



October 22, 2020

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

If your email platform only lets you see part of this email, then click on the following link to [View eBridge as Webpage](#) We don't want you to miss anything!

Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.

There will be no in-person worship services at church thru Jan 2021

Thurs, Oct 22

3:30 pm Church Chat with Dale (#1) via Zoom

Sat, Oct 24

9 am - 3 pm SNEUCC Virtual Super Saturday - Day 1

9:30 am Pumpkin Palooza, Terrace

Sun, Oct 25

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

11:30 am Rain date for Pumpkin Palooza if postponed from 10/24, Terrace

1 - 2 pm Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil, Outside Barrington Presbyterian Church

Mon, Oct 26

7 - 7:30 pm Meditative Coloring for Adults, via Zoom

7 pm Church Chat with Pastor Dale #2 via Zoom

Tues, Oct 27

9:30 am Book Group meets via Zoom

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting via Zoom

Wed, Oct 28

7 pm Membership Team meets via Zoom

7 pm RI Association UCC Annual Meeting via Zoom

Sat, Oct 31 Halloween

9 am - 3 pm SNEUCC Virtual Super Saturday - Day 2

Bedtime: Turn clocks back 1 hour

Sun, Nov 1 Stewardship Sunday & All Saints Day

Daylight Saving Time ends

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship). Watch

at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
11:30 am Small, outdoor, in-person coffee hour at members' home(s)
11:30 - 12:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:30 pm Meditative Prayer Service, Terrace

Mon, Nov 2

7 - 7:30 pm Meditative Coloring for Adults, via Zoom

Tues, Nov 3 Election Day

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Technology Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Knitting for Other group meet via Zoom

Wed, Nov 4

Noon Deadline for the next eBridge

Thurs, Nov 5

7 pm Church Chat with Dale (#3) via Zoom

Sun, Nov 8 Consecration Sunday

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

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

Reminders of events/deadlines happening soon

Have you signed up yet for a 'Church Chat with Pastor Dale'?

As Dale wrote in the last eBridge... *"I miss you guys! But more importantly – I want to make sure that I'm serving and supporting the needs of our church family during these unprecedented times. We're more than six months into the pandemic and some of us have struggled, some of us have rested, some of us have stressed over things – I would love for us to get together for a casual chat and share and listen and support each other. A 'Church Chat' if you will.*

So, members of our church family – I invite you to come together and join me for informal Zoom gatherings to connect with each other."



Five gatherings have been scheduled over several weeks and will have **no more than 8 people** in each. This is an opportunity to connect and discuss a range of topics, especially relevant in these times. It will also be a time to discuss the role of our church in our lives now and going forward. Dale will facilitate each gathering and a scribe will also be present to capture the essence of each gathering without identifying any individuals. Couples are encouraged to attend different meetings to increase the diversity of each gathering. We hope that you will find this opportunity for connection and conversation to be beneficial!

Zoom Schedule for the remaining Church Chats

Mon., Oct. 26, 2020 at 7 pm

Thurs., Nov. 5, 2020 at 7 pm

Mon., Nov. 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm

Sun., Nov. 22, 2020 at 11:30 am



Register to participate in a 'Church Chat with Pastor Dale'

Preregistration is required through [SignUpGenius](#)** or by calling the church office (401) 246-0111 and leaving a message, or by emailing office@bccucc.org. **[How to use SignUpGenius](#) (Those without computers can participate in a zoom chat via phone.)



The Zoom information needed for participation will be sent to registrants a few days before the gathering that you selected to attend.

More about 'Church Chat with Pastor Dale' in the latest blog

Dale wrote more about why he set up the 'Church Chats with Pastor Dale' and his hope for them. If you haven't done so already [read Dale's latest blog](#) then sign up for one.



Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil

The next monthly Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil will be held on **Sunday, October 25th** from **1:00 - 2:00 pm** in front of **Barrington Presbyterian Church**, 400 County Road, Barrington. Bring signs, wear masks, and stay six feet apart. **All are welcome.**

The Vigils are held on the last Sunday of each month at different locations, and are sponsored by BCCUCC; Barrington Interfaith Partners; Barrington Presbyterian Church; St. John's Episcopal Church; Sts. Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church, and Temple Habonim.



'Neighbors in Need' offering

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering was highlighted during the October 11th worship service. The congregation was invited to make a donation to this special mission offering of the United Church of Christ, and we thank all those who responded. A deadline of **Sun, Oct 25th** was set - so if you'd like to make a donation, checks should be made payable to

"BCCUCC" with "NIN" in the memo line and mailed to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806. Online donations can be made at www.ucc.org/NIN where more information about NIN can be found. Thank you.



Remembering those who have died this past year

As is our tradition, the names of loved ones who died during the past year (since 11/1/2019) will be read at our worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 1st with the tolling of a bell. If there is someone you would like remembered in this way, please submit their name to the church office **by Tuesday, October 27th**. Either email the information to office@bccucc.org or call the office and leave a message at (401) 246-0111.



