



November 21, 2018

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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Calendar

Office open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm, unless otherwise noted

Wed, Nov 21

Office closes at Noon

2 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

Thurs, Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

Fri, Nov 23

Office Closed

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Nov 25 Kinship Sunday

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

11:30 am Mission/Service Trip Informational Meeting, Room 9

5 - 7 pm Youth Group meeting, Room 9

Mon, Nov 26

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

6-8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage

7 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Rm 8)

Tues, Nov 27

11 am Staff meeting

11:30 am Book Group, The Coffee Depot

Wed, Nov 28

7:30 - 8:15 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Nov 29

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Nov 30

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School

11:30 am 'Age Friendly Barrington' Focus Group, Room 6

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

Mon, Dec 3

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, Dec 4

11 am Staff meeting

Noon Senior Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Audrey Roger's home

Wed, Dec 5

Deadline for eBridge

7 pm Mission and Justice team meeting, Library

7:30 - 8:15 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Dec 6

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Dec 7

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent

9 am Renewal Group, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

5 - 7 pm Youth Group meeting, Library

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Change in Deadline

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is
Wednesday, December 5th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)



The church office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 21st,
and will reopen at 9:30 am on Monday, November 26th.

Giving Card Reminder

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Stewardship Ministry Team wants to sincerely thank all of our members and friends for your continued financial support of our church. As you know, we celebrated Consecration Sunday on November 11th - we have received 80 Giving Cards so far, and look forward to receiving more Giving Cards after Thanksgiving.

If you intend to return a Giving Card for 2019, we hope to hear from you as soon as possible. Our Finance Ministry Team and the Church Council are in the process of finalizing the budget for 2019, and many of their decisions are based on the financial commitments from our members and friends.

If you need a new Giving Card please contact the Church Office (cards are also available from the rack outside the church office and from the Vestry table). You may also email Financial Secretary Pat Stoddard at pat@bccucc.org with your financial commitment for 2019, and she will confirm receipt of your email and the amount. You may also mail in your card or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Sunday, November 25th

2019 Mission/Service Trip - Informational Meeting

We will be offering a MINI mission/service trip this year for high school youth from April 14th-18th, 2019 during the Barrington High School April vacation week.

There will be an **Informational Meeting** for this project this **Sunday, November 25th** at 11:30 am in Room 9. One parent is asked to attend the meeting with their 9th-12th grader. Contact Brendan with any questions or concerns or to RSVP.

brendan@bccucc.org

Youth Group meeting

Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, November 25th** from 5 – 7 pm in Room 9. All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited. Pizza will be provided. For more information, contact Brendan at (401) 246-0111 or Brendan@bccucc.org



Pew Pals for children in worship

Located in the back of the church where you walk in are baskets of "Pew Pals". These fuzzy critters are for children who would like some company during their time in the service. Children may borrow a plush animal at the beginning of worship and return it to the basket as they leave the sanctuary.



Giving Tree

Mission and Justice's "Giving Tree" will be in Fellowship Hall **beginning this Sunday, November 25th** with envelopes for your donations of various amounts to apply to gift cards to supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, utilities, etc. The gift cards will be given to the Women's Resource Center to help families there afford the necessities, and also allow the women to have money to purchase gifts for their families and themselves. *Donations need to be made by Sunday, December 16th.* Contact Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com or 246-0212 for more information or with questions.



Don't miss what's happening at BCCUCC!

Feasting at Fireside has a couple of empty seats

Members and friends of the church are invited to dinners for six hosted by Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo at the parsonage. The next one is scheduled for **Monday, November 26th** and at the time of writing, there are still two seats available. If you'd like to attend, *please sign up no later than Sunday evening* at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting>. If Monday doesn't work, there are four other dates thru May 2019 when the Azevedos will be hosting a dinner, so feel free to sign up for one of those.



Book Group

Next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, November 27th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich: In this literary masterwork, Louise Erdrich wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!

'Sacred Spaces' Photo exhibit

An exhibition of photographs of sacred spaces for different world religions is at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St, Providence, **through Wed, Nov 28**, and is open weekdays from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. The photographer is Howard Rotblat-Walker.

Focus Group Discussion at BCCUCC - please sign up

Age-Friendly Barrington is a grassroots group of volunteers looking to enrich Barrington's community of support for older residents. They invite the congregation to participate in a Focus Group discussion on **Sunday, December 2nd** at 11:30 am in Room 6. They also invite residents of every age to complete a survey on the Town website at www.barrington.ri.gov. For those without on-line access copies of the survey are available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Please add your voice to this important conversation. The information gathered will be used in early 2019 to build a proposal for enhancing the lives of those who remain in Barrington as they age. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Young, 465-7378, laurayoung13@yahoo.com or Pat Keefe, 245-2198, keefe299@gmail.com. *If you would like to attend the Focus Group discussion on Sunday, December 2nd, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Fellowship Hall so we know how many to expect. Thank you.*

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be up in the narthex beginning **Sunday, December 2nd** to start receiving your donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens etc. - both purchased and hand-made - for children, youth, and adults of all sizes. This year items on the mitten tree will be donated to Amos House and also to Loaves and Fishes RI. *Donations may be made through December 23rd.*



Warm clothing items needed for Loaves and Fishes RI

Our church will be sponsoring another Loaves and Fishes RI truck run on December 26th. In preparation we are collecting warm

clothing to give out to those in need and so are seeking donations of new or gently used items for adult men and women. These includes hats, gloves, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants etc. There is a collection bin on the stage in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you.



