



**February 28, 2019**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

## Calendar

*Office open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm, unless otherwise noted*

**Thurs, Feb 28**

10 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6  
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

**Fri, Mar 1**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Mar 2**

2:45 pm BCCUCC volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

**Sun, Mar 3 Holy Communion Sunday**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School  
After Worship Mardi Gras Pancakes and Renewal Celebration, Fellowship Hall

**Mon, Mar 4**

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

**Tues, Mar 5**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office  
7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Liz Rosenholm's house

**Wed, Mar 6**

7 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal after service ends, Vestry

**Thurs, Mar 7**

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library  
3 - 4 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren  
4 - 5 pm 'Come to the Water' book/Bible discussion, The Coffee Depot  
6 - 7 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

**Fri, Mar 8**

*Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Mar 9**

Bedtime Turn your clocks forward one hour!

**Sun, Mar 10 Lent***Daylight Saving Time Begins*

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:30 am Membership Team meeting, Library

**Mon, Mar 11**

7 - 8 pm Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room (Room 8)

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

**Tues, Mar 12**

11 am Staff meeting, Office

7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

**Wed, Mar 13***Noon Deadline for eBridge*

7 pm Mission and Justice team meeting, Room 6

7 - 8:15 pm Soul Talk, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Mar 14**

10 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6

3 - 4 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

4 - 5 pm 'Come to the Water' book/Bible discussion, The Coffee Depot

**Fri, Mar 15***Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

4 pm Youth leave for Confirmation Retreat at Craigville

**Sat, Mar 16**

9:30 - 11 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

6 pm Youth return from Confirmation Retreat

**Sun, Mar 17 Jesus and Women**

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:20 am Speaker from 'The Womxn Project', Library

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  
**Wednesday, March 13th** 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](#)

**Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge.** Some platforms only show part of it with a link to the remainder.

## Important Notice about our Email Addresses

### Please update your email contacts/address book

We are continuing to upgrade the software on the computers in the office, and as a result are changing to **ONLY** using our @bccucc.org email addresses. We ask that you stop using our @fullchannel.com email addresses and instead just use the following addresses:

Dale [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) Brendan [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) Christine [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)Pat [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) Andrea [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)

Should you forget, at least for the time being, we'll still be receiving emails that are



## This Sunday, March 3rd!



### Mardi Gras Pancakes and Renewal Celebration!

You are invited to kick off the season of Lent, celebrate the culmination of our Renewal Process, and support the mission trip all at the same time this year with a Fat-Tuesday Mardi Gras Renewal Pancake Breakfast!

After worship **this Sunday, March 3rd** the mission trip participants, with support from the CEYM team, will serve pancakes during coffee hour. This **festive pancake breakfast** is a fundraiser for the mission trip. Congregation members and friends are asked to donate generously. Look for a collection basket for donations in Fellowship Hall.

At the same time our **Renewal Team will have a special presentation** sharing all our learning and success over the past year and half.

Wear your green, gold, and purple colors! Come and enjoy!

## From the River's Edge





## How are you growing this Lent?

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - March 1, 2019 The season of Lent is almost upon us! For those who may not know, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and runs for the 40 days leading up to Easter (Sundays are not counted as a part of the 40 days as...

[Read more](#)

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



If you missed reading any earlier 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)

## Lenten Opportunities

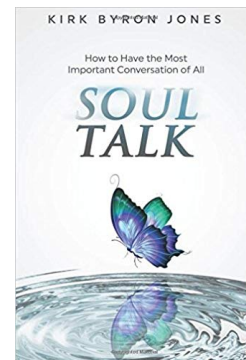
### Ash Wednesday Service

**Ash Wednesday, March 6th**, marks the beginning of the observance of Lent. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm in the sanctuary to which all are welcome. The service will have our choir, some hymns, time for prayer, a few brief reflections, and an opportunity to receive ashes for those who wish it. This service should last about 30 minutes.



### Soul Talk: Leaning to Listen to the Divine Soul Within

One of our growth offerings this Lent is an adult series exploring *Soul Talk*, a new book by Dr. Kirk Byron Jones. Dr. Jones has written numerous faith-based books on rest, joy, and play. In his latest book he discusses the need and benefit of listening to our inner voice and God's presence in that listening. Each week through Lent we will discuss a portion of the book and take time to experience *soul talk* for ourselves. No experience or background is necessary, just a desire to explore the Sacred within. Rev. Dale will be leading this five week group on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:15 pm **beginning Wednesday, March 13th**. The book should be purchased ahead of time and is available through Amazon and other retailers. Come and join us! For planning purposes, please RSVP to Dale by *Ash Wednesday, March 6th* at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 103.



