



March 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, 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: Cristina Cabrera on Water Protection, Vestry

12:30 - 2 pm Youth Group meeting, Room 9 (*note the change in time*)

Mon, Apr 1

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

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

Tues, Apr 2

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7- 9 pm Knitting for Others group, Barbara Wuth's house

Wed, Apr 3

4 - 5 pm Autism and Asberger's Support Group for Young Adults, Room 6

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

7 pm Mission and Justice team meeting, Room 6

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Apr 4

10 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6

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

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Apr 5

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Apr 7 Children's Sunday (Stopping abuse and neglect)

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Children's Communion Service in Room 6 followed by Church School

10 am Worship Service with Communion

11:15 am Endowment Conversation, Library

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

Mon, Apr 8

11 am Lay Visitation Meeting, Library

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

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

Tues, Apr 9

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office

7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Apr 10

Noon Deadline for eBridge

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

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Apr 11

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 Speaker 'Five Freedoms of the First Amendment', Fellowship Hall

Fri, Apr 12

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Apr 14 Palm/Passion Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time

During coffee hour - Bring and Buy Mission Trip fundraiser

11:15 am Endowment Conversation, Library

Afternoon - Mission Trippers leave for H.O.M.E.

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, April 10th 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.

Make sure your email reaches us!

Please update your email contacts/address book

As of April 1st, we will only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org

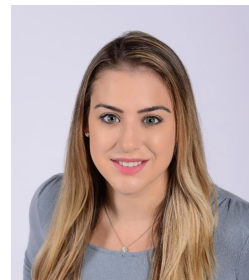
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org

Thank you for making these changes to your email contacts/address books.

Welcome!

BCCUCC welcomes Courtney Moody as our PR Consultant!

As many of you may know, one of the revelations coming from the Renewal Process was the need for improved communication. We are always looking for ways to better communicate with our membership, but we also recognized a strong need for improved communication and visibility within our community. We felt bringing in an outside person to focus specifically on sharing stories of our ministries with the broader community was the most efficient and cost-effective way of accomplishing these goals. We are very excited to welcome Courtney Moody, from Moody Marketing and Events, to take on this important ministry. She will be working closely with our staff and lay membership to increase our visibility on digital and traditional media to ensure information and stories of our wonderful ministries are seen by church and community members alike. This ministry has been made possible by generous donations, but we hope it will be effective enough to include in the budget going forward. Welcome aboard Courtney! [Learn more about Courtney](#)



This weekend at BCCUCC

'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering is this Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the special Lenten offering of the UCC that is being taken this Sunday, March 31st. Your gift to OGHS provides hope in the world and does more for families and communities than we can imagine. For example, in 2018 the offering supported 421 UCC volunteers to rebuild homes ravaged by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 4 states and Puerto Rico. Last fall the offering provided immediate help to families and communities displaced by wildfires in Northern California. In Kenya, the offering helped hundreds of flood displaced families find shelter until they could return to their homes. The OGHS is present to those in need here in the US and across the globe. One person CAN make a difference: Give generously. It really works. Special offering envelopes will be included in Sunday's bulletin. Checks should be made to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line "OGHS". Donations can also be mailed to the church office, or give online at www.ucc.org/oghs where you can also learn more.



Change in speaker for this Sunday!

The last in the Lenten Speaker Series, organized by our Mission and Justice Team, is **this Sunday, March 31st** after worship in the Vestry (*please note the different location*). The original speaker had to cancel, but we are very fortunate to have **Cristina Cabera** join us instead. Christina is an organizer with *Water is Life RI* and is a talented educator and a member of the Eagle Clan of the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe of the Pokanoket Nation. We will be meeting in the Vestry, so grab some drinks and goodies and join us around 11:25 am. All are welcome.

It's not too late to join the Sing and Celebrate children's choir

Our children's choir rehearsals continue after church at 11:20 am in Room 6 on **Sundays, Mar 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. For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby at 246-1743 or kcolby@fullchannel.net.



Change in time for Youth Group meeting

Youth Group will meet this **Sunday, March 31st** in Room 9 from 12:30 - 2 pm for lunch following the after church speaking event (see above). All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.