Sign up for the Senior Christmas Luncheon

Senior adults are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 4th** in Fellowship Hall at noon. We would also love to include any of you who are not seniors, but are free that day. Please join us. How can you sign up? There is a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour on Sundays, or you can contact the church office at office@bccucc.org, or 246-0111. If anyone needs a ride, it can be provided – just be sure to let us know. You will not want to miss this festive event to kick off the Christmas season!



Altar flower donors needed in December

The flowers on the altar each Sunday are provided by The Greenery florist in Warren but are paid for by donors (payment is sent to the church). The flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving for a person or event, and a dedication is included in the bulletin. We have two vases of flowers on the altar each week and donors may choose to pay for one or both vases (each is \$30).

Donors are needed to pay for flower on **December 9th** (1 vase) and **December 23rd** (1 vase) so if you're interested, please contact Jen Melker of our Chancel Team at (617) 877-1278 or jkmelker@gmail.com. Thank you.



East Bay Kids Clothing Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Saturday, December 15th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up for newborn to age 12 years old. Open to the community, there's a \$3-\$5 donation at the door but no one will be turned away. Learn more at

<https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap>

Changes in Soup Kitchen Schedule

The dates that BCCUCC is scheduled to do the Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket have changed and are now **Saturday, December 15th** (Membership and Finance teams), February 23rd, 2019 (Buildings and Grounds, and Stewardship Teams), May 4th (Chancel, and Mission and Justice Teams), and July 13th (Deacons). Anyone interested in assisting the assigned teams should contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at diane.todd15@gmail.com



Mark your calendars for BCCUCC's Christmas Choral

On **Sunday, December 16th**, BCCUCC's choir will be presenting an upbeat and powerful **Christmas Cantata** during the 10 am worship service, which will be followed by a coffee hour filled with **cookies, crafts and cocoa!!** Join us for worship that Sunday morning to hear our choir, along with some special musical guests, present "Joy! A Gospel Christmas", by Joel Raney. This is a family friendly event and we want to pack the church to celebrate our choir's hard

work, and then retire to Fellowship Hall to broaden our waistbands with Christmas cheer!



Women's Faith Group Christmas Lunch

The group will not meet on December 6th but will next meet on **Thursday, December 20th** at Noon at Trafford's restaurant in Warren for their Annual Christmas Lunch. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net, or to the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org.

Christmas Eve Worship Service Times

Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary at **6 pm** and **10 pm**. The 6 pm service will be a Family Service that includes a Pageant. The 10 pm service will be a traditional service of Lessons and Carols with music from the choir.



Haiti Trip in January

The RIUCC Haitian Task Force is planning a trip to Haiti from January 9th – 15th, 2019. Suzanne Swanson will be both coordinating and going. She emailed that the cost of flights has gone down. She will make reservations at the Auberge Hotel. Anyone interested can call Trish Sylvester at (401) 297-0390 or email Suzanne at suzanneswanson12@yahoo.com



Ways you can help

Help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' our posts

Hopefully you've already 'Liked' our church's Facebook page and see our posts in your newsfeed – if not, you can find us at www.facebook.com/bccucc. The way Facebook works, for our page to keep showing up in your newsfeed and for it also to be seen by the wider community, you also need to 'Like' individual posts from the church that you see. So please help us keep getting our message out about who we are and what's happening at BCCUCC by hitting that 'Like' button for the posts that you see and like. Thank you.



Save your baby food jars

Andrea continues to collect baby food jars for church school projects. Please save them for her. Thanks.

Volunteers needed to help with Church School

We don't need a long-term commitment, just your willingness to teach or assist in one of the classrooms for a few

Sundays during the program year. We provide all the information and resources you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith. For more information or to volunteer, speak with or contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

CHURCH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ongoing Groups and Activities (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

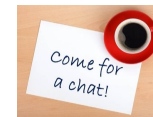
The group next meets on **Monday, November 26th** and **December 3rd** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

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Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held every **Thursday afternoon** from **3–5 pm** at **The Coffee Depot**, 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.



Knitting for Others Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, December 4th** from 7-9 pm at the home of Audrey Rogers, 12 Zephyr Lane, Barrington. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please RSVP to Audrey to let her know if you'll be attending at adrogers8@cox.net. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net.

Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan are from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. They are ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the

community the next meeting is **Thursday, December 6th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Women's Faith Group

The group will not meet on December 6th. They next meet for their **annual Christmas Lunch** at Trafford's Restaurant on **Thursday, December 20th** at noon. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net, or to the church office at 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org. Their next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, January 3rd**, 2019 from 1:30 - 3 pm in the library.

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



We're In The Armor

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Nov. 15, 2018 (This piece is taken from the report given by Brendan to the 212th Autumnal Meeting of the Rhode Island Conference.) Friends, to honor our Justice and Witness ministries we engage in as a...

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From the church office

Shop thru AmazonSmile and make money for our church!

As you do your holiday shopping don't forget that when you shop online at Amazon, if you log in thru AmazonSmile, every eligible purchase you make will raise 0.5% of the purchase price for our church, To learn more visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose 'Barrington Congregational

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

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Church' as your charitable organization. Or [click on this link](#) to go there directly. Each quarter the church receives a donation from Amazon and all you have to do is start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Thanks.

Help us keep the Riverwalk accessible

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so without struggling to open the gates. Thank you.

Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



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