



October 19, 2023

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 & where otherwise noted*

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 it be found on [our website](#). The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).

Sun, Oct 22 New Member Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:30 am Mandatory meeting for Volunteers working with Children & Youth, Library

Mon, Oct 23

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library

4 pm Stewardship meeting, Dale's office

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall and Room 9

Tues, Oct 24

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Oct 25

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 26

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

Sun, Oct 29 All Saints Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am - Noon Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot

Mon, Oct 30

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Room 9

Tues, Oct 31 Halloween
10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Nov 1 All Saints Day
7 - 8:15 pm Bible Study with Dale, Library
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Nov 2
8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Group meet, Library

Sat, Nov 4
Bedtime: Turn clocks back 1 hour

Sun, Oct Nov 5
Daylight-Saving Time ends
8:45 am FFaYM meeting, Library
9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Class, Library then Room 9
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School
11:30 am - 1 pm 'Understanding Transgender Identity' workshop, Library

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

October happenings

(in roughly chronological order!!)

New Member Sunday

We hope you can join us for worship **this Sunday, October 22** when new members will officially join the church.



Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with our children and youth

All volunteers who work with our children and youth are asked to attend a meeting on **Sunday, October 22** at 11:30 am in the Library. This will be a brief gathering to review all aspects of our children and youth programs. Questions? Contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246- 0111 x107.



We'd love to have a few more volunteers so if others are interested in volunteering in Church School, or have questions, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard, at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107. For volunteering with Youth Group, please contact Rev. Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104. They look forward to hearing from you!

Remembering those who have died

We invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (October 30, 2022) to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) **by Tuesday, October 24**. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on All Saints Sunday, October 29.



Thanksgiving Food Drive for TapIn continues

BCCUCC and the Mission & Justice Team are again partnering with TAPIN to support their Thanksgiving food drive. Last year, our church provided 40 bags of food for this meaningful project. Those bags were used to help TAPIN feed over 700 families who needed assistance during the holiday! This year, the need has increased substantially.



On October 8, Shauna Hyde, President of TAPIN, shared a Moment of Mission about this year's Thanksgiving food drive and how our ministry helps TAPIN with their work. We have brown paper bags (labeled with the Thanksgiving food list) still available on Sunday mornings for anyone who would like to pick one up. Simply take a bag, add the requested food to it (see below) and bring the filled bags back to church on **Sundays, October 22, or 29**. Bags are brought up during the Offertory or before the service begins, and will be **blessed on Sunday, October 29** during the worship service. Bags will then be delivered to TAPIN on November 1 to fill their shelves well in advance of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Food List:

- **Stuffing**
- **instant mashed potatoes**
- **gravy in cans**
- **cranberry sauce cans**
- **brownie**
- **cookie mixes**
- **canned vegetables**



Please: The items should be ****regular size (not oversized) cans and boxes****
No glass jars please as several broke in transporting last year!

Trunk or Treat 2023

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held after worship on **Sunday, October 29** from **11:15am - 12:00pm**. This is a community event and we would love for you to join us again this year to fill the front parking lot of the education building with festive cars, costumes, and treats. We've seen Mrs. Potts and Lumiere, a plague doctor, cookie monster along with milk and cookies, and fresh from the farm harvest themes. Any idea is welcome and you can decorate your vehicle's trunk as simply or elaborately as you like – this is not a competition!



There will be a **sign-up sheet** on the coffee table in Fellowship Hall for those who will be decorating their trunks, or contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104. We have 8 cars signed up so far and will need at least 2 more to match last year's total - and would love to have even more!

Organizer needed: Rev. Racquel would very much appreciate if a member of the congregation could organize us all! Contact racquel@bccucc.org to volunteer. Anyone who would like to - young and old - is welcome to **come to worship in costume** that Sunday.

