



**February 1, 2018**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

**Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge.** Some platforms will only allow you to see the first portion of the eBridge, then there's a message saying 'Message clipped' and a link to view the entire message. Make sure you don't miss anything by clicking on that link. Thanks.

**Feedback wanted:** We hope you enjoy reading the eBridge and find it informative. Your feedback/comments/suggestions (good and bad!) are always welcome. [Email them to Christine](#)

## Calendar

*Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.*

### **Thurs, Feb 1**

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

### **Sun, Feb 4 Celebration of Holy Communion**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service with Communion  
10 am Children's Communion in Library then Church School  
11:15 am Valentine making at Coffee Hour

### **Tue, Feb 6**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office  
7 - 9 pm [Knitting for Others group](#), Elizabeth Azevedo's home

### **Wed, Feb 7**

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Feb 8**

*Deadline for eBridge*  
3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot  
3 pm Lay Visitation group, Library

### **Sat, Feb 10**

2:45 pm Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

### **Sun, Feb 11 Mission Sunday (Mission Abroad)**

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

5 - 7 pm Community Dinner (Mission Trip Fundraiser), Fellowship Hall

*Office hours for Feb 12 - 16 will be Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, and  
Tues 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 pm.*

### **Mon, Feb 12**

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

### **Tue, Feb 13**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library

7 pm Church Council, Room 6

### **Wed, Feb 14 Ash Wednesday**

7 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

7:45 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Feb 15**

1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot

6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside

### **Sun, Feb 18**

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

6 - 8 pm Senior 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)

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is  
**Thursday, February 8th** 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](#)**

## **Sunday, February 4th**

### **Communion Sunday and Children's Communion**

This Sunday's theme is 'Celebration of Holy Communion'. There will also be a separate communion service for children, held in the Library. Parents are reminded to drop children off there at 10 a.m. After their service the children will go to their Church School classes.



### **Deacons Fund**

On Communion Sundays (the 1st Sunday of each month) a special envelope is included in the bulletin for donations to the Deacons' Fund. This fund, administered by the Deacons, is used in a variety of ways to assist those in need in our church family and surrounding community. Checks should be payable to 'Barrington Congregational Church' with 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line. Thanks to all who make donations.

### **It's Superbowl Sunday.....**

....and in recognition, those who would like to are invited to come dressed in support of their favorite football team. There will also be a football themed coffee hour! We hope you can join us.



## Superbowl Subs pick up is Sunday

If you ordered superbowl subs, you can pick them up **this Sunday, February 4th** at coffee hour. (Sorry, but there won't be any extra ones for sale). Many thanks to everyone who placed an order to help the youth raise funds for their 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

## Valentine making this Sunday

This **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** the congregation has the opportunity to make valentines at coffee hour that will be sent to our homebound, recently bereaved or sick church members, and also to college students. The deacons are supplying all of the materials, they just need you to stop by the table and use your creative talent to make the valentines!

If you have a college student who might like to receive a valentine, please send their name and school address to Kim Zeleznik at [kimberleyz@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleyz@gmail.com) **by Friday, February 2nd.**



## Junior Youth Group snowtubing postponed

The Junior Youth Group snow-tubing trip to Yawgoo Valley, originally scheduled for this Sunday, Feb 4th, has been rescheduled to **Sunday, February 25th**. They will meet in the church parking lot at 1:15 pm and leave at 1:30. Pick-up will be at 4:30 pm when they return. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for this trip so please contact Brendan (401 246-0111 or [Brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:Brendan@bccucc.org)) **by Monday, February 19th** if your 6th-8th grader would like to go. Tickets are \$15.00.



## Community Dinner - tickets on sale and food donations sought

Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour again this Sunday, for the Community Dinner being held **Sunday, February 11th** in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support our 2018 mission/service trip with the Navajo Nation. Tickets are \$10.00 a person. Children six and under eat for free! Come enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, salad, and bread and support our youth.

If you'd like to help by bringing homemade soup, bread or salad, sign up sheets are on the table selling tickets. Thanks to all those who already signed up.

## Special Opportunities for Lenten Spiritual Practices



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and lasts for 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday. A number of different programs are being offered at BCCUCC this year to help make your Lenten experience more meaningful. Check them out below - and also be sure to read Dale's latest blog From the River's Edge, titled [An Invitation for Lent...](#)

## Adult Faith Formation: God in America

In this 6-part series meeting on **Wednesday evenings** Dale will guide us through the PBS special "God in America" and



in-depth discussions on how the subject matter impacts our religious experiences today. [Learn more](#)



## Lenten Meditation Options:



Brendan will be offering two separate interfaith mediation experiences this Lent. **Mindful Mondays** will meet **Monday evenings** at 7:00 pm, and **Mid-Week Recharge** will meet **Wednesdays** at 12:30 pm for a quick spirit-boost. Both will take place in our new Meditation Room (Room 8), [Learn more](#)

## Healing Retreat

Brendan will also be holding a meditation retreat on **Saturday, March 17th**, in which participants will engage in many Christian meditative and healing practices. [Learn more](#)

## Special Worship Services

As usual, we will also be holding our regular special services during Lent and Holy Week. Our **Ash Wednesday service** will take place on **Wednesday, February 14th**, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday Service will be held on March 29th. Stay tuned for other Holy Week opportunities.



