



**March 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, Mar 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, Mar 5**

8:45 am FFAYM (Faith Formation and Youth Ministry) meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service with Communion (in-person and online), Church School  
11:15 am Green Team Guest Speaker, Library  
11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

### **Mon, Mar 6**

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

### **Tues, Mar 7**

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

### **Wed, Mar 8**

7 pm Prayers of Jesus: a Lenten Bible Study, Library and via Zoom  
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Mar 9**

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

**Sat, Mar 11**

Bedtime: Move your clocks forward 1 hour

**Sun, Mar 12**

*Daylight-Saving Time begins*

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School

After worship: Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

**Mon, Mar 13**

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

3 pm Governance/Ministry Task Force meets, Library

5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) meeting, Library

6:30 pm Buildings and Ground Team meeting, Vestry

**Tues, Mar 14**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council meeting

**Wed, Mar 15**

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*

7 pm Prayers of Jesus: Lenten Bible Study, Library and via Zoom

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Mar 17**

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

1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting

**Sun, Mar 19** *One Great Hour of Sharing offering*

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School

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

12:30 - 4 pm Outside use of Library & Fellowship Hall

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

## Sunday, March 5

### Lent Sermon Series

During Lent Dale and Racquel are preaching on 'Five Types of Prayer'. Dale preached about confession last Sunday and will talk about intercession this Sunday. If you miss any or want to watch them again, videos of the services can be found on [the livestream page](#) of our church website.



### Sing and Celebrate Choir

Our Sing and Celebrate children's choir is back in action and is **rehearsing weekly** in preparation for singing in worship later this month. Rehearsals take place after church in Room 6 (starting around 11:20 am) and last between 20 & 30 minutes. All children in Grades 1 – 5 (boys and girls) are invited to participate in the choir which will be led by Kate Colby and our Music Director, Matthew Marion. It's a wonderful and fun way for young people to learn to sing in a group and to actively participate in the worship service. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Kate Colby at [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net). It's never too late for new children to join the choir!



## Guest Speaker after worship this Sunday

The Green Team invites you to meet a member of the Town of Barrington's Resilience and Energy Committee **this Sunday, March 5** following the worship service. Hans Scholl will be informing us of the work that the Resilience and Energy Committee is doing, including the [Hazard Mitigation and Flood Management Plan, 2022](#). All are invited to grab a drink and some goodies from coffee hour and join the Green Team in the library around 11:15 am for this important discussion.

## Lent continues at BCCUCC

### The Prayers of Jesus: A Lenten Bible Study

It's not too late to join Rev. Dale Azevedo in the church library or online on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm** each week **thru Wed, March 29** for a Lenten Bible study of the Prayers of Jesus. *(You are welcome to come just for the weeks you are able.)*



We are told time and again that Jesus prays all throughout the Gospels. He goes up on a mountain. He takes a few disciples away with him. He bows his head. He looks up to heaven. However, for as often as we are told Jesus DID pray, we have very few examples of what he ACTUALLY said. In this five week study, we will read ALL the prayers that are attributed to Jesus and discuss what they may have meant to him, to his listeners, and to us today.

This is a hybrid class (**in person and online**) using our new video conferencing equipment! Each class lasts roughly an hour and is comprised of some short readings, a long discussion, and time for prayer.

**RSVP** to Dale ([dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org)) or the church office (246-0111) if you want to participate and so you can get the zoom invite if needed.

### A Daily Reflection and Action Step Calendar for Lent

The UCC's Creation Justice Ministries has a 2023 Lent Resource which is a daily reflection and action calendar to cultivate creation justice. It helps individuals take time to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course. [Download the resource](#)



## News and more!

### Pancake Breakfast Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser held after worship on February 19. It looked like everyone enjoyed it and thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to raise \$546 toward camp scholarships (see below for camp registration). Thanks to all who donated food, cooked, cleaned, and attended.



### Camp registration opened March 1, 2023

Funds are available for camp scholarships and Silver Lake summer camp registration is open with discounts through the end of March!

Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center is an outdoor ministries site of the Southern New England Conference, UCC that strives to create an intentional, welcoming, Christian community accessible to all. The camp provides a traditional outdoor camp experience for those entering grades 4-12 within the open and affirming setting. The staff and SNEUCC believe that exposure to diverse expressions of humanity is beneficial to all God's children. Silver Lake welcomes and affirms campers, staff, volunteers, and guests of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, and sexual orientations.

[Learn more about summer camp at Silver Lake](#)

[View the summer programs](#)



## Daylight-Saving Time begins on Sun, Mar 12

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour at bedtime on **Saturday, March 11** otherwise you'll be late for church the following day!



## Southeast regional gathering of SNEUCC: 'G.R.O.W. Together'



Southeast Regional Gathering of SNEUCC is being held on **Sunday, March 12** from 2 – 5 pm at First Congregational Church, Fairhaven, MA. All Southeast Region local churches, ministers and association leaders are invited. The invitation from SNEUCC reads.....

