



**October 25, 2018**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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## Calendar

*Office open 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only on Oct 25, 26, 29 & 31.*

**Thurs, Oct 25**

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

**Fri, Oct 26**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Oct 28 A Day of Healing**

9 - 11:15 am OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am Trunk or Treat in Parking Lot - and you can come to church in costume!

Noon - 1 pm Youth Bereavement meeting, Room 9

**Mon, Oct 29**

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

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

**Tues, Oct 30**

11 am Staff meeting

11:30 am Book Group at The Coffee Depot in Warren

7-8:15 pm Adult Ed Study with Dale "The Jesus Diaries", Library

**Wed, Oct 31**

7:30 - 8:15 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Nov 1**

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

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

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

**Fri, Nov 2**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Nov 3**

7:30 am - 1 pm RICUCC Autumnal Meeting, First Congregational Church, Bristol

Bedtime Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

### **Sun, Nov 4 Stewardship Sunday (Tithing Your Treasure)**

*Deadline for donations to TAPIN Thanksgiving Food baskets*

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Children's Communion Service in the Library then Church School

10 am Worship Service with Communion

11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our Church, Room 6

1 - 4 pm Youth Bereavement Retreat, Rooms 8 and 9

### **Mon, Nov 5**

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

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

### **Tues, Nov 6**

11 am Staff meeting

7 - 8:15 pm Adult Ed Study with Dale "The Jesus Diaries", Library

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Barbara Wuth's home

### **Wed, Nov 7**

*Noon Deadline for the next eBridge*

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 8:15 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Nov 8**

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

### **Fri, Nov 9**

*Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies*

### **Sun, Nov 11 Consecration Sunday**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

11:15 am Consecration Brunch, Fellowship Hall

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

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

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is  
**Wednesday, November 7th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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

## Trunk-or-Treat is this Sunday

### 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat....and you can come to church in costume!

This **Sunday morning, October 28th**, all are invited to wear a costume to worship, and we will trick or treat each other's car trunks during coffee hour. Those who wish to are invited to decorate the trunk of their car for Halloween and fill it with candy for trunk-or-treaters! (The internet has some great decorating ideas.) We always have lots of fun so we hope you will join us.

Participating cars are asked to park in the spaces in front of the Education Building which will be closed to traffic during coffee hour.



### Special Parking Directions for this Sunday

The parking spaces in front of the Education Building are being reserved this Sunday morning for cars participating in Trunk-or-Treat. (The handicapped spaces will still be available for those who need them). Everyone else is asked to park in the main commuter lot, or around the church. 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.



## Don't miss the following deadlines.....

### Youth Bereavement Meeting and Retreat

Adults are not the only people who experience grief and loss! Youth do too but might not have spaces where they can address their grief and be supported by others going through similar experiences. Using group circle process, we will create a space together for youth of all faith backgrounds and perspectives to have a community of support to cope with grief and loss. In a **meeting this Sunday, October 28th** from **12-1 pm**, participants will have an opportunity to get to know each other and share stories. During the **mini-retreat on Sunday, November 4th** from **1-4 pm** participants will explore ritual arts and creative practices for processing significant losses and honoring the memories of their loved ones. Meetings will take place in rooms 8 and 9 of the education building. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact facilitators Brendan Curran [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) (401-318-2447) and/or Betsy Brenner [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) (401-323-6320). **Deadline is Thursday, October 25th**



### RICUCC Autumnal Meeting

RICUCC Autumnal Meeting takes place **Saturday, November 3rd** from 7:30 am – 2 pm at First Congregational Church, UCC, 300 High St., Bristol. Delegates from our church are reminded that they need to **register by Sat, Oct 27th**. Visitors are invited to attend and they also need to register. All the details about the meeting, including the call, agenda, and [registration link](#) are in the [registration packet](#).

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

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 6 on **Sunday, November 4th**. Child care will be provided for young children and older children have the option to sit in if they wish. 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 would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be November 18th. For planning purposes, if you would like to attend 'Conversations' please **RSVP to the church office by Sunday, October 28th** at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) – and let us know if you need child care.

### Heroes of Faith Breakfast

RISCC Heroes of Faith Breakfast takes place on **Thursday, November 1st** at 7:30 am at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston. Heroes of Faith is the largest fundraiser for the Rhode Island State Council of Churches (RISCC), and it is also their largest event that brings TOGETHER all kinds of people from all kinds of faith traditions and community advocacy groups to honor and celebrate Heroes of Faith in our Community. Get Tickets NOW , register [HERE](#) (**deadline is Tuesday, October 30th**)



## 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, 2017) to the church office at 401 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) **by Wednesday, October 31st**. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on **Sunday, November 4th**.



