



November 7, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Church office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 unless otherwise noted

Thurs, Nov 7

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Nov 8

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Nov 9

8:30 am - 12:30 pm Service Day for Confirmands and Youth Group at Matthewson St Church in Providence

Sun, Nov 10 HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 am All Ages Worship with Communion, Nursery Care available
11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our church, Library
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

Mon, Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Office Closed
NO Mindful Monday (as it's a holiday)
7 pm Buildings and Grounds team meeting, Room 6

Tues, Nov 12

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
3:30 - 5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Nov 13

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Nov 14

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6:30 pm Hameho Garden Club event, Fellowship Hall

Fri, Nov 15

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Nov 16

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Nov 17 LAITY SUNDAY

9:30 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Vestry

10 am Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School

1 - 6 pm Living Water Workshop - an eco-justice retreat at BCCUCC

Mon, Nov 18

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6

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

Tues, Nov 19

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons' meeting, Library

Wed, Nov 20

Noon Deadline for eBridge

1:30 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

7 - 8:15 pm 'Exploring the Bible-1', Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Nov 21

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

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

Fri, Nov 22

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Nov 23

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Women's Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Nov 24 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

10 am Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Advent Arts during Church School time

11:15 am 'Bring and Buy' Bake Sale, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

11:30 pm Pageant Casting Call, Sanctuary

5 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Wednesday, November 20th**

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This weekend

All Ages Worship - Holy Communion Sunday

This Sunday, November 10th, will be our third All Ages Worship service. Once again we have great interactive ideas planned for the service that people of all generations will hopefully find engaging and meaningful. Some of our children will help lead worship along with adults of all ages. On this Holy Communion Sunday, we will explore the various meanings of "Communion" in



our lives, in age-appropriate ways. We hope you can join us this Sunday.

Want to learn more about our church - and maybe become a member?

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him **this Sunday, November 10th** for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you'd like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday is November 24th. If you'd like to attend "Conversations" *either let the church office know by this Friday, Nov 8th, or just show up on Sunday after church as walk-ins are very welcome!* Child care is being provided.



Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir

Our Sing and Celebrate Choir will rehearse after church at 11:20 am in Room 6 **this Sun, Nov 10** in preparation for singing during the worship service the following Sunday, Nov 17th. If you have a child who might like to sing in our children's choir, we'd love them to join us. Questions, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.



TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection

We are again joining with other houses of worship in town to help provide the food that is given away to those in need in the TAPIN Thanksgiving Food bags. This year our congregation is being asked to donate **Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, and Gravy**. (Please note that TAPIN is not allowed to split up large boxes of items purchased from BJ's etc – they can only give out the regular packaged boxes.) TAPIN helps about 350 families in the East Bay area each Thanksgiving so lots is needed! Food donations may be placed in the bins in the narthex (on your way into church) or in the one near the stage in Fellowship Hall. TAPIN also accepts monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards which they can buy in bulk at a discount. (Checks can be made payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'TAPIN' in the memo line.) **Donations will be collected again on November 10th & 17th.** Deadline for delivery of items to TAPIN is Mon, Nov 18th.



New in this eBridge!!

Clergy Away and Office Closing

Dale will be out of the office at a training from Sunday afternoon, November 10th through the end of the week. He'll then take his fall weekend off and be back in the office on Monday, November 18th.

The office will be **CLOSED Monday, Nov 11th** for the Veterans' Day holiday.

BCCUCC is going to Puerto Rico

For our annual mission trip, we are leading an intergenerational (age 16+) mission/service trip to Puerto Rico from June 20-27, 2020. We have 10 folks signed up with room for a few more. Are you interested? If so, contact Dale (dale@bccucc.org) or the church office (office@bccucc.org). If you aren't able to join us on the trip, please consider supporting our team at any of our upcoming fundraising events being scheduled throughout the year. For more information see the church website (www.bccucc.org)



'Bring and Buy' Bake Sale

Just in time for the start of the holiday season, on **Sunday, November 24th** we will be having our first mission trip fundraiser for the group going to Puerto Rico in June, 2020 (see above). All are encouraged to bring a baked item to church that can be sold and buy something that someone else made. Baked goods will be placed on a table in the foyer. Meet our friendly mission trip participants who will be tending the table. Buy yummy baked goods for Thanksgiving and support our church's mission trip. The mission trip team thanks you for your support!



