



March 25, 2021

The bi-weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church, United Church of
Christ.

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Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.

There will be no in-person worship services at church until further notice

Thurs, Mar 25

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Fri, Mar 26 10 am - Sun, Mar 28 Noon

Palm pick-up at BCCUCC, outside rainbow doors

Sun, Mar 28 Palm Sunday

10 am Live-streamed All Ages Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
1 - 2 pm Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil, County Road outside BCCUCC

Mon, Mar 29

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer for Holy Week, Livestreamed

Tues, Mar 30

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer for Holy Week, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom

Wed, Mar 31

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer for Holy Week, Livestreamed

Thurs, Apr 1 Maundy Thursday

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer for Holy Week, Livestreamed
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae and Communion - online only

Fri, Apr 2 Good Friday

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer for Holy Week, Livestreamed

Sun, Apr 4 Easter Sunday

6:15 am In-person, outdoor Easter Sunrise Service on Terrace (registration required)

10 am Live-streamed Easter Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Tues, Apr 6

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Knitting for Others Group meet via Zoom

Wed, Apr 7

Noon - *Deadline for next eBridge*

Thurs, Apr 8

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Sun, Apr 11

8:30 am CEYM meeting via Zoom
10 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Confirmation Class

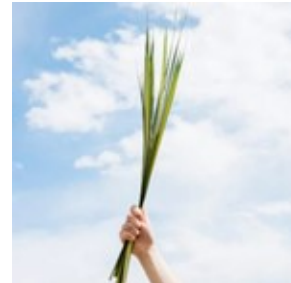
For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Holy Week and Easter at BCCUCC

Palms available for pick-up

We have palms available for pick up for everyone who wants one (or a few!). We will then be incorporating these palms into our Palm Sunday All-Ages Worship service (*see below*).

From 10 am on Friday, March 26th through Sunday morning, March 28th we will have a tub located outside the Education Building in front of the rainbow doors, for anyone to come by and pick up their palms. We will have both **eco-palms** and traditional **straight palms** available.



You'll need a straight palm in order to make a palm cross and instructions will be given on how to do this during the online Palm Sunday All Ages Worship service (*see below*). If you want to make a palm cross with your straight palm you'll need to keep it flexible and prevent it from drying out by storing it in water or wrapped in moist paper towel for up to a few days until you're ready to make it into a cross.



Palm Sunday, March 28th All Ages Worship

Do you remember our virtual Palm Sunday celebration last year? It was the first service we included families and children to participate virtually. We will be doing it again this year and anticipating that things will go even more smoothly than last year! We have a great virtual All Ages Worship Service planned for **Palm Sunday, March 28th** and will even be teaching everyone how to make palm crosses out of the palms you can pick up at church. (*see above*).



Peaceful Pause and Prayer during Holy Week

Our semi-weekly morning meditation series will shift to EVERY DAY during Holy Week. At 8 am on **Monday, March 29th through Good Friday, April 2nd**, Rev. Dale Azevedo will host a half hour meditation online focused on the themes of Holy Week. This series can be viewed live or anytime after it airs, both at this link [on our website](#) and on [Facebook Live](#).



Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion

The deacons are busy working with the Worship Tech Team to put together a virtual Tenebrae service on Holy Thursday, **April 1st, at 7 pm**. Parts of this service will be done live and other parts prerecorded. There are some great plans coming together. If you hope to attend this online service, don't forget to have your communion elements ready as Dale and Linda will be offering communion as a part of the service. The service can be watched online at our usual worship links [on our website](#) or on [Facebook Live](#).



Easter Sunrise Service

We are offering a brief **in-person outdoor** sunrise service on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 4th**. The service is going to be held at **6:15 am** at the church on the back terrace (behind Fellowship Hall) overlooking the Barrington River. We are not advertising this service in town or partnering with other faith communities to make it happen. We will be keeping this service small to stay within RI COVID-19 guidelines.



All attendees must:

- **Pre-register** - We need to know how many and who is coming so we can be prepared and have proper contract tracing should we need it. Register via [SignUpGenius](#), or by contacting the church office (email office@bccucc.org or call (401) 246-0111 and leave a message).
- **Stay physically distanced** - All families must remain 6 feet away from all others at all times.
- **Wear masks** - Even if you have been vaccinated, EVERYONE must wear a mask.
- **Not sing** - Sadly, there will be no singing. However, humming is allowed :).
- **Not socialize** - Of course you can say "hello" and such, but no shaking of hands, hugging, or even lingering around too long after the service will be a problem. We are still in a pandemic with people getting sick and dying every day.

This service is acting as a test on how we might handle in-person services in the future. Attendees will need to follow these guidelines. If we cannot, it hinders our ability to offer in-person worship in the future as the pandemic continues.

