



March 14, 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, 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
Noon - 2 pm Opportunity to take action on The Womxn Project, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Mar 18

11 am Bereavement Group, Library
6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage
7 - 8 pm Wondrous Encounters (Mindful Monday), Meditation Room

Tues, Mar 19

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
11:30 am Book Group, The Coffee Depot
7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, Mar 20

2 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living
7 - 8:15 pm Soul Talk, Lenten study with Dale, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 21

10 - 11:30 am RICUCC Ministers' Association meeting, Library
1 - 2:30 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

7 pm Public Forum 'Pokanoket Nation: History and Traditions', Fellowship Hall

Fri, Mar 22

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Mar 23

8 am - 1 pm Mission and Service Day for Youth

Sun, Mar 24 A Service of Healing

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:20 am Speaker Series # 2: Addressing Child Abuse, Library

Mon, Mar 25

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

Tues, Mar 26

11 am Staff meeting, Office

Wed, Mar 27

Noon Deadline for eBridge

7 - 8:15 pm Soul Talk Lenten study with Dale, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 28

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 29

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Mar 31 Mission Sunday (Mission in the World)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:20 am Speaker Series #3: Water Protection, Vestry

5 - 7 pm Youth Group meeting, 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

Wednesday, March 27th at Noon. Send info to 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 have upgraded the software on the computers in the office, and as a result will **ONLY** be 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 Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org

Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org

Should you forget, at least for a short time, we'll still be receiving emails that are sent



This weekend at BCCUCC

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



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

Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals

Our children's choir rehearsals are held after church at 11:20 am in Room 6 on **Sundays, March 17, 24, 31, Apr 7 & 28** as they prepare to sing in church on May 5th. Rehearsals last about 20 minutes, and boys & girls in Grades 1-5, and older children are all 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.



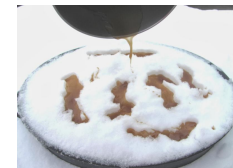
Lenten Speaker Series begins this Sunday

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. All are welcome. Learn more at [The Womxn Project](#). **New!!** The discussion will transition to an opportunity to take action on this issue from Noon - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall.



'Sugar Eat' Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministry at Irons Homestead

Sunday, March 17th from 2 – 4 pm at Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester RI. Delicious hot maple syrup is poured over snow to create an instant candy. Served with dill pickles, plain doughnuts, deviled eggs and a variety of drinks. \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. All are welcome.



From the River's Edge



Come to the Water

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Mar. 15, 2019 This letter was written for the RI Conference and Brendan is also sharing it here to let us know of a current initiative of the RI conference's Justice & Witness ministry.

[Read more](#)

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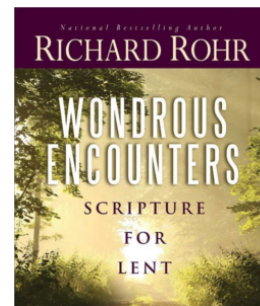


If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Lenten Opportunities

Wondrous Encounters

On **Monday evenings during Lent (through Apr 8)** 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. 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 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 (thru Thursday, April 18th)** 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 or 246-0111 x 10.

Lenten Speaker Series continues on March 24th and 31st.

The other after church Lenten Speakers will be.....

On **Sunday, March 24th**: Marlene Davis from Newport Hospital will speak about their education program that addresses infant abuse. 11:20 am in the Library.

On **Sunday, March 31st**: John Gonzalez is a member of the Board of Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light. As a Water Protector who spent three months on the front lines of the Standing Rock occupation, he continues his activism as an organizer with the Land and Water Sovereignty Project here in Rhode Island. 11:20 am in the Vestry.

Less Plastic for Lent

The Mission and Justice Team is offering a different type of Lenten discipline this year. You are invited to [download](#) a *Less Plastic for Lent* calendar, or pick one up from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. It is full of suggestions on how to use less plastic each day. To learn more about the origins of this idea, go to <https://ruthvalerio.net/green-living-2/plastic-less-lent-2018/>.

A grid calendar titled "LESS PLASTIC FOR LENT" with columns for days of the week and rows for weeks. Each cell contains a small icon and a brief suggestion for reducing plastic use.

Happening aaason....

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>.

Deadline for signing up is Friday, March 15th at Noon.



The Pokanoket Nation: History and Traditions

Barrington Interfaith Partners is sponsoring a public forum in our Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, March 21st** at 7 pm. All are welcome. Sagamore Po Wauipi Nemagaug, also known as William Guy and a Barrington resident, will lead the program which will include an aboriginal drumming circle, singers and a tribal storyteller. The Sagamore and other members of the tribe will explain the nation's history and traditions. The Pokanoket nation predates the Wampanoag and, at one time, their land spanned parts of what are now Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In 2017, the tribe set course to reclaim their ancestral land on Mt. Hope Bay in Bristol from Brown University. The Pokanoket Tribe was the largest aboriginal nation in northeastern North America when the first colonizers arrived. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. The program is free and will be appropriate for middle schoolers through senior citizens. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.



Barrington Interfaith Partners is a group of laypeople from several communities and

houses of worship, who work to build relationships among people of different faiths and beliefs as it examines topics related to faith and justice, and works to bring about a just society.

Conversations about BCCUCC's Endowment Funds

Did you know our church has permanent funds that earn monies annually to help run our church? Would you like to know the status and significance of these long-term investment funds? Would you like to have input on the strategy for growth of these funds? This legacy has been left to us by people like you who cared about the future of our church. Would you like to leave a legacy too? Join the Endowment Team for

ENDOWMENT FUND



Leaving a Legacy: Conversations about BCCUCC's Endowment Funds on **Sunday, April 7th** or **Sunday, April 14th** beginning at **11:30 am** in the Library. There will be a brief update on the status and significance of our Endowment funds, but mostly we want you in the conversation. Feedback and ideas will help us develop plans for the future. There are 2 meetings scheduled and childcare will be provided. Come to either one. Whichever fits your schedule. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing what you have to say

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

Regular happenings (listed alphabetically)

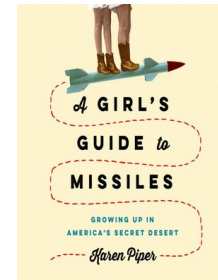
Bereavement Group

The group will next meet in the library on **Monday, March 18th** 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 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 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, April 2nd** from 7-9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. 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 Barbara to let her know if you'll be attending at bwuth54@gmail.com. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 245-0085 or rislick@fullchannel.net.



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, April 4th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Women's Faith Group

The group next meets on **Thursday, March 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,

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 or 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.



Ways you can help!

Support the Service/Mission Trip to H.O.M.E.

A container has been placed in Fellowship Hall for the collection of items needed by H.O.M.E., where our youth are going on their Mission/Service trip April 14-17. A "Wish List" has been given to us by the folks at H.O.M.E. - [view the Wish List](#). Copies are also available from the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Your gifts will be greatly

appreciated. Our youth and chaperones will take the items with them when they go to H.O.M.E. from April 14-17. *Deadline for donating items is Friday, April 12th.*

Help researchers at Harvard learn about faith and politics

We recently received an email from two graduate students in the Harvard Department of Government, asking for our help with a research project. They're interested in hearing about the attitudes of faithful church-goers in America toward political issues like abortion and gay marriage, and they've contacted many different churches asking the congregation and clergy to complete a survey. Dale invites the congregation to participate if they would like to do so.

[Read more about the project.](#) [Link to survey](#)

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. 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....

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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.



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 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. 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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[Our Church Website](#)

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