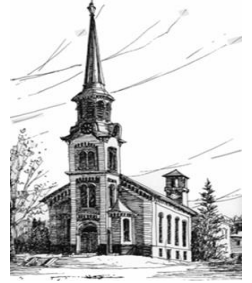


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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2026

Vacation Bible Camp this Summer at BCC

We're excited to invite your children to join us for this year's Vacation Bible Camp, happening August 3rd–7th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM! This summer, kids will dive into an underwater adventure filled with Bible stories, fun games, ocean-themed crafts, upbeat music, meaningful lessons about God's love being with us wherever we go and a fun water filled Friday!



Join us Friday evening at 5:30 PM for a special performance by the campers, followed by a picnic dinner party with waterslides and inflatables for all to enjoy. Spots are limited and fill quickly, so be sure to register soon! We'd love to have your family be part of this fun and faith-filled week.

Need To Know:

- Open to children ages 5–13.
- Volunteers ages 14 and up.
- Cost is \$20 per non-BCC member camper



Volunteer
Sign Up Here

Camper
Sign Up Here



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The Pastor's Page

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

-Matthew 9:37-38



Hello, my friends,

I like to cook dinner. But after a long day, it can honestly feel overwhelming. First comes figuring out what to make. Then checking what we have. Then maybe going to the store. Then cooking everything. What should be good can quickly begin to feel like a burden.

But when everyone jumps in, everything changes. Mason heats something up. Addie chops. Jake makes a sauce. Sarah sets the table. The music is playing, conversation is flowing, and the smells begin to fill the kitchen. What once felt like a chore becomes something shared, meaningful, and even joyful.

That is a picture of ministry.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus looks at the crowds and has compassion for them. He sees people who are weary, scattered, vulnerable, and in need of care. He does not see them as an interruption or a problem to manage. He sees them with love.

Then Jesus names the need: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Notice, Jesus does not say the harvest is hopeless. He does not say the need is too much. He says the harvest is plentiful. There is good work to be done. There are people to love, wounds to tend, burdens to carry, and hope to share.

But the work was never meant to be carried alone.

Jesus tells the disciples to pray for laborers. Then, almost immediately, He calls those same disciples by name, gives them authority, and sends them out. They pray for help, and then they become part of the help God is sending.

That is often how prayer works. We pray for the lonely, and God calls us to visit. We pray for the hungry, and God calls us to feed. We pray for the hurting, and God calls us to comfort. We pray for the church, and God calls us to serve.

The disciples were not perfect. They were ordinary people with different gifts, weaknesses, personalities, and stories. Yet Jesus called them, trusted them, empowered them, and sent them.

The same is true for us.

We are **seen** by Christ. We are **loved** by Christ. We are **called** by Christ. We are **empowered** by Christ. And then we are **sent** by Christ.

The harvest is plentiful.

So, before we ask, "Who will do the work?" let us first pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers. And then, with open hearts, let us be willing to ask, "Lord, how are You sending me?"

With much love,

-Pastor Brian

Moderator's Moment



The Church Council met on Monday June 8th. The Council had a long discussion about our church's current situation. The Council generally agreed our Church and Congregation are experiencing wonderful momentum: Sunday attendance is growing, we are welcoming new members, our Youth Mission trip has more young adults registered than ever before, and there is a great energy and enthusiasm surrounding all the events our church holds. We also recognize our Church is likely to experience our 3rd year in a row with an operating deficit. The Council discussed a number of ways we might reduce our expenses in order to reduce (though not eliminate) our expected deficit for this year. We'll provide more insight into those discussions at a later date.

Also at the meeting, the Council voted to form an Ad Hoc Fellowship Committee. The committee will meet individually with members of the Congregation to learn more about what individual members think about our Church — both what they appreciate and any concerns or suggestions for improvement they may have. This committee has already been formed and will hold an organizational meeting in July. The goal is to meet with members starting in the late summer and early fall. We encourage all church members to give some thought to these questions prior to their conversation with members of the committee.