## Miscellaneous

### A New Church Directory - coming soon!

A new church directory (without photos) generated from our database will be emailed to the congregation in mid-February. Information included will be name, address, children's names (of those still living at home), home phone, cell phone, and email address (adults only). We hope everyone will want their information included, but the database does allow for any of the phone numbers and email addresses to be unlisted. If you would like to take this option, please contact the church office **by Monday, February 5th** to make your wishes known ([office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 401 246-0111). Also, if you are new to our church community and we don't yet have your information in our database, please be sure to contact the office by the deadline (see above) so that we can include you in the directory. Thank you.

### Change in eBridge deadline and office hours

Christine will be on vacation February 12th – 16th. If you have information for the eBridge scheduled to go out on February 15th, please get it to [Christine](#) no later than *Thursday, February 8th*. In addition, the church office will be open shorter hours that week (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9:30 am – 12:30 pm; Tues 9:30 – 4:30 pm).

### Report from recent Loaves and Fishes truck run

We had a great turnout of people to help, and lots of donated food and clothing etc. for the January 25th truck run to Providence. Many thanks to everyone involved and especially to Liz White and to Phyllis and Jay Buckley who head up this ministry. [Check out some photos on our webpage](#)

### Church Renewal

The team meets regularly and is working with our new consultant Steve Sterner. Be sure to check out our [always updating Church Renewal web page](#) that shows the three tiered hierarchy of priorities that have been adopted, and what the next steps will be. You can also find there both the [summary](#) and the [full assessment](#) of our church, done by our first consultant. Feel free to contact any of the team members if you have questions or ideas.

## New England Women's Celebration X "A Seat at the Table"

The New England Women's Celebration takes place every 4 years at various locations in New England. The purpose of the Celebration is to reach women in the pews and to involve them in learning and sharing their faith beyond the local church and Conference setting. It is organized by women from United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations across New England, however women from all denominations and religious traditions are welcome to attend. This year Celebration X will be held April 6th – 8th, 2018 in Portland, ME. More info at: <http://www.uccwomenscelebration.org/home> or contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. Registration is \$125 before Feb 15, and \$150 Feb 16 – Mar 26.

## Farewell Reception

George Weavill, Business Manager at the RI Conference, is leaving after more than 45 years of faithful service to the Conference in various capacities. An open house farewell reception is being held **Thursday, February 8th** from 1 – 4 pm at the Conference Office, 8 Summer St, Pawtucket. Parking is limited in the office parking lot, but there is a nearby free parking lot. [Learn more.](#)

## Family Footnotes

**Change of Address:** Liz Rosenholm has moved and now lives at 18 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, Warren RI 02885. Her phone numbers remain the same, but her email address is now [lizzozier@fullchannel.net](mailto:lizzozier@fullchannel.net)

## Letters from our mailbox

January 22nd, 2018

To all the church members,

Many thanks for my lovely pink poinsettia. We are trying to keep it alive for another blooming. I was especially pleased to have a visit from my old friends the Fodors who delivered it, and also surprised me with 2 packages of stationery with my painting of years ago. I am truly honored.

Mary Kutcher

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





## From the River's Edge

The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo

Rev. Brendan Curran

### An Invitation for Lent...

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - Feb 1, 2018 "Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Christians have always observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for Easter...

[Read more](#)

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)



If you missed reading any 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 [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

## Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

### Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, February 6th** from 7 - 9 pm at the home of Elizabeth Azevedo, 7 Fireside Drive, Barrington. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com) or 289-3780 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

### Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, February 15th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. The book they're reading and discussing is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies of the book are available from the church office at the discounted price of \$13. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

### Book Group - trying a new time and location

They will meet at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, February 20th** at 10:30 am, to discuss *Perfume River* by Robert Butler. "Butler's assured, elegant novel explores a family fractured by the Vietnam War as its members face the losses of age... Eddying fluidly through its half-century span, the book speaks eloquently of the way the past bleeds into the present, history reverberates through individual lives, and



mortality challenges our perceptions of ourselves and others." (Publishers Weekly). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

## A chance to hang out with our ministers.....

### Feasting at Fireside

There is currently only a single slot open to have dinner at the parsonage with Dale and Elizabeth and it's on **Thursday, February 15th**. To fill it sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office. If there is a couple interested in dinner with the Azevedos, please contact Dale at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111. All of the other dates are full, so this is your last opportunity!

### Brendan's Community Office Hours

Brendan will be at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, from 3 - 5 pm on **Thursday afternoons** for anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting. All are invited.



## In the event of bad weather.....

We will always do our best to notify you of cancellations, especially if we ever need to cancel Sunday worship. Be sure to check your email, Facebook, and the TV and radio stations. There's also a link to the RI Broadcasters list of cancellations on our church website [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) under What's Happening>Snow and Event Cancellations, or [click here](#). However, in the event that we lose power and/or internet connection we will be unable to post these notifications.



### Snow Shovelers needed - can you help?

The church contracts with a company to snowplow the parking lots when needed, but they won't do any manual snow removal. We therefore rely on volunteers to shovel the walkways, steps, and handicap ramps around the church following a snowstorm. If you can help out please show up anytime with a shovel and do as much as you are able. You can also contact Jay Buckley at 578-6533 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net). We have a few faithful volunteers, but they can't do it all, especially after a big storm - so additional volunteers are needed. Thank you in advance for your help and thanks to everyone who helped out last time.



## Please note....

### 2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

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](#).



## Useful Links

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