



**January 31, 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 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**

*Superbowl Sunday*

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Children's Communion in Room 6 then Church School

10 am Worship Service with Communion

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

**Mon, Feb 4**

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

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

**Tues, Feb 5**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Elizabeth Azevedo's home

**Wed, Feb 6**

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Feb 7**

10 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

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

6 - 7:30 pm [NAMI](#) RI Family Support meeting, Room 6

**Fri, Feb 8**

*Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Feb 10 Economic Justice Sunday**

10 am Worship Service, Church School Painting Project

After Worship Mission Trip Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall

After Worship Valentine making for homebound etc, Fellowship Hall

12:30 - 4 pm [RICUCC 'Sliding with Faith'](#), Peace Dale UCC then Yawgoo Valley

**Mon, Feb 11**

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6  
Noon Bereavement Group, Library (*note the later time*)  
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6  
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

**Tues, Feb 12**

11 am Staff meeting, Office  
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

**Wed, Feb 13**

Noon Deadline for eBridge  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Feb 14**

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

**Fri, Feb 15**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Feb 16**

9:30 - 11:30 am [East Bay Kids Clothes Swap](#), Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Feb 17 Contemporary Heroes and Heroines Sunday**

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>  
Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is  
**Wednesday, February 13th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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.

## This Sunday, February 3rd

### Children's Communion - in Room 6

There will be a separate communion service for children, held in Room 6 this **Sunday, February 3rd**. *Note the change in location.* Parents are reminded to drop children off there at 10 a.m. After their service the children will go to their Church School classes.



### 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. Checks should be payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church' with 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line. Thanks to all who make donations.

### It's Superbowl Sunday....

...and in recognition, those who would like to are invited to come to church dressed in support of their favorite football team. There will also be a football themed coffee hour! We hope you can join us. Special thanks to Pat Stoddard who will be decorating Fellowship Hall with some of her football memorabilia.



## From the River's Edge



### Bullying Works...

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - February 1, 2019 I know, it's a stupid title. Everyone who has ever bullied or been bullied knows that it works. That's why it remains such a problem in our society. But as obvious as this title is, I have...

[Read more](#)

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

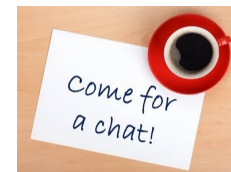


If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

## What's happening

### 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.



### Bereavement Group

In February, the group will meet in the library on **Monday, February 4th** at 11 am, and on **Monday, February 11th** at Noon (*Note the later time on Feb 11th.*) 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](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.



## Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays 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.



## 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](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com). To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).



## Women's Faith Group

The group meets on **Thursday, February 7th** 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. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto: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, February 7th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

# Sunday, February 10th

## Attention Church Families! Painting project during church school

On **Sunday, February 10th**, during church school time, all children and youth will participate in a group painting project. We will be creating a panel that will become part of our Lenten worship. Please dress your kiddos in clothes that can get paint on them. Smocks will be provided for those who need them. We're hoping everyone can come and join in the fun! Contact Andrea, our C.E. coordinator if you have any questions about this project [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107.



## Valentine making for the homebound etc and college students

On **Sunday, February 10th** 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 and would like them to receive a valentine from the church, please send their name and school address to Carol Strakosch at [strakosc@gmail.com](mailto:strakosc@gmail.com) or to the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 **by Friday, February 8th**. Thank you.

## Mission Trip Bake Sale

Just in time for Valentine's Day, there will be a bake sale in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour after church on **Sunday, February 10th**. All proceeds will go toward the 2019 Mission Trip.



## RICUCC 'Sliding with Faith' event

Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the RICUCC event, *Sliding with Faith*, on **Sunday, February 10th**. Participants must first gather at [Peace Dale Congregational Church](#) in South Kingstown at 12:30 pm for a snack and youth program, before heading to [Yawgoo Valley](#) in Exeter for an hour of snowtubing ending at 4 pm. The event fee is \$12 and *you must preregister by Sunday, February 3rd*, to Kristen Putney at 774-991-1555 (tickets are limited). Our youth group is not participating in the event, but individual youth may attend with a parent. Call Kristen for more information and to register. [More info](#)



## More happenings later in February

### East Bay Kids Clothing Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Saturday, February 16th** 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](mailto:megsheehan@gmail.com) and Brendan [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto: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.



### Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, February 19th** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *Need to Know* by Karen Cleveland: "Former CIA analyst Cleveland's debut novel is premised on a big "what if." What if you found out after a decade that the person you married and built a life and a family with was not only keeping a huge secret but actually had entered your life just to learn the secrets of your job? This is exactly what CIA counterintelligence analyst Vivian Miller learns when she uncovers the identities of five Russian sleeper agents and one of them is her

husband. By mixing the action of a spy thriller and the internal dialog of a loving wife and mother, Cleveland sends listeners on a journey into the private hell that Vivian's life becomes." For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!



## From the Missions and Justice Team

### Partnership with East Bay Citizens for Peace

**Save the date!** Our Mission and Justice Team are joining with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to bring you a talk by journalist Ed Fitzpatrick on **First Amendment Rights** on **Thursday, April 11th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

*M&J would also like you to be aware of the following EBCP events:*

**Sat, Feb 9** from 11 am - Noon: EBCP monthly **Vigil for Peace and Justice** in front of Bristol Post Office, Hope St, Bristol, RI. All are invited to join them - they have plenty of signs!

**Tues, Feb 12** from 7 - 8:30 pm. EBCP will present "**Democracy Now! The War and Peace Report. Topic: Venezuela**" at Rogers Free Library, Herreshoff Community Meeting Room, 525 Hope St, Bristol RI. The viewing of the broadcast will be followed by discussion. Event is free and open to the public.

*EBCP is a grassroots organization committed to peaceful solutions to conflict, and social and economic justice through open, respectful dialogue.*

*For more information contact 401-247-9738, [info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org](mailto:info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org) or [www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org](http://www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org)*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-





## Death of a former church member

### Rev. Bill T. Scott, Jr. dies

We received an email on Jan 30th from Susan Scott to let us know that her husband, the Rev. William T. Scott, Jr. (aka Bill Scott) had died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Pennsylvania on Sunday, January 27th. Bill grew up in our church and was the son of long time church members Anna and William T. Scott, Sr. [Read Susan's email](#) and learn more about Bill's life.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.



## 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](http://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.



## 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office or any errors or changes. Thank you.

### Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#). On Facebook at [www.facebook.co/bccucc](http://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.

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