreach ministry.

**Calendar information needed:** The staff is doing things a little differently this year and aren't getting together to finalize plans for the 2019-2020 church calendar until August 13<sup>th</sup>. However, in the meantime information is being added to the calendar as it comes in and we'd like to include dates for regular meetings, events and anything else that teams, groups or others are planning. Please send all information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) no later than Aug 5<sup>th</sup> if it's to be considered at the planning meeting. The calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> but all information for 2019-2020 won't be final until after the staff gets together on Aug 13<sup>th</sup> when they'll sort out any conflicts and add additional information. Thank you for your help in putting together a cohesive and exciting schedule for our next church year together!

**Do you have ideas** for something you'd like to do or see happen at BCCUCC next year? Perhaps there's a ministry you'd like to start? Send your ideas to Dale at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or call him at 246-0111 x 103 by July 31<sup>st</sup>. (Note: Dale will be on vacation from July 1 – 21 but you can still email or leave him a voicemail and he'll get it when he returns).

**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.

**Help us stay visible on Facebook:** For our church's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)) to keep showing up in people's newsfeeds and for it also to be seen by the wider community, there need to not only be 'Likes' but also comments of 5 or more words. So if you see something on our Fb Page that you like, *please both 'Like' AND comment*. Thanks.

**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. Wearing a nametag is both welcoming to newcomers and helps us all get to know each other! Thanks.

**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.

**The playground gates** should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so more easily. Thank you.