



October 10, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Thurs, Oct 10

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

Fri, Oct 11

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Oct 13 JESUS AND CHILDREN SUNDAY

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am All Ages Worship, Nursery Care available

Mon, Oct 14 Indigenous People Day

Office Closed

11 am - 4 pm Barrington Day of Caring, gather at Town Hall then go to various sites

Tues, Oct 15

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

Wed, Oct 16

1:30 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

7 - 8:15 pm 'Exploring the Bible-1', Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 17

9:30 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6

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

NO Community Office Hours

Fri, Oct 18

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Oct 19

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

Sun, Oct 20 A Day of Healing

10 am Worship Service, Church School

12:30 - 4 pm An Afternoon of Godly Play, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Oct 21

11 am Bereavement Group, Library
11 am Lay Visitation Group, Room 6
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, Oct 22

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
Noon Deadline for eBridge (a day earlier than usual)
4 - 6 pm Youth Group Service meeting
7 pm Vision 2020 meeting, Room 6
7 pm "Voices of Immigration" forum, St John's Episcopal Church

Wed, Oct 23

4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep in kitchen then truck run to Providence
7 - 8:15 pm 'Exploring the Bible-1', Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 24

Office open 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Oct 25

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies
Office open 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only

Sat, Oct 26

2:45 pm BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen (CEYM)

Sun, Oct 27 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:15 am Trunk or Treat, Parking lot
12 - 2 pm Youth Group, Room 9

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 **TUESDAY, October 22nd (a day earlier than usual)**

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Please note.....

Nametags - we're doing something a little different

The children's nametags are now being stored along with the adults in the nametag rack in the vestry hallway. This way young and old alike can pick up their nametag as they come into worship and wear them through coffee hour. It will help us all – including the ministers - get to know one another more easily. When you leave on a Sunday, your nametag can be left in one of various collection baskets (at the back of Fellowship Hall, by the kitchen door, and in the vestry hallway) so that it can be returned to the nametag rack ready for you to find and wear the next time.

Need a nametag? Sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in 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.



Calling ALL Church Families and Friends!

We want YOU to be included in our new **photo directory**. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our photo booth and roaming photographer during coffee hour in September. We have a great start to our directory, **but many of you are still missing**. Never fear, it's not too late! Please send a photo of your family (whether there's one, two or ten of you) to us soon. It doesn't have to be anything formal or fancy, it can even be a "selfie" as long as it includes YOU. Photos can be emailed to Elizabeth Azevedo - eazevedo17@gmail.com. Questions/concerns? Contact Elizabeth at 860-301-2915.



If you are emailing your photo, please no copyrighted ones – some portrait photographers do not give permission for reprinting.

Memorial Service for Daehler Hayes

Former Rhode Island Conference Minister The Rev. Dr. Daehler Hayes, passed away on Friday, September 27th, following a brief illness. A public memorial service will be held on **Saturday, October 26th** at 11 am at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence. In the spirit of Daehler's care and concern for community and outreach, please bring either canned food which will be donated to Camp Street Ministries, and/or some finger food for the reception following the service. [Obituary](#)



New Outside Lights

The light that shines on the front of our church building is back on and new lights have been added! Our Buildings & Grounds team, working with John Butterfield from Butterfield Electric, replaced the 1,000-watt metal halide light fixture used to light the front of the church with an energy efficient LED flood light. The results are fantastic! The lighting is great and we anticipate saving 60% to 75% on our energy bill as a result of this replacement. Additionally, two LED floodlights have been added to light up the front parking lot outside of the office. This will help the choir and other teams on those dark nights! This lighting changeover is part of an ongoing project by B&G to improve the lighting on the stairs, entrances and parking lot by replacing old light fixtures with new, energy efficient LED light fixtures as well as adding new lighting to remove the dark spots in the front parking lot and back walkway. Stop by and take a look!



Sunday, October 13th

All Ages Worship Service

This **Sunday, October 13** is the second of our new and improved, multi-generational, *All Ages Worship* services. Once again we have great interactive ideas planned for the service that people of all generations will hopefully find engaging and meaningful. Some of our kids will help lead worship along with adults of all ages. Don't miss out as we explore the themes of "wisdom" and "Jesus and children". See you Sunday!
As always, nursery care is available for our littlest ones up to age 3.



