



February 27, 2020

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Church office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 unless otherwise noted

Thurs, Feb 27

5:30 pm SPRT meeting, Dale's office

Fri, Feb 28

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Mar 1 Lent 1 - What a Covenant! Noah

10 am Worship Service with communion, Church School

11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

11:20 am M&J's '2020 Election Series' #1, Library

Tues, Mar 3

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others, Living Room at Atria

Wed, Mar 4

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 5

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

7 - 8:15 pm Spiritual Gifts class, Library

Fri, Mar 6

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Mar 7

10 am - 3 pm Confirmation Service Project, Fellowship Hall

Bedtime: Move your clock forward 1 hour

Sun, Mar 8 Lent 2 - What a Covenant! Abraham

Daylight-Saving Time begins

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

6 - 8 pm Mission Trip meeting, Library

Mon, Mar 9

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

Tues, Mar 10

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Mar 11

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 12

7 - 8:15 pm Spiritual Gifts class, Library

Fri, Mar 13

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Mar 15 Lent 3 - What a Covenant! Moses

10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:30 M&J's '2020 Election Series' #2, Library
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

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

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org
Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Wednesday, March 11th, 2020**

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

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Today thru Sunday, March 1

Racial Justice Book Discussion Series

Your Mission and Justice Team want you to be aware that this is happening on **Thursday, February 27th**, and **every fourth Thursday** from 7 – 8:30 pm at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave, East Providence, RI. In an effort to stimulate new ideas for equipping ourselves and our community to act justly and dismantle systems of injustice, Weaver Library and the Newman Congregational Church in Rhode Island are offering a Racial Justice Book Discussion Series. Over the course of six months, participants will look at elements of systemic racism from a variety of perspectives as presented in six books on the topic. February's book is *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. Learn more at www.sneucc.org/events and click on the link on their calendar.



Sing and Celebrate Children's choir

Our Sing & Celebrate Children's Choir is rehearsing

again and meets on Sundays at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals are scheduled for **Sundays, March 1, 8 & 15**, and they will sing in worship on March 22nd. Rehearsals last about 20 minutes and while it's hoped that participants will make as many rehearsals as possible, it's not expected that they can make every one. If you have a child (boy or girl) in Grades 1 – 5 who might like to sing, we'd love them to join us – it's a lot of fun and we enjoy singing together! For questions or more information, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.



'Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices' - 2020 Election Series

The Mission and Justice Team wants to thank all who participated in their voter pledge a few weeks ago. They tallied issue preferences, registered those who requested it to the UCC's Take Action Network, and are now ready to start their 2020 Election Series. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, March 1st** they'll start off by showing a short video called *When Religion and Politics Meet* that addresses the concern of how churches can engage in political elections while remaining true to the principle of separation of church and state. Please join them at 11:20 am in the library to talk about this important challenge.



Please bring in Hygiene Items needed for Confirmation Service Project

On **Saturday, March 7th** the Confirmands will be participating in a Community Service Day putting together Hygiene Kits for Church World Services. CWS provides these kits to people affected by natural disasters in our country. For individuals affected by tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, these kits are a welcome gift providing them with hygiene essentials. Last year, CWS actually ran out of kits while responding to devastating spring flooding.

We would like to put together as many kits as possible. To do this, **the Confirmands need your help in collecting items for these kits** and there will be a donation bin located in Fellowship Hall where you can drop off items [on the list](#).

The donations will then be sorted and packed by our Confirmands on Saturday, March 7th and shipped out to Church World Services. This is an opportunity for our Confirmands to "Be the Church" and for our church to reach out to those in need. You can donate one of each item, or multiples of an item on the list (such as a box of Band-Aids, or a multi-pack of bath soap). All contributions will make a difference and **need to be received before 10:30 am on Sat, March 7th**. [List of items needed](#)



'One Egg Haiti' - donations requested

The RI Haiti Task Force provides hard boiled eggs to over 2000 children in schools and orphanages as well as a day program for disabled children in Haiti. Many of these children have not had breakfast. Teachers report that attendance and learning have improved under the daily egg program. With additional funding, more children in additional sites could receive this important nutrition. **During Sundays in Lent**, plastic eggs and egg bags will be available in Fellowship Hall to encourage participation and contributions. Funds go directly to the One Egg Haiti program to buy the eggs and deliver them to the schools and orphanages. Checks should be payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'One Egg Haiti' in the memo line. Questions? Contact Trish Sylvester at trishsylvester@gmail.com



Saving the world,
One egg at a time!

More March happenings

Read Dale's blog on how to make Lent more meaningful

The latest 'From the River's Edge: Pastors' Blog' is written by Dale and titled "[Make Your Lenten Season More Meaningful](#)" - emailed out 2/20/20.

If you missed any earlier blog posts they are all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our website www.bccucc.org



Lenten Learning Series with Linda

'**Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts**' is a Lenten series being offered by our Associate Minister Linda Hartley on **five Thursday evenings** during Lent: **March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2**. Each session runs from 7 – 8:15 pm in the Library.

**Discerning Your
Spiritual Gifts**



Moses didn't think he could lead, but he did. Isaiah didn't think he could influence others, but he did. The Apostle Paul wasn't an impressive figure, but his passion fueled a movement. Each one was gifted by the Spirit in ways they never anticipated and found new ways to use their gifts for the good of others. Come to our Lenten series, *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*, as we discover together the many ways the Spirit has gifted each of us. You may be surprised to find that you have gifts to share that you never imagined. As we journey through Lent, we will express gratitude for the gifts we have employed in our lives, open ourselves to the possibility of new gifts, and brainstorm about the ways our gifts can make a difference. Come and explore – it's never too late to learn something new about yourself and find new ways to share your gifts with others. There is no cost for this program.

