



**November 2, 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](#).

### **Sat, Nov 4**

Bedtime: *Turn clocks back 1 hour*

### **Sun, Nov 5**

*Daylight-Saving Time ends*

8:45 am FFaYM meeting, Library

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Class, Room 8

10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School

11:30 am - 1 pm 'Understanding Transgender Identity' workshop, Library

### **Mon, Nov 6**

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

### **Tues, Nov 7**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group meets, Library and via Zoom

### **Wed, Nov 8**

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Nov 9**

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

### **Sun, Nov 12 Consecration Sunday**

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am After-Church Party with lunch and big band music, Fellowship Hall

### Mon, Nov 13

Office Closed

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet, Library and via Zoom

6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds team meet, Vestry

### Tues, Nov 14

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council meeting, Zoom

### Wed, Nov 15

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*

4 pm Pack bags for Loaves and Fishes, Fellowship Hall

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

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### Thurs, Nov 16

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

### Sun, Nov 19 Thanksgiving Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Advent Arts during Church School time

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

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

## Sunday, November 5

### Time to change the clocks!

Daylight-Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 5, 2022. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 4** and enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to church the next morning!



### 'Understanding Transgender Identity: embracing all God's children'

**Sunday, November 5**  
**11:30 am - 1 pm in the church library**



The BCCUCC Open and Affirming Team has invited Quinten Foster, Director of Transgender Whole Healthcare at East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP), to come and speak with our congregation after worship on **Sunday, November 5**. This workshop will focus on understanding transgender identity in order to deepen our knowledge and understanding of this minority community and their personal experiences. encourage those present to ask relevant questions, inviting us to lean into some of the confusion or lack of clarity many of us may have on the issue. **Our goal for the workshop is to provide a safe and healthy place where honest and compassionate dialogue can take place.** All are invited to attend.



Dale wrote on this subject in a recent blog and it can be [read at this link](#).

**Stewardship Moment - Because of YOU, our church changes lives**

Our annual stewardship campaign continues, and while there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful ways about the choices we make with our money in support of the church. In each bulletin and eBridge throughout the campaign we have been including a different insert that discusses one aspect of our campaign. We hope you are finding them meaningful.

The insert in today's eBridge is titled [What Jonah Learned About Abundance](#) and can be read by clicking on the link. The final insert will be included in the Sunday, November 5 bulletin.

Our campaign ends on **Consecration Sunday, November 12**, with a wonderful celebration in church and a catered congregational lunch featuring the Bare Bones Big Band. (More details below.) We hope you will join us on that day!



## Consecration Sunday is November 12

### Join us for a Celebratory Worship Service + an After-Worship Party!

Sunday, November 12, is **Consecration Sunday**. It is a big day in the life of our church as we celebrate the commitment of many of our members to support our ministry in the coming year.

This year we are making the celebration extra special as we are having **lunch** catered by Blue Kangaroo AND the **big band** that everyone enjoyed so much on Open Doors Sunday will provide music in Fellowship Hall. Bare Bones Big Band is a nine-piece Jazz ensemble of highly qualified, professional musicians, that performs classic Big Band music from the 1940's through the 1970's to the present day! We look forward to hearing them again.

**All are welcome:** You don't need to fill out an estimate of giving card or even be a member of the church to join in this celebration. We just want you to come, have fun, and join the party. Foods for all ages and (hopefully) all dietary needs will be provided!

**Please RSVP:** Everyone should have received an email from the church earlier this week with the information above. It also included a way to **RSVP electronically** by clicking on the response button appropriate to you/your family. This gives us an idea of how many to prepare for including how much food to order for lunch. Thank you to those who have already responded.

**If you haven't yet RSVP'd**, please do so a.s.a.p. and *no later than Thursday, November 9*. In order for us to know who is coming, we need you to **respond from the original 'You're Invited!' email** that was sent from the church on Tuesday, October 31 at 5:03 pm. We hope to see many of you on November 12.



### Consecration Sunday & After-Worship Party



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# Thank You

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

With the help of our energetic Youth Group and several adult helpers, volunteers from TAP-IN received **60 bags of food** for Thanksgiving meals.

Thank You for your generosity and the continuing support and care of our community.



## Trunk or Treat 2023

Even though the weather didn't cooperate and this year's Trunk or Treat had to take place inside in Fellowship Hall, it didn't dampen anyone's spirits and a great time was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who came in costume, with special thanks to those who also came ready to hand out candy from their vehicle's decorated trunk, but instead set up their display inside.

Despite not being outside it was a really fun event and much enjoyed by all ages!

**Photos please:** If you have pictures from Trunk or Treat 2023 that you're willing to share, please send them to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). We'd love to have them and hopefully post some on our church website. Thanks for those already received.



## New in this eBridge

### Office Closure

The church office will be closed on **Monday, November 13** in observance of Veterans Day.



