



**October 13, 2022**

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

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## Calendar

*Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Closed on Federal and State Holidays*

### **Sun, Oct 16 Deacons Sunday**

10 am Worship Service with Installation of Deacons (in-person and online), Church School

Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

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

### **Mon, Oct 17**

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

### **Tues, Oct 18**

10:30 am Book Group, Library

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

### **Wed, Oct 19**

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Oct 20**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library

### **Sun, Oct 23**

10 am Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix (in-person and online), Church School

Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

After Worship: Discussion with Rev. Kendrix, Library

### **Mon Oct 24**

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

### **Tues, Oct 25**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

### **Wed, Oct 26**

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Noon: Deadline for eBridge

4 pm Pack bags for LFRI Backpack Program, Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Oct 27**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

10 am Barrington Interfaith Clergy meeting, Library

### **Sat, Oct 29**

1 - 5 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

### **Sun, Oct 30 All Saints Sunday**

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School

Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

11:15 am - Noon: Trunk or Treat, Parking lot in front of Education building

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

Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

## **Sunday, October 16**

### **Deacons' Sunday and the Deacons Fund**

Because **this Sunday, October 16** is **Deacons Sunday** and we collected the Neighbors in Need offering on October 2, the Deacons' Fund envelopes will be in this Sunday's bulletin instead of the customary first Sunday of the month.

The fund is administered by our deacons and is used to extend a helping hand to those in need in our church and immediate community. Donations are regularly made to TAPIN and a variety of other local organizations that help those in need.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Fund at this time, there are several ways to do it. EITHER Use the Deacons Fund envelope on Sunday to put a donation in the offering plate (cash or check payable to "BCCUCC" with "Deacons Fund" in the memo line); OR mail a check to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806; OR make an [online donation](#) using Tithe.ly from our website, designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. Thank you.



### **Sing and Celebrate children's choir**

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir is starting up again and rehearsals begin after worship in Room 6 **this Sunday, October 16**. Open to boys and girls in grades 1-

5, this choir is a wonderful way for young people to learn

to sing in a group and to actively participate in the worship service. If your child is interested in participating bring them along to Sunday's rehearsal - they'll be very welcome!



## An amazing response!



### THANK YOU to the congregation!

With the culmination of our ministry efforts over the past few weeks, we collected a huge donation of 'Welcome Home Baskets' for Crossroads RI. Last Sunday, we delivered 43 baskets with lots of extra stuff that didn't fit into a basket. We had 7 cars, 12 volunteers and filled the room at Crossroads with all your donations! The baskets will remain intact and be donated in the same way that they were created – as a gift. There were no baskets in their reserves over the summer, so some of the BCCUCC baskets will immediately be distributed to recent new home recipients. In addition, our baskets will fill the shelves for the next new home recipients as needed. There is an on-going need for them.

Our guest speaker, Ric Wild said, "Thanks again for the opportunity to be with you and the congregation on Sunday. It was truly a highlight of my weekend!"

Our volunteers did notice that there were empty shelves in the Crossroads food pantry - perhaps an opportunity for a future outreach project?

### Anyone interested in doing a community spotlight for Crossroads?

BCCUCC has been invited by Crossroads RI to participate in a community spotlight for their website. [HERE](#) is an example of one that they recently did with one of their corporate partners.



Would BCCUCC be willing to contribute to something like this, but with Q&As that are more appropriate for a faith community? Crossroads says, "This would be a nice way for Crossroads to acknowledge the effort and to hopefully inspire other churches to take on similar initiatives." Anyone interested should contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 104.

## Later this month

### Guest Preacher on October 23

On Sunday, October 23 the **Rev. Marilyn Kendrix** will be our guest preacher. Marilyn retired as one of the three Bridge Conference Ministers of the Southern New England Conference in January 2021. Prior to her work at SNEUCC, Marilyn served

as Conference Minister of the RI Conference, and pastored two churches in Connecticut. Since 2012, her personal ministry has included preaching at over 170 churches and other venues to raise awareness about mass incarceration in America. Her current preaching ministry addresses systemic racism and the controversy over critical race theory.

