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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 15

Office Open 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only

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

Fri, Feb 16

Office open 9:30 am - 12:30 pm only

Sun, Feb 18 Lent

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

6 - 8 pm Senior Youth Group, Room 9

Mon, Feb 19 Presidents Day Office Closed

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Feb 20

10:30 am Book Group, Coffee Depot in Warren

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office

Wed, Feb 21

12:30 - 1 pm Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room

6 - 7 pm Viewing of 'God in America' Episode 1, Library

7 - 8 pm Discussion of 'God in America', Episode 1, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Feb 22

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

Sun, Feb 25 Jesus and Children

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
11:15 am-1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9
11:15 am Sing & Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am Mission 7 Justice Speaker Series, Library
11:30 am Usher Training, Room 7
1:30 - 3:30 pm JYG go Snowtubing at Yawgoo

Mon, Feb 26

11 am Bereavement Group, Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Feb 27

11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
1 - 2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library

Wed, Feb 28

12:30 - 1 pm Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
6 - 7 pm Viewing of 'God in America' Episode 2, Library
7 - 8 pm Discussion of 'God in America', Episode 2, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 1

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

Sun, Mar 4 Jesus and Women

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School
11:30 am SPRT meeting, Library

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is
Thursday, February 22nd at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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Special Opportunities for Lenten Spiritual Practices



Lent began on Ash Wednesday (Feb 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

Maundy Thursday Service will be held **Thursday, March 29th** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Stay tuned for other Holy Week opportunities.

BCCUCC Strategic Plan 2018

Church Renewal Team releases Strategic Plan

The Renewal Team is excited to announce the release of the BCCUCC Strategic Plan 2018. Based on input from the congregation received during our assessment phase last fall and conversation with the Church Council, we have developed a four prong approach to renewal. Our four sections are Congregational Care, Community Connection, Facility Development, and Funding for Ministry. Throughout February 2018, we will be putting together seven teams that will work on aspects of each of these different directions. To see the strategic plan and the seven working teams [click here](#). If you are interested in being part of one of the teams, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com



Youth

Junior Youth Group snowtubing rescheduled

The Junior Youth Group snow-tubing trip to Yawgoo Valley, was rescheduled for **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) by *Monday, February 19th* if your 6th-8th grader would like to go. Tickets are \$15.00.



Miscellaneous

Office closings

Christine is currently on vacation and will be back in the office on Tues, Feb 20th. The church office is open 9:30 - 12:30 pm only on Fri, Feb 16th, and closed on Mon, Feb 19th for Presidents Day.

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.



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 or 245-4724. Registration is \$125 **before Feb 15**, and \$150 Feb 16 – Mar 26.

Mission Trip Fundraiser Concert

Save the date of **Sunday, May 20th** at 3 pm, when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC to give another concert. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.



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



Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Rev. Brendan Curran

Are you calm yet?

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - February 15, 2018 The Barrington Congregational Church (UCC) wants you to know about our new community meditation room! Thanks to the donations and support of both congregation members and friends in the...

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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

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.

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

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 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, March 6th** from 7 - 9 pm at the new home of Liz Rosenholm, 18 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, Warren. 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 Liz at lizzozier@fullchannel.net or 245-9098 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

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 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. 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 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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