



October 10, 2024

The bi-weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ

Calendar

*Office Hours: Open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Closed on Federal and State Holidays & where otherwise noted*

Sun, Oct 13 *Royalties for Negro Spirituals offering*

10 am All Ages Worship Service with guest storyteller Valerie Tutson, Nursery Care only
After Worship: Coffee Hour and celebration for Christine's retirement, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Oct 14 Indigenous Peoples Day

Office Closed

11 - 11:45 am Check in and Registration for Barrington Day of Caring, Town Hall
Noon - 4 pm Barrington Day of Caring, leave from Town Hall for work sites
5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) meet, Library and via Zoom

Tues, Oct 15

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
10:30 am Book Group, Library
4 pm Stewardship meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Deacons' meeting, Library

Wed, Oct 16

7 pm Bible Study with Dale - 'Paul the Progressive', Library
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 17

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Plant City in Barrington Center
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library

Sun, Oct 20 Stewardship Sunday

8:45 am Church School Team meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class, Library

Mon, Oct 21

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library
6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Room 9

Tues, Oct 22

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Oct 23

Noon: *Deadline for eBridge*
7 pm Bible Study with Dale - 'Paul the Progressive', Library
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 24

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Plant City in Barrington Center

Fri, Oct 25

4:15 - 8 pm Outside rental of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Oct 27

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am - Noon TRUNK OR TREAT, Parking lot outside the CE building

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

If you can't be with us in person, we invite you to worship with us online

Our **Sunday morning services** are **livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person. They can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or watched later.

Only once the service is over, can a recording of the service be found on [our website](#). The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).



Sunday, October 13

A special All Ages Worship Service

This **Sunday, October 13**, acclaimed **local storyteller Valerie Tutson** (see below) will speak during the reflection time at our **All Ages Worship service**.

All of the hymns during the service will be based on Negro Spirituals and the congregation is invited to support our **Royalties for Negro Spirituals Initiative** that was started two years ago. As we honor the many contributions of Afro-descended people to our collective culture, we recognize that the original creators of so many of these songs and stories were never compensated for their work. To right this injustice, although in a small way, we hope you will consider a donation to Community Music Works in Providence. This organization's mission is to create a cohesive urban community through music education and performance that transforms the lives of children, families and musicians. Learn more at <https://communitymusicworks.org>

A special offering envelope will be included in the bulletin this Sunday for donations of cash or check payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Royalties' in the memo line. Checks may also be mailed to the church office at 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806. Online donations may be made via Tithe.ly at <https://bccucc.org/donation/> and selecting 'Royalties for Negro Spirituals' in the drop down box. Thank you for donating.



Welcome to our guest storyteller Valerie Tutson

Valerie is a multiple award-winning storyteller who has been performing in schools, churches, libraries, festivals and conferences since 1991. She draws her stories from around the world with an emphasis on African traditions. Her repertoire includes stories and songs she learned in her travels to South Africa, her experiences in West Africa and stories from African American history. She is a graduate of Brown University where she earned a Master's degree in Theater Arts and a BA in her self-designed major of Storytelling as a Communications Art. She will be speaking during the reflection time in the All Ages Worship service this **Sunday, October 13**. (see above)



Christine's retirement

Christine's last day working in the church office is Friday, October 11. She will be joining us in worship on **Sunday, October 13**, where we will recognize her ministry with us for 26 years (since October 1998)!

Following the service, we will have a **special coffee hour** where people can offer their words of thanks and take the time to say "goodbye" to our beloved office administrator. Please join us if you are able!



Retirement card for Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Hamilton was Senior Minister here at BCCUCC from 1995 – 2004 before moving to Federated Church UCC in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. His last Sunday there will be October 27 after 37 years of ordained ministry. Church member Greg Voigt will be going out to Chagrin Falls on October 26 for Hamilton's retirement party and would like to take a retirement card signed by anyone who would like to acknowledge his ministering to us. Greg will have a **card available for signing** after church at coffee hour on **Sundays, Oct 13 & 20**.



New or updated in this eBridge

Barrington Day of Caring

Monday, October 14, 2024 (Indigenous Peoples Day)
Noon - 4 pm.
Join us as a **VOLUNTEER!**

Barrington Day of Caring is a community-wide event with volunteers consisting of individuals, families, friends, or teams who are mobilized to work with the residents of Barrington to provide much-needed support and assistance.

