



October 5, 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 8

10 am All Ages Worship Service

Mon, Oct 9 Indigenous Peoples Day

11 – 11:45 am Check in and Registration for Barrington Day of Caring, Town Hall
Noon – 4 pm Barrington Day of Caring, leave from Town Hall for work sites
5 – 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet, Library and via Zoom
6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meet, Vestry

Tues, Oct 10

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

Wed, Oct 11

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 12

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe
6:30 pm Hameho Garden Club open meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Oct 15 Stewardship Sunday

'Royalties for Negro Spirituals' offering
9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Class, Library
10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:30 am New Members Class

Mon, Oct 16

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

2:30 am GMTF meeting, Library

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

Tues, Oct 17

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

10:30 am Book Group, Library

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, Oct 18

4 pm Pack bags for L&F Backpack program, Fellowship Hall

7 - 8:15 pm Bible Study with Dale, Library

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 19

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

1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Group meet, Library

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library and via Zoom

Sun, Oct 22 New Member Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

Join us for a jam-packed Sunday Celebration on Sunday, October 8!

There's a lot happening **this Sunday, October 8**

- It's an **All Ages Worship Service**.
- We will be kicking off our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** for TapIn and will have a special Moment for Mission from their president.
- We will be **honoring Christine Wallis**, our Office Administrator, for her 25 years of service to our church!
- At the end of worship we'll move outside for the **Dedication of our Memorial Garden** at the edge of the Education Building facing the water. It is a beautiful garden and we hope everyone will come outside for this special dedication.



We hope you can join us for worship this Sunday and look forward to seeing you.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for TapIn kicks off October 8

Once again, BCCUCC and the Mission & Justice Team are partnering with TAPIN to support their Thanksgiving food drive. Last year, BCCUCC 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. Shauna Hyde, President of TAPIN will be joining us on **Sunday, October 8** to share a Moment of Mission about this year's Thanksgiving food drive and how our ministry



helps TAPIN with their work.

We have 100 brown paper bags (labeled with the Thanksgiving food list) to distribute to anyone who would like to contribute. Simply take a bag, add the requested food to it and bring the filled bags back to church on **Sundays, October 15, 22, or 29**. Bags will be brought up during the Offertory or before services begin 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

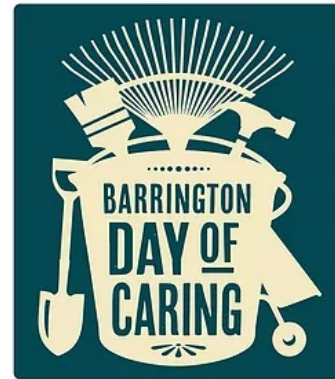


Please: The items should be ****regular size (not oversized) cans and boxes****
No glass jars please as several broke in transporting last year!

5th Annual Barrington Day of Caring - it's not too late to volunteer!

Monday, October 9, 2023 (Indigenous Peoples Day)
Noon - 4 pm.

[Barrington Day of Caring](#) is a community-wide event for individuals, families, friends, or teams to come together as volunteers to help eligible residents in need through service projects. This event is a Town-supported program in connection with many community and faith organizations. No skill set is needed to volunteer. However, your expertise is welcomed. [Flier with photos](#)



To volunteer: Don't worry if you haven't yet registered - the deadline for registration is **Thursday, October 5** and you can [register online](#). BUT.... you can also **register on the day** - just be sure to arrive in plenty of time to fill out the paperwork!

On the day of the event, volunteers should **arrive between 11 and 11:45 am** to check in and/or complete registration. Volunteers will be divided into groups and depart from the Town Hall at **noon** to go to the various work sites. [More information](#).

Rev. Dale Azevedo is one of the organizers of the event and encourages volunteers from BCCUCC to join him on Monday.

Hameho Garden Club hosts meeting in Fellowship Hall

Hameho Garden Club invites you to join them on **Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall for a presentation by Dr. Demers of Buxton Hollow Farm Natural Products, on the pros and cons of No-Dig Gardening. This open meeting will focus on an "easy on the body" method of gardening. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Eileen Dennis edteazels@aol.com or (245-6296).



'Royalties for Negro Spirituals' offering

On **Sunday, October 15**, the Mission and Justice Team will invite the congregation to once again support our Royalties for Negro Spirituals initiative that was started last spring. The service will include a Negro spiritual

hymn, and we recognize that the original creators of this music were never compensated for their work. To right this injustice, although in a small way, we hope you will consider a donation to Community Music Works in Providence. This organization's mission is to create a cohesive urban community through music education and performance that transforms the lives of children, families and musicians.



