



January 30, 2020

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

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

Thurs, Jan 30

6 - 8 pm RI Assoc UCC Special Meeting, Vestry and Sanctuary of BCCUCC
6 - 6:30 pm Fellowship and Apple Pie, Vestry
6:30 - 8 pm Worship and Meeting, Sanctuary

Fri, Jan 31

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Feb 1

1 pm Wedding of Brendan Curran and Daniel Watts, Sanctuary
(Private reception follows in Fellowship Hall)

Sun, Feb 2 Contemporary Heroes and Heroines

Linday Hartley's first Sunday at BCCUCC

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School
At coffee hour: Valentine making for homebound etc, Fellowship Hall
11:30 am Membership Team meeting, Library

Mon, Feb 3

7 pm Vision 2020 meeting, Room 6

Tues, Feb 4

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others, Living Room of Atria Senior Living

Wed, Feb 5

7 - 8:30 pm 'Jewish Perspectives on God' by Rabbi Klein, BCCUCC
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Feb 6

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

Sun, Feb 9

10 am Worship Service, Church School
At coffee hour: Valentine Cocoa Cafe (Bring and Buy Bake Sale), Fellowship Hall
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9
6 - 8 pm Puerto Rico Mission Trip meeting, Library

Mon, Feb 10

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

7 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Room 6

Tues, Feb 11

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Feb 12

Noon Deadline for eBridge

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Sat, Feb 15

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

Sun, Feb 16 God is Love Sunday

10 am All Ages Worship, Nursery Care available

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Wednesday, February 12th, 2020**

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

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Today thru Sunday, February 2nd

Special Meeting of the RI Association of the Southern New England Conference of the UCC

On **Thursday, January 30th** a special meeting of the new RI Association UCC (formerly the RI Conference UCC) will take place here at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC.

6 - 6:30 pm - Apple Pie and Fellowship in the Vestry

6:30 - 8 pm - Worship and Association Meeting in the Sanctuary

The Agenda for this meeting will include approval of the 2020 Budget for the Rhode Island Association.

We look forward to building off our past as we discover a new vision for ministry together in the Southern New England Conference. This gathering will be our first opportunity to catch a glimpse of all God has in store for us. All are welcome to come join us!

You are invited to Daniel and Brendan's wedding ceremony

Rev. Brendan Curran and Daniel Watts are getting married before they leave Rhode Island and move to Oregon. They are grateful to the church and to Rev. Dale Azevedo for hosting and officiating the service. They are excited for this joyful day and invite the congregation to witness the marriage ceremony in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm this **Saturday, February 1st.**

The ceremony will be followed by a private reception in Fellowship Hall for friends and family who received a formal invitation in the mail. They wish they could have invited everyone to the



reception, but this was not possible. They are grateful for your understanding.

Meet Linda, our new Designated Term Associate Minister

Linda Hartley is joining our staff and will be with us for worship for the first time this **Sunday, February 2nd**. She has been called to serve at BCCUCC as our Designated Term Associate Minister, and will be with us through the end of December 2020. We hope you'll be able to join us on Sunday as we welcome her. Please introduce yourself at coffee hour and be sure to wear a nametag to help her learn people's names! [Learn more](#) about Linda and her call to BCCUCC.



Linda's email will be Linda@bccucc.org and her phone extension will be 104.

From your Mission and Justice Ministry Team....

The Mission and Justice Team is planning programs to help us all become better informed and involved during this election season. This **Sunday, February 2nd** during worship, they'll be asking you for feedback on which issues are important to you and encouraging you to not only pledge to vote, but to Be the Change you want to see come out of the election process. Their inspiration comes from the national United Church of Christ, which is encouraging everyone to get engaged in the 2020 elections. [Learn more](#)



Deacons' Fund

On Communion Sundays (the 1st Sunday of each month) a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and surrounding community. The majority of the fund is used to purchase Shaw's Gift Cards which we give to people in need from the East Bay who come to the church seeking assistance. Thank you to all who make donations - the recipients of your generosity appreciate it. To make a donation, use cash or make checks payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church' with 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line. Thank you.