Local civic and town leaders partner together to organize the event. Along the way, relationships are built as volunteers work together by getting to know one another and the neighbors they serve. No skill set is needed to volunteer. However your expertise is welcomed.

Visit the Day of Caring webpage for more information: <https://barrington.ri.gov/326/Day-of-Caring>

To volunteer: The deadline for registration is **Thursday, October 12** and you can [register online](#). **BUT... you can also register on the day** - just be sure to arrive in plenty of time to fill out the paperwork! You also have the option of printing out and completing the [Volunteer Registration Form](#) ahead of time to take with you.

On the day of the event, volunteers should **arrive between 11 and 11:45 am** to check in and/or complete registration. Volunteers will be divided into groups and depart from the Town Hall at **Noon** to go to the various work sites. Rev. Dale Azevedo is one of the organizers of the event and encourages volunteers from BCCUCC to join him on Monday.

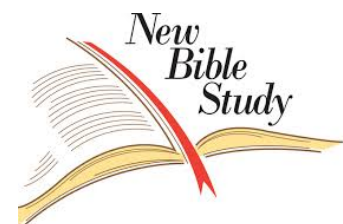
Questions or concerns? Email dayofcaringRI@gmail.com



New Adult Bible Study - 'Paul the Progressive'

This **5-week Bible Study** with Rev. Dale Azevedo starts **Wednesday, October 16** at **7 pm** in the library.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Apostle Paul is not Progressive Christianity's Enemy #1. He was the most prolific evangelist of the early church and wrote most of the New Testament, but is often deeply disliked because his



writings come across as misogynistic, homophobic, and unjust. In this 5-week study, Dale will explore many of Paul's most controversial writings along with their cultural context in order to better understand who Paul was and what he truly believed. This class is open all who are interested and there are no prerequisites to this course other than curiosity and an open mind.

Even though it's past the deadline to register, if you're interested in participating in the Bible Study please **let Dale know a.s.a.p.** as additional books will need to be ordered. Contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org or the office at office@bccucc.org.

Trunk or Treat 2024

It's that time of year for costumes and treats! Our annual TRUNK OR TREAT will be **Sunday October 27** right after church around 11:15 until Noon. We are once again inviting the community to join us 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. Like in previous years, the participating cars will be parked out front of the education building to help provide a safe place for the event. And the driveway will be cordoned off to vehicles once the event starts. Let's see if we can fill all 14 spots available this year!

You can **sign up to decorate your vehicle's trunk** by contacting Elizabeth Azevedo (860-301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com) or calling the church office 401 246-0111.

And don't forget that young and old alike are invited to **come to worship in costume** that Sunday!



Remembering those who have died

We invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (October 29, 2023) to the church office (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111) **by Tuesday, October 29**. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on **All Saints Sunday, November 3**.



TAP IN Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our church will be collecting items for Tap-In's upcoming Thanksgiving Food Drive. They have requested the following items:

- **Stuffing**
- **instant mashed potatoes**
- **gravy in cans**
- **cranberry sauce in cans**
- **brownie mix and cookie mix**

Items should be regular size (not oversized) cans or boxes (no glass jars please).



Tap-In will accept our donations from **October 16 – November 1**. It's not too early to **bring your donations to church** and we will deliver all of them to Tap-In on behalf of the congregation. Please contact Team Leader Pat Stoddard if you have any questions (pat@bccucc.org, 401-829-0654).

An opportunity to donate fresh fruit to TAPIN for Thanksgiving

For several years in the past BCCUCC held a citrus fruit sale to raise money for mission trips. We partnered with the Providence Singers who have been running this sale as a fundraiser for their organization for more than 20 years! In addition to ordering fruit for themselves, the congregation was invited to order cases of fruit for delivery to TAPIN so it could be given away with the Thanksgiving Food



Bags and Gift Cards to those in need in the East Bay.