### Wondrous Encounters

On Monday evenings **beginning Monday, March 11th** from 7-8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8), Brendan invites you to participate in a special Lenten meditation series centering on the reflections of the contemplative Christian writer, and founder of the center for action and contemplation, Richard Rohr. This series is offered during Lent as a space for us to explore together how we "encounter" and experience the divine in our daily lives. Our contemplative practice together should nicely compliment the "soul talk" discussions also taking place (see above). All are welcome to come for the full six weeks of the meditation series or on a drop-in basis! Questions? Contact Brendan at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 104.

### Community Office Hours during Lent to include 'Come to the water'

## book/Bible study

From 4-5 pm on Thursday afternoons during Lent (**beginning Thursday, March 7th**) Brendan will lead a Lenten book/Bible study 'Come to the Water' exploring the theme of God in creation and how our faith moves us to act as stewards and sustainers of the natural world that makes life possible. We will be reading the "Read Across RI" book, "*What The Eyes Don't See*," by Mona Hanna-Attisha. Brendan is incorporating this book study into the second hour of the community office hours that he hosts every Thursday at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, from 3-5 pm. He will host weekly discussions on sections of the book and provide eco-themed scripture passages to expand the discussion. All who wish to participate in this book/Bible study can purchase the book on Amazon. If you have any questions about the study please contact Brendan at [brendan@bccucc.org](mailto:brendan@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 10.



## Lenten Speaker Series

The Mission and Justice Team invites you to the first in this year's Lenten Speaker Series. On **Sunday, March 17th** in the library after worship, Jordan Hevenor, co-founder of The Womxn Project, and our own Caroline Jackson Morgan, volunteer lobbyist with The Womxn Project, will join us to Demystify the State House. They will provide an update on the status of reproductive health care in Rhode Island and present ways to have all our voices heard on this important issue. Come one, come all. Learn more at [The Womxn Project](http://TheWomxnProject.org). M&J has invited speakers on other topics for March 24th & 31st - more details to come.



## Also happening in March....

### Turn your clocks forward!

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on **Saturday, March 9th**. You don't want to be late for church on Sunday morning!!!



### Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals to start up again

Our children's choir is starting rehearsals again beginning **Sunday, March 10th** at 11:20 am in Room 6. Rehearsals last about 20 minutes, and will take place after church for the remaining Sundays in March and a couple of Sundays in April, as they prepare to sing a piece in church on May 5th. The Sing and Celebrate Choir welcomes boys & girls in Grades 1-5, and older children are also very welcome to come sing. If there are Kindergartners interested, please speak with Kate as she's willing to let them try it out! For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net).



### East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Saturday, March 16th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in your clean clothes, shoes and

gently used toys, and get new (to you) clothes, shoes and toys! Size newborn to 12 years old. (No carseats please) 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>  
Interested in volunteering? Contact [Rlkidswap@gmail.com](mailto:Rlkidswap@gmail.com)

## East Bay Kids Clothes & Toy Swap

The organizers are looking for musicians for their events - [learn more](#)

### Feasting at Fireside

Members and friends of the church are invited to dinners for six hosted by Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo at the parsonage. The next one is scheduled for **Monday, March 18th**. Singles, couples and families are welcome. If you'd like to attend, please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting>.



*Information about all of the groups that meet regularly can be found below under "Regular Happenings"*

## Regular happenings (listed alphabetically)

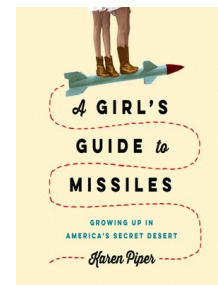
### Bereavement Group

The group will next meet in the library on **Monday, March 4th** at 11 am. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

### Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, March 19th** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *A Girl's Guide to Missiles: Growing Up in America's Secret Desert* by Karen Piper. "For designing and detonating missiles, China Lake was perfect - a desert wasteland within driving distance of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. But for Piper's family, life at the military base was full of secrets and challenges, as she reveals in this fascinating memoir."

For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!



### Community Office Hours

They happen **Thursdays** from 3 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren (unless otherwise noted). On Thursdays during Lent (March 7th - April 18th) the second hour from 4 - 5 pm will be a book/Bible Study with Brendan. See 'Come to the water' above for all the details. Community Office Hours are for anyone in the church or community who would like to stop by and visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.



