



November 5, 2020

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

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Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.

There will be no in-person worship services at church thru Jan 2021

Thurs, Nov 5

7 pm Church Chat with Dale (#3) via Zoom

Sun, Nov 8 Consecration Sunday

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Small, in-person, outdoor coffee hour at members' home(s)

5 pm Meditative Prayer Service, Terrace

Mon, Nov 9

1:30 pm Church Chat with Pastor Dale (#4) via Zoom

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom

7 - 7:30 pm Meditative Coloring for Adults, via Zoom

Tues, Nov 10

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting via Zoom

7 pm Church Council meeting via Zoom

Wed, Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Sat, Nov 14

10 am Buildings and Grounds meeting, Garage behind church

Sun, Nov 15 Laity Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meet via Zoom

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

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

11:30 - 12:30 pm Confirmation Class

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Small, outdoor, in-person coffee hour at members' home(s)

Mon, Nov 16

7 - 7:30 pm Meditative Coloring for Adults, via Zoom

Tues, Nov 17

9:30 am Book Group meets via Zoom
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Technology Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Deacons meeting via Zoom

Wed, Nov 18

11 am Lay Visitation meeting via Zoom
Noon Deadline for the next eBridge
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting via Zoom

Thurs, Nov 19

7 pm Church Chat with Dale (#5) via Zoom

Sun, Nov 22

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). 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

New in this eBridge

A Message from Your Stewardship Team

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is off to a good start, thanks to our generous faith community. 47 Giving Cards have been returned as of Thursday, November 5th. We are hopeful that more Giving Cards will be received as we navigate holding this Campaign during a pandemic.

Our church has gotten creative and is offering various options for us to stay safe but also maintain connections with one another and with the larger community. It is more important than ever for our church to financially support local aid organizations, as the community need is great. Your contributions will allow us to continue to connect with our community in this way.

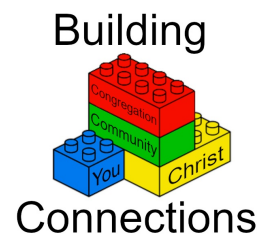
All Giving Cards received by Noon on Saturday, November 7th will be consecrated during the virtual worship service on Consecration Sunday, November 8th.** If you are able to submit a Giving Card for 2021, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There are many important financial decisions to be made for 2021, and your contributions are a critical part of the church's budget.

You can make a financial commitment by returning a completed Giving Card, or emailing Financial Secretary Pat Stoddard - pat@bccucc.org – or calling the Church Office (401) 246-0111 ext 102 and leaving a message (you will receive a return call to verify your commitment). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

***Giving Cards can be mailed in, or can be dropped off in the white Church Mailbox located on the wall at the top of the steps near the office entrance.*

Happy Veterans' Day!

As we approach Veterans' Day on **Wednesday, November 11th**, we want to acknowledge and express our appreciation to all those who have answered our country's call and to all those who continue to answer the call. We thank you for your service. We also remember on this day those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our



country, and we express our gratitude. We pray that all our veterans may feel truly appreciated and honored on this Veterans' Day and every day.

Thanksgiving Donations for TAPIN - there's a change this year

For many years BCCUCC has joined with other houses of worship to support a food drive for TAPIN. Unfortunately, this year TAPIN, along with other food pantries, is unable to accept donations of canned goods and nonperishable foods for the holidays. Instead TAPIN has requested **monetary donations** to support the purchase of gift cards for clients. The pandemic has exacerbated food insecurity and economic hardship for many families in the East Bay. TAPIN reports that its client numbers have increased significantly. To help alleviate some of the stress associated with food insecurity and provide some much-needed joy, the Mission and Justice Team asks the congregation to prayerfully consider a donation to TAPIN. There are three ways to donate:



1. Send a check to BCCUCC with TAPIN in the memo line. *Deadline for checks is November 18th*
 2. Send a check directly to TAPIN at P.O. Box 252 Barrington, RI 02806
 3. Visit www.tapinri.org to make a donation electronically through PayPal.
- Thank you to all BCCUCC members and friends who support TAPIN.

BCCUCC COVID Commemoration Tile Project



A memorial for this time apart.

Help fill the wall with messages and ART.
Create your personalized tile to hang at church on the wall along the walkway by the children's playground.
How has COVID affected you? How has time away from church affected you? What would you want someone 20 years from now to see/learn about this time?

COMING soon... someone from the project group will be reaching out to you to arrange your participation. We are planning on using contactless drop-off/pick-up methods arranged personally with each family. It is our sincere hope to have EVERYONE in the congregation participate. As we expect this project to take several months, if you do not receive a phone call soon, no worries. If you are really excited about participating and have not received a phone call yet, feel free to reach out sooner to one of us listed below.



