



**October 7, 2021**

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

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## Calendar

***New Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.***

### **Thurs, Oct 7**

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed  
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group meet, Library

### **Sun, Oct 10**

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person & online)  
Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#)

### **Mon, Oct 11 Indigenous Peoples Day**

*Office Closed*  
11 am - Noon Volunteer Check In for Barrington Day of Caring, Town Hall  
Noon – 4 pm Barrington Day of Caring - work on projects at various sites  
5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partner's meeting via Zoom  
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

### **Tues, Oct 12**

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed  
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office  
7 pm Church Council meeting via Zoom

### **Wed, Oct 13**

7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Thurs, Oct 14**

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

### **Sat, Oct 16**

9 - 11 am East Bay Kids Clothes Swap, Terrace or Fellowship Hall

### **Sun, Oct 17**

8:30 am FFaYM meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service (in-person & online), Church School.  
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### **Mon, Oct 18**

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Terrace or Fellowship Hall  
11 am Lay Visitation Group meet, Library

### **Tues, Oct 19**

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed  
9:30 am Book Group meet at Cafe Water Street in Warren  
11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office  
1:30 pm Worship Service at Atria Senior Living  
7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

### **Wed, Oct 20**

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*  
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting via Zoom  
7 pm Search Committee meet, Room 6  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Thurs, Oct 21**

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed  
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group meet, Library

### **Sat, Oct 23**

9:30 am Pumpkin Palooza for Church School families, Terrace or Fellowship Hall

### **Sun, Oct 24**

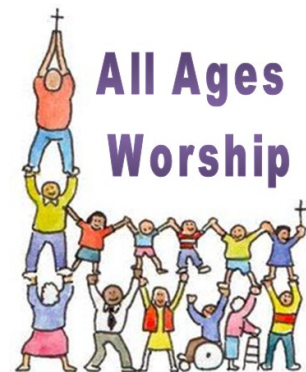
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After worship: Brief gathering with Dale for those interested in joining the church

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

## **Happening this holiday weekend...**

### **All Ages Worship**

**This Sunday October 10th** is an All Ages Worship Service. EVERY BODY is welcome! It will be an inclusive and interactive service with Pastor Racquel preaching, Rev. Dale offering a Motion Prayer and the two offering an embodied hymn with the Church School and Youth Group. The Church School and Youth Group are invited to share the front of the sanctuary with Dale, Racquel, and Andrea as we celebrate the harvest, the water and the land in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.



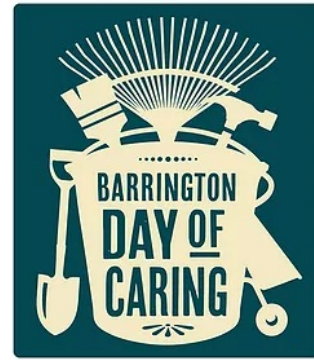
### **Volunteer for the 'Barrington Day of Caring'**

**Monday, October 11th 2021 - Indigenous Peoples' Day**

- **11:00 am - 12:00 noon:** Meet at **Barrington Town Hall**, Volunteer check-in, Volunteer Kick off at 12:00 noon
- **12:00 noon - 4:00 pm:** Break into teams, Board transport to project locations, Work will last four (4) hours.

It's not too late to volunteer for the 2021 'Barrington Day of

Caring'. This annual event brings Barrington neighbors together to create a positive impact on our community and this year's event will be helping local residents with a variety of outdoor projects. Examples of Day of Caring projects include repairing a fence, gate, shed, railings, steps, porches, cutting back overgrown bushes or hedges, yard clean-ups.



To volunteer download a registration form [HERE](#), or register at the event. (Pre-registration preferred for planning purposes). No special skill sets are needed to volunteer. However, your expertise is welcomed. *(Those under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult/guardian with written consent from guardian).*

Volunteers will be assigned to projects, pre-planned and organized, to assist residents with home projects they need extra help with. Due to pandemic precautions, projects will be limited to outdoor projects and have smaller groups of volunteers.

### Food for TAPIN to be collected at 'Barrington Day of Caring'

Touch A Person In Need (TAPIN) provides resources to address food insecurity and economic hardship for East Bay residents. It is one of the many local organizations working with one another for Barrington's Day of Caring. All are invited to drop off non-perishable food items at the volunteer check-in at the Town Hall (see above). Donations will be delivered to TAPIN. Thank you.



### Multi-platform Worship - Sundays 10 am

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **10 a.m.** every Sunday.

