



January 17, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Office open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm, unless otherwise noted

Thurs, Jan 17

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Fri, Jan 18

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Jan 19

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kids Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Jan 20 Celebration of Beloved Community

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
2-4 pm Youth Group Meeting, Room 9 (*note the earlier time*)

Mon, Jan 21 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Office Closed

Tues, Jan 22

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
11:30 am Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Wed, Jan 23

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Jan 24

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Jan 25

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jan 27 Stewardship (Tithing Your Time)

10 am Worship Service, Church School
After Worship Annual Budget Meeting, Sanctuary
12:45 - 5 pm RICUCC Youth Racial Justice Awareness Program, Seekonk UCC

Mon, Jan 28

11 am Bereavement Group, Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, Jan 29

11 am Staff meeting, Office

Wed, Jan 30

Noon Deadline for eBridge

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Jan 31

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Feb 1

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Feb 3 Disability Awareness Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Children's Communion in the Library then Church School

10 am Worship Service with Communion

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is
Wednesday, January 30th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge. Some platforms only show part of it with a link to the remainder.

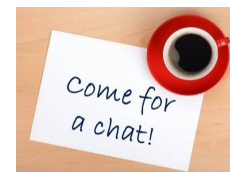
What's happening

Women of Faith

The group meets on **Thursday, January 17th** from 1:30 - 3 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. The book they're discussing is *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright and copies are available for purchase from the office at the discounted price of \$13. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net,

Community Office Hours

They happen **every Thursday** from 3 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren (unless otherwise noted). Community Office Hours are for anyone in the church or community who would like to stop by and visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.



East Bay Kids Clothing Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Saturday, January 19th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up for newborn to age 12 years old. Open to the community, there's a \$3-\$5



donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap>
The organizers are looking for musicians for their events - see below.

The Kid's Clothing Swap is recruiting musicians

To make this thriving family event at our church even more exuberant, the clothing swap organizers are looking for musicians of all varieties to come share their talent and provide music for the clothing swappers. If you have a singing voice, sing with a group, play an instrument, or have a musical talent of any kind that you'd like to share, this is a chance for you to enrich a community event with your gifts. Contact Meghan Sheehan megsheehan@gmail.com and Brendan brendan@bccucc.org to coordinate! The clothing swaps take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.



Youth Group Meeting - change in time

The Youth Group meeting this **Sunday, January 20th** has been rescheduled to the earlier time of 2 – 4 pm to accommodate our football fans who don't want to miss the evening game! In the first hour, from 2-3 pm, we will plan for this April's mission trip. Even if you're not going on the mission trip all are welcome. We can use everyone's help! Youth group meets in Room 9 and is open to everyone in grades 6-12.



Church Office Closed for holiday

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 21st** for the Martin Luther King Jr, holiday.



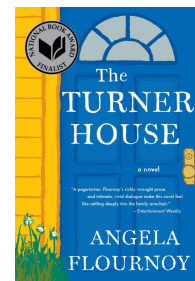
Mindful Mondays

No mindful Monday on January 21st as it's a holiday. They'll resume on **Monday, January 28th** and will take place **every Monday** (unless it's a holiday or otherwise noted). Led by Brendan, there is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, January 22nd** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *Turner House* by Angela Flournoy: "In this wonderfully lively debut novel, Flournoy tells the story of a complicated family, stepping back in time to show the parents' early married days in the 1940s, their move north to Detroit from the rural South, and how their children each experienced a different version of the neighborhood, which comes to symbolize both the hopes and dashed dreams of Detroit's lower-middle-class blacks. Encompassing a multitude of themes, including aging and parenthood, this is a compelling read that is funny and moving in equal measure." (Booklist) For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Annual Budget Meeting

Our church's Annual Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27th** in the sanctuary immediately after worship. All church members are encouraged to attend, and child care will be provided.

The proposed budget will be emailed to the congregation prior to the meeting.



**Warrant for the ANNUAL Budget Meeting
Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island
Sunday, January 27, 2019**

The annual budget meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—December 31, 2019

ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting

ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

Racial Justice Awareness Program for Youth

Youth & Leaders from the RI Conference of the UCC are invited to a full afternoon of a Racial Justice Awareness (RJA) Program for confirmation classes and those in 7th grade-12th grade. It will be held **Sunday, January 27th** from 12:45 – 5 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk. Trained RJA facilitators (Brendan is one of the facilitators) will offer presentations including videos and guided discussions for youth to develop a strong voice as advocates of the future of change. (Snacks provided). Special free lunch option 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Please RSVP to Kristin Putney 774-991-1555, mitchmoon12@hotmail.com. The BCCUCC confirmands will be attending, and any other youth in grades 7-12 are also welcome to attend.



