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

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Calendar

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

Thurs, Nov 4

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group meet, Library
7 pm Search Committee meets, Room 6

Sat, Nov 6

Bedtime *Turn clocks back 1 hour*

Sun, Nov 7 Consecration Sunday

Daylight Savings Time ends

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

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

After worship: Consecration Lunch, Outside in tent behind CE bldg

Mon, Nov 8

11 am Bereavement Group meet, Fellowship Hall
5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting

Tues, Nov 9

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
1:30 pm Worship Service at Atria Senior Living
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Nov 10

7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thurs, Nov 11

Office Closed

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, Nov 14 Laity Sunday

8:30 am FFAYM (Faith Formation and Youth Ministries) meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service (in-person & online), Church School
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Nov 15

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library
6 - 7 pm Junior Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

Tues, Nov 16

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
9:30 am Book Group, Cafe Water Street in Warren
11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
3:30 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

Wed, Nov 17

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thurs, Nov 18

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group meet, Library
7 pm RI Association Annual Meeting on Zoom (*rescheduled date*)

Sat, Nov 20

9 - 11 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall
6 - 8 pm Senior Youth Group Movie Night

Sun, Nov 21 Thanksgiving Sunday

10 am Worship Service (in-person & online), Advent Arts during Church School time
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

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

In the next few days....

Time to change the clocks!

Daylight-Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 7th, 2021. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 6th** and enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to church the next morning for Consecration Sunday worship and lunch!!



Consecration Sunday is this Sunday!

We are excited to hold our annual Consecration Sunday this **Sunday, November 7th**. Please make an effort to join us if you are able. In **worship**, we will be celebrating and consecrating all of the gifts you make to our church's ministries for the year ahead. It is through our members' and friends' generosity that we can do all we do! Following that, we have a **catered lunch** which will be our first shared community meal since before the pandemic. We hope you can join us! The meals are provided by Blue Kangaroo and are separate boxed lunches and shared outside under tents donated by Smith Mason Funeral Home. While we asked for reservations, we always order a few extra for



visitors and those who may just drop in. We'd love to see you, so come and join us!

Consecration Sunday Lunch - Setup Help Needed

The Consecration Sunday Team is pleased to announce that 92 folks from church are planning to attend this Sunday's Consecration Sunday Lunch. It will be held outside under tents adjacent to the large parking lot. We are using our tables and chairs and looking for volunteers to **help set up on Sunday at 9:00AM**. If you can help, please email Pat Stoddard (pat@bccucc.org) **by Saturday at 12 Noon**. We are looking forward to a festive event!



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 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.



Children and Youth

Youth Group meetings scheduled

After a successful first youth group gathering on October 25th, and input from a number of families, Racquel Ray, our Acting Associate Minister, is busy making plans for further gatherings for both the middle schoolers and the high schoolers.

Youth Group is an open and affirming safe space for all students in grades 6-12. Racquel will accompany these groups and is responsive to the changing needs of the families we serve. We have artists, athletes, introverts, extroverts, and all youth are welcome!



Junior Youth Group (grades 6-8): Weekly group gatherings on Monday evenings from 6 - 7 pm with fun dinner and seasonal activities, beginning **Monday, November 15th**.

Senior Youth Group (grades 9-12): Monthly group gatherings with snacks and activities led by the students. Their first meeting will be **Saturday, November 20th** from 6 - 8 pm for a Movie Night.

Help will be needed from members of the congregation to make these happen. Contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 ext 104 for more information about volunteering. Also, be sure to read her latest blog "[Children in the Church](#)" on our website if you haven't already.

Advent Arts for our church school children

Advent Arts is **Sunday, November 21st** in Fellowship Hall during church school time. There will be some new crafts this year in addition to old favorites, so we hope all the children will join us for this fun



Of note.....

Thank you to everyone who made Trunk or Treat such a success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's Trunk or Treat and made it so successful. The weather was perfect and in addition to the congregation, we had many visitors from the community bring their children to trick-or-treat the trunks. A big thank you to the 12 households who decorated their vehicle's trunk and provided 'treats' for the Trick or Treaters. Thanks also to everyone who came dressed in costume. A good time was had by all! [See photos on our website](#)



Rev Dale Azevedo to take a sabbatical

A letter was emailed to the congregation on October 28th to let them know that our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dale Azevedo will be taking a three month sabbatical beginning November 22nd, 2021. If you missed the email, you can [read it here](#).