This will be the third time that Marilyn has preached at BCCUCC and we look forward to welcoming her on the 23rd. We hope you'll be able to join us.

**After the service**, Mission & Justice will host an **informal discussion** with Rev. Kendrix in the library. All are invited.

[Suggested reading](#) on the topic of her sermon. [Rev. Kendrix's full bio](#)



## Remembering those who have died

We invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (October 31, 2021) to the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) **by Tuesday, October 25**. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on All Saints Sunday, October 30.



## Loaves and Fishes BACKPACK program returns

BCCUCC Loaves and Fishes BACKPACK program is back for another school year! Each month we distribute 25 full bags of food to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. We continue to partner with [We Share Hope](#) and [Books are Wings](#), but to supplement these donations and fill the bags, we hope to add regular items each month such as peanut butter, bread, oatmeal, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, shelf stable pudding. Sign up to mark which items and how much of them you can donate at this [SignUpGenius link](#) or call the church office if you need help to sign up. Food donations need to be dropped off at the church **no later than Sunday, October 23** so that the bags can be packed before our next delivery to the DelSesto School. A collection box will be placed in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary.

Packing of the bags will take place on **Wednesday, October 26** at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come help.



## Trunk or Treat 2022

It's that time of year for costumes and treats! Our annual Trunk or Treat will be **Sunday, October 30** right after church around **11:15 am**. 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. Last year was a great success with over 10 cars decorated – let's see if we can fill all 14 spots available this year!

**Sign up** by contacting Elizabeth Azevedo (860-301-2915 or [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com)) or the church office (401 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org))

*Update: We have a number of cars signed up but there's space for more. We'd really like to fill all 14 spaces. Remember that trunks can be decorated as simply or as elaborately as you choose - it's not a competition!*



## An opportunity to donate fresh fruit to TAPIN for Thanksgiving



For several years at BCCUCC we 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 [www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com/ecommerce/723608](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com/ecommerce/723608) and choose 'Ship to Organization' then contact Beth at [zarlengo@cox.net](mailto: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 Christine Wallis (also a member of the Providence Singers) in the church office ([office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111) and she'll be happy to help you with your order. If you live locally, she'll even deliver it to your door so you don't pay any shipping costs! **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, October 25**, and will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

### Help Church of the Pilgrimage celebrate their 400+ anniversary!

On **Saturday, October 29** Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC, in Plymouth, MA will be celebrating the 400+ year anniversary of the church and the covenant of the founding pilgrims. They're inviting everyone – especially those from other UCC churches in SNEUCC - to join them. Beginning with Devotions at 10 am and ending with a choral concert at 3:30 pm, there are a variety of different events in between including a presentation on 'The Shame and Scandal of Christianity' by **the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the UCC**; a light boxed lunch; and 'An Indigenous View of the 400+'.



At the Devotions, they're inviting representatives from SNEUCC congregations to bring forward copies of their own Church Covenants. **If anyone from BCCUCC is interested in attending and would like to present our church covenant**, please contact the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111.

[Learn more and register](#) *Note: the registration date of Oct 15 has been removed. It's helpful for planning if you can register ahead of time, but not necessary. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door.*

## From the Green Team

### Fall Festival at Barrington Farm School

From BFS: "Join us on **Saturday, October 15** from 4 p.m.- evening for a celebration at the [Barrington Farm School](#), 100 Federal Rd, Barrington. We are delighted to be hosting Fall Festival, a chance for volunteers and members of this wonderful community to spend time together and celebrate autumn at BFS. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share and get ready to enjoy music and great company. Drop by anytime from 4 p.m.-evening and celebrate the changing seasons with BFS. We can't wait to see you soon!"



### Environmental Justice Is Racial Justice - Faith Communities Respond

All are invited to a webinar on this topic on **Thursday, October 20** from 1:30 - 3 pm ET on Zoom. If you're not able to watch live, the event will be recorded and made available to all registrants.

