



**November 8, 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*

**Thurs, Nov 8**

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren  
7 pm Hameho Garden Club presents 'Jewelry in the Garden', Fellowship Hall

**Fri, Nov 9**

*Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Nov 11 Consecration Sunday and Veterans' Day**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only  
After worship Consecration Brunch, Fellowship Hall

**Mon, Nov 12**

*Office Closed - Veterans Day observed*  
No Mindful Monday

**Tues, Nov 13**

11 am Staff meeting  
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

**Wed, Nov 14**

7:30 - 8:15 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry  
8:15 - 9 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Nov 15**

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library  
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot in Warren  
7 pm Deacons' Meeting, Library  
7 pm Speaker on '600 Days in Hiding', Fellowship Hall  
7:15 pm Membership team meeting, Room 7

**Fri, Nov 16**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Nov 17**

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

### **Sun, Nov 18 Thanksgiving Sunday and New Member Sunday**

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

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

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

### **Mon, Nov 19**

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6

*Noon Deadline for the next eBridge*

7 pm Barrington's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St John's Episcopal Church

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

### **Tues, Nov 20**

11 am Staff meeting

### **Wed, Nov 21**

*Office closes at 12:30 pm*

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, Room 9

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

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

### **Change in Deadline**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and vacation, the deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is earlier than usual and is **Monday, November 19th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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

## **Photo Gallery**

### **3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat**

On Sunday, October 28th the congregation was invited to dress in costume for worship and participate in a 'Trunk or Treat' in the parking lot afterwards. Children and adults dressed up and there were some very creative costumes and decorated car trunks. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun! Check out the [photos](#) posted to our church website and Facebook pages.



### **Pictures from the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation**

If you were away this summer and missed seeing the slideshow of photos from the 2018 Mission Trip, it's now been posted to the church website. There are some great

pictures!

[Read about the Mission Trip and view the slideshow here](#)



## There's a lot happening at BCCUCC....

(listed in chronological order)

### Hameho Garden Club event at BCCUCC - all invited!

**Hameho Garden Club** presents 'Jewelry in the Garden' - a demonstration of container gardens for the home and patio by Blakely Szosz, who is Head Gardener at RI Country Club and President of the RI Federation of Garden Clubs. The event is free and open to the public and takes place on **Thursday, November 8th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are invited.



### It's not too late to become a member!

Interested in becoming a member but missed 'Conversations about our Church' last Sunday? It's not too late to officially join our church on New Member Sunday which is coming up on November 18th. If you're interested in joining, please contact Rev. Dale Azevedo by this Sunday, November 11th at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org), 246-0111 ext 103, or speak with him at church on Sunday.

### 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.



### Consecration Sunday and Brunch is this Sunday

This year we are celebrating the many ways YOU make a difference in our church, community, and world. Through your consistent giving to BCCUCC we are changing peoples' lives. This celebration culminates with worship and a church-wide brunch **this Sunday, November 11th** which is **Consecration Sunday**. Please plan on attending. You are important! During the service, there will be an opportunity to fill out a Giving Card for 2019. After the service, there will be a special catered brunch to celebrate our shared commitment to our church.

You do not need to fill out a Giving Card to attend the brunch. You do not even need to be a member to attend the brunch. In fact, your presence as a guest, visitor, or friend will make our celebration that much more meaningful. We have ordered extra food to make sure we have enough for you!



### Can't make it to church this Sunday?

If you are not able to join us on Consecration Sunday (see above), but you'd like to have your financial commitment for 2019 counted among the celebration, please contact Pat Stoddard at the church (246-0111 x102 or [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org)). As our Financial Secretary, Pat keeps track of all of our congregation's giving.



## Climb Mount Monadnock

Back by popular demand, the hike up Mt. Monadnock will be happening again this year after all! Chris Brady and Brendan will be leading a hike up Mt. Monadnock on **Monday, Nov. 12th (Veteran's Day)**. All who would like to join the hike are invited to meet in the church parking lot on that morning at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am departure. See you on the mountain!

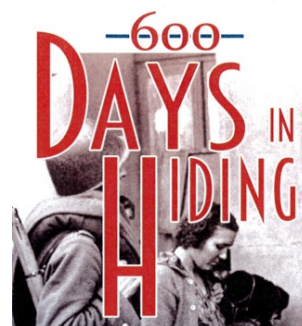


## Mindful Monday reminder

There will be **no** Mindful Monday on November 12th as it's a holiday. It will resume on Monday, November 19th from 7-9 pm in the Meditation Room. Led by Brendan, there is a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

## Holocaust Survivor to speak at BCCUCC

"600 Days in Hiding" - A talk by Andreas Algava, holocaust survivor and author of *600 Days in Hiding: A Jewish Family in Nazi Occupied Thessaloniki, Greece* is scheduled for **Thursday, November 15th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The program is free and open to the public and is sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, our Mission and Justice Ministry Team, and Temple Habonim. Disturbed by parallels in U.S. and world politics, Algava sees his family memoir - *600 Days in Hiding* - as a call to action to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy that occurred during his childhood. All are welcome. [Flier](#)



## 'Sacred Spaces' Photo exhibit

An exhibition of photographs of sacred spaces for different world religions will be at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St, Providence, from **Oct 31 – Nov 28**, weekdays from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. The photographer is Howard Rotblat-Walker. Reception on **Friday, November 16th** from 5 – 8 pm. [Flier](#)

## East Bay Kids Clothes Swap

East Bay Kids Clothes Swaps will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 11:30 am in our Fellowship Hall, and the next one is on **Saturday, November 17th**. The Kids Clothes Swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up - from newborn to age 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! It's a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. A \$3-\$5 donation is requested at the door to cover expenses, but no one will be turned away. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap>.