Casting call for the Christmas Pageant

Calling all aspiring wise people, barn animals, angels, and shepherds! Mary and Joseph we need you too! All kids in the church school are encouraged to come to the pageant casting call after church on **Sunday, November 24th** at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. The nativity puppets are still on strike and so we are going to have a traditional pageant this year. We are asking the kids in the church school to come and sign up for their part in the pageant! We will have a LIVE nativity this year! This might be your child's opportunity to be a star... literally! For more information contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard, at andrea@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 107.



Barrington Interfaith Thanksgiving

Save the date of **Monday, November 25th** when the community will get together at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road. There will be dinner at 6:30 pm, worship at 7:30 pm, and a project at 7:30 pm. More details to follow. Stay tuned!



News from Gabi Sclafani

Member in Discernment Gabrielle Sclafani is keeping a blog about her time living in Germany and working with local churches, refugees, and migrants. She invites you to visit her blog <https://sacredjourneying.home.blog/> in order to follow her many adventures and encounters with God.

Gabi grew up here at BCCUCC and is the daughter of church member and current deacon Carol Strakosch. Our church helped support Gabi's education at Union Theological Seminary where she earned her MDiv., and continues to support her on her path to ordination.

You can also read a recently published interview with Gabi in Union News. [Click here.](#)



Upcoming Special Events

Living Water Workshop: an eco-justice retreat for all

Sunday, November 17th from 1 - 6 pm at BCCUCC. The workshop is being offered to bring communities together in dialogue about environmental justice and the sacred, as well as to provide an opportunity to take creative action together. This workshop is part of a program supported by the

Genesis Fund of the United Church of Christ. Refreshments will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks to share. Enjoy a day of retreat, storytelling, learning, sacred activism, and creative renewal. All are welcome. Please register for this event by visiting:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-water-workshop-tickets-76129008915>

Registration deadline is Thursday, November 14th. Registration is free!

Contact: Rev. Brendan Curran (brendan@bccucc.org) [Flyer](#)



East Bay Women's Clothing Swap

Following the success of the first two, a WOMEN's Clothing swap has been scheduled for every other month - the next one is **Sat, Nov 23rd** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3 - 5 entry, no-one turned away. Clean out your closet and bring shoes, bags and clothing that you no longer need to the swap - and bring home a whole new wardrobe! The event is open to the whole community so invite your friends!



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Don't forget!

Have you submitted YOUR family photo yet?

We certainly hope so as we want ALL of our church members and friends to be included! We have a great start to our directory, *but many of you are still missing*. Never fear, it's not too late! **Please send a photo of your family to us soon.** It doesn't have to be anything formal or fancy, it can even be a "selfie" as long as it includes YOU. Whether you're a family of one or many more - we want a photo that includes you all! Photos can be emailed to Elizabeth Azevedo eazevedo17@gmail.com. Questions/concerns? Contact Elizabeth at 860-301-2915.



Coffee Hour needs your help

Coffee Hour is hosted throughout the year by various ministry teams. The church provides the coffee, tea and juice, but all the food is provided by the team assigned for that month. Since not all our ministry teams are at full complement and others are small, the jobs of providing food, serving and cleanup for 4 or 5 Sundays in a row is becoming exhausting for team members. The proposed remedy is for the ministry teams to still oversee coffee hour for the month they are assigned **but with help from the church community**. There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays to sign on for additional help with food, serving and cleanup. Lists are currently through December. Those who signup will receive an email reminder the Wednesday before the Sunday that they have volunteered to help. If you're not in church to sign up but would like to help, please contact Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349. Thank you.



Regular Weekly and Monthly happenings (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

The group will meet **Monday, Nov 18th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. For more information, contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

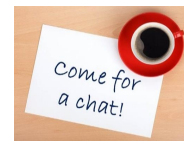
Book Group - change of time and location!