## Would you share your story?

Susan Catherine Collyer is a Barrington resident and artist looking to share stories of faith. She recently produced an original play entitled, "Reflections in Rhode Island," celebrating 100 years of stories from seniors living in the East Bay. She is looking to do something similar revolving around peoples' experiences of faith. Are there points in your life when you felt an experience of Someone or Something Greater? These can be stories of miracles, magic or the mundane. Susan would like to interview people of different faiths and no faith to create an original theatrical piece to help break down walls of division and separation. If you are interested or would like more information you can contact Dale at the church office (246-0111) or Susan directly at [rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com](mailto:rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com) **by November 1st**.

## TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection

Once again we are joining with other churches in town to help provide the food that is given away to those in need in the TAPIN Thanksgiving Food bags. Our congregation is asked to provide **Instant Mashed Potatoes, Brownie Mix, and Stuffing Mix**. (Please note that TAPIN is not allowed to split up large boxes of these items purchased from BJ's etc – they can only give out the regular sized boxes.) TAPIN helps about 450 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 bin at the back of Fellowship Hall. TAPIN also accepts cash donations for the purchase of gift cards which they can buy in bulk at a discount. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation should make the check payable to 'BCCUCC' and put 'TAPIN' in the memo line. Thank you. **Deadline for all donations is Sunday, November 4.**



## Coming in November

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 3rd**.



### Children's Communion

On **Sunday, November 4th**, the children have a separate communion service in the library, and afterwards go to their Church School classes. Parents are reminded to drop off their children in the library at 10 am on that Sunday.



## BCCUCC is Making a Difference.....and we're celebrating with a brunch!

This year we are celebrating the many ways **YOU** make a difference 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 brunch on **Sunday, November 11th**. Please plan on attending. You are important! *RSVP cards for brunch will be handed out and collected during worship on October 28th and November 4th.* If you won't be in worship please RSVP by emailing Bill Block at [bblock0425@gmail.com](mailto:bblock0425@gmail.com). And remember, YOU are making a difference!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE...



...IN CHURCH,  
OUR COMMUNITY,  
AND THE WORLD.

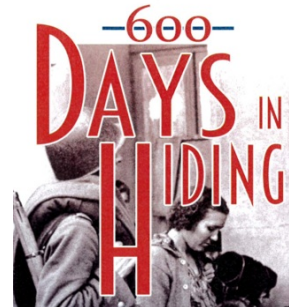
### Climb Every Mountain!

Back by popular demand, the hike up Mt. Monadnock will be happening again this year after all! Chris Brady and Brendan will be leading a hike up Mt. Monadnock on **Monday, Nov. 12th (Veteran's Day)**. All who would like to join the hike are invited to meet in the church parking lot on that morning at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am departure. See you on the mountain!



### Holocaust Survivor to speak at BCCUCC

"600 Days in Hiding" - A talk by Andreas Algava, holocaust survivor and author of *600 Days in Hiding: A Jewish Family in Nazi Occupied Thessaloniki, Greece* is scheduled for **Thursday, November 15th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The program is free and open to the public and is sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, our Mission and Justice Ministry Team, and Temple Habonim. Disturbed by parallels in U.S. and world politics, Algava sees his family memoir - *600 Days in Hiding* - as a call to action to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy that occurred during his childhood. All are welcome. [Flier](#)



### 'Sacred Spaces' Photo exhibit

An exhibition of photographs of sacred spaces for different world religions will be at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St, Providence, from **Oct 31 – Nov 28**, weekdays from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. The photographer is Howard Rotblat-Walker. Reception on **Friday, November 16th** from 5 – 8 pm. [Flier](#)

### East Bay Kids Clothes Swap

The first East Bay Kids Clothes Swap, held on Oct 20th was very successful! There was a great crew of volunteers and a good turnout. Check out the photos below. Many thanks to Megan Sheehan for bringing the idea to the church, and then making it happen. Swaps will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and the next one is on **Saturday, November 17th** in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 - 11:30 am. It's a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up - from newborn to 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! It's a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. \$3-\$5 donation at the door to cover space rental and expenses, but no one will be turned away. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap> for more information.





## New Member Sunday is November 18th

If you're new to our church, or you've been around for some time but never became a member, now's your chance. On **Sunday, November 18th**, you'll have the opportunity to officially join our church during the worship service. Anyone interested is asked to attend "Conversations about our church" after worship on Sunday, November 4th (see earlier article for more information). Not sure if you want to join? Come to Conversations anyway, led by Dale Azevedo, to get answers to questions about who we are and what we believe. There's no requirement to join by attending the session.

