



October 24, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Reduced office hours thru Nov 4th: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only

Thurs, Oct 24

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

Fri, Oct 25

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Oct 26

11 am Memorial Service for Daehler Hayes, Central Congregational Church

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

Sun, Oct 27 Stewardship Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School

Coffee Hour: Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot

12 - 2 pm Youth Group, Room 9

Mon, Oct 28

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Rm 8)

7 - 9 pm Peace Action Speaker & Discussion, Sanctuary

Tues, Oct 29

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Book Group, Library

Wed, Oct 30

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

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 31

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

Fri, Nov 1

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

2:30 - 10:30 pm Southern New England Conferences, Worcester MA

Sat, Nov 2

7:30 am - 4:45 pm Southern New England Conferences, Worcester MA

Bedtime: Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Sun, Nov 3 Consecration Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School
After Worship: Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am Celebration Lunch, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Nov 4

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

Return to regular office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30

Tues, Nov 5

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Knitting for Others Group, Elizabeth Azevedo's home

Wed, Nov 6

Noon Senior Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
Noon Deadline for eBridge
7 - 8:15 pm 'Exploring the Bible-1', Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Nov 7

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Nov 8

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Nov 9

8:30 am - 12:30 pm Service Day for Confirmands and Youth Group at Matthewson St Church in Providence

Sun, Nov 10 Holy Communion Sunday

10 am All Ages Worship with Communion, Nursery Care available
11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our church, Library
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

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

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org
Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Wednesday, November 6th**

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

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This weekend

Trunk or Treat is this Sunday!

This **Sunday morning, October 27th**, all are invited to wear a costume to worship, and we will trick or treat each other's car trunks during coffee hour. We always have lots of fun so we hope you will join us.

There are a few parking spaces left if you wish to decorate the trunk of your car for Halloween and fill it with candy for trunk-or-treaters! Call Elizabeth if

you are interested 860-301-2915.

Participating cars are asked to arrive no later than 9:45 am and park in the spaces in front of the Education Building which will be closed to traffic during coffee hour. We've invited the community to join us so look forward to welcoming visitors!



Important Parking Changes this Sunday

The parking spaces in front of the Education Building are being reserved this **Sunday morning, Oct 27th**, for cars participating in Trunk-or-Treat. Everyone else is asked to park in the main commuter lot. We are trying to reserve the spots around the church for handicapped parking. After the worship service is over, the driveway in front of the Education building will be closed to traffic so that children can safely participate in Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you for your co-operation.



Memorial Service for Daehler Hayes

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



Consecration Sunday, November 3rd

Be the change...

This year we are celebrating how we can 'Be the Change...' in our church, community and world. Through your consistent giving to BCCUCC we are changing peoples' lives. This celebration culminates with worship and a church-wide lunch afterwards on **Consecration Sunday, November 3rd**. Please plan on attending. You are important!

During the service, there will be an opportunity to fill out a Giving Card for 2020. After the service there will be a special catered lunch to celebrate our shared commitment to our church. You do not need to fill out a Giving Card to attend the lunch. You do not even need to be a member to attend the lunch. In fact, your presence as a guest, visitor, or friend will make our celebration that much more meaningful. Also, it is a lunch this year not a brunch and there's an exciting all new menu!

Read '[Be the Change...](#)' - the letter from the Moderator included in the last eBridge.



Please join us for lunch - and let us know you're coming!

RSVP cards for the lunch (see above) will be included in the bulletin again this Sunday, Oct 27th. If you weren't in church last Sunday and can't make it this Sunday, we encourage you to



RSVP for the November 3rd lunch by emailing Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org or calling 246-0111. Thank you.

Can't make it to church on Consecration Sunday?

If you are not able to join us on Consecration Sunday but you'd like to have your financial commitment for 2020 counted among the celebration, please contact Pat Stoddard at the church (246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org). As our Financial Secretary, Pat keeps track of all of our congregation's giving.

Please note....

Reduced church office hours

The church office will be open from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only, from **Thurs, Oct 24th thru Mon, Nov 4th** while our office administrator is away. Other staff will be checking the office emails and phone messages during that time.

Remembering those who have died

We invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Day (November 1st, 2018) to the church office (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) by *Wednesday, October 30th*. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service **on Sunday, November 3rd**.



Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir

Our Sing and Celebrate Choir has started rehearsals again. If you have a child (boy or girl) in Grades 1 – 5 who might like to sing in our children's choir, we'd love them to join us. Older children are also welcome to come sing! If there are kindergarteners interested, please speak with Kate as she's willing to let them try it out. Rehearsals are Sunday's at 11:20 am in Room 6 and last about 20 minutes. *There is NO rehearsal on Oct 27th so the children can participate in Trunk or Treat*. Questions, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.



November's Communion - a week later than usual

We will not share communion at the service on the first Sunday of the month, November 3rd, but instead include it in a special multi-generational **All Ages Worship** service on **Sunday, November 10th**, which will be Holy Communion Sunday. We hope you will join us.



Want to learn more about our church - and maybe become a member?

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him on **Sunday, November 10th** for '**Conversations about our Church**' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you'd like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday is November 24th. If you'd like to attend "Conversations" please RSVP to Dale at dale@bccucc.org

or 246-0111 x 103 by Monday, November 4th - and let us know if childcare is needed, so that we can provide it.

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Don't forget!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 2nd** - and enjoy an extra hour of sleep before getting up and coming to church on Consecration Sunday, November 3rd!



Have you submitted YOUR family photo yet?

We certainly hope so as we want ALL of our church members and friends to be included! We have a great start to our directory, *but many of you are still missing*. Never fear, it's not too late! *Please send a photo of your family to us soon*. It doesn't have to be anything formal or fancy, it can even be a "selfie" as long as it includes YOU. Whether you're a family of one or many more – we want a photo that includes you all! Photos can be emailed to Elizabeth Azevedo eazevedo17@gmail.com. Questions/concerns? Contact Elizabeth at 860-301-2915.



Special events

Peace Action Speaker and Discussion

"This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: Endless Wars, Nuclear Weapons Forever, Bottomless Pentagon Budgets" will be **Monday, October 28th** from 7 pm – 9 pm in the Sanctuary of our church. People everywhere are rising up to demand action to environmental, racial justice and economic emergencies. Yet politicians and pundits continue to tell us bold programs are much too expensive to fund.



All are welcome to join us for a discussion by **Kevin Martin, National President of Peace Action**, who will explain how the staggeringly high Pentagon budget and endless war stand in the way of solving these problems. Kevin has spent his life working for nuclear disarmament and many other peace issues. He has appeared on CNN, National Public Radio, BBC-TV and Democracy Now! and a variety of media outlets. His writing has appeared in publications such as the New York Times, The Nation, The Chicago Tribune and The Progressive. All are welcome. *Event is sponsored by MA Peace Action, East Bay Citizens for Peace, and the Mission & Justice Team of BCCUCC.*

Senior Luncheon

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 6th** at noon for our annual Senior Luncheon. Delicious food and fun entertainment will be provided. Blount's Fine

Foods is again donating some of their soups! Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on Sunday or by calling the church office at 246-0111 or emailing office@bccucc.org. If you need a ride, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!



Living Water Workshop: an eco-justice retreat for all

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



East Bay Women's Clothing Swap

Following the success of the first two, a WOMEN's Clothing swap has been scheduled for every other month - the next one is **Sat, Nov 23rd** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3 - 5 entry, no-one turned away. Clean out your closet and bring shoes, bags and clothing that you no longer need to the swap - and bring home a whole new wardrobe! The event is open to the whole community so invite your friends!



Can you help?

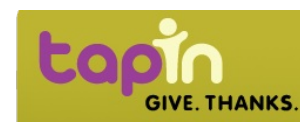
Coffee Hour needs your help

Coffee Hour is hosted throughout the year by various ministry teams. The church provides the coffee, tea and juice, but all the food is provided by the team assigned for that month. Since not all our ministry teams are at full complement and others are small, the jobs of providing food, serving and cleanup for 4 or 5 Sundays in a row is becoming exhausting for team members. The proposed remedy is for the ministry teams to still oversee coffee hour for the month they are assigned **but with help from the church community**. There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays to sign on for additional help with food, serving and cleanup. Lists are currently through December. Those who signup will receive an email reminder the Wednesday before the Sunday that they have volunteered to help. If you're not in church to sign up but would like to help, please contact Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349. Thank you.



TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection

We are again joining with other houses of worship in town to help provide the food that is given away to those in need in the TAPIN Thanksgiving Food bags. This year our congregation is being asked to donate **Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, and Gravy**. (Please note that TAPIN is not allowed to split up large boxes of items purchased from BJ's etc – they can only give out the regular



packaged boxes.) TAPIN helps about 350 families in the East Bay area each Thanksgiving so lots is needed! Food donations may be placed in the bins in the narthex (on your way into church) or in the one near the stage in Fellowship Hall. TAPIN also accepts monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards which they can buy in bulk at a discount. (Checks can be made payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'TAPIN' in the memo line.) **Donations will be collected on November 3rd, 10th & 17th.** Deadline for delivery of items to TAPIN is Mon, Nov 18th.

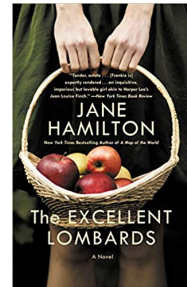
Regular Weekly and Monthly happenings (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

The group will meet **Monday, November 4th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. For more information, contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

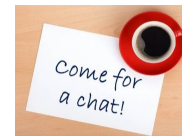
Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, October 29th** at 7 pm in the church library. They will be discussing *The Excellent Lombards* by Jane Hamilton: "Hamilton has anchored her writing life to her family's Wisconsin apple orchard, and in her warm, funny, and incisive seventh novel, she creates a veritable cosmos out of a Wisconsin family farm, from its fields to its apple trees, lambs, woods, marsh, and ramshackle houses and barns." (Booklist). All are welcome! For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held on **Thursday afternoons** from 3–5 pm at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with Brendan in this more informal setting.



East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on **Saturday, November 16th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, and get new (to you) items! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. \$3 - 5 donation at the door, but no one turned away. Open to the community.

Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>



Knitting Group

Knitting for Others Group will meet **Tuesday, November 5th** from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at (860) 301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com so she knows how many to expect. The group meets monthly - on the 1st Tuesday - makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, hats for children in Head Start etc) and can provide patterns and help. All knitters and crocheters are



welcome, especially new faces! For more information about the group, contact Nancy Arena at 246-0212 or Nancy.Arena@outlook.com.

Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan happen every Monday (except on holidays or otherwise noted) from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is **Thurs, Nov 7th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.



Women's Faith Group

The Women's Faith Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, and they next meet on **Thursday, November 7th**. They have been discussing *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, and will soon be starting a new book. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



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'From the River's Edge' - the pastors' blog

We've made a change...

We are now emailing to the congregation on alternating Thursdays either the eBridge newsletter, or a new blog from Dale or Brendan. We realized that the blogs were sometimes getting buried in the eBridge and not getting read much. Since switching to sending them separately, the number of people reading them has increased significantly! We'll still include the latest blog in the eBridge in case you missed it earlier.



The latest blog is from Brendan [Living Water! Be the Change!](#)

If you missed reading any earlier blog posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our website www.bccucc.org

Southern New England Conferences of the United Church of Christ

3rd Joint Annual Meeting - registration is open

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



Community Notices

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

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



Providence Singers Concert "Requiem & Luminosity"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019, 7pm

REQUIEM
LUMINOSITY

*the beloved masterwork
by Gabriel Fauré*

*by British composer
James Whitbourn*

with original choreography by the State Ballet of Rhode Island

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

Church member Beth Zarlengo, and office administrator, Christine Wallis, both sing with the Providence Singers and they invite you to come hear - and see - this unique and beautiful performance! [Purchase tickets](#)
[Listen to the Providence Singers rehearse some of Luminosity](#)

Reminders

Nametags

Both adult and children's nametags are stored in the racks in the vestry hallway. Please pick up yours as you come into worship and wear it through coffee hour. As you leave put it in one of the collection baskets - to be returned to the nametag rack ready next time. **Need a nametag?** Sign up in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall or email the office at office@bccucc.org - be sure to indicate if you want a clip, pin or string style of holder. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.



Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



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We only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org.

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