Book Group meets **Tuesday, November 26th** at **11:30 am** at **The Coffee Depot**, 501 Main St, Warren. They will be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes: "Estes's debut novel alternates between the turn of the 20th century and today, when Inara Erickson finds a beautifully embroidered sleeve hidden in the staircase at her newly inherited island estate. Intrigued, she asks a professor of Asian history to help her find out more and together they discover a century's worth of secrets, horror, and love stitched onto the delicate sleeve. As they unravel the mystery behind the embroidered story, alternating chapters reveal the sorrowful life of Mei Lein, a Chinese girl who left behind her story stitched on silk." (Library Journal). For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held on **Thursday afternoons** 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.



East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on **Saturday, November 16th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, and get new (to you) items! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. \$3 - 5 donation at the door, but no-one turned away. Open to the community.

Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>



Knitting Group

Knitting for Others Group will meet **Tuesday, December 3rd** from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Please RSVP to Barbara at (401) 245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com so she knows how many to expect. The group meets monthly - on the 1st Tuesday - makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, hats for children in Head Start etc) and can provide patterns and help. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! For more information about the group, contact Nancy Arena at 246-0212 or Nancy.Arena@outlook.com.



Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan happen every Monday (except on holidays or otherwise noted) from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. 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. *No Mindful Monday on November 11th (Veterans' Day).*



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 **Thurs, Dec 5th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.



Women's Faith Group

The Women's Faith Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, and they next meet on **Thursday, November 21st**. They will be starting a new book *Pieces of Happiness* by Anne Ostby, (Copies will soon be available for purchase from the church office). The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



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Southern New England Conference UCC

Exciting news from the Annual Meeting in Worcester, MA

It's official. At Saturday's Annual Meeting, **Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ** was overwhelmingly approved as the new name for the new conference. Learn more about what happened at the meeting, how the new conference will be organized including how Rhode Island Conference is now an Association of the SNEUCC, and much more [at this link](#).

Worship included a video with a variety of religious leaders answering the question "How would you charge the Southern New England Conference to respond to Jesus' command to unbind Lazarus?" [Click here](#) to watch the video.



Community Notices

Providence Singers Concert "Requiem & Luminosity"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019, 7pm

REQUIEM LUMINOSITY

*the beloved masterwork
by Gabriel Fauré*

*by British composer
James Whitbourn*

with original choreography by the State Ballet of Rhode Island

The **Providence Singers**, a 100-voice choir under the direction of Dr. Christine Noel, will present Faure's *Requiem* and James Whitbourn's *Luminosity*. The **State Ballet of Rhode Island** will join the Singers in performing *Luminosity*, adding original choreography in a visual interpretation of this moving work. Two musical paths to celestial light, one extraordinary evening! **Saturday, November 9th**, 7 pm at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence.

Church member Beth Zarlengo, and office administrator, Christine Wallis, both sing with the Providence Singers and they invite you to come hear - and see - this unique and beautiful performance! [Purchase tickets](#). Tickets will also be available at the door.

[Listen to the Providence Singers rehearse some of Luminosity](#)

Hameho Garden Club event - all are invited

Hameho Garden Club invites you to "A Trip Back to the Roaring Twenties" on **Thursday, November 14th** at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of BCCUCC. All are invited to join them for a celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, giving women the right to vote, and see samples of floral design from the 1920's.

A number of our church members are active with the Hameho Garden Club and they hope you will be able to attend. For more information, contact Eileen Dennis at edteazels@aol.com or (401) 245-6296.



'From the River's Edge' - the pastors' blog

We've made a change...

We now email to the congregation on alternating Thursdays either the eBridge newsletter, or a new blog from Dale or Brendan. We will still include the latest blog in the eBridge in case you missed seeing it the previous week.

The latest blog is from Dale ["Be the Change..."](#)



If you missed any earlier blog posts they are all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our website www.bccucc.org

Reminders

Nametags

Both adult and children's nametags are stored in the racks in the vestry hallway. Please pick up yours as you come into worship and wear it through coffee hour. As you leave put it in one of the collection baskets - to be returned to the nametag rack ready next time. **Need a nametag?** Sign up in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall or email the office at office@bccucc.org - be sure to indicate if you want a clip, pin or string style of holder. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.



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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Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org.

Keep up to date with what's happening at church!

2019-2020 Church Calendar can be seen at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page on our church website www.bccucc.org.

Please notify Christine with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can always be kept up to date. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

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