



February 2, 2023

The bi-weekly newsletter of  
Barrington Congregational  
Church, United Church of  
Christ.

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## Calendar

*Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Closed on Federal and State Holidays or where otherwise noted*

For those unable to attend worship in person, our Sunday service is also livestreamed and can be watched at the following links on [our Facebook page](#), on [our website](#), and on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or viewed later.

The Sunday worship bulletin is also posted to [our website](#) to make it easier to follow the service when watching online.

### **Thurs, Feb 2**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe  
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library  
6:30 pm Green Team meeting

### **Sun, Feb 5**

10 am Worship Service with Communion (in-person and online), Church School  
After Worship: Valentine making at coffee hour, Fellowship Hall  
11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Team (SPRT) meeting, Dale's Office

### **Mon, Feb 6**

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Room 9

### **Tues, Feb 7**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office  
6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Others group, Library and on Zoom

### **Wed, Feb 8**

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Feb 9**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

### **Sun, Feb 12**

*Deadline for Soup-er Bowl soup can donations*  
10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School  
11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9  
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Outside Use of Library

### **Mon Feb 13**

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library  
3 pm Governance/Ministry Task Force meets, Library  
5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) meeting  
6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9 and Fellowship Hall  
7 pm Church Council meeting

### **Tues, Feb 14 Valentine's Day**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

### **Wed, Feb 15**

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary  
Noon *Deadline for eBridge*  
4 pm Pack bags for LFRI Backpack Program, Fellowship Hall  
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting  
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Feb 16**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe  
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library  
5 - 7 pm Outside Use of Fellowship Hall

### **Sun, Feb 19**

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person and online)  
After Worship: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>  
Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

## February at BCCUCC

### Valentine making for the homebound etc & college students

**This Sunday, February 5** at coffee hour the congregation has the opportunity to make valentines that will be sent to our homebound, recently bereaved or sick church members, and also to our 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! All ages are welcome to come make valentines so that we can "reach out.....to one another" within our church community by sending them the valentines that you make.



**College Addresses needed:** If you have a college student and would like them to receive a valentine from the church (see above) please send their name and school address to Jane Tonn at [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net), or to the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 **by Friday, February 3**. Thank you.

### Coffee Hour sign ups!

Thanks to so many of you who are helping with coffee hour! Many hands make light work. Racquel will provide a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour this weekend and for several weeks. There are opportunities to make coffee, provide snacks, or clean up. Please sign up to help on a date that you are available. The sign-

ups will run through June. We'll plan summer later. Questions?  
Contact Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org).



## Soup-er Bowl collection

Please bring in **cans of soup** for our Soup-er Bowl collection **by Sunday, February 12** (Super Bowl Sunday). Our Confirmands will then count and box them up for TAP-IN as they learn about Local Missions. Donations will be taken to TAP-IN on Monday, February 13. Learn more about this national campaign at [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org)



When donating cans, please check the expiration date as TAP-IN cannot accept items that are past their expiration date. Also, pull-top cans are preferred when available as recipients don't always have a can opener. Thank you.

Questions? Contact Racquel at (401) 246-0111 x107 or [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org).

## Food donations needed for BCCUCC LFRI Backpack Program

Thank you to the families that helped fill our 25 monthly bags of food in January that went to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. Our next collection deadline is **Sunday, February 12**. We partner with *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>) to provide food to those in need & also with *Books are Wings* who donate free books for the students. (<https://www.booksarewings.org>)



BCCUCC supplements the donations to fill the bags. We collect the following items in the box in the narthex as you go up the stairs to church: **peanut butter, bread, jelly, oatmeal, canned tuna, rice and beans, pasta and sauce, fruit cups, granola bars and shelf stable pudding**. Please use [this sign-up genius link](#) to mark which items you plan to bring or call the church office to sign up. Please be sure to indicate the number of items you are signing up to donate.



**Packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, February 15** at 4pm in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net) or 578-6533 if you can help or with any questions

## Meeting changes

**Church Council** will meet this month on **Monday, February 13** at 7 pm via Zoom instead of on their usual Tuesday which is Valentine's Day (Feb 14).

The **Buildings and Grounds Team** meeting scheduled for Mon, Feb 13 has been cancelled. B&G will next meet on **Monday, March 13** at 6:30 pm in the Vestry.

## Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast is back on the BCCUCC table and is happening after church on **Sunday, February 19** in Fellowship Hall. Von Ray will be flipping flapjacks with the Youth Group and Confirmation Class of 2023 to raise funds for camperships at Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center, a ministry of the Southern New England Conference UCC. All are welcome to stay after church and enjoy some delicious pancakes!

The congregation is being asked to donate items for the breakfast and a [SignUpGenius](#) has been created where you can sign up to donate any of the items needed or to help. Alternatively, please reach out to Racquel at (401) 246-0111 x107 or [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org). Thank you.



## Black History Month Film

*From our Mission and Justice Team:*

On **Wednesday, February 8** at 1 pm there will be a showing of the movie *Till* (2022) at Barrington Public Library. [Registration](#) is required as seating is limited in the auditorium.

Directed by Chinonye Chukwu, *Till* is a profoundly emotional and cinematic film about the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world.

2 hrs 10 mins - PG-13 [Watch official trailer](#)



## Worth repeating....

### Lay Visitation - volunteers needed

The group is in need of **a few more volunteers**. These dedicated people volunteer their time to make phone calls, send cards, and/or visit those in our congregation who are not able to join us in person or are going through a difficult time. Can you send a card? Make a call? Make a visit? Meet with the group once a month to check in? Please contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x104 to volunteer or with any questions. Lay Visitation next meets on **Monday, February 27** at **11 am** in Room 6.

