



January 4, 2018

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



We hope that everyone is safe and warm during the blizzard that we are currently experiencing. The church office is closed and this eBridge was produced by Christine from the safety of her home. If you need a minister, you can contact them via email at dale@bccucc.org or brendan@bccucc.org or call the church office at 246-0111 and leave a message at their extension which are able to check remotely. For pastoral emergencies, call 246-0111 then press 2 to get emergency contact phone numbers.

Be sure you get to see ALL of this eBridge.....

Because of the large amount of material in this email (there's just so much happening at BCCUCC) - some platforms will only allow you to see the first portion of the eBridge. At the end there's a message saying 'Message clipped' and then a link to view the entire message. Make sure you don't miss anything by clicking on that link. Thanks.

Calendar

Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Thurs, Jan 4

Church office CLOSED due to blizzard
Brendan's Community Office Hours CANCELED
NAMI Family Support Group CANCELED

Sun, Jan 7 Baptism of Christ

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School
11:15 am Finance Team meeting, Room 6
11:15 am - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

Mon, Jan 8

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

Tue, Jan 9

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6
7 - 9 pm [Knitting for Others group](#), Audrey Roger's home

Wed, Jan 10

7:30 – 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Jan 11

3 – 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot

Fri, Jan 12

6:15 pm "Embracing and Sharing Beloved Community", Worship and Dinner at Temple Habonim

Sun, Jan 14 *Celebration of Beloved Community*

10 am Special Worship Service for All Ages "Embracing and Sharing Beloved Community" with a joint sermon/dialogue by Rev Dale Azevedo and Rabbi Andy Klein, Nursery Care only

Mon, Jan 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Office Closed

Tue, Jan 16

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside

Wed, Jan 17

Noon Deadline for Jan 18 eBridge
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Jan 18

1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library
3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Jan 19

1 - 2:30 pm New Conference Focus Group, Fellowship Hall/Library

Sun, Jan 21 *Youth Day*

10 am Worship Service, Church School
12:30 - 4 pm JYG attend RICUCC SkyZone/Faith Zone event for Grades 3 - 8
6 - 8 pm Senior Youth Group, 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 17th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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

Thursday - Sunday Jan 4 - 7

Church Office CLOSED Thursday

Due to the bad weather, the church office is closed on Thursday,

January 4th and all activities cancelled. This includes Brendan's Community Office Hours, and the NAMI Family Support Group. Hopefully the office will reopen on Friday morning.



Snow Shovelers needed - can you help?

The church contracts with a company to snowplow the parking lots when needed, but they won't do any manual snow removal. We therefore rely on volunteers to shovel the walkways, steps, and handicap ramps around the church following a snowstorm. If you can help out please show up anytime with a shovel and do as much as you are able. You can also contact Jay Buckley at 578-6533 or pbuckley6@cox.net. We have a few faithful volunteers, but they can't do it all, especially after a big storm - so additional volunteers are needed. Thank you in advance for your help.



Worship this Sunday, January 7

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Christ and Rev. Dale Azevedo will give a sermon on "What is Baptism all about anyway?". We hope you can join us.

Please take your dishes home!

There are still some dishes and other items belonging to church members in the church kitchen. If any belong to you, please claim and take home. Thanks to everyone who has already taken theirs. Anything remaining after Jan 12th will be donated to the church kitchen or to TAPIN. Thanks.



Please pick up your 2018 Pledge Envelopes

2018 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). If you haven't been assigned a set but would like some, 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, for pick up next Sunday.

In the event of bad weather.....

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.



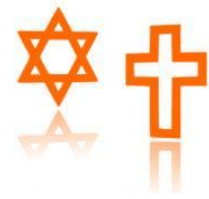
The church office is closed today, Thursday, January 4th due to the snowstorm, and all scheduled events cancelled.

BCCUCC & Temple to worship together

Celebrating Beloved Community

Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, and Temple Habonim

share a long history of being good neighbors, welcoming each other into our respective houses of worship, and appreciating the differences between us. Our two communities of faith will gather twice over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend to celebrate his vision of beloved community and explore ways that we can keep his dream alive during these challenging times. Please mark your calendar and then join us at either or both worship services next weekend.



On **Friday evening, January 12th**, we will share in Shabat worship at the Temple (at 6:15 pm) followed by a wonderful catered dinner. No reservations are needed for worship, but if you would like to stay for dinner (and Dale encourages you to) you must **RSVP** by Sunday, January 7th. There is a charge for the dinner, but it will be well worth the price! Reservations and menu details are available at Temple Habonim's website www.templehabonim.org/wine-and-dine

Then on **Sunday morning, January 14th**, we will gather together again at BCCUCC for our usual worship service at 10 am. Members of the temple are invited to join us both for worship and coffee hour. It is Dale's challenge to you that we send between 30 and 50 people to temple on Friday and that we be prepared to welcome as many in return on Sunday.