Valentine making for the homebound etc and college students

On **Sunday, February 2nd** the congregation has the opportunity to make valentines at coffee hour that will be sent to our homebound, recently bereaved, or sick church members, and also to college students. The deacons are supplying all of the materials, they just need you to stop by the table and use your creative talent to make the valentines!

College Addresses needed: If you have a college student or child away at prep school, and would like them to receive a valentine from the church, please send their name and school address to Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net or to the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 **by Friday, January 31st**. Thank you.

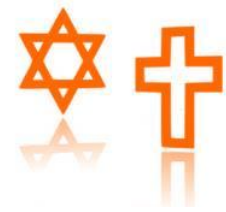


Other happenings in February

'Jewish Perspectives on God' with Rabbi Andy Klein

Last week, Dale spoke about *Christian Perspectives on God* at Temple Habonim. This week Rabbi Andrew Klein will present *Jewish Perspectives on God* on **Wednesday, February 5th** from 7 – 8:30 pm at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC. The

series is to learn how the two communities of faith worship, wonder and think about God, and to discover the similarities and differences. All are welcome.



Valentine Cocoa Cafe

On **Sunday, February 9th**, the Puerto Rico mission trip participants will be hosting a Valentine Cocoa Cafe. Anyone who is able is encouraged to **bring a baked good to church that can be sold**, and purchase something that someone else made. In addition to our yummy home-made baked goods, we will be **selling warm cocoa** with whipped cream and your choice of topping(s), both of which will be set up in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and meet our friendly mission trip participants who will be tending the table. The mission team thanks you for your continued support!



All Ages Worship

Our next All Ages Worship is scheduled for **Sunday, February 16th** and the theme will be 'God is Love'. These services are specially designed to be multigenerational and child-friendly, and people of all ages have been finding them engaging and meaningful. The service is always As usual, some of our children will help lead worship along with adults of all ages, so mark your calendar and plan to join us for worship that day.



Loaves and Fishes RI Ministry

On **Wednesday, February 26th**, volunteers from our church will be going to Trinity Methodist Church and Emmanuel House in Providence to provide nourishment to those in need. Donations of specific food and clothing items are needed – check the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> and sign up how you can help. Prep starts in the kitchen at 4 pm to prepare the food and start loading up. For more info, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line, contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net). Thank you.



Racial Justice Book Discussion Series

Your Mission and Justice Team want you to be aware that this is happening on **Thursday, February 27th**, and **every fourth Thursday** from 7 – 8:30 pm at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave, East Providence, RI. In an effort to stimulate new ideas for equipping ourselves and our community to act justly and dismantle systems of injustice, Weaver Library and the Newman Congregational Church in Rhode Island are offering a Racial Justice Book Discussion Series. Over the course of six months, participants will look at elements of systemic racism from a variety of perspectives as presented in six books on the topic. February's book is *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. Learn more at www.sneucc.org/events and click on the link on their calendar.



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Information about all of the groups that meet regularly, is found later in this email....scroll down to find it!

Staff vacancy

Custodian position available

Our lead custodian Paul Dziedzic is retiring after working at the church for a little over nine years. His last day will be Friday, February 7th.

The church is looking to fill this part-time, paid position. Anyone interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, should get in touch with Paul Dennis, chair of our Buildings and Grounds Team, at wrbtwks@aol.com or (401) 243-3493; or contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111. Thank you.

Can you help?

Ushers needed

We're in need of a couple more people willing to join our team of ushers - the only qualification needed is a willingness to be helpful and friendly! Ushers serve in teams of 4 and each team serves once every 4 weeks. Training will be provided and it's a wonderful way to get to know other members of the congregation. If interested or to learn more, please speak with or contact Bethia Rosner 383-5538 or Tom Colby 246-1743 or tcolby@fullchannel.net



Greeters needed

The Membership Team is recruiting greeters for 2020. Greeting is an easy way to participate in the ministry here at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC. No experience is necessary and greeters can be individuals, couples or families! Greeters arrive at church 20 minutes early and welcome everyone as they come up the stairs to the sanctuary. Sign-ups for all of 2020 are available at coffee hour. Worried about forgetting? Make sure to include your information so that the team can send you a reminder. Thanks to everyone willing to do this important and welcoming ministry.



