



April 11, 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, 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 on '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

11:15 am Endowment Conversation, Library

After church 'Bring and Buy' Bake Sale Fundraiser, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

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

Mon, Apr 15

Deadline for Chancel Fund donations

Mission Trip at H.O.M.E.

7:15 am Holy Week Reflection with Dale, Library

Tues, Apr 16

Mission Trip at H.O.M.E.

7:15 am Holy Week Reflection with Dale, Library

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Apr 17

Mission Trip at H.O.M.E.

7:15 am Holy Week Reflection with Dale, Library

2 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

No choir rehearsal

Thurs, Apr 18 Maundy Thursday

7:15 am Holy Week Reflection with Dale, 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 Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion, Sanctuary

After Worship - Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Fri, Apr 19 Good Friday

Office Closed

7:15 am Holy Week Reflection with Dale, Library

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Apr 20

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kid's Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Apr 21 Easter Sunday

9:15 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for young children

10:15 am Coffee hour for all, Fellowship Hall

11 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

Mon, Apr 22

Office Closed

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

Tues, Apr 23

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office

11:30 am Book Group. The Coffee Depot in Warren

Wed, Apr 24

4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI truck run - prep begins in Kitchen

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Apr 25

10 am Endowment Team meeting, Room 6

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Apr 26

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Apr 27

9 am - 1 pm Church Clean Up Day

Sun, Apr 28 Mission Trip Sunday

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service with Mission Trip Reflections, Church School

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

11:30 am - 2:30 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

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, April 24th 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.

Are your emails reaching us?

Please update your email contacts/address book

We now only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



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

TODAY - Thurs, April 11th!

'Come to the water' book/Bible study

On **Thursday afternoons during Lent (thru Apr 18)** from 4 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot. Led by Rev. Brendan Curran. [Details.](#)



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. Ed 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. [Flier](#)

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

Palm Sunday, April 14th 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!



Conversation 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

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Leaving a Legacy: Conversation about BCCUCC's Endowment Funds

on **Sunday, April 14th** beginning at **11:15 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. If you were unable to come on April 7th, this is another opportunity to come be a part of this important conversation. Childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you and hearing what you have to say.

Upcoming deadlines....

Support the Service/Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. - deadline is Sunday!

A container is at the back of 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!*

Chancel Fund donations sought - deadline is Mon, Apr 15th

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.



Holy Week and Easter at BCCUCC

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 will take place at approx 10:15 am, between the two services.

Coffee Hour for all will also be held between the two services.



From the River's Edge



A Lent - Easter Refresher

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - April 1, 2019 Dear friends, As we continue our journey through Lent toward our celebration of Easter, I thought it might be helpful to have a "refresher course" on the seasons ahead. Please read and enjoy. I...

[Read more](#)

www.bccucc.org



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

Miscellaneous

Clergy away

Rev. Brendan Curran leaves for the Mission Trip this Sunday afternoon, and will be out of the office Monday, April 15th thru Wednesday, April 17th. There is **no Mindful Monday** on April 15th or 22nd. It will resume on Monday, April 29th.

Jubilation Sunday supplies needed

A message from Brendan:

Dear BCCUCC families and friends, we are planning for Jubilation Sunday which 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 May 19th. *Between now and May 12th*, 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 to church where there's a collection basket at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help in making Jubilation Sunday a meaningful and exciting service! Contact Brendan or Andrea with any questions you may have. brendan@bccucc.org, andrea@bccucc.org



Thank you, Cindy!

A huge thank you to church member Cindy Racinski who over the last couple of weeks has scraped and repainted two of our rainbow doors that were in need of attention. She also added solar lights so that they can be seen at night! Many thanks, Cindy, for all of your hard work. The doors are all looking great again!



Other April Happenings

Loaves and Fishes RI Truck Run

We will be taking out the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Trinity Methodist Church, Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence on **Wednesday, April 24th**. Specific food and clothing items are needed – find out which from the online sign-up sheet at



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>. Please remember to indicate the quantity of a food item you are able to donate. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but those going out on the truck must be at least age 16. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net).