Easter Morning Online Worship Service

Have no fear if you are not comfortable attending our in-person sunrise service or just don't want to get up that early. Linda and Dale will be hosting our regular online **10 am** worship service on Easter morning too. We have some fun things planned for this service including videos of some of our children's activities and even some sharing from some of our seniors. We hope you can join us for this service on **Easter Sunday, April 4th** even if you

wake up for sunrise!



Sundays at BCCUCC

Sunday morning worship

Our **online only worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website at this link <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>. If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links. We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each week. *Please note that there will be no in-person worship until further notice.*

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Change in Communion Sunday in April

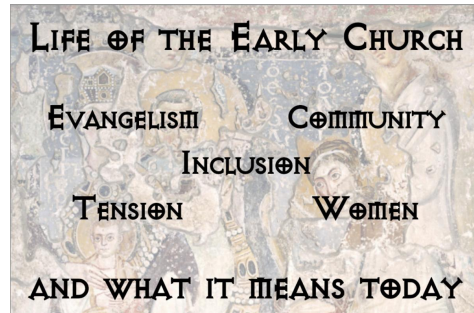
As April 4th is Easter Sunday, Communion Sunday has been moved to the following week, and will take place during the worship service on **Sunday, April 11th.**



New Sermon Series after Easter

Be sure to join us for worship following Easter when Dale and Linda share a five-week sermon series on ***“Life of the Early Church: and what it means for us today”***.

Each Sunday for 5 weeks **beginning April 11th**, they will explore a different aspect of life for the early Christians and how it can inform our ministry today. They will explore such topics as Evangelism, Building Community, Inclusion, Growing Tensions, and the Role of Women. It's amazing how much has changed and how much stays the same!



Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, March 28th:

One arrangement is given Paula Rooks in loving memory of her sister, Mary Temple.

The other arrangement is given by Paula Rooks in loving memory of her brother, Gus Hawkinson.



On Sunday, April 4th:

Both arrangements are given by Betty Vohr and Tom Gidley in loving memory of her son, Matthew Vohr.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of March 28th: Harold Gallant, and Eliot Wemple.

The week of April 4th: Susan Clemens, Henry Materne, Jean Arnold, Will Loehning, Bob Mason, Kevin Stewart, Gabi Sclafani, and Finn

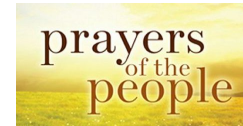
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If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office so we can add your date of birth to our data base. Thank you.



Prayer requests

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can either leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111, or email Dale dale@bccucc.org or Linda linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.



Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

Please note.....

Black Lives Matter Vigil

The monthly **Black Lives Matter Vigil** will be held on **Sunday, March 28th**, from **1 – 2 pm**. Supporters will gather in front of Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington. Bring signs. Masks and six-foot distancing are required. All welcome. The vigils are held on the last Sunday of the month in different locations, and are sponsored by Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ; Barrington Interfaith Partners; Barrington Presbyterian Church; Sts. Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church; St. John's Episcopal Church; and Temple Habonim.



Deadline extended for Easter donations to our Chancel Fund

Even though we are not able to gather in the sanctuary to worship this Easter, we will still be decorating the altar area in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The Deacons will also be delivering spring plants to our homebound etc. as is their custom.

Donations to the Chancel Fund, in any amount, may be made in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for, or celebration of, someone or something (a person, birthday, anniversary, etc). The donors and dedications will be listed in the Easter Sunday worship service.

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

EITHER: [Download a Chancel Fund donation form at this link](#), fill out the requested information then mail to the church office, together with a donation check in any amount.

OR: [Donate online from our church website](#). 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.

[Video on how to donate online from our website](#) (only 30 secs long)



*We ask that all donations and dedications be received in the church office **by the extended deadline of Monday, March 29th**. Thank you for your donation.*

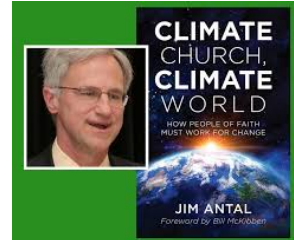
Clergy and Staff vacations

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation from Monday, April 5th thru Sunday, April 11th.
Rev Linda Hartley will be on vacation from Monday, April 12th thru Sunday, April 18th.
Christine Wallis will be on vacation from Monday, April 5th thru Friday, April 16th.

'Climate Crisis' - learn more and get involved

Celebrating our Climate Crisis Workshop with Jim Antal

On March 14, we held a virtual Q&A with Jim Antal the author of *Climate Church, Climate World*. It was a fascinating discussion and continues to challenge us as a church to be more involved in addressing the immediate needs of our community and world. Humanity has been called to be stewards of God's creation and in that task, we have let God down. You can [watch the video](#) of this presentation and discussion.