Register to attend the RI Association Annual Meeting

The Rhode Island Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ will hold its Annual Meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 28, 2020** from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Those who wish to share in a time of fellowship are invited to gather between 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. The meeting begins with worship which includes a virtual Association choir. The **keynote speaker is the newly elected SNEUCC Executive Conference Minister, The Reverend Darrell Goodwin!**

All are invited to attend the meeting but registration is required. Once registered you will receive the necessary zoom information.

Sundays at BCCUCC

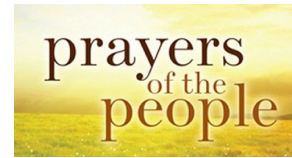
Our **online worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/. If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links.

We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each week. Please note that there will be no in-person worship through January 2021 - all of our worship services will be online only.



Prayer requests

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can either leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111, or email Dale dale@bccucc.org or Linda linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only. Prayers for **Sunday, Oct 25th** should be emailed to Dale only.



Clergy away

Rev. Linda Hartley is on vacation through October 25th.

Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, October 25th: Both arrangements are given in memory of Ted Barnes by Janet Barnes, and Debbi, Brent and Hale Summers.

On Sunday, November 1st: Both arrangements are given by Joe and Helen Schall. One arrangement is given in memory of Helen's sister, Diane and the other is given in memory of Helen's niece, Karen.



Birthdays being celebrated

The week of October 25th: Ruby Joachim DelPoio, Cindy Cioe, Maddy Fairbanks, Anna Robertson, Nancy Baker, Noah Milne, Ethan Lapinski, Bob Marshall, Axel Weber, Kate Bonneau, Heather Williamson, and Rey Willier.

The week of November 1st: Hannah LaVena, Janet Morrison, Colin Peck, Lauren Silva, Helen MacDonald, and Tracy Slye.



Be prepared for Communion on November 1st

On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate communion during the virtual service. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to

have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. However, we invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the “proper” elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an open and loving heart.



Miscellaneous - but important !

Altar Flower Donors Needed

Donors are needed to pay for altar flowers on Sundays, November 15th, 22nd and 29th. Donors can choose to pay for either one or both arrangements on a Sunday, and each one costs \$30. Altar flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event. If interested in paying for the flowers on any of these dates, please contact Beth Buckley at elizabethbuckley21@msn.com or (401) 247-0324. Thank you.



Driveway to be dug up

Work to replace the steam pipe that runs under the driveway from the education building to the church, will begin on **Monday, October 26th**. A temporary chain link fence will be put up to block off the driveway which will also prevent use of the office entrance. As the office is closed anyway, this shouldn't affect the congregation. The project is expected to be completed in a week and a half.



We want everyone singing in our group video of 'Go in Love'

ALL are invited to add themselves to our group singing project for the Benediction song “Go In Love”! We're not looking for perfect singing, just lots of faces singing in joyful noise! Our vision is to try to have all the congregation participate - we want to see you!



An updated video with additional participants will be shown following the Benediction at the end of the online worship service on Sunday, October 25th. If you haven't yet participated, [click on this link to learn more](#).

Building HOPE Together!

As the pandemic stretches from month to month, we are all searching for moments of HOPE in our days. We encourage you to help build HOPE by writing down these moments and bringing them to our new prayer drop off box now located outside along the walkway in front of the education building at church (by the stairs to the library door). The box is clear so that as our small wishes of HOPE collect, we can see the power of community as it fills up. If you are unable to bring your HOPE to the church, you can email them to Elizabeth Azevedo at eazevedo17@gmail.com. She will then print out your message and drop it into the box for you. Questions? Feel free to email Elizabeth.



Time to change the clocks!

Daylight-Saving Time ends at 2 am on **Sunday, November 1st, 2020**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour

when you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!!



Christmas Pageant Palooza!

Come one, come ALL...This Year's Christmas Pageant will be like no other! The production is in the early planning stages, but you should SAVE THE DATE of **Saturday, November 14th**. More info as it becomes available. Please contact Andrea (andrea@bccucc.org) if you'd like to be part of this exciting event!!



More opportunities for connecting

Weekly Meditative Coloring for Adults

We all are stressed out from the long pandemic. Come, relax together, and color an uplifting message each week. Elizabeth Azevedo is offering an online (Zoom) weekly meditative adult coloring small group on **Monday evenings** at 7 pm via Zoom for about 30 minutes. Each week, participants can pick up the coloring page ahead of time at the church in a designated spot outside (or be mailed/emailed one if unable to pick one up). They meet via Zoom to color and discuss the “page” for the week. Please email Elizabeth if interested – eazevedo17@gmail.com. The next sessions are on **Mondays, October 26th and November 2nd**.



