

## October 28, 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

#### 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 <a href="www.facebook.com/bccucc">www.facebook.com/bccucc</a> or on our website <a href="at this link">at this link</a> or on <a href="our YouTube channel">our YouTube channel</a> 11:15 am - Noon: Trunk or Treat, Parking lot in front of Education building

#### Tues, Nov 1

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office 6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Other group meets, Library and on Zoom

#### Wed, Nov 2

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

#### Thurs, Nov 3

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe :30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library 6:30 pm Green Team meeting, Library

#### Sat. Nov 5

Bedtime: Turn clocks back 1 hour.

### Sun, Nov 6 Stewardship Sunday

Daylight-Saving Time Ends
8:30 am FFAYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion (in-person and online), Church School
Watch at <a href="www.facebook.com/bccucc">www.facebook.com/bccucc</a> or on our website <a href="at this link">at this link</a> or on <a href="our YouTube channel">our YouTube channel</a>
After Church School: Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:30 am New Member Class, Library

#### Mon Nov 7

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

#### Tues, Nov 8

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office 7 pm Church Council meeting

#### Wed, Nov 9

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary *Noon: Deadline for eBridge* 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

#### Thurs, Nov 10

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

#### Fri, Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Office Closed

#### Sun, Nov 13 Consecration Sunday

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

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website at this link or on our YouTube channel

After Worship: Consecration Lunch, Fellowship Hall

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

2 - 4 pm RI Association Annual Meeting, Central Congregational Church

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

# Sunday, October 30th

#### **Trunk or Treat 2022**

Our 6th Annual Trunk or Treat is **this Sunday, October 30th** after church from 11:15 am - Noon, and once again the community has been invited to join us for the fun!

The participating cars will be parked out front of the education building to provide a safe place for the event, and the driveway will be cordoned off to vehicles once the event starts. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up to decorate their vehicle and will be handing out treats to those in costume. *There* 



are still a few spaces left so if you'd like to decorate your vehicle in a kid friendly way it's not too late - sign up by contacting Elizabeth Azevedo at 860-301-2915 or <a href="mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com">eazevedo17@gmail.com</a>. It's not a competition so feel free to decorate as simply or as elaborately as you'd like!

Anyone who would like to - young and old - is invited to **come to worship in costume** this Sunday.

# New in this eBridge

#### Reaching Out.....

This fall at BCCUCC we are 'Reaching Out.....to God, our neighbor, and to one another'. Over the next few weeks the congregation will learn more about this in letters delivered to mailboxes, and in specially created videos in worship.

This is building up to Consecration Sunday which we are celebrating on November 13. All are invited to come to church

that day not only for the special worship service but also the Consecration Lunch being held immediately after worship.

On that Sunday, the congregation will be asked during worship to make their financial commitments to the missionary, benevolent and educational ministries of our church that bring about so much change in our members and neighbors. You are urged to attend on November 13th, even if you're not planning on completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if they choose not to fill out a card.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in the Consecration Sunday events and for all that you do to enable us to Reach out to God, our neighbors and one another.

Watch your mailbox for the next letter arriving early November. If you missed the video in worship, you can find it on the <a href="news">news</a> <a href="page">page</a> of our church website. It's also where two subsequent videos will be posted.







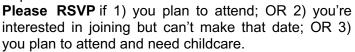
# Time to change the clocks!

Daylight-Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 5** and enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to church the next morning!



# Interested in becoming a member of our church?

On **Sunday, November 6** at 11:30 am in the library, Rev. Dale will offer a New Member Class for anyone interested in learning more about our church and officially joining BCCUCC. Childcare can be provided if requested ahead of time.





RSVP to Dale at <a href="mailto:dale@bccucc.org">dale@bccucc.org</a> or the church office at <a href="mailto:office@bccucc.org">office@bccucc.org</a> or 246-0111. Whether you've been attending for only a few weeks or you've been coming for years but never joined, you're welcome to the class. Participation does not require you become a member, but for those who choose to, they'll be able to join during the worship service on New Member Sunday, November 20.

# **Thanksgiving Food Drive for TAPIN**

For many years, BCCUCC has joined with other houses of worship to support a Thanksgiving food drive for TAPIN. This year the food drive will run from November 1 - 22 and will be a hybrid event. What does this mean? TAPIN will accept



donations of specific food items and will also accept monetary donations.

The specific food items are *instant mashed potatoes*, *gravy*, *cranberry sauce*, *stuffing*, *and brownie mix*. Bins are in the narthex *through Sunday*, *November 20* to collect these items. Next to the bins are some brown grocery bags with the list of requested food items attached for anyone who'd like to take one and return it filled. If you prefer to make a *monetary donation*, you can do it in one of several ways:

- Write a check payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'TAPIN' in the memo line.
- Make a donation through Tithe.ly on the <u>donation page of the church's website</u> then from the drop down menu select 'TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Drive'.
- Send a check directly to TAP-in Inc at P.O. Box 252, Barrington, RI 02806.
- Visit <u>www.tapinri.org</u> to donate electronically through PayPal.

TAPIN plans to give each client a grocery store gift card and a bag of food items. They anticipate a significant increase in the number of clients needing assistance with food insecurity this holiday season. The Mission and Justice Team asks the congregation to prayerfully consider a donation to TAPIN. Thank you to all at BCCUCC who support TAPIN.

# **Rhode Island Association Annual Meeting**

All churches in the RI Association are invited to gather for the RI Association of the UCC's Annual Meeting at Central Congregational Church in Providence, on **Sunday, November 13** from 2 - 4 p.m. Worship will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Chris Davies, the new Executive Minister for Programs and Initiatives in the Southern New England Conference. In classic New



England tradition, refreshments will be pie! So, come catch up with old friends, make new friends, and be part of the movement of God's spirit among us.