Clergy away next week

Dale was chosen by the Rhode Island Conference, UCC, to attend a Coaching for Clergy training in Massachusetts. The first part of the training is the week of March 31 - April 6, with the second coming next fall. Throughout these weeks, Dale will be developing his skills as a consultant working with other churches and church leaders and it will undoubtedly bear fruit with his leadership with us! Please keep him your prayers during this intensive course.

Dale will not be missing any Sundays with us as he'll be leaving on Sunday afternoon and will be back for the following Sunday, April 7th.

Can you help?

Chancel Fund donations sought

We are once again taking donations for our Chancel Fund. Money collected is used to pay for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary at Easter as well as for the plants delivered to our homebound, sick, and recently bereaved. Learn more about the Fund and [download a donation form at this link](#). *Deadline for donations is Monday, April 15th.* Thank you.



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 Palm Sunday, April 14th when they leave for the Mission Trip!*

Help turn plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless

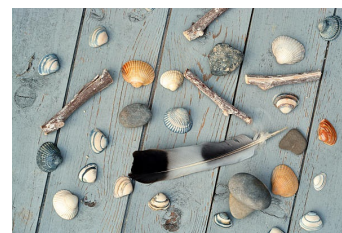
Church member Liz Wiedenhofer works at L.I.F.E. Inc., an agency that supports adults with developmental disabilities. They have a Community Service program for their clients where they create intentional service projects with local non-profits. They are currently working with the RI Coalition for the Homeless to have the L.I.F.E. clients upcycle and weave plastic bags into strong, durable sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. There will be a collection bin for your clean, thin plastic bags in Fellowship Hall for the next two weeks. Questions? Contact Liz Wiedenhofer at (401) 396-8010 or LizW@LifeIncRI.org



Jubilation Sunday supplies needed

A message from Brendan:

Dear BCCUCC families and friends, we are planning for Jubilation Sunday! For those who don't know, "Jubilation Sunday," is the worship service when we celebrate the culmination of our church school year together. We need everyone's help! This year, to celebrate how we as the church are, "one body with many parts," we will be



making a mandala during worship on the 19th of May. Between now and then, we will be collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass. We invite you to prayerfully seek out these items and bring them into church by the 12th of May. There will be collection baskets for these items in Fellowship Hall between now and then. Thank you for your help in making Jubilation Sunday a meaningful and exciting service! Contact Brendan & Andrea with any questions you may have. brendan@bccucc.org, andrea@bccucc.org

From the River's Edge



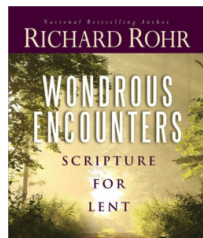
Dale will add a new post to the blog on April 1st. In the meantime, if you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Lenten Opportunities

Wondrous Encounters

On **Monday evenings** during Lent (through Apr 8) from 7-8 pm in the Meditation Room (Rm 8).

[Details](#)



'Come to the water' book/Bible study

On **Thursday afternoons** during Lent (thru Apr 18) from 4 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot.

[Details.](#)



Less Plastic for Lent

You can [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/>.



April Happenings

Autism Support Group for Young Adults

A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism is going to be meeting at our church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Their first meeting will be **Wednesday, April 3rd**, from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.



An evening of board games and fun for millennials

Millennials Ministries (a group of young adults from around RICUCC) is hosting a night of board games and fun on **Thursday, April 4th** from 7 - 9:30 pm at The Malted Barley in Providence. They invite other young adults to join them! [More details and RSVP](#)

Children's Communion

On **Sunday, April 7th**, the children will have a separate communion service in **Room 6**, and afterwards go to their Church School classes. Parents are reminded to drop off their children in Room 6 at 10 am.



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

Talk on 'The Five Freedoms of the First Amendment'

Our Mission and Justice Team is joining with the East Bay Citizens for Peace to bring you a talk by journalist **Ed Fitzpatrick** on *The Five Freedoms of the First Amendment* on **Thursday, April 11th** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Edward Fitzpatrick is director of media and public relations for Roger Williams University, board member of New England First Amendment Coalition, and Common Cause RI, and a former Providence Journal columnist. His First Amendment column appears monthly in the Journal. He is the author of RWU's First Amendment blog at: FirstAmendment.rwu.edu. The talk is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

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

Holy Week and Easter at BCCUCC

Palm / Passion Sunday, April 14th

10 am Worship Service with **Lenten Lollapalooza** during church school time. All are welcome to join us for a special worship service that will include the distribution of both eco-palms and straight palms, and a creative telling of Christ's Passion. During church school time, the children will go to Fellowship Hall for their Lenten Lollapalooza (see below).