If you're interested in participating it's not too late. Please email Linda Hartley at linda@bccucc.org so she knows how many to expect. All are welcome.

Move your clocks forward

Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, March 8th** ready for Daylight Saving Time to begin. You don't want to be late for church on Sunday!

Linda's Ordination - all are invited

Linda Hartley's Service of Ordination will take place on **Sunday, March 22nd** at 3 pm at Newman Congregational Church, UCC, 100 Newman Ave., Rumford RI 02916. All are welcome to attend and a reception will follow. Newman Congregational Church is Linda's home church and has supported her throughout her ordination process.



Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Please join us on **Sunday, March 22nd** from 5 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall for a delicious **pasta dinner** and fun **silent auction**. Come hungry and ready to bid on a variety of local treats and treasures. Regular and gluten-free pasta with a variety of sauces, bread, salad, and homemade desserts will be available to eat-in or carry out. All proceeds will benefit



Silent Auction

the June 2020 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Tickets are \$10 each or \$40 maximum per family. Children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour beginning this Sunday, or at the door. Come enjoy dinner in community for a great cause. Please invite friends and neighbors to this open event.

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Information about all of the groups that meet regularly, is found later in this email....scroll down to find it!

Profiles in 'Be the Change'

Diane Todd - a Church member who is 'being the change' beyond our walls!

'Be the Change' is our church's theme for this year. The Deacons are going to be shining a light on church members whose actions exemplify this theme. In the spotlight this month is **Diane Todd** who for the past 15 years has been the BCCUCC coordinator for the Christian Community Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket. [Read about Diane and the Soup Kitchen ministry.](#) Thank you, Diane, for all that you do.



The Deacons welcome your suggestions of folks you feel are doing kind deeds in the community beyond our church walls - contact Bernie Hawes at bhawes1@cox.net or (401) 924-3342. Thank you.

Opportunities to help

Sign up to help with coffee hour

Volunteers are asked to help the assigned teams with coffee hour on a Sunday by providing food, serving, or cleaning up. You can sign up for a specific Sunday that works for you either during coffee hour, or contact Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net or 289-2349. Those who sign up will receive an email reminder the Wednesday before the Sunday that they have volunteered to help.



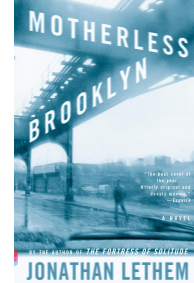
Regular Weekly and Monthly happenings (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

The group meets **Monday, March 16th &** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. For more information, contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren to discuss *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem. [Learn more about the book.](#) For information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on **Saturday, March 21st** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, and get new (to you) items! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. \$3 - 5 donation at the door, but no-one turned away. Open to the community.

Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>



Knitting Group

Knitting for Others Group will meet **Tuesday, March 3rd** from 7 – 9 pm in the Living Room at Atria Senior Living, 147 Bay Spring Ave, Barrington. The group meets monthly - on the 1st Tuesday - makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, hats for children in Head Start etc) and can provide patterns and help. All knitters and crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! For more information about the group, contact Nancy Arena at 246-0212 or Nancy.Arena@outlook.com.



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 **Thurs, Mar 5th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact NAMI RI at info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.



Women's Faith Group

Women's Faith Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30 – 3 pm in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. At their next meeting on **Thurs, Mar 5th** they will watch an interview with Sarah McBride, the transgender activist and author of *Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality*, followed by a discussion. [Learn more](#)



At their meetings on **Thurs, Mar 19th** and **Thurs, Apr 2nd** they'll be reading and discussing *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. For more information or questions, contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.

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In the event of bad weather

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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. Also please note that if there is bad weather during office hours, the office may need to close without notice.

Community Notices

'Broadway at the Biltmore'

Church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator Christine Wallis are both proud members of [The Providence Singers](#) and they'd love you to attend 'Broadway at the Biltmore' on **Saturday, March 28th**. This is a fundraiser for the organization that includes a gala performance of musical theater favorites with guest soloists, followed by a silent auction and tapas buffet. Seating is limited and reserved, so buy your tickets soon for the best seats! [More details and ticket purchase](#)



Reminders

2020 Pledge envelopes

If you would like a set of weekly envelopes for your giving, please contact our financial secretary, Pat Stoddard, who will be happy to assign some to you. Pat can be contacted at (401) 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org



Church Photo Directories

Our new church photo directory contains contact information for all of the current active households at BCCUCC. An email was sent out to those included in the directory with links to digital versions of the directory. Paper copies are also available from the church office. *Because of the cost of producing it, we ask that you take only one printed copy per household, please.*

If you/your family isn't included in the directory and you consider yourself to be active here at church, please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111. We would like to get to know you and also get your contact information so it can be included in our database. Thank you.



Nametags

Both adult and children's nametags are stored in the racks in the vestry hallway. Please pick up yours as you come into worship and wear it through coffee hour. As you leave put it in one of the collection baskets -to be returned to the nametag rack ready next time. **Need a**

nametag? Sign up in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall or email the office at office@bccucc.org - be sure to indicate if you want a clip, pin or string style of holder. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up.



Older Sermons available on line - current ones not available

The company that hosts the sermons on-line has made some changes so the sermons have not been posted since mid-November. However past sermons of Dale's and Brendan's thru 11/17/19 can be listened to again at the following link [Sermon Archive](#). We hope to resume posting the sermons at a future date.



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Help us stay visible on Facebook by both liking AND commenting (in 5 or more words) on our posts! That way the Facebook algorithm allows our church's page (www.facebook.com/bccucc) to show up in more people's feeds. You can also find us on Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#).



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We only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org.

Keep up to date with what's happening at church!

The complete church calendar can be seen at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page on our church website www.bccucc.org. Please notify Christine with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can always be kept up to date. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

Useful Links

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