



February 11, 2021

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 until further notice

Thurs, Feb 11

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

Sat, Feb 13

9:30 am 'Cookie Creations' activity for children and families, Terrace

Sun, Feb 14

10 am Live-streamed All Ages Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Feb 15 Presidents' Day

Tues, Feb 16

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

9:30 am Book Group meets via Zoom

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom

7 pm Deacons meet via Zoom

Wed, Feb 17 Ash Wednesday

8 - 8:30 am Drive-Thru Ashes, Church parking lot

Noon - 12:30 pm Drive-Thru Ashes, Church parking lot

5:30 - 6 pm Drive-Thru Ashes, Church parking lot

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting via zoom

Thurs, Feb 18

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

1:30 pm Women of Faith meet via Zoom

Sun, Feb 21

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Feb 22

7 - 8 pm 'Climate Church ' Adult Ed Study via Zoom

Tues, Feb 23

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom

Wed, Feb 24

11 am Lay Visitation Group meet via Zoom

Noon - *Deadline for next eBridge*

7 - 8 pm Membership Team meet via Zoom

Thurs, Feb 25

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

Sun, Feb 14

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

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

1 - 2 pm Black Lives Matter Vigil, Outside St. John's Church

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

A view of winter at the church



Andrea Bullard took this photo a few days ago, looking out toward the Barrington River from behind Fellowship Hall. The outline of the labyrinth can be seen in the snow.

Sundays at BCCUCC

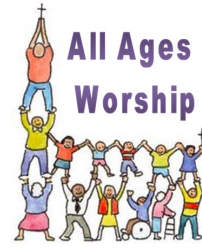
Our **online worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website at this link <https://bccucc.org/live->

worship
ONLINE

stream-2/. 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 until further notice.

All-Ages Worship on February 14th, St Valentine's Day

We have some special things planned for you **this Sunday, February 14th** as we try to make our worship experience meaningful for people of all ages. This means tweaking things a bit and inviting more of our membership to help lead the service. This week we have a special story (of St. Valentine) by Andrea, a motion prayer by Linda, and a special duet sung by the Dale twins. Come worship with us and don't forget to invite the kids to join you! See you Sunday!



Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, February 14th: Both arrangements are given by Erik Ela in honor of his many Valentines: Joanne, Rachael, Delanie, Linden and Regina...And also in memory of his first valentine, Mary Ela.



On Sunday, February 21st: Both arrangements are given by Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo in celebration of growing older and wiser together.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of February 14th: Sydney Blundin, Lynne Lehman, Matt Zeleznik, Ray Zarlengo, Barry Melker, Joy Hearn, Doug Roach, and Catherine Muth.



The week of February 21st: Todd McGarry, Rocco DiMatteo, Holly Ogden, Sam Sylvester, Sofia Forzano, Pat Gregory, Carolyn Gammell, and Nancy Melies.

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.

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.

New in this eBridge

Also check out the new articles from M&J later in this newsletter

Drive-Thru Ashes on Ash Wednesday (weather permitting*)

Ash Wednesday is **February 17th**. Due to the suspension of in-person worship, there will be no Ash Wednesday service this year. In lieu of the service, Dale and Linda will be providing everyone with the opportunity to receive ashes via a drive-thru option – you will stay in your car and Dale and/or Linda will conduct the imposition of ashes in the church parking lot in a safe manner. We are offering three times on Wednesday for you to receive ashes:



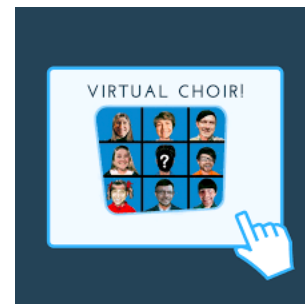
- Dale will be offering ashes in the morning from **8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**;
- Linda will be offering ashes at lunchtime from **12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.**;
- Dale and Linda will both be offering ashes during the after-work time of **5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

We know Ash Wednesday is a solemn and significant day for many, and we are grateful to provide this opportunity to recognize this important day on the Christian calendar as we enter the time of Lent.