## Advent Arts

On **Sunday, November 18th**, the children are invited to participate in Advent Arts in Fellowship Hall during their Church School time. There will be some old favorites as well as some new crafts this year. We hope the children will plan on coming and having some fun!

## Barrington's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Barrington's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Monday, November 19th** at 7 pm at St John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. All are invited. Each house of worship will contribute something to the service - music, reading, prayers etc. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations for TAPIN will be collected as an offering. All are welcome.



## Cookies needed for Thanksgiving Service

Each house of worship is asked to bring some plates of cookies to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **November 19th** (see above). We're asking for a few volunteers willing to do this for BCCUCC. If you can provide a plate of cookies, please contact the church office *by Wednesday, November 14th*. If you're unable to attend the service but are willing to provide cookies, you're welcome to drop them off in the church office that day and we'll take them to the service at St John's. Thank you.



## 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 **Orientation Meeting** for this project on **Sunday, November 25th** at 11:30 am in Room 9. One parent is asked to attend the orientation with their 9th-12th grader. This is an informational meeting. Contact Brendan with any questions or concerns or to RSVP. [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org)

## Feasting at Fireside

Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo have added additional dates through May 2019, when they will be hosting dinners for 6 at the parsonage. The next will be on **Monday, November 26th** from 6 – 8 pm. Members and friends of the church are invited. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> for a date that works for you, or contact the church office 246-0111 if you are unable to sign up online.



## Sign up for the Senior 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 will be a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour on Sundays, you can email us at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or you can call the church office at 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!



## 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](mailto:suzanneswanson12@yahoo.com)



## Thank You.....

### TAPIN Thanksgiving Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who brought in packets of Instant Mashed Potatoes, Brownie Mix, Stuffing Mix, or made a monetary donation for the TAPIN Thanksgiving Food baskets. Your generosity will be much appreciated by the 450 families in the East Bay who receive the baskets in time for the holiday.



### Soft toys for Pew Pals

In response to her request, Andrea received lots of soft toys/animals for children to have as Pew Pals on Sunday mornings during worship. Thank you to everyone who donated them. She now has plenty - so no more please!

### Loaves and Fishes RI

We had another successful run of the Loaves and Fishes RI truck on October 24th. Thanks go to the many volunteers who made it possible by donating food, clothing or toiletries, prepared sandwiches and other food to go out on the truck, loaded the truck, went out to serve the people at Crossroads and Trinity Methodist Church in Providence, or helped clean up the truck afterwards. Special thanks to Liz White and to Jay and Phyllis Buckley who head up this outreach ministry at our church.

### A note of thanks from your office administrator.....

*It's always a pleasure to come and worship with you at BCCUCC - whether I'm in the congregation or at the piano subbing for Marina. As many of you know, I'm usually worshipping down the road at St John's Episcopal Church on a Sunday morning, but Dale had invited me to join you for worship on October 28th so that my 20 years of working at the church could be recognized.*



*I feel very blessed to have been employed here for all these years and to have worked with so many wonderful people - both clergy and lay staff, as well as members of the congregation. When I started here on October 8th, 1998, Hamilton Throckmorton was the senior minister and Julie Kilmer was the associate. Little did I know then that I'd still be here 20 years later! As I've continued to work in the office, a number of clergy (seniors, associates and interims) have come and gone and Dale is the 13th minister with whom I've worked. Over the years I've also had the opportunity to get to know many of the congregation which has been a real joy. I consider myself very fortunate to have two church families - one at St John's and one here at BCCUCC!*

*I can't thank you all enough for the kind words spoken by Dale and Jane, the flowers and the very generous gift of a check that were given to me from the congregation that Sunday morning. At coffee hour there was also a special cake, many of you thanked me personally, and many others wrote notes that I took home and read with much emotion at all the kind things you'd written. Thank you to everyone for making*

me feel so appreciated. I am truly blessed.  
With love,  
Christine

## Can you help?

### Save your baby food jars

Andrea needs small baby food jars for a church school project later this year. 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](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107.



## Ongoing Groups and Activities (listed alphabetically)

### Bereavement Group

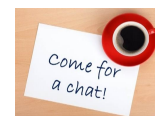
The group meets on **Monday, November 19th** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

### 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!

### 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 one of the members. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! To learn more about the group and where they're meeting in December, contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085

## 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. **No Mindful Monday on Nov 12th as it's a holiday.** They'll resume on Mon, November 19th.



## 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](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

## Women's Faith Group

The group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They next meet on **Thursday, November 15th**. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They are currently reading *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

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



### This Will Not Stand

by Cindy Elder, Lay Member - November 1, 2018 (Cindy shared this editorial with me on Sunday, October 28, 2018. This was the day after 11 people had been killed in a Pittsburgh Synagogue, and at the end of a particularly challenging hate-filled...

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If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website



## From the church office

### Change in Dale's listed phone number

Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo no longer have a landline. In the event of a pastoral emergency after hours, please call Dale on his cell phone - the number is listed in our church directory.



### 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 Church' as your charitable organization. Each quarter the church receives a donation from Amazon and all you have to do is start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Thanks.

#### This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.  
amazon smile



### 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](mailto:email@bccucc.org) 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](mailto: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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