

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office is closed until further notice.

Sun, Apr 12		Easter Sunday
	10 am	Livestreamed Easter Worship Service (NO in person worship)
Tues, Apr 14	11 am	Staff meeting via Zoom
	7 pm	Church Council meeting via Zoom
Thurs, Apr 16	4:30 - 6 pm	Happy Hour via Zoom
Fri, Apr 17		<i>Linda on call for pastoral emergencies</i>
Sat, Apr 18	9:30 am	Llama Pajama Time with Andrea - livestreamed
Sun, Apr 19	10 am	Livestreamed Worship Service (NO in person worship)
	11:30 am – 1 pm	Confirmation Class via Zoom



Birthdays for the Week of April 12th: *Andrew Collins, Jan Roberts, Dan Drake, Aven Sheets, Jane Cipoletti, Stuart Wemple, Mikey Forzano, Mary Kutcher and Francis Seader.* 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.

Altar Flowers : The altar flowers are given by Janet Morrison and Ann and Peter Doran in loving memory of J. Stewart Morrison and John Stewart Morrison, Jr.; and are also given in loving memory of Herbert Wuth by his daughter, Barbara.

The additional flowers in the sanctuary are paid for from donations to our Chancel Fund.

(See separate sheet for the list of donors and their dedications.)



DEACONS FOR APRIL: Amy Barkat (star), Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, and Pat Stoddard. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach Dale (860 301-6762) or Linda (401 286-6582) please call on a deacon.

ALL in-person worship, meetings and gatherings at the church have been **SUSPENDED** or **POSTPONED** until further notice. However, some things are still happening virtually – see calendar above.

Clergy away: Dale will be 'on vacation' for the week after Easter – with the exception of attending the Church Council meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening. If you need to contact a pastor during this time, please reach out to Linda Hartley at 401 246-0111 x 104 or 401 286-6582 or linda@bccucc.org. Thank you.

Worship with us online at 10 am Sunday mornings at www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/> You can also access the live-stream page from the link on the home page of our church website www.bccucc.org We are making available ahead of time a downloadable bulletin and hymn sheet so you can join in at home. If you miss the service live, you can watch a recording later at your convenience, at the same links.

BCCUCC Happy Hour – you now need a password: Are you missing your church friends and pastors? We're hosting a BCCUCC virtual Happy Hour with Dale every THURSDAY from 4:30 - 6 pm via Zoom. The link to the meeting is the **same every week** <https://zoom.us/j/943509185> with a **meeting ID of 943 509 185**. Due to security changes that zoom has made, you now also need a **password which is 395729**. So grab your favorite beverage (beer, coffee, water, wine, seltzer, you name it), sit down with your computer, tablet or smartphone, and hang out with your church friends for a while. You're welcome to drop by (virtually) for as long or short a time as you'd like – we miss you!

Llama Pajama Time with Andrea is the name of the live-streamed sessions that Andrea is doing to connect with children and families during this time of separation. Tune in on SATURDAYS at 9:30 am to www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/> as Andrea reads a story or two, shares a Psalm and talks with the children. All are welcome to watch – both the young and young at heart! If you miss it live, you can watch a recording at the links.

Church office is closed for the foreseeable future. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages are checked regularly. Our contact information is:

Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104;

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line);

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102; Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107.

Worship Technology Team – volunteers needed: Dale is looking for volunteers to help with the technology needed to put together and live-stream the Sunday worship services each week. He's found that he's not effectively able to manage the technology needs and worship at the same time. Since it looks like we won't be returning to in-person worship anytime in the immediate future, we need to create a more effective and sustainable worship team. So, we are looking for help. We need the following positions filled by qualified volunteers:

- **Livestream Producers** – We need two or three people who are capable of managing our livestream productions on Sunday mornings. These people need to be comfortable with computers, have some understanding of Zoom or hosting video conferencing meetings, have some minor experience working with websites, and be capable of troubleshooting problems on the fly (or at least be quick learners on all these items). This role would require a few hours of prep time throughout the week and two hours on Sunday morning (before and during worship). Ideally, we would have more than one person so they could rotate weekly, allowing everyone some weeks to enjoy worship.
- **Video/Graphic Creators** – We need one or two people capable of creating videos or slideshows for our worship services. Those interested need to have basic understanding of video editing, or PowerPoint slideshow production and have access to their own computer. This may or may not be needed every week. We will discover this as this process evolves. These individuals should be responsible and able to work effectively with deadlines. The number of hours each week would depend on how involved the projects undertaken become and how much time our creators have to give.

If you have the skills and time to join our Worship Technology Team, please reach out to Dale at dale@bccucc.org. He looks forward to working with you!

Phone calls don't spread germs! If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're just 'staying at home' as required, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone during this time of restrictions. Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. *Please note that Dale will be taking some time off from April 13 – 19 so please call Linda during this time.*

Stay connected. During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. Our Lay Visitation Group has been making phone calls to some of our seniors living alone. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to, but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org. Christine will then get their contact information to you.

'RIP Medical Debt' offering: The Southern New England Conference (SNEUCC) has invited all 609 churches to participate in their 'RIP Medical Debt' initiative. The Conference had launched this economic justice initiative because:

- Medical debt contributes to more than 60% of all bankruptcies.
- 75% of individuals in medical bankruptcy had health insurance.
- 43 million Americans now owe about \$75 billion in past-due medical care.
- Medical debt forces families to forgo or be denied health care services.
- The financial burden of medical debt forces families to cut back on other critical needs, such as food and clothing.

We encourage all of you to prayerfully consider donating, as every \$100 collected will be used to eliminate \$10,000 in medical debt in some of the neediest communities in our region, including Providence. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'R.I.P. Medical Debt' in the memo line and mail them to the church office at 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806. To learn more go to: <https://www.sneucc.org/RIP-medical-debt>. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. *We will continue to take donations thru April 15th.*

Book Group plans to meet virtually this month via Zoom on TUES, APR 21ST at a time tbd to discuss *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell – or share a book that you've read if you were unable to get hold of this month's book! More information about the group from Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People: If you have prayers you'd like to be lifted up at Sunday's worship service, you are invited to send them to Dale or Linda *by 9 am Sunday morning*. You can call and leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111 or email them at dale@bccucc.org or linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up in comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and also consider using first names only. *Please note that prayer requests will not be included in the Easter Sunday worship service, so please only send ones for the April 19th worship service. Thank you.*

Church offering: Thank you to those of you who are mailing your contributions to the church. If you are financially able to do so at this time, we encourage you to mail in your regular contributions or use online banking if that is available to you. This will allow our cash flow to remain stable and for the church to be able to pay its bills and meet payroll. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pat Stoddard, pat@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 102. Thanks.

Our church calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. Looking ahead, cancellations and suspensions of meetings and events may not yet be noted on the calendar as we don't know what the future holds at this time.