**In the event we need to cancel any or all of these opportunities due to inclement weather, we will notify the congregation by email, as well as post the information on the church's Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/BCCUCC](https://www.facebook.com/BCCUCC) and website www.bccucc.org.*

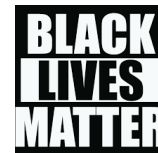
Singers wanted for virtual 'Hallelujah Chorus'

The Rhode Island Association is looking for singers who are interested in participating in a virtual 'Hallelujah Chorus'. If you're interested in participating please sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/o7QnaoexRsdCUSf98> by **February 15th**. Details on how to submit a video will be provided to interested individuals, it is very easy, and we will work with those who have limited knowledge of technology. We would love to have representation from all churches in the Association. We will have this video ready to be used in time for Easter Sunday, and it will be available to be incorporated into Easter Services throughout the association. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please contact Katie Howe: katharine.howe1@gmail.com



Black Lives Matter Vigil

The monthly **Black Lives Matter Vigil** will return this month after a two-month pause due to the coronavirus. On **Sunday, February 28th**, from 1 – 2 pm, supporters will gather in front of St. John's Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. Bring signs. Masks and six-foot distancing are required.



The vigils are held on the last Sunday of the month in different locations, and are sponsored by Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ; Barrington Interfaith Partners; Barrington Presbyterian Church; Sts. Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church; St. John's Episcopal Church; and Temple Habonim.

Prayer Shawls delivered to the SNEUCC Conference

In January the Reverend Darrell Goodwin, the first Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference, requested that churches send prayer shawls to the Conference offices. He wanted to have prayer shawls that were created by and prayed over by people in SNEUCC congregations. Reverend Goodwin plans to give prayer shawls to every Conference staff member, and then to everyone who is installed as a pastor or called to do ministry in the Conference. If there are still prayer shawls remaining, he plans to share them with covenant partners, ecumenical partners, and community partners. The intent is to surround the recipients with prayers that originate from SNEUCC congregations, and offer comfort and support during the pandemic. [Learn more at this link](#)



In response to the request from Reverend Goodwin, BCCUCC delivered 8 prayer shawls and 2 blankets to a drop box at Irons Homestead. Many thanks to Pat Stoddard and Andrea Bullard for packaging the shawls/blankets and transporting them to Irons. Many thanks also to all the members of the Knitting for Others Group, who spent countless hours "clicking the needles" to create them.

It was fun making Birdfeeders!

Andrea Bullard and the CEYM team continue to 'Create Connections for Children' with monthly events that spread joy and hope while connecting the church school community. On Saturday, January 30th, six households gathered to have some Birdfeeder Fun. Using bagels, paper towel rolls, peanut butter and lots of bird seed, church school families gathered to help feed the birds at the church and at their homes. The activity was fun, and it was so nice to see all of those happy faces. It is amazing to see how the kiddos are growing up! We are looking forward to the Cookie Creations activity this weekend (Feb 13th) and to making Easter hats in March.



Birdfeeder hangs from the tree on the church patio

Thank you for the many gloves for Amos House!

The Mission and Justice Team thanks all who donated gloves and other items for Amos House. Even with short notice and winter conditions, over five dozen pairs of gloves were dropped off outside Helen Schall's home and were later delivered to Amos House by Kathy Block. Thank you again for your generosity.



Editor's note: Thanks also to Helen and Kathy for their part in this outreach ministry.

Online donations to the church are now possible

One of the features of our new church website (www.bccucc.org) is the capability of accepting online donations. There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. Clicking on it will take you to the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page. In the middle is a link to **Tithe.ly** through which you can make a donation to the church either using a credit card or directly from your bank. (No need to set up an account). You are also able to designate where you would like your donation to go (pledge, gift, memorial gift, Deacons' Fund, etc). Questions? Contact Pat Stoddard, Financial Secretary at pat@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 102. [Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#)



Please consider a donation to the Deacons' Fund

This fund is used to extend a helping hand to those in need in our church and immediate community and Deacon Pat Stoddard spoke about this during the Feb 7th online worship service. Money from the fund has always been used in a variety of ways to help others, including the purchase of Shaw's gift cards that were available for the ministers and staff to give to those who came to the church seeking assistance. However, during the pandemic rather than purchasing gift cards, money from the Deacons Fund has instead been given to various local organizations that are better able to assist those in need at this time. A donation of \$500 was recently made to TAPIN from the fund.

Under normal circumstances, it has been the church's custom to receive donations from the congregation for the Deacons' Fund on the first Sunday of the month, but this hasn't been happening during the pandemic as we've not been worshipping in the

sanctuary.