Environmental Justice is the intersection of Creation Justice and Racial Justice. Across our country and our world, communities of color are impacted first and worst by pollution and climate-driven disasters, and among the strongest advocates for change. Learn how your faith community can stand with them. Join a panel of leaders on the front lines of environmental justice featuring:

- Dr. Robert Bullard
- Rev. Mariama White-Hammond
- Rev. Dr. Deborah Conrad
- Rev. Betsy Sowers (Moderator)

[Learn more and Register](#) for this zoom event - SNEUCC is one of the co-sponsors.

## From Mission and Justice

### Poor People's Campaign march/protest/rally

The RI Poor People's Campaign and partners will gather at Burnside Park in Providence on **Saturday, October 15** from Noon - 2 pm to get out the vote: our votes are demands, not support.

The upcoming election must focus on the five interlocking injustices: (1) systemic racism; (2) poverty and inequality; (3) ecological devastation and denial of health care; (4) the war economy and militarism; and (5) the false narrative of religious nationalism.

If you'd like to join them [click here](#) for details and to RSVP.



### Our Faith, Our Vote

League of Women Voters of Rhode Island and East Bay Media Group are sponsoring two live Candidates' Forums via Zoom at **Barrington Public Library**, on **Tuesday, October 18**, from **6 - 9 pm**. The public is invited to **submit questions by Friday, October 14th** to Naomi Kennedy via email: [nekkennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:nekkennedy@yahoo.com). The moderator from East Bay Media Group, Scott Pickering, will choose the questions to be asked. See submission details & additional info: <https://www.barrington.ri.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=41>



## Ongoing groups / activities

### Youth Group

The Youth Group (for grades 5 - 8) gathers most weeks throughout the year on **Mondays** from **6 - 7pm**. Youth group meetings consist of fun and fellowship, simple dinner (usually pizza) and a closing prayer service. When the weather permits, they'll meet on the terrace, labyrinth, and playground.

Upcoming Youth Group gatherings are **Mondays, Oct 17 & 24**.

*Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off. All youth grades 5 - 8 are welcome to attend.*

For more information, including the schedule for the entire year, see page 12 of the [2022-23 Guide to Faith Formation](#) or contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.



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

## Prayer Service is now every Wednesday

On **Wednesday mornings** in the Sanctuary at **10 am** all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer service as we pray for the church congregation and clergy, the community, family and friends. Prayer is a part of Spiritual wellness and we could all use some prayer.

*Note: Racquel's continuing ed course moved online, so the service can now take place every Wednesday morning - except when she's on vacation.*



## Calling All Singers!

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:30 - 9 pm** in the Vestry. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). Or speak with any choir member. Or just show up at rehearsal and try it out. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join our choir!



## Coffee Chats with Racquel

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from **8:30 am – 9:30 am** on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. She will be there every Thursday morning and hopes to see you there any time you can make it! All are welcome.



## 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 will meet once a month this fall at the earlier time of **10 - 11 am** in the church library. The dates are: **Mondays, Oct 17, Nov 14, & Dec 12**. For more information contact either of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at [betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at [aubreyfolk@aol.com](mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com) or (401) 392-1909.



## Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, October 18** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *The Violent Bear It Away* by Flannery O'Connor. [Book summary](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



## Women of Faith Reading Group

The group meets 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. They welcome women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They next meet on **Thursday, October 20** and have chosen to read *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. [Review of the book](#). Barrington Books is getting copies for those interested in participating. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)



## Knitting for Others Group is now a hybrid meeting

These knitters get together on the first Tuesday to knit items to be donated - prayer shawls, baby hats, etc. They next meet on **Tuesday, November 1st** from 6:30 – 9 pm and participants have the option to either meet in person in the church library or meet over zoom. Feel free to stop by 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](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com).