### Knitting for Others Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, March 5th** from 7-9 pm at the



home of Liz Rosenholm, 18 Bagy Wrinkle Cove, Warren. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please RSVP to Liz to let her know if you'll be attending at [lizzozier@fullchannel.net](mailto:lizzozier@fullchannel.net). To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net).



## Mindful Mondays

There will be a regular Mindful Monday on **March 4th**, with a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, then tea and discussion. The sessions are led by Brendan and are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



Then on Mondays during Lent (March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8) Brendan will instead offer "Wondrous Encounters" during this time - see under "Lenten Opportunities" for more info. Mindful Mondays will resume on April 29th.

## 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 **Thursday, March 7th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

## Women's Faith Group - note the time change!

The group has moved it's meeting time to a little earlier. It next meets on **Thursday, March 7th & 21st** from **1 - 2:30 pm** in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They are discussing *The Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri and copies are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$12. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

## Save the dates!

### Partnership with East Bay Citizens for Peace

**Save the date!** Our Mission and Justice Team are joining with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to bring you a talk by journalist Ed Fitzpatrick on **First Amendment Rights** on **Thursday, April 11th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

*EBCP is a grassroots organization committed to peaceful solutions to conflict, and social and economic justice through open, respectful dialogue. For more information contact 401-247-9738, [info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org](mailto:info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org) or [www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org](http://www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org)*

### Loaves and Fishes RI Fundraiser

Loaves and Fishes RI (LFRI) is embarking on its 11th year serving food, clothing, and basic necessities to those who are homeless and in need of nourishment and basic necessities. The truck makes no less than 19 visits a month to multiple sites statewide. We are grateful to our entire community who keep this vital mission alive and growing. LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on **Thursday, May 16th** at the RI Country Club, so mark your calendar to spend an evening with dedicated, warm-hearted folks sharing a unified mission, while raising funds for LFRI. [Details](#) Learn more about the organization at [www.lfri.org](http://www.lfri.org).



## Community Notices



2018-2019  
season  
Christine Noel  
Artistic Director



March 9-10, 2019

### *What Sweeter Music: Songs of the Spirit*

Music for chorus *a cappella* and chorus with organ, including works by Brahms, Elgar, and Wagner, and featuring *Mass in C* by Josef Rheinberger.

**Saturday March 9, 2019, 7:30pm**

Immaculate Conception Church  
237 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston

*Purchase online at [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com)  
and save on tickets!*

**Sunday March 10, 2019, 3:00pm**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
399 Hope Street, Bristol

~~\$35~~ **\$30** general  
~~\$25~~ **\$20** senior  
~~\$15~~ **\$10** student

[ProvidenceSingers.org](http://ProvidenceSingers.org)

401.751.5700

[EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com)

### Providence Singers Concert "What Sweeter Music: Songs of the Spirit"

Music for unaccompanied chorus, and chorus with organ, including works of Johannes Brahms, Edward Elgar, Julian Wachner and others. The major work on the program is the *Mass in C* by Josef Rheinberger, a prolific late-19th century composer now known mainly for his contributions to the organ repertoire. John Black is the guest organist.



**Saturday, March 9th** at 7:30 pm in Cranston, **Sunday, March 10th** at 3 pm in Bristol. [More information](#)

*Church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator Christine Wallis both sing with the 90-voice Providence Singers. This is a concert of really beautiful music including some spirituals and a wonderful setting of 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'. We'd love you to come hear us!*

## Miscellaneous

### Free Hearing Aid Batteries - Duracell size 13

A church member purchased several packets of the wrong size of batteries for her hearing aids, and is unable to return them. If you could use them, contact the church office and they're yours for free! [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111

## Reminders.....

### Help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' our posts

Hopefully you've already 'Liked' our church's Facebook page and see



our posts in your newsfeed – if not, you can find us at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc). The way Facebook works, for our page to keep showing up in your newsfeed and for it also to be seen by the wider community, you also need to 'Like' individual posts from the church that you see. So please help us keep getting our message out about who we are and what's happening at BCCUCC by hitting that 'Like' button for the posts that you see and like. 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](#).



### Raise money for the church when you shop at Amazon

You can raise money for the church every time you shop at Amazon by going through AmazonSmile. [Learn more at this link](#) and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Every eligible purchase raises 0.5% of the purchase price for our church, and we receive a quarterly deposit from Amazon! Thanks to everyone who already does this.



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

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

## From the church office

### Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



### Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

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.

### Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at [www.facebook.co/bccucc](http://www.facebook.co/bccucc). Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

## Useful Links

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