'BCCUCC and Climate Crisis' meeting - all welcome

The *Climate Church, Climate World* book study group have decided to have a joint meeting with the Mission and Justice Team on **Wednesday, April 14th at 7 pm** on Zoom to discuss further actions to address the climate crisis. The meeting is open to anyone else who is interested in joining them. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com for the necessary zoom information to join.



UCC Webinar "What's Fair?: The U.S. and Responsibility for the Climate Crisis"

Historically, the United States has released more global warming pollution than any other country, and it remains the world's second highest emitter. With its immense wealth and power, what are the moral obligations of the U.S. in confronting the climate crisis? In short, what's fair? Three leaders in the effort to address this question will present in this webinar: Sivan Kartha

from the Stockholm Environment Institute, Jean Su from the Center for Biological Diversity, and Susannah Tuttle from North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light. Even if you can't make the webinar's scheduled time on **Wednesday, April 14th, at 1 pm ET**, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording of it. [Sign-up now for the webinar!](#)



'Act on Climate' Bill passed - ask Gov. McKee to sign it

The 'Act on Climate Bill' has passed both the RI Senate and House. [Learn more about the bill](#) Your Mission and Justice Team encourage you to reach out and ask Governor McKee to sign the bill and you can do so [at this link](#). Thank you.

UCC and People's Justice Council now finalists for climate justice award

The United Church of Christ and a regional partner have won \$10,000 for working

together on climate justice. The UCC and the People's Justice Council are among ecoAmerica's 10 finalists in the 2021 American Climate Leadership Awards contest. They join nine other finalists from many sectors of society — and are the only joint finalist. [Learn more](#)

At the end of the contest, a winner will receive \$50,000 and a runner-up will win \$25,000. EcoAmerica will name those two on April 27 during its annual, three-day [American Climate Leadership Summit](#).

Ongoing happenings at BCCUCC

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is ongoing

Dale will resume leading these morning meditations at **8:00 am** on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings only** the week after Easter (even though he's going to be on vacation). Each meditation provides moments for reflection, music, scripture, and silence. They can be watched on our **Facebook page** at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on the livestream page of our new website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



Our COVID Commemoration Tile Project

We continue to reach out to families to participate in our COVID Tile project. It is a slow process, and we are grateful for your patience as we work through the directory.

One thing we do ask is that when you get your tiles you try to complete them within a week. This helps keep the packets moving through the congregation. Just as a reminder, all materials are sanitized in between families.

Any questions, please contact Joanne Ela (gsebse@me.com), Heather Williamson (williamsonheather300@gmail.com), Miriam Duvel (msduvel@cox.net), or Elizabeth Azevedo (eazevedo17@gmail.com)
See more tiles created by our congregation on the [virtual wall](#) at our website.



Knitting for Others Group

The group meets virtually each month and will next meet on **Tuesday, April 6th** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited to attend and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com. *For security reasons the Zoom information is not included here but was in the email sent to the congregation. Contact Nancy if interested.*



Women of Faith Reading Group

The Women of Faith Reading Group meet again on **Thursday, April 15th** at **1:30 pm** on Zoom. They are reading and discussing the book *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. New members are always welcome to join and for more information about the group, contact Jane Tonn at jtonn2@cox.net. If you're new, contact Christine in the church office (office@bccucc.org) so she can send you the zoom information needed.



Book Group

The Book Group will next meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, April**

20th at 9:30 am. to discuss *Unfamiliar Fishes* by Sarah Vowell. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *For security reasons the Zoom information is not included here but was in the email sent to the congregation. Contact Helen if interested.*



Meditative Coloring for Adults is taking a break during Lent and will return some time after Easter.

In case you missed it

Dale's latest blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 'Easter Is Full of Surprises!'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Conference Happenings

Participants invited for Annual Meeting Virtual Choir, Speakouts

The Southern New England Conference's second online Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 8**, and people are being invited to act now in order to participate in two ways: by singing - virtually - in a Conference Mass Choir, and by recording and submitting Speakouts.

[Learn more](#)



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 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.



Southern New England Conference
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Reminders

Online donations to the church are possible - watch video on how

One of the features of our new church website (www.bccucc.org) is the capability of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the instructions below.

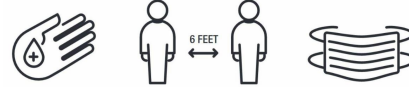
There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. Clicking on it will take you to the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page. In the middle is a link to **Tithe.ly** through which you can make a donation to the church either using a credit card or directly from



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 or (401) 246-0111 x 102. [Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#)

Keep yourself and others safe

The [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#) is a one page document that all are asked to read and observe when they attend any BCCUCC outdoor gathering. Thank you.



Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the building. Thank you.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages are checked regularly. Our contact information is:

Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107



Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.

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