



March 1, 2018

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 link to view the entire message.

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, Mar 1

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
6 - 7:30 pm [NAMI Family Support Group](#), Room 6

Fri, Mar 2

4 - 8 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Mar 4 Jesus and Women

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School
11:30 am Prep meeting for Mar 18th Finance Info session, Room 6
11:30 am SPRT meeting, Library

Mon, Mar 5

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
7 pm Speaker on 'The Hate You Give' book themes, Temple Habonim

Tues, Mar 6

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office
7 pm Deacons meeting, Library (note the change of day)
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Room 6
7 - 9 pm [Knitting for Others Group](#), Liz Rosenholm's

Wed, Mar 7

12:30 - 1 pm Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
6 - 7 pm Viewing of 'God in America' Episode 3, Library
7 - 8 pm Discussion of 'God in America', Episode 3, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 8

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot
3 pm Lay Visitation Meeting, Library

Sat, Mar 10

5 - 7 pm 'Meet the Farm School' Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Bedtime - move your clocks forward 1 hour

Sun, Mar 11 Economic Justice Day

10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:15 am Sing & Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9
11:15 am Mission & Justice Speaker Series # 2, Library

Mon, Mar 12

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room
7 pm Buildings and Grounds team meeting, Vestry
7 pm Community Discussion of 'The Hate You Give' book, St James' Lutheran Church

Tues, Mar 13

11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library
7 pm Church Council, Room 6

Wed, Mar 14

Noon Deadline for the eBridge
12:30 - 1 pm Mid-Week Recharge, Meditation Room
6 - 7 pm Viewing of 'God in America' Episode 4, Library
7 - 8 pm Discussion of 'God in America', Episode 4, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 15

1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library
3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot

Sat, Mar 17

8:30 am - Noon Planning Sessions for Strategic Teams, Fellowship Hall
1 - 3 pm Outside rental of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Mar 18 A Day of Healing

10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:15 am Information session about our church's finances, Library
5 - 7 pm Senior Youth group, Room 9

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
Tues, March 14th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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

Thank You

Thank you for the Jar Openers

The Membership Committee wishes to thank an anonymous donor for designing and contributing a gift for inclusion in the Welcome Packets for visitors. The handy blue jar openers have our church's name, address, phone, and website printed on them and also the words "Our

doors are open to all." If you would like one for yourself, they will be available at Coffee Hour or from the church office for a donation of \$1. The money will be used for further outreach and marketing.



A letter from our mailbox...

William and Beth Buckley want to express deepest appreciation for all the prayers and concerns for William through his time of illness going back to 2016. Will is feeling so much better, and coping with the Crohn's Disease. It's still challenging but he is able to have a normal life. We are so thankful to God, and all of you for your prayers.

Dale gives thanks in 'It's time to celebrate!'

And on the subject of thanks, Dale writes in his latest blog "It's time to celebrate!" about all the great things happening here at BCCUUC, and how we need to recognize and give thanks for the work God is doing among us. [Read Dale's latest blog here](#)



Speaker and Interfaith Discussions

'Reading Across Rhode Island'

The '2018 Reading Across Rhode Island' book selection is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas – her debut novel that examines issues of racism honestly and compassionately. Barrington Interfaith Clergy Association and Barrington Interfaith Partners, are encouraging everyone to read the book then come together for two community events:

On **Monday, March 5th**, Jordan Seabury, director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence, will address some of the themes of the book at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are invited. (It is not necessary to have read the book to appreciate the talk).

On **Monday, March 12th**, from 7 to 8:30 pm, a discussion, led by the Interfaith Partners, will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 49 Middle Highway, Barrington. Both events are free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and teens. [More information](#)



Coming soon.....

'Meet The Farm School' Community Dinner

On **Saturday, March 10th** stop into Fellowship Hall between 5 - 7 pm to meet the Barrington Farm School team and enjoy some hearty soups, salads and breads. Learn about volunteer opportunities, and how students of all ages can join them this year. Bring your ideas! The event is free and open to the community! For more information, contact Tim Faulkner at 330-6276 or BarringtonFarmSchool@gmail.com.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour when you go

to bed on **Saturday, March 10th**, You don't want to be late for church on Sunday!!



Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals

Rehearsals are held every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to come sing with us. Their next rehearsals are on **Sunday, March 11th and 25th** at 11:20 am in Room 6. For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 kcolby@fullchannel.net or speak with our organist, Marina.

'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering to be taken March 11th

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be taken on **Sunday, March 11th** and information and special envelopes will be included in that Sunday's bulletin. The UCC has 4 special offerings each year, and OGHS is one of them. This year's theme is 'More Than We Can Imagine'. It's easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in the world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities – and feel there is nothing we can do to help. But as the Apostle Paul writes, "by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20). We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure the world. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs where you can also give on-line.

Checks should be made out to 'BCCUCC' with "OGHS" in the memo line. Thanks.



Mission and Justice Speaker Series #2: Loaves and Fishes RI

On **Sunday, March 11th** Allen Scott, co-chair of Loaves and Fishes Rhode Island will be our guest speaker at 11:30 am in the library. Church members Phyllis Buckley and Liz White have been organizing BCCUCC's participation in the LFRI truck runs over the past years. Allen will tell us more about the wider organization as it enters its tenth year of helping to feed the homeless and hungry here in our state. All are invited.

