

# March 16, 2020

Special updated information for Barrington Congregational Church UCC

# **Revised information on BCCUCC happenings**

The eBridge for March 12th was resent out today to those who hadn't opened it already. However, some of the information it contained has changed since last Thursday, as a result of the COVID19 restrictions.

To avoid any confusion, we are taking this opportunity to notify everyone of a variety of postponements and cancellations that have been made for this week, and also some in the future that we've been notified about.

The <u>online calendar</u> will continue to be updated as any additional cancellations and postponements happen.

# Calendar

Church office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 unless otherwise noted

Mon, Mar 16

**CANCELLED** - Bereavement Group

CANCELLED Vision 2020 meeting, Room 6

Tues, Mar 17

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**CANCELLED** Deacons' meeting, Library

Wed, Mar 18

**CANCELLED** Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

**CANCELLED** Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 19

**CANCELLED** Women's Faith Group, Library

7 - 8:15 pm Spiritual Gifts class, Library

Fri, Mar 20

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Mar 21

**CANCELLED** - East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Sun, Mar 22 Lent 4 - What a Covenant! Moses (pt 2)

**CANCELLED** Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal

No in-person worship. No Church School

10 am Online live Worship Service only at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bccucc">www.facebook.com/bccucc</a>

CANCELLED '2020 Election Series' with Rev. Don Remick, Library

POSTPONED to May 31: Linda's Ordination Service, Newman Congregational Church UCC

**POSTPONED** - Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction

# A decision has yet to be made about worship, meetings and events in the following week(s) unless otherwise noted below

#### Mon, Mar 23

11 am Lay Visitation Group, Library

3 - 5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) meeting, Library

#### Tues, Mar 24

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**CANCELLED** Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren

#### Wed, Mar 25

Noon Deadline for eBridge

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

#### Thurs, Mar 26

7 - 8:15 pm Spiritual Gifts class, Library

#### Fri, Mar 27

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

#### Sat, Mar 28

POSTPONED to May 30: East Bay WOMEN's Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall 2:45 pm BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen

#### Sun, Mar 29 Lent 5 - What a Covenant! Jesus

'R.I.P. Medical Debt' special offering 8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library 10 am Worship Service, Church School

For the complete church calendar visit <a href="http://bccucc.view-events.com">http://bccucc.view-events.com</a> Send calendar information to <a href="mailto:office@bccucc.org">office@bccucc.org</a>

# **Cancellations and Postponements**

## Bereavement Group - CANCELLED for March 16th & 30th

The March meetings of the Bereavement Group have been cancelled. The facilitator, Betsy Brenner, will reevaluate the situation at the end of the month for the April meetings. If you have any concerns, please contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at <a href="mailto:isbeeb@aol.com">isbeeb@aol.com</a> or 245-8031.

### Women's Faith Group - CANCELLED

Watch for an email from Jane Tonn with information about a YouTube video from Marcus Borg that you can watch, since the group won't be meeting as usual. For more information or questions, contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or <a href="mailto:jtonn2@cox.net">jtonn2@cox.net</a>.

## **East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap - CANCELLED**

This monthly event, scheduled for Sat, March 21st has been CANCELLED because of

concerns the organizers have over the corona virus. Their next event is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. Learn more at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/">https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/</a>

#### 'Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices' - 2020 Election Series - CANCELLED

The discussion about RIP Medical Debt, scheduled for after church on Sunday, March 22nd with the Rev. Don Remick, Bridge Conference Minister, has been cancelled.

## **Linda's Ordination - postponed to May 31st**

Linda Hartley's Service of Ordination has been **postponed to Sunday, May 31st** at 3 pm at Newman Congregational Church, UCC, 100 Newman Ave., Rumford RI 02916. All are welcome to attend and a reception will follow. Newman Congregational Church is Linda's home church and has supported her throughout her ordination process.

#### Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser - POSTPONED!

The Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Puerto Rico mission trip is being postponed until May due to current concerns about public gatherings and the spread of the coronavirus disease. Tickets that have already been purchased will be honored at the event in May. If you are no longer able to attend, tickets can be turned back in for a full refund. Look for more information coming in April regarding a new date for this event. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope to see everyone there in May.

# "Turkey, Syria and the Kurds: Making Sense of the Situation and Exploring Long-Term Implications" - POSTPONED

This presentation by George Kassis at the East Providence Library, 41 Grove St., E. Providence. RI has been **postponed to Monday**, **June 22nd** at 7 pm. George Kassis, who was born and raised in Syria and spent over 25 years working for the UN, teaches courses on understanding the Middle East.

Co-sponsors of this event are East Bay Citizens for Peace, E. Providence Library, and BCCUCC's Mission and Justice Team. All are welcome. Flier

For more information, contact info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or (401) 247-3004.

# **Book Group - CANCELLED**

The Book Group will **not** meet as originally scheduled (on March 24th). Group members are welcome to share their reactions to the book - *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem - with members of the group. Learn more about the book. For information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at <a href="helenschall@hotmail.com">helenschall@hotmail.com</a> or 245-4724. All are welcome!

# **East Bay WOMEN's Clothing Swap - POSTPONED**

The next women's clothes swap has been **postponed to Saturday**, **May 30th** from 9:30 – 11 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3 - \$5 entry, no-one turned away. Bring shoes, bags, and clothing that you no longer need, and maybe bring home a whole new wardrobe! Open to the community.

# Ways to connect with church during this crisis

Worship with us 'online'

The virtual worship service on Sunday, March 15th had 45 logins watching on Facebook Live and many of those logins were couples or whole families! After some initial technical difficulties which delayed the start of the live stream, the service streamed really well. We will be once again offering a virtual worship service this coming **Sunday**, **March 22nd** at 10 a.m.



and invite you to join us at <a href="www.facebook.com/bccucc">www.facebook.com/bccucc</a> where you can worship with us from the comfort of your own home. (No need to have a Facebook account). If you missed last Sunday's worship service, you can <a href="watch a recording of it">watch a recording of it</a> that's been posted to our church's website page.

# Phone calls don't spread germs!

If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're staying home as advised, 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. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104.



# Missed a Sunday in church or want to hear a sermon again?

We're very happy to report that the sermons are once again being posted to our website each week. So if you're unable to be in church some Sunday, you can log onto the website at www.bccucc.org and click on the link on the home page. Or click



on this link <u>Listen to the latest sermon</u>. Once on the sermon page you can also access and listen to past sermons going back to 2017.

Please note that the sermon from this past Sunday, March 15th, can be viewed as part of the worship service and is not available as an audio recording. <u>Watch the recording</u> of last Sunday's worship service

# Keep up to date with what's happening at church!

The complete church calendar can be seen at <a href="http://bccucc.view-events.com">http://bccucc.view-events.com</a> or from the bottom of any page on our church website <a href="www.bccucc.org">www.bccucc.org</a>.

Please notify Christine with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can always be kept up to date. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

# **Useful Links**

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