For those attending in person, we **require masks** be worn in worship (with exemptions for those under 2 or for medical reasons). We continue to take precautions to provide the safest conditions possible for everyone, and have **new updated guidelines** in place. If you plan to worship with us in person in the sanctuary we ask that you read them ahead of time.



For those who are not yet ready to return to our sanctuary, or are not able to, the services are livestreamed so they can be watched online at the same links as before: [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>. If you miss the service live, you can watch it later at the same links.

We invite you to join us for worship - in person or online.

## New in this eBridge

### Would you like to have coffee hour on the terrace?

For the past few Sundays, Dale has offered the possibility of holding a coffee hour after church outside on the back terrace. This is something the church is currently exploring and will be willing to consider if we have some folks interested in hosting it. It doesn't need to be overly involved. It could simply be coffee and water (or juice) available and maybe a tray of crackers or cookies (or not!). The idea would be for gathering and fellowship, not a meal! Is this something you would like to see happen? Are you willing to help out? If so, reach out to the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 and Church Council will consider how to make it happen.



## Are you interested in officially joining our church?

If so, please let Dale know ([dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 103) and also plan to stay after church for a very brief time on **Sunday, October 24th** - to find a convenient time for all those interested to get together at a later date with Dale for 'Conversations about our church'. At Conversations you'll learn about the UCC, more about our church, who we are and what we believe - in preparation for becoming a member. It will also be a time to ask any questions you may have. All are welcome to join our church whether you're new to our church community or have been coming for some time.



## CEYM has a new name!

The Christian Education and Youth Ministries team (CEYM) has a new name!! In keeping with the times, the title 'Christian Education' is being replaced by the term 'Faith Formation' which is a more accurate description of our goal. To that end the new team name will be **Faith Formation and Youth Ministries** (FFaYM, pronounced "fame").



## Pumpkin Palooza for church school families!

On **Saturday, October 23rd** at 9:30 am, Andrea Bullard & the FFaYM team will be hosting a Pumpkin Palooza for the children and families of our church community. Join us on the terrace (we will be using the outside heaters if needed) to decorate pumpkins. Each family will have their own table with the supplies they will need. We will be socially distanced, hand sanitizer will be available and masks are required if we go indoors. Snacks will be provided, but please bring your own drinks.



RSVP to Andrea at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) by **October 20th** to secure your spot. Please include a contact phone number and the number of people in your group. Let her know if you have any questions. It will be great to start having these special events again!

## Calling all youth in Grades 6 - 12!

Our first **Youth Group** gathering will be on **Monday, October 25th** at 6 pm led by our acting Associate Minister, Racquel Ray. (She's sure we may have to adjust as we learn more about participants and family schedules). All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on the terrace for a campfire and roasting hotdogs and marshmallows. (Parents and siblings are welcome to join us and help us plan our future program!)



Please RSVP for safety and provision to Racquel by **Friday, October 22nd** at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org). Questions? Reach out to Racquel by email or at (401) 246-0111 ext 104

## Trunk or Treat returns!

It's that time of year for costumes and treats! Our annual TRUNK OR TREAT will be on **Sunday, October 31st** right after church around 11:15 a.m. in the parking lot. We are inviting the community to join us this year for the fun and therefore we need your help to bring on the BOO factor! Please consider decorating your car (and maybe wearing a costume) in a kid friendly way. Then handing out treats to those in costume.



We are asking everyone interested in decorating their car to sign up so that we can accurately plan for the event. **Sign up by October 24th** by contacting the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111.

As in previous years, the participating cars will be parked out front of the education building to help provide a safe place for the event. And the area will be cordoned off to vehicles once the event starts. Any questions?? Feel free to ask Elizabeth Azevedo (860)-301-2915 or [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com)

Note: All are welcome to come to worship in costume that day!



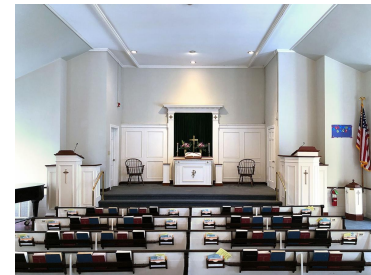
## Remembering those who have died this past year

We invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (November 1st, 2020) to the church office (246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)) **by Tuesday, October 26th**. Their names will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell in the worship service on All Saints Sunday, October 31st.



## Volunteers needed to restock the pew racks

If you're looking for a way to spend some quiet time alone in the sanctuary, while doing something useful, then do we have the volunteer opportunity for you! We're looking for some additional volunteers to tidy and restock the pew racks on a regular basis. It's a task that gets done every 2 or 3 weeks, and with several people on the schedule, you'd only be asked to do it once every couple of months – and you can do it at your convenience. If interested, please contact Christine in the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or call (401) 246-0111. Thanks.