YOU CAN SIGN UP ON SUNDAY for.....

An Afternoon of Godly Play

The CEYM team is proud to sponsor “An Afternoon of Godly Play” on **Sunday, October 20th**. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the program will wrap up by 4 pm. The cost for the BCCUCC community is **ZILCH, NONE, NOTHING**. This is a gift!! Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Godly Play program or brush up your storytelling skills during this **rare, no-cost-to-you offer**. [Read more about the event](#).



Godly Play is the curriculum we teach to our Pre-K – 1st grade church school kiddos and that group is thriving. Please consider joining us for an afternoon of wondering! Please contact Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org) to sign up or if you have any questions.

You can read more about all of our Church School and Youth programs by reading the [2019 - 2020 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministries at BCCUCC](#). Printed copies are also available outside Andrea's office.

Trunk or Treat

It's that time of year for costumes and treats! Our 4th annual Trunk or Treat will be **Sunday, October 27th** right after church at 11:30 am. We are inviting the community to join us this year for the fun and therefore we need your help to bring on the BOO factor! Please consider decorating your car (and maybe wearing a costume) in a kid friendly way. Then handing out treats to those in costume. We are asking everyone interested in decorating their car to sign up so that we can accurately plan for the event. You can sign up this Sunday at the table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour (please **sign up by October 21st**) or [at this link](#). Alternatively, come to church in costume and enjoy visiting each “destination” for a treat. Like last year, the participating cars will be parked out front of the education building to help provide a safe place for the event, and the road will be cordoned off to vehicles once the event starts. Any questions? Feel free to ask Elizabeth Azevedo (860-301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com)



Senior Luncheon

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 6th** at noon for our annual Senior Luncheon. Delicious food and fun entertainment will be provided. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on Sunday or by calling the church office at 246-0111 or emailing office@bccucc.org. If you need a ride, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!



A message from the Moderator

Be the change...

One of Mahatma Gandhi's most famous sayings is, “Be the change you want to see.” In this quote he is imploring us not to wait around for the world to be a better place, but rather to begin living that change now and be a part of movement that brings a new world spirit into being.

This fall at BCCUCC we are celebrating the many ways that we are *Being the Change*. Because of BCCUCC, less people go hungry each week.

Because of BCCUCC, your friends, family, and even strangers are finding healing and support. Because of BCCUCC, local and state leaders are reminded of God's call to justice and mercy for the most vulnerable of God's children, our neighbors. None of these events happen without the support of our members and friends. None of this happens without you being a part of the change!



Over the next few weeks, you will hear some of these personal stories in worship, in letters, and here in the eBridge. We hope to continue telling these stories throughout the year. All of this is building up to Consecration Sunday, which we are celebrating November 3, 2019.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to the missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries of our church that bring about such changes in our community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even they are not planning on completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, a member of our Stewardship Team will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events and for all that you do to *Be the change* in church, our community, and the world.

Church Moderator,
Kathy Sullivan

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Can you help?

2nd Barrington Day of Caring - A Community Wide Day of Volunteering

Monday, October 14th (Indigenous People's Day) 11 am - 4 pm. Volunteers will gather at the Town Hall from 11 am to register, then leave at Noon to go to various sites where they can put their talents to work by improving the lives of their neighbors and the local community. Activities will include home improvement, decluttering, yard work, and cleanup of the beach. All ages and skill levels welcome. Over 130 people volunteered last year at six residential homes, did a number of projects at the Farm School, and at various other sites.



Volunteers can [register online](#) or [download a form](#), or pick up a form at Barrington Town Hall or the Bayside YMCA. *Please register by Saturday, October 12th.*

But don't worry if you don't register ahead of time - walk-ups are also very welcome, but please arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.

Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/BarringtonDayOfCaring>. Dale is on the planning team and hopes to see some familiar faces from the church participating in this community-wide event!

Barrington Day of Caring is the initiative of the Barrington Community Support Coalition (BCSC) that comprises of representatives of houses of worship, volunteer agencies, Barrington Business Association, town and school departments, EMS, Fire and Police.