Sincerely yours,

Matt Mullen, Church Moderator

From the Kitchen-----Looking Ahead:

As we will soon be preparing for the Apple Pie Making and the Apple Country Fair we will be having a review for preparing the apple pies under the ServSafe guidelines for all who are planning on participating. We are looking at sometime in September to make us aware of the regulations we must follow as we prepare to sell food to the public for our annual fundraiser.

I did pass the ServSafe Manager Test and we have our Kitchen inspection July 8th. I am good until 6/15/2031. Then I would like to pass the baton on to someone else, so please keep that in mind if someone would like to take this on. Also, a reminder to take all food home after coffee hours, and events. No food is to be stored here. Always, take leftovers home. Thank you to the Helping Hands Team for Cleaning our Kitchen & all you do!! - Darlene Dean



For those looking to find a quiet, meditative way to end your day, please join us for the compline service at St. Joseph's on the **second Wednesday of the month**.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Christian Life bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Let us know if you want to meet at the Abbey or need a ride. We are looking forward to sharing this peaceful, thoughtful experience with you.



Women's Bible Study – Will meet Friday, July 10th @ 6PM, at the Jay residence. Any questions, speak with Margaret Aubin. We will be studying Lesson 5: High Stakes Game pg.149 – 176.

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

TAG SALE

10 AM - 4 PM

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CAR WASH

1 PM - 4 PM

Fundraiser for our Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

July 19th – July 25th Hazlet, New Jersey

In recent years, Nor'easter storms and heavy snowfall have taken a toll, especially on seniors and low-income families.

The teens will serve a variety of residents by completing meaningful projects such as building wheelchair ramps, repairing porches, painting homes, and making other much-needed home improvements that will be truly appreciated.



THE MOTTO FOR THE DISMAS ORGANIZATION IS: DISMAS IS FAMILY

What better way to spend time with “family than around the dinner table.” On the fourth Thursday of each month members of our church family join the family of residents at the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham. If you are considering joining us on this valuable outreach but have questions, please speak with me at church or feel free to call/email me. 774-200-7571 or tammy.bccmissionoutreachboard@gmail.com

MENU FOR JULY 2026:

1. Salad with Protein side: _____
2. Macaroni Salad w/ Tuna side: _____
3. Potato Salad Bacon bits on side: Tammy
4. Caesar Salad Grilled chicken side: _____
5. Dessert, Apple Salad: Tammy

The menu sign-up sheet will be posted on The Mission Board in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping to contribute a dish for the monthly visit. If you are unable to prepare a dish but can contribute \$\$ towards the dinner, please speak with Tammy. Thank you.



It's Tag Sale Time

Tag sale time is here, and our tag sale team is ready to accept your treasures. That being said, please don't stop reading now. It is important that you remember we cannot accept electronics, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, TV's or baby furniture such as cribs or car seats. Please be sure the items you offer are clean, have all their parts, and are not chipped, cracked, or broken. Mugs are wonderful, but mugs with business logos on them do not sell. Also, if the item requires batteries, please be sure there are working batteries in place for people to test the item or toy. Thank you for your donations. We appreciate you taking the time to double-check your treasures, so the church does not spend money on taking unusable items to the transfer station. If you have any questions, please speak with Jane Snyder. Thank you for helping us have a profitable year. – Tag Sale Team



Walking Through Grief

An opportunity to share in the journey through grief as a group.

Wednesdays, @ 6:00 PM, an

8 week program 6/10-7/29. Speak with Lisa Mollison or the Church Office to sign up.