### Membership Team revitalization

Racquel writes....."*As your new Associate Minister of Congregational Life, many members have shared with me great ideas about what we could, should, ought to be doing as a congregation. Ideas of potluck suppers, art receptions, movie nights, puzzle table at coffee hour, and intergenerational game nights. Does this sound exciting to you? What would you like to see from "Congregational Life" and our ministry?*

*The Membership Team will be exploring these ideas over the coming year. Please prayerfully consider joining us with your great ideas and a few volunteer hours to make great things happen! Email me at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) to join and keep an eye out for upcoming meetings."*



### Additional volunteers needed to keep pew racks tidy and stocked

One person kindly volunteered in response to the previous announcement but additional volunteers are needed. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this task, please contact Christine in the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x101. She will supply you with all of the items that need to go into the racks, so all you need to do is come at a time convenient to you (it doesn't have to be when the office is open) and spend some time in the quiet



of the sanctuary as you take care of the racks. The more volunteers we have the less often any one person would be asked to do it. Thanks in advance to all who volunteer!

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *Making*

## Ongoing groups / activities

listed alphabetically

### Bereavement Group

This support group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time and new members are always welcome. The group meets once a month from **10 - 11 am** in the church library. They next meet on **Mon, Feb 13**. For more information contact either of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at [betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at [aubreyfolk@aol.com](mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com) or (401) 392-1909.



### Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, February 21** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Where We Come From* by Oscar Casares. [Book Review](#) For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



### Coffee Chats with Racquel

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from **8:30 am – 9:30 am** on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. She will be there every Thursday morning and hopes to see you there any time you can make it! All are welcome.



### Knitting for Others Group meets in person and online

These knitters get together on the first Tuesday to knit items to be donated - prayer shawls, baby hats, etc. They next meet on **Tuesday, February 7** from **6:30 – 9 pm** and participants have the option to either meet in person in the church library or meet over zoom. Feel free to stop by the library or join the call at any time and stay as long as you like. All knitters and crocheters are invited to participate and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at (401) 246-0212 or [nancy.arena@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com). *Zoom information needed is not included here for security reasons but was in the eBridge that was emailed to the congregation.*



### Prayer Service

On **Wednesday mornings** in the Sanctuary at **10 am** all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer service to pray for the church congregation and clergy, the community, family and friends, and themselves.



### Women of Faith Reading Group

The group meets for discussions on books, faith and life on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from **1:30 - 3 pm** in

the church library. They welcome women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. Upcoming meetings are on **Thursdays, February 16 and March 2 & 16**. For more info contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)



## Youth Group

The Youth Group is led by Rev. Racquel and welcomes all in Grades 5 - 8. They gather most weeks throughout the year on **Mondays** from **6 - 7 pm** for fun and fellowship, a simple dinner (usually pizza) and a closing prayer service.

Youth Group gatherings this month are on **Mondays, February 6, 13 & 27**. For more information, including the complete schedule see page 12 of the [2022-23 Guide to Faith Formation](#) or contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x104.

Note: Youth participating in programs at church must be [registered](#).



## Conference Happenings

### 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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## Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

### Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **10 am**. Masks are optional but we do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary and also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



For those unable to join us in person, the services are livestreamed so they can be watched online - either live or later - in three different places\*:

- the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc)
- the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

There's also a link to the [Sunday bulletin](#) on our livestream page.

\*Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it's not possible to watch the service on Facebook. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube and on our church website at the links above.

## Nursery Care

The **Nursery** is open every Sunday morning to provide loving care for infants and children aged 0 - 3 years old. Parents/guardians are welcome to drop off their child/children in the nursery located in the Education building before going to the worship service.



The **Nursery Nook**, located directly below the sanctuary, is another option for parents with wiggly children of any age to retreat to and still hear the service on the loud speaker down there.

We love the sound of children in worship so parents are welcome to keep their infants and children with them in the sanctuary if they wish. For those who would prefer to worship without distraction, we provide these other options.

## Church School classes

Children from PreK through grade 8 attend the first part of worship service in the sanctuary with their families, then after the children's message (or communion on the first Sunday) they leave to go to their Church School classes in the Education building. Their teachers will accompany them. More information about the different church school classes are on pages 9 & 10 of the [2022-2023 Guide to Faith Formation](#). On All Ages Worship Sundays, the children remain in the sanctuary for the entire time and the service is more child friendly.



## From the church office

### Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

The deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is **Noon on the Wednesday prior to publication.**

Deadline for next eBridge is **Wed, Feb 15**. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### Do you need a Name Tag?

We encourage the congregation to wear nametags to help get to know each other. If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or call (401) 246-0111 and let us know what name you'd like on the nametag and your preference for a clip, pin or string holder. Nametags are stored on the rack in the vestry hallway, or you can keep it in your car or purse where you can easily find it on a Sunday morning.



### Online donations to the church through our website

Our church website ([www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)) is capable of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the following instructions: There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page of the website. Clicking on it will take you to the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page. In the middle is a link to Tithely 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 102.

[Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#) OR you can use this QR code to

take you directly to our giving page.



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**Church Office Hours:** Open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.  
Closed on Federal and State holidays.

**Building Security:** The Education building will remain locked at all times, even when the office is open. Please ring the bell for entry and we'll be happy to let you in - or use the code on the keypad if you have it.

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