Bereavement Group

The group next meets on **Monday, January 28th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Knitting for Others Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, February 5th** from 7-9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please RSVP to Elizabeth to let her know if you'll be attending at eazevedo17@gmail.com. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.



NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the

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We will always do our best to notify you of cancellations, especially if we ever need to cancel Sunday worship. Be sure to check your email, Facebook, and the TV and radio stations. There's also a link to the RI Broadcasters list of cancellations on our church website www.bccucc.org under What's Happening>Snow and Event Cancellations, or [click here](#)



However, in the event that we lose power and/or internet connection we will be unable to post these notifications. Also please note that if there is bad weather during office hours, the office may need to close without notice.

Miscellaneous

Thank you from Irons Homestead

We recently received a letter of thanks from Rev. Jennifer Geary, Director of Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat, and member of our church. BCCUCC, together with some of the other churches in the RI Conference UCC, had been asked to help support the 2018 camp program at Irons by underwriting some of the costs. Thanks to the generosity of several churches, including ours, they were able to provide enriching Summer programming for children ages 6-18, many of whom were currently living in shelters. [Read Jennifer's letter.](#)



Haiti Delegation posts updates and photos

A delegation of nine members of the Rhode Island Conference traveled to Haiti from January 9th - 15th, 2019 as part of the Conference's Haiti partnership. One of the participants, Irons Homestead Director Jennifer Geary, posted updates and photos via social media. They have been compiled on the conference website and can be [found at this link.](#)



"It's Time We Talk" - a community initiative promoting emotional well-being

"It's Time We Talk" – connecting the community through a series of discussions and events (being held from Jan – Jun 2019) is an initiative to promote emotional well-being. The Kick-Off Reception will be held **Sunday, January 27th** from 2-4 pm at Barrington Public Library. The event is free and features Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen - president and founder of [Give an Hour™](#) which also leads the Campaign to [Change Direction®](#), a global initiative focused on changing the culture of mental health. For more information [check out the flier](#) and the other links.



Opportunities to get involved

Join the choir - it's good for you!

Numerous studies have shown the health benefits of singing in a choir. So why not join the BCCUCC church choir? No audition is needed and all voice parts are welcome. Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings** from 7:30 - 9 pm in the vestry (the room below the sanctuary). To learn more speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church on a Sunday, or contact her at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org - or just come along to a Wednesday evening rehearsal. We'd love to have you join us.....plus you'd be doing something that's good for your body, mind and soul!



Volunteers needed to help with Church School

We don't need a long-term commitment, just your willingness to teach or assist in one of the classrooms for one or two Sundays during the program year. We provide all the information and resources you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith. For more information or to volunteer, speak with or contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.



Reminders.....

2019 Pledge Envelopes

2019 Pledge Envelopes are available for pick up for those who use them or requested a set. They can be picked up from the table in the Narthex (near where the greeters stand) or stop by the church office during the week. If you haven't been assigned a set but would like one, please sign up on the sheet on the Narthex table, or contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org. She will be happy to assign a set to you.



Help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' our posts

Hopefully you've already 'Liked' our church's Facebook page and see our posts in your newsfeed – if not, you can find us at www.facebook.com/bccucc. The way Facebook works, for our page to keep showing up in your newsfeed and for it also to be seen by the wider community, you also need to 'Like' individual posts from the church that you see. So please help us keep getting our message out about who we are and what's happening at BCCUCC by hitting that 'Like' button for the posts that you see and like. Thank you.



Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



Raise money for the church when you shop at Amazon

You can raise money for the church every time you shop at Amazon by going through AmazonSmile. [Learn more at this link](#) and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Every eligible purchase raises 0.5% of the purchase price for our church, and we receive a quarterly deposit from Amazon! Thanks to everyone who already does this.



From the church office

Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



Believe You Are Beloved.

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Jan. 15, 2019 I began the year in Arizona with my NGLI cohort. For those who don't know, I was admitted to the "Next Generation Leadership Initiative." NGLI is a program of the UCC pension boards.

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