We will share pictures of the tiles as the project moves forward.

Any questions, please contact Joanne Ela (gsbse@me.com), Heather Williamson (williamsonheather300@gmail.com), Miriam Duvel (msduvel@cox.net), or Elizabeth Azevedo (eazevedo17@gmail.com).

The Latest COVID19 Recommendations

This week we received an email from the RI State Council of Churches outlining the governor's latest requests to faith communities. The governor noted once again that new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are on the rise in Rhode Island. She further noted that over the past weeks, religious gatherings account for between 13-30 of the state's new cases each week!



As a result, the Council of Churches "STRONGLY encourage[s]" churches to only hold virtual worship services for the near future. This is not a change for us as it has been our practice all along. However, this is part of the reason the Church Council made its

decision to hold off on in-person worship in the sanctuary through the fall and holiday season.

In addition to recommending virtual worship the Council of Churches, and the governor, have the following recommendations:

1. Make a list of 10 people you NEED to see and only be around them
2. Wear a mask with anyone who does NOT live in your household
3. Wear a mask for 1-on-1 meetings when in person
4. Stand and sit distant from one another
5. Go Straight Home – avoid standing together talking before and after events

Although it is hard on us all, with God's presence we WILL get through this time together.

Daniel Kidder-McQuown to celebrate 20 yrs of ordination!

We recently received the following email from Rev. Dan McQuown (as we knew him) who served for a short time back in 2000-2001 as a part-time interim minister at BCCUCC. He was also working as a chaplain at a local nursing home, and his ordination took place at BCCUCC. If you remember Dan please consider sending a note for his celebration. Dan writes.....



"We will be celebrating 20 years of my ordained ministry (United Church of Christ) during regular worship on Sunday, December 6th, at Salem UCC in Albion, Michigan. If you'd like to send a note to be shared, please do so to Pastor Loree Grinnell (our pastor) at lorrainegrinnell@gmail.com. No pressure! But if you are inspired to share, your words would be meaningful to me and those gathered.

If anyone wants an update on my ministry, they can go here:

<https://earlydan.home.blog/2020/09/14/chaplain-dan-is-back/>

Peace,

Daniel Kidder-McQuown"

Sundays at BCCUCC

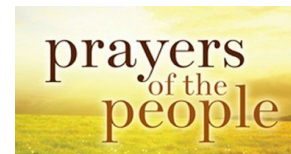
Our **online worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/. If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links.

We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each week. Please note that there will be no in-person worship through January 2021 - all of our worship services will be online only.



Prayer requests

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can either leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111, or email Dale dale@bccucc.org or Linda linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.



Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, November 8th: One arrangement is given by Larry Ashley in celebration of Abby's birthday. The other arrangement is given by Dave Gregory in honor of the Fabulous Four.



On Sunday, November 15th: One arrangement is given by Dianne Wilkin in loving memory of her mother, Claire. *A donor is still needed for the second arrangement (see later).*

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of November 8th: Max Lofaro, Pat Stoddard, Laura Ward, Joan Allen, Amanda Colby, Marlene Manchester, Thomas Materne, Abby Ashley and Maggie Zarlengo.



The week of November 15th: Rosemary Garcia, Maggie Porter, Jen Melker, Seth Forman, Evan Stabach, Diane Todd, and Christine Wallis.

If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office so we can add your birthdate to our data base. Thank you.

Please note.....

Altar Flower Donors Needed

Donors are still needed to pay for one vase of altar flowers on **Sundays November 15th, 22nd and 29th**. Each vase costs \$30. Altar flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event. If interested in paying for the flowers on any of these dates, please contact Beth Buckley a.s.a.p. at elizabethbuckley21@msn.com or (401) 247-0324. Thank you.



Christmas Pageant is still in the planning stage

Families of church school children are asked to watch for an email from Andrea with information about a Christmas Pageant. If you have questions or you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Andrea Bullard, our Christian Education Coordinator at andrea@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 107.



Updates and ongoing ways to connect

You are invited to a Church Chat with Pastor Dale

Several church chats have already taken place but it's not too late to participate. The chats (held via Zoom) are an opportunity to connect and discuss a range of topics, especially relevant in these times. It is also a time to discuss the role of our church in our lives now and going forward. Dale facilitates each gathering and a scribe is also present to capture the essence of each gathering without identifying any individuals. Space is limited to a max of 8 people per session. Several of the remaining chats are already full, but there's still space in the chat on **Thursday, November 19th at 7 pm**. (Note - this is a change from the original date and time scheduled).