If you would like to make a contribution to our Deacons' Fund at this time, there are now two ways to do it. EITHER write a check payable to "BCCUCC" with "Deacons Fund" in the memo line, and mail to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806 OR make an online donation at our church website www.bccucc.org, (or directly at <https://bccucc.org/donation/>) designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. (see above for more information about donating online).

Meditative Coloring for Adults to take a break

The group will not February 15th (Presidents' Day), and will then take a break during Lent. Look for its return after Easter.

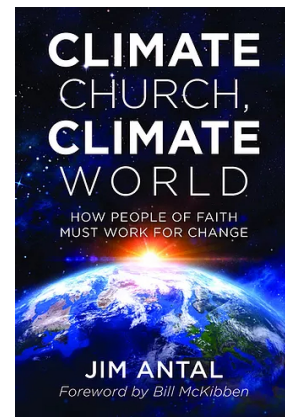


Don't forget these are also happening....

'Climate Church' Study

Join Rev. Dale Azevedo for a five-week Adult Ed program focusing on Rev. Jim Antal's book, *Climate Church, Climate World*. We will be discussing the issues Jim raises in his book and the impacts some of his concerns and suggestions could have on our lives and in our church. This study will meet from **7 – 8 pm** via Zoom on five **Mondays** throughout Lent on **Feb 22nd, and March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**. Please register with Dale (dale@bccucc.org) to receive the Zoom link.

The church owns 10 copies of the book that can be borrowed for this study, or you can choose to purchase your own copy through Barrington Books, Amazon, or your favorite book reseller. To borrow one of the church's copies, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or (401) 245-4724.



Good News! Women of Faith to meet virtually

The Women of Faith Reading Group is planning a virtual gathering. They will meet **Thursday, February 18th at 1:30 pm** on Zoom. New members are always welcome. If you are new to the reading group contact Christine in the church office (office@bccucc.org) so she can send you the zoom information for connecting on the 18th.



Update on our COVID Commemoration Tile Project

Our congregation is coming together through ART! Many of you have already made your tile to add to our [virtual wall](#) on the church's new website.

We hope sometime this spring to create an outdoor display of the tiles at church for you to visit.

As we slowly work our way through the directory, one of the four of us will be reaching out to you to arrange your participation. *We are using contactless drop-off/pick-up methods arranged personally with each family.* The materials are also sanitized between use. It is our sincere hope to have EVERYONE in the congregation participate.

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)

Below are tiles created by congregation members. See more on our [virtual wall](#)

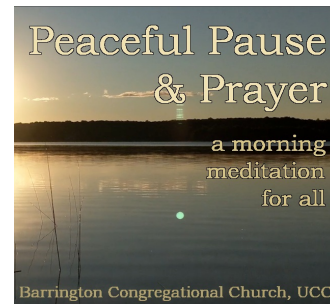


Ongoing happenings at BCCUCC

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is ongoing

Dale leads these morning meditations at **8:00 am** on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings**. 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 new website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



Book Group

The Book Group will next meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 16th** at **9:30 am**. to discuss *The Other American* by Laila Lamani. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *The zoom information is not included here for security reasons but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



Knitting for Others Group

The group meets virtually each month and will next meet on **Tuesday, March 2nd** at 7 pm via 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. *The zoom information is not included here for security reasons but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



From the Mission and Justice Team

Special Election Discussion: Bonds on the Ballot

We have a Special Election coming up. On March 2, Rhode Island voters will have the opportunity to invest in a variety of projects to support our state and its communities. Barrington Town Council Member, Jacob Brier is hosting a "[Special Election Discussion: Bonds on the Ballot](#)." It will be a conversation with State Reps Liana Cassar, and RI General Treasurer Seth Magaziner, on **Monday, Feb 15**, at **7 pm**. They'll be video conferencing with each other and it will be streamed on [YouTube Live](#) and [Facebook Live](#). All are invited to watch and learn more about the issues.

'Stand with Candace' this Saturday, February 13th

A gathering to 'Stand with Candace' will take place at Barrington Town Hall this **Saturday, February 13th at 10 am**. It is in response to continued racist speech against a Barrington family and to show that Barrington is a welcoming, inclusive community. BLM Brother Gary Danzler and other speakers will be present. All welcome.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Rev. Goodwin invites all to celebrate Black History Month

In a video message Executive Conference Minister the Rev. Darrell Goodwin invites all to celebrate Black History month. "As we think about the Black experience," says Rev. Goodwin, "I wanted to offer you a couple of reflection points for this month." [Read more and watch his video message](#)

Online presentation and talk about the slave trade in RI

In observance of Black History Month, Linden Place Museum in Bristol, R.I. will host a talk, held virtually via Zoom, focused specifically on Bristol's DeWolf Family and their involvement in the triangle slave trade.