Church member Beth Zarlengo is once again running the Fruit Sale Fundraiser for the Providence Singers and invites the congregation to also order fruit for delivery to TAPIN. Many of the Singers also purchase cases of fruit for delivery to TAPIN and they donate over 500 lbs each year! To order fruit for donation to TAPIN please visit <https://ifundraise.com/723608> and choose 'Ship to Organization' then contact Beth at zarlengo@cox.net or (401) 447-6331 to let her know that your order is for TAPIN.

If you're interested in ordering fruit for yourself or for delivery to someone else, please contact Beth and she'll be happy to help you with your order. Orders must be placed **by Tuesday, October 29**, and will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

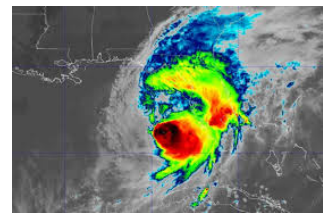
Calling all BCCUCC Veterans

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her for coffee and donuts with the Veterans at Atria Bay Spring Village. We meet once per month for coffee and conversation - and donuts. The stories and living history are profoundly sacred. Please email or call Rev. Racquel to sign up at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 104.



Hurricanes 2024 Relief Appeal from the UCC

In the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, you are invited to support the UCC's recovery efforts with their emergency appeal. The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.



Use [this link](#) to make a donation online and also learn about other ways you can help.

You can also mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2024" in the memo section of your check.

Update from the BCCUCC Governing Board

Fall Congregational Meeting highlights

The BCCUCC Governing Board conducted our Fall Congregational Meeting on September 29, 2024 after morning service. Here are the highlights:



- The congregation accepted the minutes from 2024 Annual meeting held June 9, 2024.
- Gloria Hwang-Forzano was nominated and approved as a Deacon, and Kim Zeleznik was nominated and approved as our Service Coordinator. Thank you Gloria and Kim for stepping forward to serve.
- Governing Board member Charles Antone presented a report on the sale of the 4 Nathaniel Road parsonage for \$525,000: "We are pleased to share that the sale of the Parsonage has been successfully completed. After the congregation approved the sale, a member informed us that a family member was interested in purchasing the property. To ensure fairness, we engaged an independent professional to appraise the property, which was valued at \$525,000—exceeding the initially approved amount. Given that this appraisal was acceptable to the buyer, we proceeded with the sale, which was finalized on August 1. Additionally, by selling the property directly, the church saved on realtor fees, further benefiting our financial position. The Endowment Team is now in the process of investing the funds." The Congregational accepted this report without discussion.
- Kim Fernandez and Reverend Azevedo gave an inspiring presentation regarding the Governing Board's "Year of Engagement" vision for the 2024-2025 church year. The idea

behind our new BCCUCC governance structure is that members share their talents with the congregation and our larger community by participating in projects they are passionate about. Rev. Dale urged members to consider forming their own team if they see a need that needs to be served. Some teams are a legacy from the past structure and will remain, but new ones will emerge. If there are activities or projects that no longer interest the congregation, then those will be retired. We want our church to be a place that is dynamic and responsive to our church family, our community, and the world. The congregation accepted this vision without discussion.

Ongoing groups

listed alphabetically

Bereavement Group

This support group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time and new members are always welcome. The group meets once a month from **10 - 11 am** in the church library and will meet again on **Monday, October 21**. For more information contact one of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at aubreyfolk@aol.com or (401) 392-1909, or Rev. Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org (401) 246 0111 x 104.



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, October 15** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *The Rabbit Hutch* by Tess Gunty. [Book review](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Choir Rehearsals

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:30 pm** in the Vestry for an hour or so. To learn more, speak with our music director Matthew Marion after church or at (401) 954-7107 or mmarion1811@gmail.com. Or speak with any choir member - they'd love to welcome some new faces and voices! Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Coffee Chat

The Thursday Morning Coffee Chat meets at **Plant City** in the Barrington Shopping Center (188 County Road). Please join Rev. Racquel and others on **Thursday mornings 8:30 - 9:30 am** for conversation and companionship. Contact Rev. Racquel with any questions racquel@bccucc.org



Knitting for Others Group - in person and via Zoom

The Knitting for Others Group will resume meeting both in person and via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month beginning **Tuesday, November 5** from **6:30 - 9 pm**. Feel free to stop into the library or join the call at any time and stay as long as you like. All knitters and crocheters are invited to participate and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at (401) 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com. *Zoom info needed to participate is not included here for security reasons. It is in the email sent to the congregation.*