## Barrington's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Barrington's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Monday, November 19th** at 7 pm at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. Each church is asked to bring some plates of cookies so we're asking for a few volunteers willing to do this for BCCUCC. If you can help, please contact the church office *by Wed, Nov 14th*. As an offering, non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be received for TAPIN.



## 2019 Mission/Service Trip - Informational Meeting

We will be offering a MINI mission/service trip this year for high school youth from April 14th-18th, 2019 during the Barrington High School April vacation week.

There will be an **Orientation Meeting** for this project on **Sunday, November 25th** at 11:30 am in Room 9. One parent is asked to attend the orientation with their 9th-12th grader. This is an informational meeting. Contact Brendan with any questions or concerns or to rsvp. [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

## Feasting at Fireside

Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo have added additional dates through May 2019, when they will be hosting dinners for 6 at the parsonage. The next will be on **Monday, November 26th** from 6 – 8 pm. Members and friends of the church are invited. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> for a date that works for you, or contact the church office 246-0111 if you are unable to sign up online.



## Looking ahead to December!

### Senior Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE! **Tuesday, December 4th** at noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun. More information to follow in the next eBridge.



### Christmas Eve Worship Service Times

Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary at **6 pm** and **10 pm**. The 6 pm service will be a Family Service that includes a Pageant. The 10 pm service will be a traditional service of Lessons and Carols with music from the choir.



## Can you help?

### Wanted - small stuffed animals/toys

Our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard, is looking for new or gently used small (no more than 6 inches tall) stuffed animals/toys. If you can help, please drop them off in the container on the table in the narthex (by where the greeters stand). Thank you.



### Save your baby food jars

Andrea needs small baby food jars for a church school project later this year. Please save them for her. Thanks.

### A way to help those affected by the many recent hurricanes

Help the UCC respond to hurricane damages by making a donation to UCC Disaster Ministries. Learn more and make an online donation by clicking on [this link](#) from our church website. Or visit [www.ucc.org/disaster](http://www.ucc.org/disaster). 100% of UCC disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming.

### Volunteers needed to help with Church School

We don't need a long-term commitment, just your willingness to teach or assist in one of the classrooms for a few Sundays during the program year. We provide all the information and resources you'll need to enjoy the



experience and grow in faith. For more information or to volunteer, speak with or contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107.



## Ongoing Groups and Activities (listed alphabetically)

### Bereavement Group

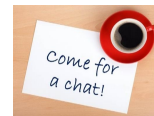
The group meets on **Monday, October 29th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

### Book Group

Next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, October 30th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Blood Brothers: The Story of the Strange Friendship between Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill* by Deanne Stillman. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!

### Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held every **Thursday afternoon** 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. All are welcome.



### Knitting for Others Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, November 6th** from 7-9 pm, at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please contact Barbara if you plan to attend so she can set up enough chairs ([bwuth54@gmail.com](mailto:bwuth54@gmail.com)). To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).

### Memory Impairment Support Group now meets elsewhere

The group no longer meets at the church but instead meets at Tockwotton, 500 Waterfront Drive, E. Providence. Led by Jim McCartney, they will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 pm. The group is open to patients and caregivers. For more information please contact Jim McCartney 401 529-5259 or [jmcc@fullchannel.net](mailto:jmcc@fullchannel.net)

### Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan are from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. They are ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed. 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 **Thursday, November 1st** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

## Women's Faith Group

The group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library beginning **Thursday, November 1st**. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They will begin reading a new book *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

## 'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



### God is Gender-Full

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Oct. 15, 2018 Every Thursday afternoon, I host community coffee hours at the Coffee Depot in Warren from 3-5pm. Our time together is always exciting as the conversations range from personal updates to...

[Read more](#)

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)



If you missed reading any earlier 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 church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

## Community News

### 1st Annual Swing Dance to benefit the Y

**Saturday, October 27th** from 7 - 10:30 pm at RI Country Club. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds will benefit the Bayside Family YMCA.

[Details. Purchase tickets](#)



## Self-Defense Class for Women

Barrington Police Department will be hosting a 'RAD for Women' self-defense class on **November 5, 7, 8, & 9** at the Barrington High School from 5:30-8:30 pm each night. *Participation is required all 4 nights.* No fee. Open to the public. Contact church member JoAnne Waite at [jmwaite55@gmail.com](mailto:jmwaite55@gmail.com) to register. [Learn about R.A.D.](#)



## From the church office

### Change in Dale's listed phone number

Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo are getting rid of their landline. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, please call Dale on his cell phone - the number is listed in our church directory.



### Help us keep the Riverwalk accessible

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so without struggling to open the gates. Thank you.

### Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



### Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office or any errors or changes. Thank you.

### 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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On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at [www.facebook.co/bccucc](http://www.facebook.co/bccucc).

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