*The zoom information needed is not included here for security reasons, but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



## Community News

### 2022 East Bay Older Adult Survey

East Bay Regional Coalition is looking for adults aged 50+ who live or access resources in East Providence, Barrington Warren, or Bristol to complete a brief online survey at <https://bit.ly/3Rfvm3h>. Information you provide will not identify you but your answers will be combined with those of other older adults to help them better serve and provide activities for older adults. [Learn more](#)



### Mental Health Awareness Training

FREE trainings are being offered by East Bay Regional Coalition for anyone who wants to learn to recognize mental health concerns, effectively approach someone who is struggling, promote mental health, and access useful resources. Support friends, family and coworkers by attending one of these free trainings:



**East Providence Senior Center**, 610 Waterman Ave, East Providence. **Wed, Oct 26** 4:30 - 6:45 pm OR **Barrington Public Library**, 281 County Rd, Barrington on **Thurs, Nov 17**, 4:30 - 6:45 pm. Register for either training online at <http://bit.ly/3xSTIJD> or by phone at (401) 247-1900 x346

### Providence Singers concert

The Providence Singers will be presenting a concert of Haydn's 'The Creation' with orchestra on **Sunday, October 30** at 3 pm at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence. More information and tickets at [www.providencesingers.org](http://www.providencesingers.org). Use code **Singers22-23** to get a \$5 discount on Center Section seats. It's a wonderful and energetic piece of music, and Christine Wallis and Beth Zarlengo will be delighted to see you in the audience!



## Worth repeating

### The Pastors' Blog

Two blogs have been written since the last eBridge.



If you missed either of them here they are:  
[A Listening Experiment...](#) a blog by Dale, and  
[So...What is a Minister of Congregational Life?](#) a  
blog by Racquel.



## Registration required for children and youth

Please note that for insurance purposes EACH child and youth from infants through grade 12 are required to have a new registration form filled out EVERY YEAR in order to participate in church programs including Church School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. If you haven't yet registered your child/youth, please download a [2022 – 2023 registration form](#) then fill it out and return to Andrea Bullard (Faith Formation Director) either by mail or when you see her at church. Printed copies of the form are available from the narthex table on Sunday mornings.



## Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

### Relaxed COVID protocols

**Masking is optional** in both the church and education buildings, although masking is still required to enter the church office. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary. [More about our current protocols](#) We also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



### Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service at 10 am.**

Masks are optional in worship. We do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online.



For those unable to join us in person, the services are livestreamed so they can be watched online - either live or later - in three different places:

- the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc)
- the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it won't be possible to watch the service on either Facebook or our website. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube at the link above.

### Sunday bulletin available online

The livestream page of our website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> now has a link to the Sunday bulletin so that those watching the worship service at home can follow along more easily.

### Nursery Care

The **Nursery** is open every Sunday morning to provide loving care for infants and children aged 0 - 3 years old. Parents/guardians are welcome to drop off their child/children in the nursery located in the Education building before going to the worship service.

The **Nursery Nook**, located directly below the sanctuary, is another option for parents with wiggly children of any age to retreat to and still hear the service on the loud speaker down there.

We love the sound of children in worship so parents are welcome to keep their infants



and children with them in the sanctuary if they wish. For those who would prefer to worship without distraction, we provide these other options.

## Church School classes

Children from PreK through grade 8 attend the first part of worship service in the sanctuary with their families, then after the children's message (or communion on the first Sunday) they leave to go to their Church School classes in the Education building. Their teachers will accompany them. More information about the different church school classes are on pages 9 & 10 of the [2022-2023 Guide to Faith Formation](#). On All Ages Worship Sundays, the children remain in the sanctuary for the entire time and the service is more child friendly.



## From the church office

### 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 next eBridge and Announcements is *Wed, Oct 26*. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### Do you need a Name Tag?

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



### Online donations to the church through our website

Our church website ([www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)) is capable of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the following instructions: There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page of the website. Clicking on it will take you to the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page. In the middle is a link to Tithe.ly through which you can make a donation to the church either using a credit card or directly from your bank. (No need to set up an account). You are also able to designate where you would like your donation to go (pledge, gift, memorial gift, Deacons' Fund, etc).



Questions? Contact Pat Stoddard, Financial Secretary at [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 102.

[Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#) OR you can use this QR code to take you directly to our giving page.



## Conference Happenings

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.

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