Book Group

The Book Group will meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 27th at 9:30 am**. They will discuss *Red Lotus* by Chris Bohjalian: “A bicycling tour of Vietnam takes a dark turn when Manhattan ER doctor Alexis Remnick’s boyfriend, Austin Harper, disappears in this intricately plotted thriller from Bohjalian (*The Flight Attendant*). Each character, including secondary players, is carefully drawn, and Bohjalian keeps the tension high all the way to the surprising finale.” For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *For security reasons, the zoom information is not included in this version on our website and Facebook pages. It was included in the email sent to the congregation.*



Small, outdoor, in-person coffee hours continue

As a part of our ‘Building Relationships during the Pandemic’ program, church members are hosting more of the small, outdoor in-person “Coffee hours”. The next are scheduled for **Sunday, November 1st at 11:30 am** after the online church service. Members of the congregation are hosting these outdoor gatherings with a maximum of fifteen people at each home. Participants are required to wear masks and to bring their own beverage and chair if they wish, and to observe the [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#).



To take advantage of this opportunity to connect with church friends, **please sign up** at this [SignUpGenius](#) link, or contact Helen Schall (401 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com) **before 3 pm on Saturday, October 31st**. The hosts will let you know later on Saturday where your assigned coffee hour will be held. *Hosts are Laura Ward, Helen Schall, and Trinkie Brueckner.*

(Information on how to use SignUpGenius is [at this link](#).)

Meditative Prayer Service

The next meditative prayer service will be held **Sunday, November 1st**, at 5:30 pm on the terrace behind Fellowship Hall. Attendees are given a "bulletin" to read silently during the half-hour service that consists of a scripture verse, prayers, music played through a mini-amplifier, and a period of silence. Wear a mask and bring a chair (and perhaps a blanket). The space will be dimly illuminated. There is a limit of 15 people. Call Trinki Brueckner (401 447 4742) or click on this [Sign Up Genius](#) link to register, and join in a time of peace and reflection before our national election. [How to use SignUpGenius](#)



Knitting for Others Group

The group meets virtually each month and will next meet on **Tuesday, November 3rd** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited to attend and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com. *For security reasons, the zoom information is not included in this version on our website and Facebook pages. It was included in the email sent to the congregation.*



From your Mission and Justice Team

Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices

M&J would like to share with you the following information from the UCC Peace and Action Network. It includes an Election Timeline of the whole electoral process from now through the inauguration in January.



This election will be unlike any other, particularly because of the pandemic, but also because there is much on the line. While we're used to staying up on election night to find out who won, this year the counting is going to take a little longer. Mail-in or absentee ballots take longer to tabulate, and by law in some states those votes can't even be counted or processed until after polls have closed on election day. If it takes longer than expected, that means the election process is working! And that should be celebrated.

Many have asked us what to expect in the coming weeks and months. [Here is a timeline of what the full electoral process looks like:](#)

There is a long path ahead. It is important that we, as the faith community, encourage patience, keep the faith, and continue to demand that every vote be counted.

Courage in the struggle,

The Our Faith Our Vote Team [Sandy, Katie, Mike, Madison, and Jessi](#)

Webinar on RIP Medical Debt

Many of you contributed to the RIP Medical Debt initiative back in the spring. You can learn more about how those donations are used in an upcoming webinar:

'Inside RIP Medical Debt: Experience the Story'

Tuesday, October 27th 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Understanding how RIP Medical Debt works and our partnership to eliminate medical debt from some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Join Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries and Rev. Kent Siladi, Director of Philanthropy, as they discuss this important initiative with Scott Patton, Director of Development for RIP, for this important conversation. [REGISTER](#)

Be on the watch for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! More info to follow.

Conference Happenings

SNEUCC Virtual Super Saturday - October 24th and 31st

Please join the SNEUCC for their first Virtual Super Saturday - two days of worship, workshops and networking - **October 24th & 31st** from 9 am - 3 pm. Sign up for one day or two, two workshops or four. It's up to you! The cost per workshop is only \$10.

Special Guest is **Rev. Sarah Heath**, pastor, author, podcast host and speaker.

All are welcome! Super Saturdays are growing in popularity - REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! [More information and Registration](#)

Super Saturday

is going Virtual! Two Great Days of
Virtual Workshops and Worship

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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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Thank you! Gracias! Merci!

Successful 'Day of Caring' Food Drive for TAPIN

On Monday, October 12th a contact-less food drive was held for Barrington's Day of Caring. 66 households participated and almost 1,500 pounds of food was dropped off at the Town Hall for donation to TAPIN. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Reminders

Keep yourself and others safe

The [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#) is a one page document that all are asked to read and observe when they attend any BCCUCC outdoor gathering. Thank you.



Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the building. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds. Once on the church's Facebook page, you will need to click on 'posts' or 'videos' to find the live feed, or watch the recording later.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages will be checked regularly. Our contact information is:



Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107

Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.



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