



January 3, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you,
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year

Calendar

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

Thurs, Jan 3

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
6-7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6
6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage

Fri, Jan 4

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jan 6 Epiphany

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School

Mon, Jan 7

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

Tues, Jan 8

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Marion Fodor's home

Wed, Jan 9

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Jan 10

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

Fri, Jan 11

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jan 13 Baptism Sunday

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

Mon, Jan 14

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, Jan 15

11 am Staff meeting, Office

Wed, Jan 16

Deadline for eBridge

2 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

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

5 - 7 pm Youth Group Meeting, 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 16th 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 this month

Clergy out of the office

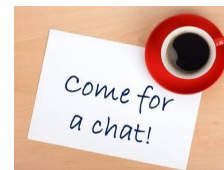
Rev. Brendan Curran is in Arizona at the Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) from Thursday, January 3rd through Wednesday, January 9th. NGLI is a competitive program that Brendan was accepted into this past June. NGLI equips, energizes, and empowers younger UCC local church pastors to build vibrant congregations that change lives and further God's mission in the world. [Learn more about NGLI](#)



Rev. Dale Azevedo will be away at the RICUCC Ministers Retreat on Monday and Tuesday, January 14th and 15th.

Community Office Hours

There will be none on January 3rd as Brendan is away. They resume on **Thursday, January 10th** and 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.



Women of Faith

The group meets on **Thursdays, January 3rd & 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. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.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 community the next meeting is **Thursday, January 3rd** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Bereavement Group

The group next meets on **Monday, January 7th** 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, January 8th** from 7-9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please RSVP to Marion to let her know if you'll be attending at smfodor@cox.net. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.



Mindful Mondays

No mindful Monday on January 7th as Brendan is away. They resume on **Monday, January 14th** and happen **every Monday** (unless it's a holiday or otherwise noted). Led by Brendan, there is a 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.



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 under 'Opportunities' later in this newsletter.



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!



Thank You

Thank you from the staff

"Once again this Christmas, the congregation has been generous in their response to thanking the lay staff for all that they do. We are so fortunate to work at BCCUCC with two great ministers for 'bosses' and such a caring and appreciative congregation. Even those of us who don't worship here feel part of the BCCUCC family! Thank you all so very much, and we wish you all the best in 2019.
Christine, Pat, Andrea, Marina, Paul and John"



We are grateful for your support

"We extend our deep, heartfelt gratitude for the support our entire congregation provides to the Loaves and Fishes RI ministry. This important outreach ministry is embraced by so many other ministry teams and individuals, we would hate to miss a soul in expressing our thanks. Thank you!
Blessings,
Jay and Phyllis Buckley, and Liz White"



Thanks for donations to the Giving Tree

The congregation donated \$880.00 to the Giving Tree – many thanks to all who made a donation. The Mission and Justice Team purchased \$680.00 in gift cards for Stop and Shop, Cumberland Farms, Rite Aid, CVS, and Target. The gift cards were delivered to the Women's Resource Center on December 21st for distribution to their clients. The remaining \$200.00 was donated to the Good Neighbor Fund that helps people pay their energy bills.



Mitten Tree - thanks for keeping others warm

Thanks to everyone for donating hats, gloves, scarves etc to the mitten tree and also to those who donated other warm clothing for the Loaves and Fishes truck. All of the adult items from the mitten tree were donated to Loaves and Fishes and approximately half of them were given out on the December 26th truck run from our church. The remaining items will go out on the February truck run. All of the children's items were donated to Amos House - thanks to Kathy Block for delivering them there. Thanks also to our Mission and Justice Team for organizing the Mitten Tree and Giving Tree each Christmas.



Opportunities

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.



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.



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!



Haiti Trip in January - donations and supplies needed

Church members Rev. Jennifer Geary and her husband, Bud, will be heading to Haiti with a group from the RICUCC Haiti Task Force from January 9th - 15th, where they'll be painting the school and orphanage. Donations are being sought to purchase the paint and painting supplies, or folks can donate supplies such as rollers, roller covers, paint trays, lightweight drop clothes, masking tape, sandpaper and rags. They will buy the paint in Haiti but will be taking all the supplies over in their luggage. For more information, contact Rev. Geary at jenngeary@hotmail.com



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.



\$\$\$\$ 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.



It's never too late to fill out a Giving Card!

Even though 2019 has begun, it's not too late to complete a Giving Card to let the church know your financial commitment to support BCCUCC this year. Our Finance Team bases the church's annual budget on what the congregation tells us they plan to give. Extra cards are available from the rack outside the office and completed cards may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate. You may also email our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org with your financial commitment for 2019, and she will confirm receipt of your email and the amount. Many thanks to the 117 households who completed a Giving Card with their financial commitment to support BCCUCC in 2019.

Raise money when you shop at Amazon

Christmas shopping may be over, but you can still 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.

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](#).



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



Finding the Light Together

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Dec. 15, 2018 "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." -John 1:2-5 We can't find it by...

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