RI Association Annual Meeting has been rescheduled

Due to the storms last week, the Southeast Region of SNEUCC Annual Fall Gathering and the various Association meetings scheduled for Oct 27th had to be postponed as many people in the area were without power.

The **RI Association Meeting** has been rescheduled for **Thursday, November 18th** at 7 pm on Zoom. Registration is required - email the church office office@bccucc.org to get sent the link needed to register.

A new date for the SE Region Annual Fall Gathering is to be decided.

East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

The next swap will take place on **Saturday, November 20th** from 9 am - 11 am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring items to be swapped in clean and good condition. Trade in clothes, shoes or gently used toys, and get new (to you) items. Size newborn to age 12. There's a \$5 donation at the door, but no-one is turned away. *Masks must be worn.*



Opportunities to help others

The Giving Tree is back!

The Mission and Justice Team is excited to again support the Women's Resource Center and domestic violence survivors and their families in Bristol County during the holidays. Their need is greater than ever due to the pandemic. As we are unable to meet in Fellowship Hall, donations should be given to the church office as cash, check, or online through Tithe.ly on the church website. The

Women's Resource Center will use the donations to buy gift cards for families in need. We are hoping to bring holiday joy to as many families as possible.

How to make a donation: Checks should be made out to "BCCUCC" with "Giving Tree" written in the memo line. For online donations on the church website, click the link <https://bccucc.org/donation/> to take you to the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page. In the middle is a link to Tithe.ly through which you can make a donation either using a credit card or directly from your bank. Use the drop-down menu to go to 'GivingTree.' The **donation deadline is Tuesday, November 30th.**

Questions? Contact Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com (401-246-0212) or Lory McCoy at lsnadmccoy@gmail.com (401-369-2341). Thank you for your donation!



TAPIN seeks monetary donations for their Thanksgiving program

Pre-pandemic, BCCUCC would collect specific food items for donation to TAPIN's Thanksgiving Food program. This year, due to COVID 19 restrictions, they are only able to provide gift cards to their clients. If anyone would like to help TAPIN, they would greatly appreciate monetary donations to purchase the gift cards that will help their clients buy Thanksgiving meals. Lately, their client numbers have increased significantly, and they hope to provide gift cards to everyone who needs one.

Tax-deductible contributions in any amount may be sent directly to Tap-In, P.O. Box 252, Barrington, RI 02806, or can be made on their website at www.tapinri.org



Donate Red Scarves for HIV/AIDs awareness and to provide warmth

The Knitting for Others Group will be knitting to support those affected by HIV/Aids in Rhode Island for World AIDs Day (December 1, 2021). AIDS Project Rhode Island (APRI) is bringing the **Red Scarf movement** to RI, which seeks to end the stigma and raise awareness around HIV.

APRI is inviting the RI community to **knit, make or donate RED scarves** which will be displayed on the Providence Pedestrian Bridge on Sunday, December 1st from 6 am to 6 pm. This art installation will serve as a visual reminder of those lost and provide a distanced way for our community to come together in a show of support in a safe, impactful way. At the conclusion of the week, all scarves will be removed and donated to vulnerable community members to provide comfort and warmth to people who are at increased risk for HIV.

All are invited to donate red scarves which should be a minimum size of 6" x 60". Scarves can be dropped off at the church office **by November 29th**. Red scarves can also be donated on December 1st directly to a volunteer at the Providence Pedestrian Bridge.

For more information go to <https://aidsprojectri.org/red/> or contact Nancy Arena nancy.arena@outlook.com or Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com.



Help needed for Afghan refugees

Dorcas International is asking us to help them in welcoming 150 refugees from Afghanistan who have fled the upheaval and suffering there, and are seeking to resettle and build a life in Rhode Island.

Most who fled Afghanistan arrive with almost nothing but the clothes on their back. They need help with everything from warm clothes and household goods to furniture and cleaning supplies, and everything in between.