At both of these worship services, Rabbi Andy Klein and Rev. Dale Azevedo will share their personal reflections on the concept of Beloved Community and engage in dialogue with one another and those in attendance. Although the topics are the same, Dale anticipates the conversations to be different. In fact, he wouldn't be surprised if Sunday's discussion built upon some of the ideas shared Friday evening.

Read more about *Celebrating Beloved Community* at [Dale's latest blog](#)

'Together as One' Focus Groups

You are invited to participate...

As we continue to explore the new *Together, As One* Conference, the Conference Ministers of RI, MA & CT invite you to share your voice to help us envision how together, we are called to live the love and justice of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the several group discussions that are planned between January 18th and January 23rd at various UCC Church locations throughout the three states. Simply select the date, time and location that is most convenient with your schedule and join us to share your perspective. The full list of locations and times is available at www.ricucc.org or from a sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. The organizers ask that you RSVP at the website so that if there is inclement weather and the gathering needs to be moved online, they can contact you with information on how you can participate.



BCCUCC to host a 'Together as One' Focus Group

On **Friday, January 19th** from 1 – 2:30 pm we will host one of the New Conference Focus Groups at BCCUCC. (see above for details). All are invited. Please RSVP online [at this link](#), so we know how many to prepare for.

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

Help needed

On **Thursday, January 25th** volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of different ways including food prep, loading the truck, going out on the truck and serving the clients, and unloading

and cleaning the truck afterwards. Volunteers are also needed to donate food, toiletries, and certain clothing items. For all the details and to sign up to help or donate items use the sign up at www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon at the top, then search by typing in the church's e-mail address office@bccucc.org. Or use this direct link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3>



When you sign up to bring a listed item, please indicate the quantity you will donate.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net. Donations should be dropped off in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, January 24th*. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

A message from the Renewal Team

Just before Christmas an email [letter](#) was sent to the congregation from the Church Renewal Team. If you missed it, there's a link to it above.

If you didn't get a chance to then read either the [Full Church Assessment](#) written by our first consultant, or the [Summary Report](#), written by the Renewal Team, you are encouraged to do so, as your ongoing input in the process is important. Thanks.



Mission Trip Fundraiser

Superbowl Subs - we're taking orders!

As a fundraiser for the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona, we will be taking orders for Superbowl Subs (made by the Senior Youth Group) for **Sunday, February 4th**. Subs will be available for pick-up after church that day or can be delivered to your home that afternoon for an additional \$1.00 per order. (Delivery to shut-ins is free). Subs come with a bag of chips. Cost is \$8.00 per 6" Italian sub (with your choice of toppings). Order forms are available from the Vestry table, church office, or [at this link](#). You may also call in your order to Phyllis Buckley at 245-1098. Orders must be submitted by *Wednesday, January 24th*.

Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, January 9th** (a week later than usual) from 7 - 9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. Please RSVP to Audrey at adrogers8@cox.net or 247-1727 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, January 18th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The new book they've chosen to read and discuss is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Book Group

Meets **Tuesday, January 23rd** at 7 pm in the library, to discuss *Celine* by Peter Heller. "This captivating, tender, brainy, and funny tale of the mysterious powers of beauty and grief, nature and family will leave readers hoping that Heller is planning a National Park series featuring this stealthy, irrepressible duo." (Booklist). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome!
[What is the Book Group?](#)

A chance to hang out with our ministers.....

Feasting at Fireside

Our Senior Minister, Dale Azevedo and his wife, Elizabeth would like to get to know you better! All members and friends of the church are encouraged to sign up and join them for monthly dinners at the parsonage (7 Fireside Drive, Barrington). They don't guarantee a gourmet meal, but do promise a comfortable table where all are welcome! For more info, or to sign up for a dinner in early 2018, [click on this link](#).



Brendan's Community Office Hours

Brendan will be at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, from 3 - 5 pm on **Thursday afternoons** for anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting. All are invited.



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

The previous eBridge was published before Brendan's mid December blog was written, so it is included below, together with Dale's January blog post. All of their blogs can be found [at this link](#) on our church website.



From the River's Edge
The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Rev. Brendan Curran

Walking the Welcome Talk

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Dec 15, 2017 In the sermon I preached recently I talked a little bit about how showing up for others and offering our whole presence is no small gift. Showing genuine interest and concern for strangers...

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Celebrating Beloved Community

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - Jan 3, 2018 The concept of Beloved Community first came to the American consciousness in the latter part of the 19th century. However, it was Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who popularized the concept...

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If you missed reading any 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

Please note....

2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

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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