Stewardship Moment - Because of YOU, our church changes lives

This week we find ourselves in the middle of our annual stewardship campaign. And while there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful ways about the choices we make with our money in support of the church. In each bulletin and eBridge throughout the



campaign we will include a different

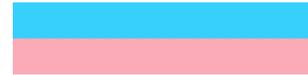
insert that discusses one aspect of our campaign. We hope you find them meaningful.

The first is written by Rev. John Dorhauer, titled [A Theology of Sufficiency](#), and can be read by clicking on the link.

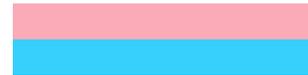
Our campaign will end on **Consecration Sunday, November 12**, with a wonderful celebration in church and a catered congregational lunch featuring the Bare Bones Big Band who previously joined us in worship on Open Doors Sunday, September 10. We hope you will join us on that day!

'Understanding Transgender Identity: embracing all God's children'

Sunday, November 5
11:30 am - 1 pm in the church library



The BCCUCC Open and Affirming Team has invited Quinten Foster, Director of Transgender Whole Healthcare at East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP), to come and speak with our congregation after worship on **Sunday, November 5**. This workshop will focus on understanding transgender identity in order to deepen our knowledge and understanding of this minority community and their personal experiences. encourage those present to ask relevant questions, inviting us to lean into some of the confusion or lack of clarity many of us may have on the issue. **Our goal for the workshop is to provide a safe and healthy place where honest and compassionate dialogue can take place.** All are invited to attend.



Dale wrote on this subject in his latest blog and it can be [read at this link](#).

Thank You

A note of thanks from Christine

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at BCCUCC for the recognition during worship on October 8th of my 25 years of working at BCCUCC. Little did I know when I answered the small ad in the Barrington Times for a church secretary, that I'd become a member of staff here for such a long time. When I started (on Oct 8th, 1998) Hamilton Throckmorton was the senior minister, and Julie Kilmer was the associate. Since then I've worked with an additional four senior or interim senior ministers, and eight settled or interim associate ministers. If you're doing the math, that makes a total of 14 different ministers that have had to get used to my English accent and British sense of humour - not to mention some colourful spelling of words (when I forget to use the American spelling).



As many already know, I'm an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and on Sunday mornings you can find me there singing in the choir - except for the occasional Sunday when I'm at BCCUCC as your substitute pianist. During the pandemic I joined the BCCUCC Virtual Choir and had the opportunity to make weekly video recordings of hymns and anthems that Erik Ela then expertly put together in time for Sunday's virtual worship service. It was a lot of work for all involved - especially Erik - but I enjoyed it, and it helped me stay connected to others while making music together (albeit virtually) during a time when we were all so isolated. I've been fortunate to meet and get to know many wonderful people at BCCUCC over the years, and I'm blessed to have two church families - BCCUCC and St. John's.

Thank you so much for the lovely basket of cyclamen plants and the generous financial gift you gave me, and for the cake at coffee hour. Together with the kind words spoken by Dale during the service, and from others at coffee hour, they all mean a lot to me.

As I mentioned during the prayers, I give thanks to God that I work here at the church as it's been such a blessing in my life.

With many thanks,
Christine Wallis
Office Administrator (for 25 years and 11 days!)

From the Green Team

Thank you to those who signed the Climate Hope Cards back in the summer. They have arrived in Washington D.C.! Ours were just a few of nearly 8,000 postcards delivered to the EPA as 'tangible prayer for hope' from UCC churches.

[Read more](#)



Opportunities

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 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 Christine Wallis (also a member of the Providence Singers) in the church office (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 24**, and will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

Chancel Team would like more members

Do you enjoy working with flowers? Enjoy helping people celebrate anniversaries and commemorate loved ones? Then you would enjoy being on the Chancel Team. The time commitment is easy as our meetings are mostly by email or chatting at Coffee Hour. Please contact Beth Buckley at Elizabethbuckley21@msn.com or (401) 524-0849, or look for Bethia Rosner, Liz Rosenholm, Barbara Lee or Beth at Coffee Hour to learn more.