The event is free but registration is required. Guests are very welcome in addition to delegates and clergy. Registration link

# Thank you, Marina!

For over 20 years we have been blessed and moved by the music ministry of our organist and choir director, Marina Zabinski. Her passion, her skill, her faith, and her gracious personality have always shown through. It is with sadness and hope that we share that Marina has tendered her resignation. Marina has asked that we not throw a party or make a big presentation of her leaving, but we would still like to thank her for all that she has given us. Her final Sunday with us will be **November 20**.



#### Plant available

We have a large plant (approx. 5 ft tall) that is in need of a new home. You can visit it in Room 9 of the Education building. (Room 9 is the Youth Room overlooking the terrace). If interested please contact Andrea Bullard <a href="mailto:andrea@bccucc.org">andrea@bccucc.org</a> or 246-0111 x 107.

#### Office closure

The church office will be closed on **Friday**, **November 11** in observance of Veterans' Day.



# From Mission and Justice

### **Book list from Rev. Marilyn Kendrix**

Last Sunday Rev. Marilyn Kendrix gave a sermon on systemic racism and the controversy over critical race theory. Following worship she joined us in the library for a further discussion with a book list to help explore the topics. If you are interested in the book list, <u>click here</u>. If you missed the Oct 23 worship service with Marilyn's sermon, you can watch it on our website <u>at this link</u>.

### 'Driving While Black'

Join Barrington's <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>and Inclusion Committee</u> for a showing of the documentary film *Driving While Black: Race*,

Space and Mobility in America (2020) followed by a discussion led by committee members.

Free and open to all.

Date: Sunday, October 30, 2022

Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Location: Salem Family Auditorium at Barrington Public

Library.

About Driving While Black

### Our Faith, Our Vote

The League of Women Voters of RI have held a number of debates for state and local elections. To keep up live or with recorded forums go to: https://www.facebook.com/lwvrhodeisland or

https://my.lwv.org/rhode-island



#### From The Green Team

Eating more plants is a great way to cut carbon and grocery bills. Looking for ideas? Katharine Hayhoe, climate scientist and author of the book Saving Us, suggests "signing up for the New York Times' newsletter The Veggie. Recent recipes included roasted butternut squash with lentils and feta, vegetarian Swedish meatballs, and harissa and miso spaghetti."



# Ongoing groups / activities

# Knitting for Others Group meets in person and online

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.

For security reasons the Zoom information is not included here, but was in the email sent to the congregation.

# **Prayer Service is 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.



#### **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.



# 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, November 3 & 17** and are

reading *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. Review of the book. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or <a href="mailto:itonn2@cox.net">itonn2@cox.net</a>

# **Youth Group**

The Youth Group is led by Rev. Racquel and welcomes all in Grades 5 - 8. They gather most weeks throughout the year on **Mondays** from **6 - 7pm** for fun and fellowship, a simple dinner (usually pizza) and a closing prayer service. Upcoming Youth Group gatherings are **Mondays**, **November 7 & 14**. 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 or (401) 246-0111 x104.

Note: Youth participating in programs at church must be <u>registered</u>.

### **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. Upcoming dates are: Mondays, Nov 14,



**& Dec 12.** For more information contact either of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at <a href="mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com">betsybrenner3@gmail.com</a> or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at <a href="mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com">aubreyfolk@aol.com</a> or (401) 392-1909.

# **Book Group**

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, November 15** at **10:30** am in the church library. They will discuss *The Mission House* by Carys Davies. Book summary. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at <a href="helenschall@hotmail.com">helenschall@hotmail.com</a> or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



# **Community News**

#### **Providence Singers Concert POSTPONED**

The Providence Singers concert of Haydn's 'The Creation' scheduled for Sun, Oct 30 has been POSTPONED to **Sunday, November 13** at **1 pm** at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence. More info about the concert and tickets at www.providencesingers.org



## **Mental Health Awareness Training**

FREE training is 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 the free training at **Barrington Public** 



**Library**, 281 County Rd, Barrington on **Thurs**, **Nov 17**, 4:30 - 6:45 pm. Register online at <a href="http://bit.ly/3xSTIJD">http://bit.ly/3xSTIJD</a> or by phone at (401) 247-1900 x346

# Worth repeating

# The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 2.20.1.13. If you missed it earlier, you can read it here.



# **Sunday mornings at BCCUCC**

### 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 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 are 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 - in three different places\*:

- the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
- the Livestream page of the church website <a href="https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/">https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/</a>
- and <u>our church's YouTube Channel</u>

There's also a link to the **Sunday bulletin** on our livestream page.

\*Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it's not 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.

# **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



classes are on pages 9 & 10 of the <u>2022-2023 Guide to Faith Formation</u> On All Ages Worship Sundays, the children remain in the sanctuary for the entire time and the

# 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**.





# Do you need a Name Tag?

If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at <a href="mailto:office@bccucc.org">office@bccucc.org</a> 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.



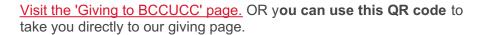
# Online donations to the church through our website

Our church website (<a href="www.bccucc.org">www.bccucc.org</a>) is capable of accepting online donations. <a href="Watch a brief video">Watch a brief video</a> (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 your



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 <a href="mailto:pat@bccucc.org">pat@bccucc.org</a> or (401) 246-0111 x 102.





# 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.

<u>Click on this link</u> to see the archive of all of the different SNEUCC newsletters - and subscribe to any that are of interest to you.

# Contact us

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

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**Church Office Hours:** Open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Closed on Federal and State holidays.

**Building Security:** The Education building will remain 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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