A special offering envelope will be included in that Sunday's bulletin. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and write 'Royalties' in the memo line. Online donations may be made at www.bccucc.org/donation using the Tithe.ly link and selecting 'Royalties for Negro Spirituals'. Thank you.

Interested in becoming a member of our church?

On **Sunday, October 15** at **11:30 am**, Rev. Dale is holding a New Member Class for those who are interested in learning more about our church and officially joining BCCUCC. Childcare can be provided if requested ahead of time.

If you'd also like to attend the class please let us know a.s.a.p., and request childcare if needed. RSVP to Dale at dale@bccucc.org or 246- 0111 x 103.

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 joining during the worship service on **New Member Sunday, October 22**.



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.



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 4 cars signed up so far and will need at least 6 more to match last year's total - but 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.

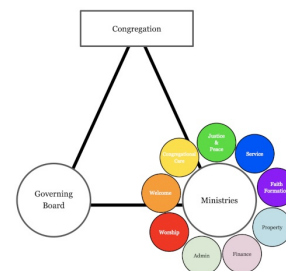


An update on BCCUCC's new church structure

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The GMTF (Governance Ministry Task Force) is very excited that the congregation unanimously approved moving forward with our proposed governance structure. Although the motion passed, we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

Over the coming months, the GMTF will be continuing to draft our new bylaws and working with church leaders to put together a slate of nominees. Both items will be presented and voted on at our budgetary meeting in January. We will also be working with the Finance Team to put together a budget for 2024 that will reflect our new organization.



Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, we will also be working with many of our current teams to help them transition into our new model. This will involve clarifying what ministries will remain active (ie those ministries people care enough about to continue) and what new ministries will we need to embrace.

This leaves us with the questions every member should be asking themselves, "What ministries (old or new) are meaningful to me and what can I do to make them happen?" Feel free to let Dale, Racquel, or members of the GMTF know if there is a ministry you would like to support with your time and energy!

GMTF members are:

- Rev. Dale Azevedo dale@bccucc.org,
- Tom Strolla ostrolla@cox.net,
- Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net
- Dick McWhirter rmcwhirter34@gmail.com,
- Vanessa Kiley vanessa@exceptionalleaders.com

Opportunities

Interesting in paying for altar flowers some Sunday?

The vases of flowers are delivered from a local florist each week (The Greenery in Warren) and they're paid for by specific donations from the congregation. Each vase costs \$30 and donor(s) can choose to pay for one or both vases. The flowers can be given in memory, celebration or

honor of a person or special event (anniversary, birthday etc) and your dedication will be included in the bulletin and also read during the service.

If you'd like to give either one or both vases of flowers some Sunday, please contact Beth Buckley, chair of the Chancel Team, at elizabethbuckley21@msn.com or (401) 524-0849.



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 Trinkie Brueckner at trinki49@gmail.com or speak to her at coffee hour on a Sunday. Thank you.



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.

TAPIN has extended its hours

In addition to being open Monday - Friday, 9 am - Noon, TAPIN is also now open on Thursday evenings from 4 - 7 pm. These new hours provide more time for clients to go for assistance, and also provides more donation and volunteer opportunities!

[Learn more about TAPIN](#) including the services it provides and how to volunteer.



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, Oct 16, 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, October 17** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War* by T. J. Stiles. [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.

Zoom info needed to participate is not included here for security reasons. It was in the email sent to the congregation.



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 September's collection.



Sign up to donate specific items using this [SignUpGenius link](#) and be sure to include how many of the items you're able to donate. If you need help signing up please call the church office (401) 246-0111.

The **deadline** for food donations is **Sunday, October 15** and the **packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, October 18** at **4 pm** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley pbuckley6@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, October 19, 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 16, 23, & 30.** 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 Racquel and titled **Covenantal Partnerships**. 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

Staff away

Christine Wallis, office administrator, will be out of the office from October 10 - 16.
Rev. Racquel Ray will be out October 11 - 13.

Church office hours

The church office will be closed on **Monday, October 9** for Indigenous Peoples Day. Regular church office hours are Monday -



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, Oct 18*. 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 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 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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Church Office Hours: Open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.
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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