The Mission and Justice team is sponsoring a speaker series featuring speakers from the various organizations that M&J and BCCUCC have supported during this program year. We invited everyone to come hear more about the work that they do.

Want to learn more about BCCUCC's finances?

Do you have any questions about our church's finances? On **Sunday March 18th** at 11:15 am in the library, Co-Treasurers John Loerke and Barbara Wuth; Finance team members Dick McWhirter and Tom Colby; Endowment team chair Kate Colby; Buildings & Grounds team chair Paul Dennis; and Stewardship team member Bill Block will dig into the numbers but more importantly be there to answer your questions. Guaranteed to last no more than one hour. If we can't answer your questions in that time we'll get back to you ASAP. Grab a coffee and cookie. Meeting will start promptly at 11:15. All are invited.



Come bowl with us!

Barrington Congregational Church is organizing a bowling team in support of the Primrose Elementary School's Family Bowl A Thon on **Saturday, March 24th** (1-2 pm and 2-3 pm). Proceeds benefit the school and Barrington community - such as new after-school programs and playground renovations. Learn more at <https://www.bowlathon.net/event/primrose-hill-pto-2018/> We



hope you will lace up your bowling shoes and sign up for our team - or create a 6-person of your own. If you can't attend, you can still score a strike for our team – especially if you own a local business – by sponsoring the event! If you have any questions about signing up or sponsorship, please contact congregation member Maggie Slane (if you recall the hero sermon, Maggie is the mom of the 6 year old Wonder Woman fan!) at slanemaggie@gmail.com or 917-667-8305. Thanks.

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 Feb 1st 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 is offering two separate interfaith mediation experiences this Lent. **Mindful Mondays** meets **Monday evenings** at 7:00 pm, and **Mid-Week Recharge** meets **Wednesdays** at 12:30 pm for a quick spirit-boost. Both take place in our new Meditation Room (Room 8), [Learn more](#)

Healing Retreat - postponed

Due to a scheduling conflict, the mid-Lent Retreat, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 17th, needs to be rescheduled to a later date, yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

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.

Upcoming RICUCC events

Maple Sugar Overnight Camp

For Gds 7-12, it will be held **6 pm Fri, Mar 16 – 2 pm Sat, Mar 17** at Irons Homestead in Glocester, RI. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning to make sugar from maple trees. More information and registration [at this link](#) or call 401-710-9478. There is also an option for Saturday only.

‘Sugar Eat’ Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead

Sunday, March 18th from 2 – 4 pm at Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Come enjoy hot maple syrup poured over snow to create instant candy! Plus pickles, plain doughnuts, and deviled eggs. \$5 adults, \$3 children under

'Church: Alive and Thriving' workshops - some here at BCCUCC!

Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. **Friday, April 13th**, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and **Saturday, April 14th**, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. [More info and register](#)

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 \$150 and deadline is March 26th.

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



It's Time to Celebrate!

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - Mar 1, 2018 This month I want to take a moment and celebrate. We have a lot of good stuff going on at BCCUCC and we don't always take the time to give thanks and recognize the people and groups doing good.

[Read more](#)

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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, March 15th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. Their new book for discussion is *Dinner at Six: Voices from the Soup Kitchen* by Helen Hudson. Copies of the book are available from the church office. 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 - at a different time

Meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tues, March 20th** at 11:30 am (note the later time), to discuss *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. "A paeon to a housewife in a small Midwestern town who saved her ten children from homelessness by winning hundreds of jingle-writing contests during the 1950s and '60s." 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 lizzozzier@fullchannel.net or 245-9098 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

Please note....

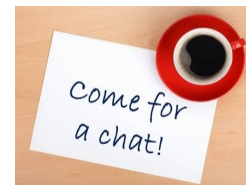
Church Renewal and the Strategic Plan

Keep up to date with our Church Renewal program by checking out their [webpage](#). The Renewal Team recently released their Strategic Directions, based on input from the congregation during the Assessment stage in Fall 2017 and these can be read [at this link](#)



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.



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 or any errors or changes. Thank you.

Sermons available on line

Save the date!

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.



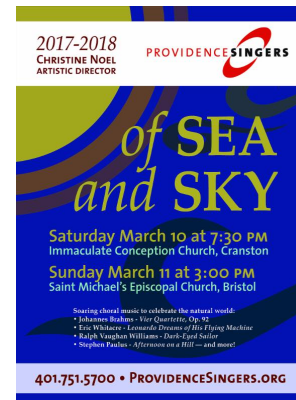
Miscellaneous

Hearing Aid Batteries

If you use size 13 batteries in your hearing aids, we have a pack of 32 available. A church member purchased and opened them – only to realize they were the wrong size. Contact the church office if interested.

Providence Singers Concert

Come hear the Providence Singers in their latest concert - an eclectic mix of beautiful choral music from Brahms to contemporary composers, all on the theme 'Of Sea and Sky'. **Saturday, March 10th** at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Cranston, and **Sunday, March 11th** at 3 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol. Members of the Providence Singers include Beth and Maggie Zarlengo and Christine Wallis. More details and tickets available at www.providencesingers.org or [at this link](#). Tickets also available at the door.



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