

# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Church Office is closed until further notice.*

<b>Sun, Aug 30</b>		NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
	9:30 am	Livestreamed Worship Service (No in-person worship)
	11 am – Noon	Small outdoor in-person coffee hour at member's home
Tues, Sept 1	11 am	Staff meeting via Zoom
	5 pm	Stewardship team meeting via Zoom
	7 – 9 pm	Knitting for Others group via Zoom
Wed, Sept 2	7 pm	Associate Minister Search Committee meeting via Zoom
Thurs, Sept 3	2:30 pm	Moving Forward meeting via Zoom
<b>Sun, Sept 6</b>	9:30 am	Livestreamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship)
Mon, Sept 7		<b>Labor Day</b>
Tues, Sept 8	11 am	Staff meeting via Zoom
	2 pm	Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom
	7 pm	Church Council meeting via Zoom
Wed, Sept 9	Noon	<i>Deadline for the next Announcements and eBridge</i>
Sat, Sept 12	9:30 am	Prayers in the Parking Lot
<b>Sun, Sept 13</b>		OPEN DOORS SUNDAY
	<b>10 am</b>	Livestreamed All Ages Worship Service (No in-person worship)
	11:15 am	Church School Volunteers meet via Zoom
	After Worship	Zoom Coffee Hour starts up again



**Birthdays for the Week of Aug 30<sup>th</sup>:** *Vanessa Kiley, Michael Zeleznik, Reid Wemple, Amy Barkat, Dick McWhirter, Leslie Peck, Kara Humm, and Audrey Rogers.*

**Birthdays for the Week of Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:** *Lisa Allen, Erik Ela, Lory Snady-McCoy, Bob Zeleznik, Rebecca Bendheim, Ben Flynn, Maggie Slane, Mary Lou Slicker, Seth Azevedo, Tom Strolla, Jennifer Geary, and Connor Helm.*

Please keep them all 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 for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:** One arrangement is given by Heather Williamson and Libardo DeLaTorre in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The other arrangement is paid for from the Chancel Fund.

**Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>:** One arrangement is given by Kate Bonneau in gratitude and love for all things. *There isn't yet a donor for the second arrangement - see below if you'd like to donate them.*

**Deacons:** Amy Barkat, Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jane Tonn, Nancy Arena, & Lory McCoy. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach Dale (860 301-6762) or Linda (401 286-6582) please call on a deacon.

**Altar flower donors needed:** Donors are needed to pay for one arrangement of altar flowers on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and one on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Each arrangement costs \$30 and the flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event. If interested, please contact Bethia Rosner at (401) 383-5538 or [bethiarosner@gmail.com](mailto:bethiarosner@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Change in clergy day off:** Beginning Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Linda Hartley will be taking Mondays as her weekly day off. Rev. Dale Azevedo will continue to take Fridays off.

**Prayer requests** may be sent to Dale at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or Linda at [linda@bccucc.org](mailto:linda@bccucc.org) or leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111. The deadline for prayer requests to be included in the Sunday worship service is **8 am Sunday morning**. As always, please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community during the online worship service, and consider using first names only.

**Summer Worship** is at the earlier time of **9:30 am** Sunday mornings thru Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The services are online only and can be watched at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://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](http://www.bccucc.org). If you miss the service live, you can always watch a recording later at your convenience, at the same links.

**New Member Sunday:** We welcome Fred Rocco, Jeff Stumpff, and Chris and Joanne Waite who will officially become members of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC during worship on SUNDAY, AUG 30<sup>th</sup>. Although we're unable to give them the traditional welcome during worship and with cake at coffee hour, we're really pleased that they've joined.

**Want to join us for small in-person coffee hour?** As a part of our 'Building Relationships during the Pandemic' program, we are trying something new. We will be hosting a small, in-person "Coffee hour" this SUNDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>, at **11 am** after the online church service. Members of the congregation have offered to host these outdoor gatherings with a maximum of fifteen people at each home. Participants are required to wear masks and to bring their own beverage and chair if they wish. To take advantage of this opportunity to connect with church friends, please contact Helen Schall (245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)) or use SignUpGenius *before noon on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>*. We will let you know later on Saturday where your assigned coffee hour will be held. *Laura Ward, Helen Schall, and Trinkie Brueckner.*

**Worship includes Communion on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>:** On the first Sunday of September we will be celebrating communion during the virtual service. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. However, we invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the "proper" elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an open and loving heart.

**Introducing 'Parking Lot Prayers'!** Do you miss seeing everyone? Looking for a chance to gather with your church friends in a SAFE way? On SATURDAY, SEPT 12<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting the whole church family to gather for a short time of sharing and prayers in the church parking lot. Although the whole church community is invited, we can only have 40 cars in attendance. This gathering will follow RI safety guidelines. **Preregistration is required** by contacting the church office (401) 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or through SignUpGenius. Cars will park every other space. People can exit their cars but must wear a mask and remain in their parking space. We hope to provide a way for those who want to be able to share some of your prayers or thoughts with those gathered. **The prayers will begin at 9:30 am** and we expect to wrap up by 10. We will be recording this event and also hope to have it livestreamed for those who cannot attend. Sign up and join us! If you wish to share a short prayer of gratitude, hope, or need; or you'd like to volunteer to help out, please let us know that when you sign up. Questions? Contact Abby Ashley at [abbyashley01@gmail.com](mailto:abbyashley01@gmail.com) or 439-1700.

**Open Doors Sunday** is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>. The All Ages Worship Service will be online only (no in person worship) and will mark the return to the **10 am** start time.

**More painted rocks are needed** for around the base of the Peace Pole which will soon be 'planted' on the church property. Rocks painted with sayings, pictures, slogans etc can be left in the container on the patio behind Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or need ideas, please contact Andrea at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 ext 107.

**Making Handwashing a Time of Prayer:** Washing our hands for 20 seconds is one of the ways to reduce the spread of the Covid virus. How long is 20 seconds? That is sometimes hard to track. However, there is a way that combines adequate handwashing and praising God. The Doxology that we sing during worship, (it starts with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow....") takes approximately 20 seconds to sing. By choosing to sing the Doxology each time we wash our hands we mentally shift our focus from the challenge of living within a pandemic to thoughts of gratitude and the blessings God has bestowed. Focusing on these positives in the midst of our challenges improves our health and wellbeing. Thanks be to God. For further explanation and a demonstration go to <https://youtu.be/V18iZK14A74>

**The Knitting for Others Group** meets virtually each month and next meets TUESDAY, SEPT 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or [nancy.arena@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com). *For security reasons the zoom information is not included in this version that is posted on the church website. It was included in the eBridge emailed to the congregation.*

**The Book Group** next meet TUES, SEPT 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am via Zoom to discuss *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 years old* by Hendrik Groen: "Delightful and moving, Groen's novel shares a full year of the eponymous octogenarian's journal entries, detailing his day-to-day observations, humorous inner monologues, and overall zest for life within a nursing home in Amsterdam." For more info about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *For security reasons the zoom information is not included in this version that is posted on the church website. It was included in the eBridge emailed to the congregation.*