Ongoing Food Collection for TAPIN

There are two bins just inside the main church doors for the collection of canned and dried food items for donation to TAPIN – our local food pantry located in the basement of the Barrington Public Library building. TAPIN is an all-volunteer outreach organization that provides a variety of resources and services for East Bay residents in need. Learn more at www.tapinri.org, including the many volunteer opportunities available.



TAPIN will also be open on **Monday, October 14th** from 11:30 am – 1 pm during the Barrington Day of Caring, to accept food donations and to conduct tours for any interested persons.

Altar Flower Donors still needed for Oct 20 & 27

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or remember loved ones with altar flowers in the sanctuary. We have openings for donors to pay for one vase (\$30 each) on **Sundays, October 20th** and **27th**. Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Jen Melker at (617) 877-1278 or jkmelker@gmail.com if interested. Thanks.



Loaves and Fishes Ministry

The next time BCCUCC takes out the Loaves and Fishes RI (LFRI) Truck will be **Wednesday, October 23rd**. Check the [on-line sign up](#) for information about the run, what's needed, and to sign up to help with donations of food, clothing, or help with prep, going out on the truck etc. This important outreach ministry serves the homeless of Rhode Island, and various churches around the state take the truck out to different RI locations. Learn more at www.LFRI.org



Soup Kitchen

Our church is next scheduled to do the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket on **Saturday, October 26th**. Anyone willing to help the team responsible this time (CEYM), should contact either Andrea Bullard (246-0111 x 107 andrea@bccucc.org), or our Soup Kitchen Coordinator Diane Todd (245-4681 diane.todd15@gmail.com).



Calling All Singers - voices still needed for Christmas Cantata!

It's not too late to join the choir as they prepare to sing a new Christmas Cantata at this year's Family Christmas Spectacular worship service on Sunday, December 15th. The Cantata, titled "Hope" is a gospel style piece that brings a special energy and meaning to the Christmas season. [Listen to the piece](#). Contact Pat Stoddard (pat@bccucc.org or 829-0654) or Marina Zabinski (marina@bccucc.org) if interested. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 pm, and Cantata rehearsal is just 30-45 minutes long at the beginning of the rehearsal each week. If you're looking for a



short term singing commitment, the choir would love to have you join them!

Special happenings in October..... and beyond

"Voices of Immigration" - a public forum

"Voices of Immigration" – a public forum hosted by Barrington Interfaith Partners – will be held **Tuesday, October 22nd** at 7 pm at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. A panel of three speakers ([read their bios](#)) will provide information and share their experiences on the topic of immigration. The presentations will be short, with ample time for questions and answers. [Read more about the event.](#) For more information contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or Trinki Brueckner (447-4742). All are welcome to this free public event.

Living Water Workshop: an eco-justice retreat for all

Sunday, November 17th from 1 - 6 pm at BCCUCC. The workshop is being offered to bring communities together in dialogue about environmental justice and the sacred, as well as to provide an opportunity to take creative action together. This workshop is part of a program supported by the Genesis Fund of the United Church of Christ. Refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks to share. Enjoy a day of retreat, storytelling, learning, sacred activism, and creative renewal. All are welcome. Please register for this event by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-water-workshop-tickets-76129008915>
Registration deadline is Thursday, November 14th. Registration is free!
Contact: Rev. Brendan Curran (brendan@bccucc.org) [Flyer](#)



Regular Weekly and Monthly happenings (listed alphabetically)

Autism Support Group for Young Adults will no longer meet at BCCUCC

The support group for young adults (ages 18-30) with Asperger's or Autism is no longer going to meet at our church. The group is continuing to meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month but will meet at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 191 County Road, Barrington, at the later time of 6:30 pm beginning Wednesday, November 6th. Anyone from the community interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462. More details are available from Mark Heffner (401) 275-3333. All are welcome.

Bereavement Group

The group will meet **Monday, October 21st** 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

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, October 29th** at 7 pm in the church library. They will be discussing *The Excellent Lombards* by Jane Hamilton: "Hamilton has anchored her writing life to her family's

Wisconsin apple orchard, and in her warm, funny, and incisive seventh novel, she creates a veritable cosmos out of a Wisconsin family farm, from its fields to its apple trees, lambs, woods, marsh, and ramshackle houses and barns." (Booklist). All are welcome!