Be a Greeter!

Do you have a friendly smile and are willing to welcome people to church on a Sunday morning? Then why not be a greeter! All that's

required is that you come to worship early so you can greet the congregation as they arrive, being especially on the lookout to welcome any visitors. 'Greeter' nametags are kept in the drawer in the vestry sideboard and by wearing one, it identifies you to any visitors as someone there to offer assistance if needed. Individuals, couples and families are all welcome to be greeters. To volunteer please contact Trinki Brueckner at trinki49@gmail.com or speak to her at coffee hour on a Sunday. Thank you.



Ongoing groups and events

(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. Upcoming dates are: **Mondays Nov 13 & Dec 11**. 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, November 21** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *End of Drum Times* by Hanna Pylväinen. [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 - 9 pm** in the Vestry. 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 have you join them. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Coffee Chats with Racquel and others

On **Thursday mornings** Rev. Racquel and others meet at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Ave, Barrington from **8:30 - 9:30 am** for coffee and conversation. All are welcome to join them any time they can make it. Note: they still meet even when Racquel is away.



Knitting for Others Group - in person and via zoom

The Knitting for Others Group meets both in person and via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month, and next meets on **Tuesday, November 7** 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.



Loaves and Fishes Backpack Program

BCCUCC continues the collection of food bags to be given to the families of 25 students at DelSesto Middle School in Providence who are experiencing food insecurity. We continue to partner with *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>) to provide food to those in need & also with *Books are Wings* who donate free books for the students. (<https://www.booksarewings.org>).



BCCUCC supplements the food donations to fill the bags. We collect the following items in the box in the narthex as you go up the stairs to church: **peanut butter, bread, jelly, oatmeal, canned tuna, rice and beans, pasta and sauce, fruit cups, granola bars and shelf stable pudding.** Thank you to those who supported October's collection.



A SignUpGenius will soon be available for people to sign up to donate specific items - the link will be in the next eBridge. If you need help signing up please call the church office (401) 246-0111.

The **deadline** for food donations is **Sunday, November 12** and the **packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, November 15** at **4 pm** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley jbuckley6@cox.net or 578-6533 if you can help, or with any questions.

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. Upcoming meetings are on **Thursdays, November 2 & 16.** For more information - including what they're currently reading - contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net



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. *Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off.*



Upcoming meetings are **Mondays, Oct 23 & 30, Nov 6 & 27**. All youth grades 5 - 8 are welcome to attend. (No meeting on 10/9).

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

Worth repeating

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 'Understanding Transgender Identity: embracing all God's children.' If you missed it earlier, you can [read it](#)



[here.](#)

Want to know more about our children and youth programs?

[The 2023-2024 Guide to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC](#) has a lot of information about the various programs we offer for children and youth at BCCUCC including our Church School, Youth Group, and OWL programs.

Printed copies of the booklet are available for pick up from the narthex table in church, or from outside Andrea's office. If you have questions, please get in touch with our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 107m who'll be happy to answer them.

A Guide to
Faith Formation &
Youth Ministry at BCCUCC
2023-2024



Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

Services livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **10 a.m.** on Sunday mornings - either in person or online.



Masks are optional but we do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary and also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.

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

- the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
- or [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

Please note that the service can no longer be watched LIVE on our website. However a recording of the service can be watched once the service is over and it's been posted to the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>

A link to the [Sunday bulletin](#) can be found on our livestream page.

Nursery Care

The Nursery is available 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.



From the church office

Church office hours

Our regular church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30



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 is **Wed, Nov. 1.** Send information to Christine at office@bccucc.org.



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 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) 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 Tithely 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 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.

[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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Closed on Federal and State holidays.

Building Security: The Education building remains locked at all times, even when the office is open. Please ring the bell for entry and we'll be happy to let you in - or use the code on the keypad if you have it.

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