Lenten Lollapalooza

A Lenten Lollapalooza will take place during church school time on **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. The Church School children will have the opportunity to do a variety of crafts in Fellowship Hall including making pretzels and palm crosses.



Palm Sunday 'Bring and Buy'

On **Palm Sunday, April 14th** we will be having our last mission trip fundraiser. All are encouraged to bring a baked item to church that can be sold and buy something that someone else made. Baked goods will be placed on a table in the foyer. Meet our friendly mission trip participants who will be tending the table. Buy yummy baked goods for Easter and support our church's mission trip. The mission trip team thanks you!



Holy Week: Monday, April 15th - Friday, April 19th

Holy Week Morning Devotional. Each weekday morning through Holy Week, Dale will lead a brief devotional service at 7:15 am. We will gather in the Library for these meetings. We will have a scripture lesson, short reflection, and time for prayer. You should be on the road by 7:30 or 7:45. All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

Service of Communion and Tenebrae - 7 pm in the sanctuary. All are invited to join the deacons and clergy as they celebrate communion then read the story of the Passion with the extinguishing of candles in the traditional Service of Tenebrae. This is a particularly meaningful way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter.



Easter Sunday, April 21st

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion 5:45 am at Osamequin Point. All are welcome to attend this outdoor service held jointly with St. James Lutheran Church. *Osamequin Point is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Route 114).*



*Easter
Services*

Worship Service for All Ages 9:15 and 11 am in the Sanctuary. (Nursery Care only). All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt for Elementary (and younger) aged children: 10:15 am (between the two services). Bring a basket!

May happenings

East Bay Women's Clothes Swap

The first East Bay Women's Clothing Swap will take place on **Saturday, May 4th** from 9:30-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3-\$5 entry, no one turned away. Clean out your closet and bring shoes, bags, and clothing that you no longer need to the swap, and bring home a new wardrobe! The event is open to the whole community, so invite your friends!

Interested in volunteering? Email Melissalorusso22@gmail.com.



Tickets available for Loaves and Fishes RI Fundraiser

LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on **Thurs, May 16th** from 6 – 9 pm at the RI Country Club, 150 Nayatt Rd, Barrington. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet and cash bar, silent auction, and raffles. Tickets are \$40 each from church member Phyllis

Buckley at coffee hour, or contact her at pbuckley6@cox.net or 742-7320. The LFRI truck makes about 20 runs a month and serves food, clothing, and basic necessities to the homeless and those in need of nourishment and basic necessities, at multiple sites throughout RI. Learn more at www.lfri.org.



'A Taste of Haiti' Fundraiser

A festive 'Taste of Haiti' will be held on **Saturday, May 18th** at the North Farm Yacht Club in Bristol from 5 to 8 pm. The evening will feature Haitian food, wine and beer, slide show, vocalist Beck Bass with her steel pan, a 50/50 drawing, and hopefully a beautiful sunset over the bay. Tickets are \$60 each or 2 for \$100. Space is limited so only 75 tickets will be sold. If you cannot attend, donations are welcome and drawing tickets are now being sold (\$1 for one, \$5 for 6). The proceeds will go to the One Egg Haiti program that brings nourishing eggs to hundreds of children in schools and orphanages in Haiti. The event is sponsored by the RI Haiti Task Force. To make a reservation, donation, or for information, contact Trish Sylvester at trishsylvester@gmail.com or 401-447-6489.



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 meet in the library on **Mondays, April 1st and 22nd** 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, April 23rd** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *the Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. "In 1739, spirited 16-year-old Eliza Lucas is left in charge of her father's three South Carolina plantations while he returns to Antigua to pursue political ambitions. She is determined to find a cash crop and with the help of slaves and a neighbor develops a method for the profitable cultivation and processing of indigo, the rich blue plant-based dye that became a major component of the economy of colonial South Carolina." (Library Journal).



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 (thru April 18th) the second hour from 4 - 5 pm will be a book/Bible Study 'Come to the Water' with Brendan. [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, April 4th** 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 will be starting a new book, *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble. Copies will soon be available for purchase from the church office. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



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](#).



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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 or any errors or changes. Thank you.

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