For a list of supplies needed and how to donate them [click here](#).



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Ongoing

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer'

Dale leads these online meditations at **8 am every Tuesday & Thursday** morning. Each meditation provides moments for reflection, music, scripture, and silence. They can be watched on our Facebook page at 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.



Bereavement Group to meet

The Bereavement group will meet on **Mondays, November 8th & 22nd** at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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 or 245-8031.



Book Group for November

The Book Group will next meet **Tuesday, November 16th at 9:30 am.** at the **Cafe Water Street**, 279 Water Street, Warren if the weather is pleasant. If it isn't they will meet at the same time via Zoom. They will be discussing *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cathers. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.

For security reasons, the zoom information is not included here. It 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 will meet again on **Thursday, November 18th**. 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.



Knitting for Others Group

The Knitting Group will meet again on **Tuesday, December 7th** at 7 pm over Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited to attend and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com.

For security reasons, the zoom information is not included here. It was in the email sent to the congregation.



Be a part of the BCCUCC Green Team

Are you passionate about the environment? Do you believe the church has an important part to play in caring for God's Creation as a part of faithful discipleship? If you answered Yes, then please consider joining the BCCUCC Green Team. What is a green team? A Green Team (or Environmental Stewardship Team, or Creation Care Committee) is a core group of people in a congregation who are committed to raising awareness about the urgent need to protect God's Creation and to work for environmental sustainability, justice and responsibility within the church and in the larger community. Green Team members can also offer each other a sense of community and moral support in these discouraging times.



If you would be interested in joining, or finding out more, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com. You might also like to explore additional resources around the green church movement at these links within the UCC and elsewhere:

<https://www.sneucc.org/green-congregation-challenge>

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

<https://greenfaith.org/>

<https://blessedtomorrow.org/>

Legislative Action - A Conversation

On **Wednesday, November 10th** from 7-8 pm on Zoom, all are invited to join the Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin, Minister for Environmental and Economic Justice, and Michele Mudrick, Legislative Advocate, for a conversation about legislative advocacy in each of the three states of the Southern New England Conference. This is a chance to meet fellow UCC advocates (virtually!) and share which issues matter to you. [Register here](#)



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Composting for Kids - a webinar

What is compost really – and why is it so important? This online presentation for kids will help them understand the amazing process of composting and is on **Saturday, November 13th** from 10 - 11 am. They'll talk about the science behind composting and the rules to follow to make it work! Kids will also learn about the tremendous impact they and other students can make in Rhode Island (and for the environment as a whole) just by starting a compost bin!

Register at: <https://www.ecori.org/calendar/2021/11/13/composting-for-kids>



Reminders

Custodial Help Wanted

The church is looking for an additional custodian to help maintain our facilities. The paid position is part time with flexible hours. If you are interested or know of someone that could fill the position please contact Paul Dennis for more information at 401-243-3493.

Buildings and Grounds Team seeks new members

The B&G team is looking for new members to help manage our church facilities. One of B&G's most important duties is creating the B&G budget and overseeing how it is spent. The team also manages

Capital Improvements and the contractors and custodial staff working for the church. Meetings are normally once a month. For more information please call Paul Dennis at 401-243-3493.



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

The latest blog 'Children in the Church' was written by Racquel. If you missed it earlier you can [read it here](#).



Community News

FREE concert of Brahms' Requiem to celebrate the return to live music

The Providence Singers are celebrating the return to live performance by inviting the community to a FREE performance of Brahms' Requiem. The concert will be on **Sunday, November 7th at 3 pm** at Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Providence. Reservations are recommended and can be [made here](#) or at www.providencesingers.org.



They will also perform the same piece on **Saturday, November 6th at 7 pm** at St Mary's Church in Bristol. Tickets are available for this concert and can be [purchased here](#) or at the door.

*Important note for both concerts: For the safety of guests, musicians, and volunteers, **all concert attendees are required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination.** Please come prepared. No exceptions.*

Church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator, Christine Wallis, are both members of the Providence Singers and are looking forward to singing this concert after almost two years of not being able to perform live. [Flier](#)

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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COVID Safety 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.



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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.

Please remember that masks are required in the education building at all times for all activities and meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

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