### Advent Arts for our Church School Children

During church school time on **Sunday, November 19**, 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.



### Worship Tech Team is looking for volunteers to join the team

With Kim Colby now away at college, the tech team is down to just two team members who are regularly available, with occasional help from the others. They are therefore looking for 2 or 3 more people who are not afraid of technology to help with streaming our worship services. If you'd like to learn something new, share



some of you creativity, and help keep our Sunday service stream going for those who can't attend in person, the Tech Team would love to hear from you. Comfort with Microsoft Windows and PowerPoint would be helpful. Training on use of the equipment/cameras will be provided.

To learn more, please contact Tom Colby at [tcoby@fullchannel.net](mailto:tcoby@fullchannel.net) or talk with him on a Sunday morning. Tech Team members are Tom Colby, Seth Forman, Laurie Dubel, Erik Ela & Kim Colby.

## Refugee Settlement Program: Volunteers and Donations Needed

Our friends at Temple Habonim and Dorcas International approached the Mission and Justice Team to ask if our church would like to join them to help the large number of refugees coming to RI. The refugees are from Central and South America, Africa, Ukraine and elsewhere.

Dorcas is locating apartments for the families to live in and is requesting starter kits for the apartments as well as volunteers to help them set them up. If you are unable to purchase items for the many kits needed, a donation can be given and we will purchase the items for you. Youth under 18 can participate in the set up of the apartment, but must be accompanied by an adult. They hope to offer the first apartments in November, or more probably December/January.

For more information about the program and how you might help, please contact Lory McCoy: 401-369-2341 or [Lsnadymccoy@gmail.com](mailto:Lsnadymccoy@gmail.com)



## New Year, New You - plant based nutrition program

Are you interested in learning more about plant based eating? Are you struggling with chronic health issues and looking for nutrition support?

Rev. Racquel Ray is partnering with Plant Docs and Dr. Sandra Musial to host a New Year, New You plant based nutrition Jump Start program in January. This program will run on Thursday nights in January with a mix of in-person and zoom classes to learn more about how to incorporate more plant based elements into our daily routines. Zoom nights are cooking classes taught by Dr. Musial from her kitchen as students cook together in their own kitchens too.

Dr. Musial will also speak during worship on Sunday December 31.

Please email Rev. Racquel to sign up or get more information [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org)



## 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 Nov 13 & Dec 11**. For more information contact one of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at [betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at [aubreyfolk@aol.com](mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com) or (401) 392-1909, or Rev. Racquel Ray at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) (401) 246 0111 x 104.



### Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, November 21** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *End of Drum Times* by Hanna

Pylväinen. [Book review.](#)

For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com).

*The zoom information isn't included here for security reasons, but 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 October's collection.



Here's the link to [November's SignUpGenius](#) for people to sign up to donate specific items - please be sure to indicate how many of an item you can donate. If you need help signing up please call the church office (401) 246-0111.

The **deadline** for food donations is **Sunday, November 12** and the **packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, November 15** at **4 pm** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto: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, November 2 & 16**. For more information - including what they're currently reading - contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto: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, Nov 6 & 27**. All youth grades 5 - 8 are welcome to attend. (No meetings on 11/13 or 11/20). *Don't forget that youth participating in any programs at church must be registered.* [Registration form](#)

## 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.



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[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.

## Community News

### Providence Singers concert of Rachmaninoff Vespers - Nov 18 & 19

The Providence Singers will be performing two concerts of **Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil** (aka "Vespers").

The piece has been praised as Rachmaninoff's finest achievement. Written in the twilight of the Romantic era of classical music, this work was greatly influenced by Tchaikovsky's music, particularly his setting of the all-night vigil. Rachmaninoff based ten of the fifteen sections on Orthodox chant, sung *a cappella* in the ancient language Church Slavonic. He wrote for the full range of the human voice, including the rarest voice type of all: the low, sonorous tones of the *basso profundo*. The music is almost symphonic, with as many as eleven vocal lines creating rich textures.

There will be two performances:



**Saturday, November 18, 7:30 pm** [Saturday concert tickets](#)  
St Mary on the Bay, Warren, RI

**Sunday, November 19, 3:00 pm** [Sunday concert tickets](#)  
Grace Episcopal Church, Providence

More information is available at [www.ProvidenceSingers.org](http://www.ProvidenceSingers.org). Tickets are available through Eventbrite at the links above. Advanced purchase is recommended, but tickets will also be available at the door. Questions? Contact Christine Wallis, office administrator and member of the Providence Singers, at (401) 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

## Worth repeating

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled 'Let's Talk About Money....' 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](mailto: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](https://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

### Church office hours

Our regular church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Closed on Federal & State holidays.



### 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. 15**. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### Do you need a Name Tag?

If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



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**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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