Sign up to help with coffee hour in February

Volunteers are being asked to help the assigned teams with coffee hour on a Sunday in February, and can help with providing food, serving or clean up. You can either sign up in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on a Sunday, or contact Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349. Those who sign up will receive an email reminder the Wednesday before the Sunday that they have volunteered to help.



Worth reading

'Sacred Journeying: A Someday Minister Living Out God's Call in Global Community'

Many church members know Gabrielle Sclafani who was raised in our church and is the daughter of church member and deacon Carol Strakosch. Gabi graduated from seminary last spring and is 'in care' at our church as she seeks ordination. She is spending a year working in Germany as part of her road to ordination, and you can follow and support her adventures via her blog: www.sacredjourneying.home.blog. Gabi writes very eloquently and has a lot of good things to say!



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

The latest blog is from Dale **"When will we learn more about our pastoral changes?"** - emailed out 1/9/20. If you missed any earlier blog posts they are all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our website www.bccucc.org



Regular Weekly and Monthly happenings (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

The group next meets **Monday, Feb 10th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. For more information, contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, February 18th** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Swimming Lessons* by Claire Fuller. [Learn more about the book.](#) For information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on **Saturday, February 15th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, and get new (to you) items! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. \$3 - 5 donation at the door, but no-one turned away. Open to the community.

Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>



Knitting Group

Knitting for Others Group will meet **Tuesday, February 4th** from 7 – 9 pm in the Living Room at Atria Senior Living, 147 Bay Spring Ave, Barrington. The group meets monthly - on the 1st Tuesday - makes a

variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, hats for children in Head Start etc) and can provide patterns and help. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! For more information about the group, contact Nancy Arena at 246-0212 or Nancy.Arena@outlook.com.



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 **Thurs, Feb 6th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.



Women's Faith Group

The Women's Faith Group has it's next regular meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 6th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They are starting a new book 'The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek' by Kim Richardson and copies will soon be available for purchase from the office. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



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In the event of bad weather

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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.

Community Notices

Chess Classes offered at BCCUCC for children and adults

USA Chess Kids Inc (a non-profit organization) is renting space at the church to teach chess to children and adults (beginners and advanced players). Classes are available for ages 8 - 18 on Mondays and Tuesdays, and for adults on Wednesdays. All classes are from 5 – 6:30 pm in Room 6 and players may attend once per week. Cost for 4 months of classes is \$720 for children and \$800 for adults. For more information contact George Sammour, Chess Life Master, at (401) 732-4028 or usachesskidsvip@gmail.com



Reminders

2020 Pledge envelopes

For those who requested them pledge envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up on Sunday mornings from the table in the narthex, or from the church office during the week. If you didn't request a set of envelopes but would like some, please contact our financial secretary, Pat Stoddard, who will be happy to assign some to you. Pat can be contacted at (401) 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org



Church Photo Directories

Our new church photo directory contains contact information for all of the current active households at BCCUCC. An email was sent out to those included in the directory with links to digital versions of the directory. Paper copies are also available from the church office. *Because of the cost of producing it, we ask that you take only one printed copy per household, please.*

If you/your family isn't included in the directory and you consider yourself to be active here at church, please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111. We would like to get to know you and also get your contact information so it can be included in our database. Thank you.



Nametags

Both adult and children's nametags are stored in the racks in the vestry hallway. Please pick up yours as you come into worship and wear it through coffee hour. As you leave put it in one of the collection baskets - to be returned to the nametag rack ready next time. **Need a nametag?** Sign up in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall or email the office at office@bccucc.org - be sure to indicate if you want a clip, pin or string style of holder. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.



Older Sermons available on line - current ones not available

The company that hosts the sermons on-line has made some changes so the sermons from Dale and Brendan have not been posted since mid-November. However past sermons of theirs thru 11/17/19 can be listened to again at the following link [Sermon Archive](#). We hope to resume posting the sermons at a future date.



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Help us stay visible on Facebook by both liking AND commenting (in 5 or more words) on our posts! That way the Facebook algorithm allows our church's page (www.facebook.com/bccucc) to show up in more people's feeds. You can also find us on Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#).



Make sure your emails are reaching us!

We only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea a.ndrea@bccucc.org.

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

2019-2020 Church Calendar can be seen at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page on our church website www.bccucc.org.

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.

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