"The confluence of the pandemic and the start-up of the Southern New England Conference has left us all yearning for stronger connections. Some of us still need to be introduced to each other; others need to reestablish relationship. Still others want to share the strong connections they have. Wherever you find yourself on that continuum, we hope you will join us! These gatherings are happening in every region of the Southern New England Conference this spring. We'll share resources and they will be led by Executive Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin and Executive Minister for Area Conference Ministry Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly. All are invited to **G.R.O.W. together**: share and receive best practices for Generosity, Revitalization, Outreach, Wonder." [Register and more information](#)

*If anyone planning on attending is interested in carpooling, please contact the church office by Thursday, March 9 so you can be put in touch with each other.*



## Easter Egg Hunt Team

This year, Andrea and Racquel invite the congregation to join the Easter Egg Hunt Team. Anyone who would like to plan, purchase, fill, and hide the eggs please reach out to Racquel **by Friday, March 17** at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x104. New ideas and new participation are most welcome!



## Food donations needed for Backpack Program

Thank you to the families that helped fill our 25 monthly bags of food in February that went to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. Our next collection deadline is **Sunday, March 19**. 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, March 22** 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

## Chancel Fund donations requested

As we look ahead to Easter, we invite you to make a donation to our Chancel Fund at this time. Money donated will be used to help beautify the Sanctuary, including the purchase of Spring plants to decorate the church this Easter. Some of the donations will also be used to purchase plants that will be delivered by the deacons before Easter to our homebound, sick, or recently bereaved. Donations may be made in any amount, large or small, and can be made in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for, or celebration of, someone or something (a person, birthday, anniversary, etc). All dedications will be listed in the Easter Sunday worship service bulletin.



There are two ways to make a donation to the Chancel Fund:

EITHER: Complete a [donation form](#) then return it to the church office (in person or mail to 461 County Rd, Barrington RI 02806) with your donation. Alternatively, the completed form and donation can be put in the offering plate on a Sunday.

OR: Donate online from our church website [www.bccucc.org/donation/](http://www.bccucc.org/donation/) Use the Tithe.ly link on our donation page, designate your donation for 'Chancel Fund (Easter flowers)' and then add your dedication in the memo box. Be sure to include who is making the donation as well as if it's given in memory, celebration, or in honor of someone or something.

**Deadline for donations is Monday, March 27.** Thank you for your donation.

## Join the choir - it's good for you!

Numerous studies have shown the health benefits of singing in a choir. So why not join the BCCUCC church choir? No audition is needed and all voice parts are welcome. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings** at 7:30 pm for an hour or so, in the vestry (the room below the sanctuary). To learn more speak with our music director Matthew Marion on a Sunday or contact him at [mmarion1811@gmail.com](mailto:mmarion1811@gmail.com). You're also very welcome to speak with any of our current choir members - or just come along to a Wednesday evening rehearsal. They'd love to have you join them.....plus you'd be doing something that's good for your body, mind and soul!



## Worth repeating....

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *The Who*,



## UCC Appeal for Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief

The news continues to unfold about the devastating earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria. The death toll continues to rise and is over 41,000 at the time of writing. This is shattering news and adds to the challenges of the war in this area for over a decade. Immediately after the earthquake, the UCC issued an appeal to assist those affected in the region. "While the earthquake was on the border, the tremors were felt as far away as Lebanon and Cyprus. We have issued an appeal to help recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria. It is hard to tell what other areas are affected or the extent of the damage from this seismic event. Amid this current uncertainty, you can be certain that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. All donations will be deposited into the International Emergency fund designated for 'Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response'. Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery."



You may donate in one of several ways:

- online at the national UCC website <https://support.ucc.org/> and designate your gift for 'Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief' in the drop-down box;
- by texting UCCDISASTER to 41444;
- by sending a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Turkey and Syria" on your check in the memo section.

Thank you.

## 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 **Monday, March 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, March 21** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Travels with George* by Nathaniel Philbrick. [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 unless

otherwise noted, 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, March 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. They hope to use the church's new video conferencing equipment at their gathering which should make it easier to have conversations between those participating online and those in the room. 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 isn't included here for security reasons. It was in the email sent to the congregation.*



## Prayer Service on hiatus during Lent

There will be no 10 am Wednesday morning prayer service during Lent. They will resume on Wed, April 19.



## 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 **Thursday, March 16 and April 6**. For more information 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. *There's no youth group on February 20th as it's school vacation week.* Youth Group meets again on **Mondays, March 6, 20 & 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**



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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.

## Community News

### Providence Singers Concert



Join the **Providence Singers** for a concert of beautiful and uplifting music.  
They will be joined by the Aurea ensemble as they present:

#### ***Finding the Light:***

#### ***Songs of Comfort, Hope and Inspiration***

**Saturday, March 11** at 7 pm in Grace Episcopal Church, **Providence** [Tickets](#)

**Sunday, March 12** at 3 pm in St. Mary of the Bay, **Warren** [Tickets](#)

[Program Information](#)

*Church member Beth Zarlengo and office administrator, Christine Wallis are members of the Providence Singers and would love to see you in the audience!*

### Scholarship opportunity

This spring, the Barrington Lions Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Barrington High School student. The primary criteria is a commitment to volunteer community service. More information is available on their website: [Barrington LionsClubs.org](http://BarringtonLionsClubs.org).

The scholarship *deadline is Monday, March 20.*

#### Barrington Lions Club

**2023  
Scholarship**



## 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



## 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, March 1**. 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.



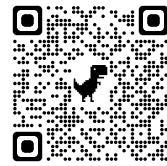
### Online donations to the church through our website

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 Tithe.ly 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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