## An opportunity to donate fresh fruit to TAPIN

For several years we held a citrus fruit sale at the church 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 to those in need in the East Bay. This year, due to COVID, TAPIN will be giving out gift cards again instead of food bags, however they are excited to also be able to give away fresh fruit to their clients – something that's not always easy for TAPIN to come by at this time of year.

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](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com/ecommerce/723608) and choose 'Ship to Organization' then contact Beth at [zarlengo@cox.net](mailto: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 in the church office (also a member of the Providence Singers) and she'll be happy to help you with your order. **Orders must be placed by October 26th**, and will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you.



## Bereavement Group to meet

The Bereavement group next meets on **Monday, October 18th** at 11 a.m. outside on the terrace, weather permitting - or in Fellowship Hall if not. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. New members are welcome. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.



## 'Peaceful Pause and Prayer'

Dale leads these online meditations at **8 am on Tuesday & Thursday** mornings. Each meditation provides moments for reflection, music, scripture, and silence. They can be watched on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on the livestream page of our website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



## Book Group for October

The Book Group will next meet **Tuesday, October 19th** at **9:30 am.** at the **Cafe Water Street**, 279 Water Street, Warren if the weather is pleasant. If it is a rainy day, they will meet at the same time via Zoom. They will be discussing *Friends and Strangers* by J. Courtney Sullivan. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *The zoom information if needed is not included here for security reasons - but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



## Women of Faith Reading Group

The group has started meeting again on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They next meet on **Thursday, October 21st.** The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information including the book currently being read, please contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).



## From the Mission and Justice Team

### The Peace Flags are up!

Thanks to all who made peace flags following the worship service a couple of weeks ago. They are now hanging in front of the Education Building. The flags have been made in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21st.

If you would like to make a peace flag to add or to keep at your home, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)



### A Community First Conversation about Indigenous Peoples' Day

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, you are

invited to join United Way of Rhode Island and the Tomaquag Museum on **Friday, October 8**, from 12–12:30 p.m. for an online *Community First Conversation* about Indigenous Peoples' Day.

You'll learn about the importance of recognizing and celebrating the heritage of native people in Rhode Island and throughout our country. You'll also hear about the critical empowerment services the Tomaquag Museum provides and upcoming programming they're offering.

This Community First Conversation will be hosted by Dr. Adama Brown, director of research and data analytics at United Way of Rhode Island. She'll be joined by guests Lorén Spears, Samantha Cullen-Fry, and Lynsea Montanari from the Tomaquag Museum.

Attendance is free. Register now for this **virtual event**: [bit.ly/ipdcfc](https://bit.ly/ipdcfc)



## What is CAIM?

Last Sunday as we took the Neighbors in Need offering, Dale mentioned that 1/3 of the gifts received would go to support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Here is more info from the UCC website on what CAIM is:



The [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

## Reminders

### Masks are required in both the education and church buildings

Masks are required for all participants in worship - with the following exclusions:

- anyone with a medical reason why they can't wear a mask
- children under the age of 2
- while leading worship



### Education building is open with some important requirements

The education building re-opened on Sept 1st for church and public use with the following **requirements**:

- All visitors attending meetings or events shall **wear appropriate masks at all times** (Note: Visitors includes both church people and outside groups)
- **Hand sanitizer** shall be made readily available for all attendees (this is the responsibility of the organization/individual holding the event)
- An accurate **copy of attendees and contact information** shall be kept (this is



- the responsibility of the organization/individual holding the event)
- Weather permitting, **doors and windows are to be propped open**
- Any room or venue utilized by a group shall **remain vacant for at least 20 hours** before being utilized by a separate group.

## 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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## From the church office

### Church Office Hours

Open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Closed on Federal and State holidays.

Masks are required in the education building at all times for all activities and meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Building security increased - but all are still welcome

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. It is now common practice for churches to keep their buildings locked at all times, especially if they have a preschool in the building which we do. At this time it also helps reduce concerns about the spread of COVID.

Please remember to wear your mask at all times in either of the church buildings.

### 2021-2022 Church Calendar

The church calendar for the 2021-2022 program year is available for viewing at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any additions, updates or corrections at any time please let Christine know by emailing her at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). We

can only keep the online calendar current with your input and it's especially important that we do so with our new COVID safety requirements (see earlier).



### Online donations to the church

[Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to make an online donation to the church through our website ([www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)) or read the instructions below.

There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 102. [Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#)

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