Pre-registration is required. To sign up, click on the following link for [SignUpGenius](#), OR call the church office (401) 246-0111 and leave a message OR email the church office at office@bccucc.org A day or so ahead of the chat you will be provided with the Zoom information needed to participate. (Those without computers can participate in a zoom chat via phone.) ****[How to use SignUpGenius](#)**

If you're not able to make the Nov 19th chat – or it fills up - but you would like to participate in a future chat (dates and times tba), you can sign up to show your interest and we will notify you when new dates are determined.

Small, outdoor, in-person coffee hours continue

As a part of our 'Building Relationships during the Pandemic' program, church members are hosting more of the small, outdoor in-person "Coffee hours". The next are scheduled for **Sundays, November 8th and 15th** at **11:30 am** after the online church service. Members of the congregation are hosting these outdoor gatherings with a maximum of ten people at each home (per new COVID guidelines in RI). Participants are required to wear masks, remain outdoors, social distance, and to bring their own beverage and chair if they wish. See [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#).



To take advantage of this opportunity to connect with church friends, **please sign up** at this [SignUpGenius](#) link, or contact Helen Schall (401 245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com) **before 3 pm the day before (Saturday)**. The hosts will let you know later on Saturday where your assigned coffee hour will be held the next day. *Hosts are Laura Ward, Helen Schall, and Trinkie Brueckner.* (Information on how to use SignUpGenius is [at this link](#).)

Meditative Prayer Service

The meditative prayer service scheduled for Nov 1st was postponed due to rain. It will now be held **Sunday, November 8th** at the earlier time of **5 pm** on the terrace behind Fellowship Hall. Attendees are given a "bulletin" to read silently during the half-hour service that consists of a scripture verse, prayers, music played through a mini-amplifier, and a period of silence. Wear a mask and bring a chair (and perhaps a blanket). The space will be dimly illuminated. There is now a lower limit of 10 people (per current RI guidelines). Call Trinkie Brueckner (401 447 4742) or click on this [Sign Up Genius](#) link to register, and join in a time of peace and reflection. [How to use SignUpGenius](#)



Weekly Meditative Coloring for Adults

We all are stressed out from the long pandemic. Come, relax together, and color an uplifting message each week. Elizabeth Azevedo is offering an online (Zoom) weekly meditative adult coloring small group on **Monday evenings** at 7 pm via Zoom for about 30 minutes. Each week, participants can pick up the coloring page ahead of time at the church in a designated spot outside (or be mailed/emailed one if unable to pick one up). They meet via Zoom to color and discuss the "page" for the week. Please email Elizabeth if interested – eazevedo17@gmail.com. The next sessions are on **Mondays, November 9th and 16th**.



Book Group

The Book Group will meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 17th** at **9:30 am**. They will discuss *Art in America* by Ron McLarty: "This is the third novel (following *The Memory of Running*, 2005, and *Traveler*, 2006) by veteran character actor McLarty, and the third time's the charm. Unpublished author Steven Kearney loses his apartment and his girlfriend all in



one dreadful week. So when he is offered a paying position to write a historical play for the town of Creedmore, Colo., it seems as though his luck is about to change.....A bighearted, wildly entertaining novel from a writer who just gets better with every outing.” For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *The zoom information is not included here for security reasons but was in the email sent to the congregation.*

Building HOPE Together!

As the pandemic stretches from month to month, we are all searching for moments of HOPE in our days. We encourage you to help build HOPE by writing down these moments and bringing them to our new prayer drop off box now located outside along the walkway in front of the education building at church (by the stairs to the library door). The box is clear so that as our small wishes of HOPE collect, we can see the power of community as it fills up. If



you are unable to bring your HOPE to the church, you can email them to Elizabeth Azevedo at eazevedo17@gmail.com. She will then print out your message and drop it into the box for you. Questions? Feel free to email Elizabeth.

We want everyone singing in our group video of 'Go in Love'

ALL are invited to add themselves to our group singing project for the Benediction song “Go In Love”! We're not looking for perfect singing, just lots of faces singing in joyful noise! Our vision is to try to have all the congregation participate - we want to see you!



An updated video with additional participants will be shown following the Benediction at the end of the online worship service on Sunday, October 25th. If you haven't yet participated, [click on this link to learn more.](#)

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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Reminders

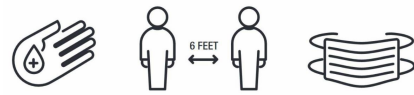
From the River's Edge: Pastors' Blog

If you missed it earlier, [read Linda's latest blog](#) titled 'Hope'



Keep yourself and others safe

The [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#) is a one page document that all are asked to read and observe when they attend any BCCUCC outdoor gathering. Thank you.



Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the building. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org. Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds. Once on the church's Facebook page, you will need to click on 'posts' or 'videos' to find the live feed, or watch the recording later.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages are checked regularly. Our contact information is:

Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)



Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102
Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107

Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.

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