

### March 17, 2020

New information from BCCUUC

#### Keeping you up-to date

With everything in such a state of flux, we will be sending emails to the congregation more often with updates as they become available. Hopefully you received <u>yesterday's</u> <u>email</u> with a list of cancellations and postponements. Today's email contains an updated calendar and new information, including a way for children and families to connect virtually with our church.

We won't usually repeat previous information - so check on the link above if you didn't see yesterday's email.



## Calendar

Church office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 only

Tues, Mar 17 11 am Staff meeting, Room 6 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 CANCELLED 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 <u>www.facebook.com/bccucc</u> 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

## Decisions have 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, Room 6 CANCELLED Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Wed, Mar 25 Noon Deadline for eBridge

CANCELLED Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 26 7 pm VIRTUAL 'Spiritual Gifts' class - via Zoom

Fri, Mar 27 Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Mar 28 POSTPONED to May 30: East Bay WOMEN's Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall CANCELLED 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 <u>http://bccucc.view-events.com</u> Send calendar information to <u>office@bccucc.org</u>

## The latest changes

#### **Abbreviated Church Office Hours**

During this time of recommended physical distancing, we are reducing the church office hours to **mornings only** from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18th. Thanks to modern technology, it is possible for some of the work of the church to be done remotely from our homes.



#### **Spiritual Gifts Class - CANCELLED on March 19th**

The Spiritual Gifts class for this Thursday, March 19th, has been cancelled. However, they hope to have a virtual class via Zoom the following Thursday, March 26th.

#### Soup Kitchen - CANCELLED

In accordance with the RI state recommendation/mandate that, due to the Covid-19 virus, no gatherings be held that include 25 people or more until further notice, the Soup Kitchen that scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 has been cancelled.



# Ways for children and families to connect with church at this time

#### An important message from Andrea

Even though the children aren't able to be in church or church school at this time, Andrea Bullard, our Christian Education Coordinator, wants them to know that she's still here, and that **starting this Thursday at 10 am** she will be coming to your children **live on the church's Facebook page!** 



The idea is to tell them a story and let them know that she's thinking of them. Although we can't be together in person we can be virtually.

She will be coming to them live on **Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 am** over the next few weeks and will be with them for 15 minutes or so. (Enough time for the parent(s) to catch their breath and grab a cuppa!) She doesn't yet have a name for this little segment, so maybe the kiddos can help her with that!!

We look forward to children and families of all ages joining her for this time together.

For Facebook live, simply go to <u>www.facebook.com/bccucc</u> just before 10 am to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds.

#### Faith at Home - Opportunities and Ideas

from Kristin Putney, SNEUCC Faith Formation Leader

What to do with your children and family during this Lenten Season of chaos and uncertainty? We are in changing times as we navigate and adjust to the ongoing concerns of the CoVid-19 pandemic. Churches are practicing "social distancing" and not having worship or faith formation for children within their church setting. *This is a great opportunity to spend that time with your children at home in purposeful and intentional faith filled ways.* 

<u>Click on this link</u> for several ideas to do at HOME during Lent to engage everyone of any age.

#### Keep up to date with all the changes!

The calendar is being regularly updated with cancellations and postponements as they become known.

**The complete church calendar** can be seen at <u>http://bccucc.view-events.com</u> or from the bottom of any page on our church website <u>www.bccucc.org</u>. Please notify Christine with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can

always be kept up to date. Contact her at <u>office@bccucc.org</u> or 246-0111.

## **Useful Links**

Upcoming Worship Services

Our Church Calendar

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