Featured in the PBS documentary film "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North," the DeWolf family in the 18th and early 19th centuries were once one of the largest and wealthiest slave traders in New England.

The presentation, given by our longtime docent Phyllis Thibault, will take place on **Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm** via Zoom. Phyllis will discuss the slave trade in-depth, centered around Bristol and Rhode Island's lengthy and complex involvement.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted. *Pre-registration is required*. For more information and to register, please call the Linden Place office at (401) 253-0390 or e-mail jvelleca@lindenplace.org

A History of the Black Church in RI

'Building the Beloved Community: The Black Church in Rhode Island is a two-part virtual program being presented **Monday & Tuesday, February 22 & 23 at 7 pm** by Bishop Dr. Jeffrey & Lelani Williams and The King's Cathedral.

You can register to attend [HERE](#). Zoom link will be sent out to registrants. All are invited to attend this fascinating and timely presentation, which is sponsored by: Stages of Freedom; Rhode Island State Council of Churches; The First Baptist Church in America; and Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Black History Month Teach-In Series

Go to this website Tinyurl.com/BlackStudiesFEB to register for any or all of four programs on Black History offered free by scholar Marco McWilliams. The programs are **every Thursday in February at 6 pm** starting February 4th. Topics are the Mau Mau Revolution, Black Cooperatives, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and Rhode Island's role in slavery. Contact Trinkie Brueckner (401) trinki49@gmail.com for more information, or check out the link above.



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Webinar on 'Phasing Out Gasoline Here And Around the World'

You may have seen recent headlines about whole countries and major cities setting deadlines to phase-out gas-powered cars, and states like California following suit. But how do these phase-outs or "ICE (internal combustion engine) bans" work? All are

invited to get the full picture by attending a webinar on **Thursday, February 25th at noon**, hosted by The Green Energy Consumers Alliance. [Learn more and register](#)

Climate Bills expected for General Assembly Session

From eco RI news: A look at three important climate bills that are expected to be brought to the floor during the 2021 RI General Assembly session. [Learn more](#) about these bills.



In case you missed it

Linda's latest blog

The latest blog was written by Linda and titled 'In the Bleak Midwinter'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Conference Happenings

Super Saturday registration is open

Registration is now open for the **March 13 & 20** virtual **Super Saturday**. This online event features workshops, networking opportunities and a keynote from noted rabbi and entrepreneur Rabbi Elan Babchuck. [Learn more and register.](#)

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 Vaccine information



COVID-19 VACCINATION REGISTRY FOR RESIDENTS 75+

The Town of Barrington is partnering with the Rhode Island Department of Health to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine to local residents in a safe, efficient manner.

There are (2) ways to sign up for the vaccine registry:
(Email registrations will not be accepted)

1. Visit **www.barringtonlearningctr.org** for online registration.
2. If you are unable to register online, please call **(401) 247-1926** Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

If you live in Barrington, you can register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

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2. If you are unable to register online, please call (401) 247-1926, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm to register.

Barrington has been allocated 110 doses per week for 8 weeks beginning the week of Feb 14th. Priority for vaccinations will be from oldest to youngest each week. The registry is open to **Barrington residents only** of any age, but you won't be given an appointment to get the vaccine until you become eligible (currently only ages 75+ are eligible).

If you are not a Barrington resident, please check with your local town/city offices to see if they have a registry.

Vaccinations at some pharmacies

Select **CVS** and **Walgreens** pharmacies are also accepting reservations for all eligible RI individuals (currently age 75 and older) to be vaccinated at certain store locations in RI, although their supplies are also very limited so appointments fill very quickly.

To make an appointment:

- contact CVS at www.cvs.com or directly [at this page on their site](#). If you don't have online access you can call them at 1-800-746-7287;
- contact Walgreens at www.Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine or call your local Walgreens store if you don't have online access.

Appointments are required to receive the vaccination - no walk-ins accepted.

Reminders

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.

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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