For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held on **Thursday afternoons** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with Brendan in this more informal setting. **There will be NO community office hours on Thursday, October 17th as Brendan will be on vacation.**



East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on **Saturday, October 19th** 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, November 5th** from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at (860) 301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com so she knows how many to expect. 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.



Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan happen every Monday (except on holidays or otherwise noted) from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome. **There is no Mindful Monday on Oct 14th as it's a holiday.**



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, Nov 7th** 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 - new book available from church office

The Women's Faith Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, and they next meet on **Thursday, October 17th**. They will be starting a new book *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the discounted price of \$13 from the church 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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Thank You...

Blood Drive results

Thank you to everyone from the church and community who came to donate blood at our recent blood drive. 15 donors came and 10 donations were taken, helping to save 30 lives. Special thanks to Barbara Wuth for being our church's Blood Drive Coordinator, and for all that she does both ahead of time and on the day of the blood drive.



Neighbors in Need offering

This UCC offering was collected last Sunday, October 6th. Thank you to all who gave. However, it's not too late to make a donation. Checks should be made payable to "BCCUCC" with "NIN" in the memo line, and then put in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the office. Learn more at www.ucc.org/nin where you can also make online donations.



From the River's Edge



Why do you worship?

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - October 1, 2019 What a fascinating question that is. Why do you worship? There are many different facets to that question and, likely, countless different answers. What I am asking today is,

why does anyone...

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Southern New England Conferences of the United Church of Christ

3rd Joint Annual Meeting - registration is open

Before we officially come together to form a new conference on January 1, 2020, the CT, MA and RI conferences will gather for the last time as separate entities in their **3rd Joint Annual Meeting**. It will be held **Fri - Sat, Nov 1 - 2, 2019** at the DCU Center, Worcester MA. [Registration is now open](#). Information on hotels, the children's program, parking and more is available on the [Annual Meeting Page](#).



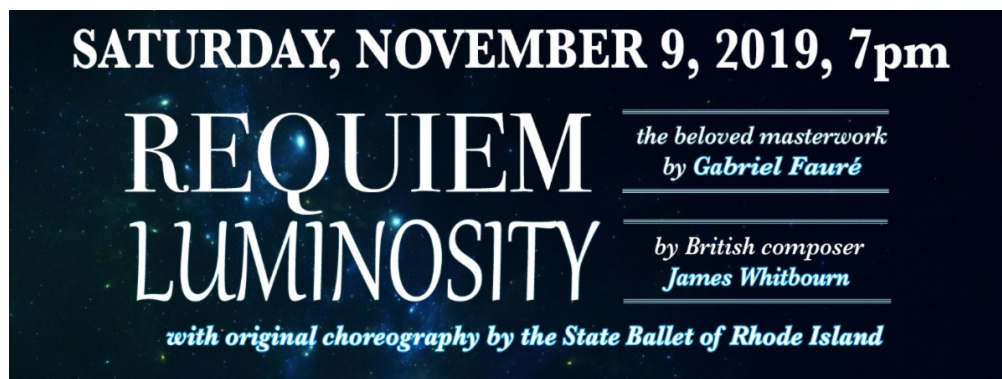
Community Notices

R.A.D. Women's Self Defense classes

This FREE program for girls and women 12 years and older, teaches defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assaults. The program is three classes long (must attend all 3) and they're being offered **October 28, 29 & 30** from 5:30 - 9 pm at Barrington High School Register by emailing JoAnne Waite at jmwaite55@gmail.com. [Learn more](#).



Providence Singers Concert "Requiem & Luminosity"



The **Providence Singers**, a 100-voice choir under the direction of Dr. Christine Noel, will present Faure's *Requiem* and James Whitbourn's *Luminosity*. The **State Ballet of Rhode Island** will join the Singers in performing *Luminosity*, adding original choreography in a visual interpretation of this moving work. Two musical paths to celestial light, one extraordinary evening! **Saturday, November 9th**, 7 pm at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence.

Church member Beth Zarlengo, and office administrator, Christine Wallis, both sing

with the Providence Singers and they invite you to come hear - and see - this unique and beautiful performance! [Purchase tickets](#)

Reminders

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 church office

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. Anything with a question mark next to it is not yet confirmed.

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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