



November 10, 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 or where otherwise noted*

For those unable to attend worship in person, our Sunday service is also livestreamed and can be watched at the following links on [our Facebook page](#), on [our website](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or viewed later.

The Sunday worship bulletin is also posted to [our website](#) to make it easier to follow the service when watching online.

Fri, Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Office Closed

Sat, Nov 12

11 am Memorial Service for John White III, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

The service will also be livestreamed and can be watched at the links listed above

Sun, Nov 13 Consecration Sunday

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

After Church School: Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

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

Mon, Nov 14

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

5 - 6 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library

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

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

Tues, Nov 15

10:30 am Book Group, Library

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, Nov 16

4 pm Packing of bags for LFRI Backpack program, Fellowship Hall
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

Thurs, Nov 17

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

Sun, Nov 20 Thanksgiving Sunday

Marina's last Sunday at BCCUCC

9:30 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Vestry
10 am Worship Service with S&CC singing (in-person and online), Advent Arts during Church School time

Mon Nov 21

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library
6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall and Room 9

Tues, Nov 22

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Nov 23

Office Closed

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Thurs, Nov 24 Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Fri, Nov 25

Office Closed

Sun, Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person and online)
11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Team (SPRT) meeting, Dale's office

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

Fri, Nov 11 - Sun, Nov 13

Office closure

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



Memorial Service for John White III

A Celebration of the life of John Hazen White III is being held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on **Saturday, November 12** at **11 am**.

A large number of people are expected so there will be additional seating in Fellowship Hall where the service will be livestreamed to a big screen, and bulletins will be provided.

Additional parking will be available at Barrington Presbyterian Church, 400 County Road, Barrington with a shuttle providing transportation to BCCUCC.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will also be livestreamed to our [YouTube Channel](#), our [church website](#), and our [Facebook page](#).

For more information including calling hours at the funeral home, addresses for condolence cards, in lieu of flowers donations, and John's obituary, [click on this link](#).



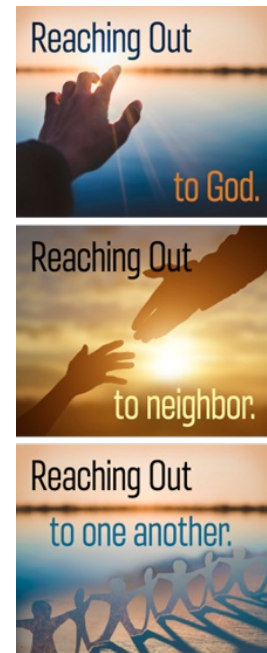
Celebration Sunday is this Sunday!

This fall at BCCUCC we are 'Reaching Out.....to God, our neighbor, and to one another'. It's all been leading up to Consecration Sunday which is **this Sunday, November 13**. All are invited to come to church on Sunday not only for the special worship service but also for the special catered lunch being held immediately after worship.

During worship the congregation will be asked 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 Sunday, 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.

Following the service, there will be a **Consecration Celebration Lunch** in Fellowship Hall to which all are invited. Hopefully you've filled out an RSVP card to let us know you're coming, but don't worry if you haven't - we've ordered extra food and everyone is welcome to join us for lunch.

If you missed any of the special 'Reaching Out' videos that were shown in worship, you can find them on the [news page](#) of our church website.



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, **this 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 appreciated if there's to be enough pie! Guests are most welcome to attend in addition to delegates and clergy. [Registration link](#)



Food donations urgently needed for Loaves & Fishes BACKPACK program

Each month we distribute 25 full bags of food to students in need at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. We partner with *We Share Hope* <https://wesharehope.org> but to supplement these donations and fill the bags, we like to add other items such as peanut butter, bread, oatmeal, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, shelf stable pudding. **We are asking the congregation for donations of these food items.** Please use this Sign-Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DA4AB2CAAFB6-bccucc6> to indicate which items and how much of them you can donate - or call the church office to sign up. This month's delivery date is earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving so there's not much time to get the donations! Please help if you can.



Food donations need to be dropped off at the church **by this Sun, Nov 13** or if that's not possible, then in the church office **by Tues, Nov 15**. A collection box for food donations is in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary.

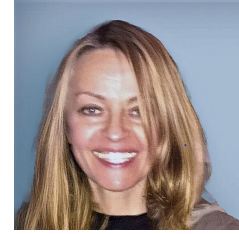
Volunteers are needed to pack the bags on **Wednesday, Nov 16** at 4 pm in

Also in November....

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. **Her final Sunday with us will be November 20.**

Marina has asked that we not throw a party or make a big presentation of her leaving, but we would still like to honor and thank her for all that she has given us. Thank you, Marina.



Children's choir to sing in worship on November 20

Our Sing and Celebrate children's choir is scheduled to sing in the worship service on **Sunday, November 20**. This will be the first time they've done so this program year. Marina will be accompanying them and it will also be her last



Sunday with us (see above). We hope you can join us for worship on the 20th as we welcome this year's Sing and Celebrate Choir, and bid farewell to Marina.

Advent Arts for our Church School children

During church school time on **Sunday, November 20**, there will be Advent Arts for the children in Fellowship Hall. There will be some new crafts for them to make this year in addition to old favorites, so we hope all the children will join us for this fun event.



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 runs 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 [donation page of the church's website](#) 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 www.tapinri.org 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.

Crossroads RI 'Community Spotlight' features BCCUCC donation

Earlier this fall, the congregation donated 45 'Welcome Home' baskets full of critical supplies needed by Crossroads clients moving into housing after experiencing homelessness.

A 'Community Spotlight' article about our donation and an interview with Rev. Racquel Ray was included in the most recent Crossroads e-News and on their website. [Read it here.](#)



Plant is still 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 at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

Office Closure

The church office will be closed

Wed, Nov 23 - Fri, Nov 25

for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Note: there is no eBridge going out Thanksgiving week.

The next eBridge will be sent out Thurs, Dec 1.



Ongoing groups / activities

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 betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at aubreyfolk@aol.com or (401) 392-1909.



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 14 & 21.** 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 [registered](#).



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 helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are



welcome.

Prayer Service

On **Wednesday mornings** in the Sanctuary at **10 am** all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer service to pray for the church congregation and clergy, the community, family and friends, and ourselves. *Note: There is no prayer service on Wed, Nov 16 as Racquel is unavailable.*



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 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 jtonn2@cox.net



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, December 6** 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. *Zoom information is not included here for security reasons, but was included in the version emailed to the congregation.*



Community News

Providence Singers Concert is this Sunday, November 13

The Providence Singers concert of Haydn's 'The Creation' originally scheduled for Sun, Oct 30 was rescheduled to **this Sunday, November 13 at 1 pm** at Grace Episcopal Church in Providence. More info about the concert and tickets at www.providencesingers.org. Tickets available at the door.



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



Worth repeating

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *The Food We Eat*. 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 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 <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

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 Facebook. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube and on our church website at the links 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](#)



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.**

Deadline for next eBridge is **Wed, Nov 30**. 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 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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