Women of Faith Reading Group

The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They meet for discussions on books, faith and life on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from **1:30 - 3 pm** in the church library and invite new women to join them. They next meet on **Thursday, October 17**. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net



Youth Group

All youth in **grades 5 - 9** are welcome to join us on **Monday nights** from **6 - 7 pm**. We're looking forward to Games and Crafts nights, Youth Group Soup, a trip to La Salette, a Quiet Retreat, community service work, and exploring a mission trip. Parents, we'll need some help with Youth Group Soup nights! Please email racquel@bcc.org to learn more.

Upcoming Youth Group dates are **Mondays, Oct 21, Nov 4 & 18**. *Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off and on a few other Mondays.* For the full year's calendar see page 13 of the [Faith Formation Guide](#).

Don't forget that youth participating in any programs at church must be registered. [2024-2025 registration form](#).



Worth repeating

Don't forget to register your child(ren) and youth!

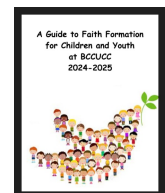
Our insurance requires EACH child and youth from infants through grade 12 be registered every year in order to participate in church programs including Church School, Confirmation and Youth Group. If they were registered last year, see Andrea so you can review last year's form, change the grade, make any necessary updates and initial it! If you haven't registered your child(ren) previously, please fill out a [2024-2025 registration form](#) (copies available from the narthex table or outside Andrea's office), and return it to Andrea. Questions? Speak with our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard or contact her at andrea@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 107.



Want to know more about our children and youth programs?

[A Guide to Faith Formation for Children and Youth at BCCUCC 2024-2025](#)

can be read at the link, and we encourage everyone - especially parents - to read about the various programs available for children and youth at BCCUCC. It covers everything from Nursery Care for our littlest ones up through opportunities for our high schoolers. Please share the information with other families you know with children and youth who may be interested. A link to the information is also on the Church School page of the church website at www.bccucc.org/children-youth/. Printed copies of the booklet are available for pick up at church - from the narthex table, or outside Andrea's office.



'From the River's Edge' blog

The latest blog 'Mental Wellness' was written by Racquel. [Read it here](#)



Miscellaneous

Do you need a name tag?

If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or call (401) 246-0111 and let us know what name you'd

like on the nametag plus your preference for a clip, pin or string holder. Nametags are stored on the rack in the vestry hallway, or you can keep it in your car or purse where you can easily find it on a Sunday morning.



Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

The deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is **Noon on the Wednesday prior to publication.** Deadline for the next eBridge newsletter is **Wednesday, October 23.** Send information to office@bccucc.org.



2024-2025 Church Calendar

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Online Giving

It's easy to make a donation online! Simply go to the donation page on our website at www.bccucc.org/donation/ and click on 'Donate Now' under the Tithe.ly option. Be sure to click on the drop-down box in Tithe.ly to choose where you'd like your donation to go - options include Deacons Fund, Memorial Gift, Pledge, Gift etc. Thank you for your financial support of BCCUCC.



News from the Conference & National UCC

SNEUCC to be Honored by RI Council of Churches

The Southern New England Conference and its Executive Conference Minister, the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, are being honored as "Heroes of Faith" by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

Also being honored is Rev. Chontell Washington, pastor of the First Congregational Church of West Springfield, MA, who had served as Interim Executive Minister of the Council. [Learn more](#)

The **Heroes of Faith awards** will be presented at a breakfast on **Thursday, October 31** at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI. Tickets are \$40, or \$320 for a table of 8. More information, the full list of award recipients, and registration can be found at: www.councilofchurchesri.org/heroes-of-faith.



The Rhode Island State
Council of Churches

Keep up to date with our Conference - SNEUCC

The Southern New England Conference, UCC (SNEUCC), publishes several newsletters - one of which comes out weekly and is titled '**5 Things to Know and Share**'. Read the latest edition [at this link](#) and sign up to subscribe and get it sent to your inbox.

[Click on this link](#) to see the archive of all of the different SNEUCC newsletters - and subscribe to any that are of interest to you.



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