Sending out a special thank you to all of the **spirit lifters** for all they do. Your dedication and visits, cards, and preparation mean so much to those who receive them. Keep on spreading God's love to all.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT OF INCOME: MAY 2026

ANNUAL BUDGET

\$167,130.66

PROJECTED MONTHLY AVERAGE

\$13,927.55

RECEIVED INCOME FOR MONTH OF MAY

\$27,504.00

Offering

\$22,511.39

Other Sources

\$4,992.61

PROJECTED INCOME YEAR-TO-DATE

\$69,637.75

RECEIVED INCOME YEAR-TO-DATE

\$71,443.46

Worship Team Volunteer Schedule for June 2026

	Readers	Children's Sermon	Greeter(s)
7/05/26	Darlene Dean	Reagan Paras	Lee & Cathy Farr
7/12/26	Rhys Aubin	Communion	Holly & Carrie Bernadone
7/19/26	Jane Snyder	Colleen Fipps	Clifton & Jessica Safford
7/26/26	Art Rousseau	Cheri Carty	Jeff Morin

Scripture Readings for June 2026:

DATE	SCRIPTURE READING	GOSPEL READING	READER
7/05/26	Psalm 45:10-17	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Darlene Dean
7/12/26	Psalm 119:105-112	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Rhys Aubin
7/19/26	Proverbs 3:1-6	John 15:9-17	Jane Snyder
7/26/26	Psalm 128	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Art Rousseau

****Please note that if you are partaking in a role on the day of service and you cannot make it, we ask that YOU find a replacement and let the office know by Wed. for the bulletin. Thank you in advance.**

Deacons for the Month of July: **Cathy Farr and Bill Simpson**

From the mailbox: We have received several cards with many thanks to the Spirit Lifters for their wonderful visits and gifts. Thank you cards from Pat McInnes, Judith Ohman, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Landine, & Carol Redman.



The Choir will be taking the Summer off. We look forward to regrouping after Labor Day, September 13th. If anyone would like to join the choir please speak with Reagan or Lindsey Paras. We would love to have you be part of our musical ministry.



CHURCH FUN PAGE

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

6	Tammy Taquino	24	Patrick Mullen
9	Maxwell Gold	27	Holly Bernadone
11	Bill Simpson	29	Rev. Nancy Collins
11	John Condon	29	Diana Wexler
11	Peter Sauvageau	31	Stephanie Lynch
16	Lee Farr	31	Doug Brown
18	Jan Byrer	31	Doreen Blouin

IMPORTANT WORDS IN THE BIBLE

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JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6 PM Walking Through Grief Program AA 7 PM	2	3	4 
5 10 AM WORSHIP 10:15 SUN. SCH. 11 AM COFFEE HR.	6	7 Centering Prayer 10 AM	8 6 PM Walking Through Grief Program AA 7 PM Compline Serv. St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. 7:20PM	9	10 Women's Bible Study 6PM	11 Tag Sale 10am-4pm Teen Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser 1pm-4pm
12 10 AM WORSHIP 10:15 SUN.SCH. 11 AM COFFEE HR.	13 Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Centering Prayer 10 AM	15 6 PM Walking Through Grief Program AA 7 PM	16	17	18
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26 10 AM WORSHIP 10:15 SUN.SCH. 11 AM COFFEE HR.	27	28 Centering Prayer 10 AM	29 (Mailing the newsletter) 6 Walking Through Grief Program AA 7 PM	30	31	

Disclaimer: Dates are subject to change but will be announced accordingly. If you would like your groups event on this calendar, please contact the office at bccucc1857@gmail.com or call 508-867-6262 and leave a message. Thank you.

WEBSITE NEWS:



For the latest information on what's happening in our church please visit our website by entering <http://www.bcc1857.org/> or scan the QR Code.

Watch our Sunday morning services!

Read messages from Pastor Brian Oxman, and

Church Moderator, Matt Mullen

Learn about our church activities!

Visit! Come!



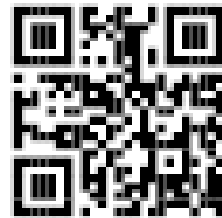
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From the Office:

Hello Everyone,

If you have a key to the church, please take the form on the office door and fill it out, sign it. Let us know how many keys you have and which doors they fit. If there is a number on it that would be helpful too. We are updating our key inventory list.

Thank you all in advance.

Darlene Dean

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