Church Clean Up Day

Our annual Church Clean Up Day will be **Saturday, April 27th** from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers of all abilities (skilled & unskilled) and ages are welcome, even if you can only be there for a short time. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 will also be assisting. Sign up is appreciated - contact Larry Ashley at (508) 965-2699 or saltmarsh02@gmail.com to volunteer. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.



RI Conference, UCC - 2019 Spring Annual Meeting

All are invited to attend the Annual Spring Meeting of the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ on **Saturday, April 27th** at

Edgewood Congregational Church, 1788 Broad St, Cranston RI. 8:30 am Continental Breakfast. 9 am - Noon Worship, Meeting, Communion. Registration \$10. Delegates and visitors (all are welcome) are reminded to register [at this link](#) where there are also more details.



An opportunity to say goodbye to Nancy

Long time church member, Nancy Martin, is going to be leaving Rhode Island at the end of April and moving to Michigan to live near her daughter and son-in-law. Nancy has been an active and faithful member of BCCUCC for many years and her last Sunday in worship before her move will be **Sunday, April 28th**. We hope you can join us that day as we say farewell to Nancy.



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.

Want to learn more about our church - and maybe become a member?

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him on **Sunday, May 5th** for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 7. Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you'd like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 12th. If you'd like to attend "Conversations" please RSVP to the church office at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 by Mon, April 29th. Childcare will be provided if you let us know it's needed when you RSVP.

BCCUCC's Estate Planning Workshop for the Beginner

The Endowment Team is happy to announce this workshop, led by attorney Megan Sheehan on **Sunday, May 5th** from 11:15 am - 12:45 pm in Room 6. If you are new to the estate planning process and would like a basic overview of what to think about and what's involved, this is the workshop for you. Megan will define estate planning, describe the tools used, and give you a basic understanding of the probate process and estate taxes. Some time will also be given to considerations for how estate planning connects to and can benefit your long-term giving plans.



Come work with BCCUCC's own Megan Sheehan and begin the process of Estate Planning! An RSVP to Kate Colby, kcolby@fullchannel.net, while not required is kindly appreciated.

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)

Autism Support Group for Young Adults

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



Bereavement Group

The group will meet in the library on **Monday, April 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.



East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Saturday, April 20th** 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. <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> Learn more at Rlkidswap@gmail.com Interested in volunteering?



Knitting for Others Group

The group next meets on **Tuesday, May 7th** from 7-9 pm at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. 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 Marion to let her know if you'll be attending at smfodor@cox.net. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Lou Slicker at 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, May 2nd** 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 will meet on **Maundy Thursday, April 18th, and May 2nd & 16th**, 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 reading *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble. Copies are available for purchase (\$13) from the church office. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net,



Community Notices

'Awakenings' - Rhode Island's Inspired Stories of the Divine

A year ago, Barrington resident and artist Susan Catherine Collyer, asked for people to share their faith experiences with her. From her interviews she has created an original theatrical piece called "Awakenings" in which multi-faiths, cultures and traditions come together in visual media, sensory sounds,

poetry, music and dance.

All are invited to "Awakenings" at Bay Spring Community Center, 179 Narragansett Ave, Barrington, on **Thursday, April 25th** at 7 pm, **Friday April 26th** at 7:30 pm or **Saturday, April 27th** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 on 4/25, and \$10 on 4/26 & 4/27.



Ticketing Online Reservations at www.bsccri.org. At least one of our church members, Cheryl Muth shared her faith experience for the project. Maybe others did also. [Flier](#)

27th Annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"

On **Saturday, May 11th**, please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver it to [TapIn](#) to stock their food pantry which serves hundreds of East Bay residents. Last year, this food drive collected 5,156 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community.

TAPIN depends on volunteers to unpack, sort and organize the food donations on May 11th. To volunteer, please contact them at info@tapin.org or (401) 247-1444 *before Wednesday, May 1st*.



Providence Singers Concert "The Heart of the Singer"

The Providence Singers' next concerts are on **Saturday, May 18th** at 7:30 pm in Cranston, and **Sunday, May 19th** at 3 pm in Bristol. The concert will include the RI premiere of *The Wound in the Water* by Kim Andre Arnesen - a beautiful piece of music that the chorus has fallen in love with! More information about the concert, venues and ticket information is [available at this link](#) or from the [Providence Singers website](#).

PROVIDENCESINGERS 2018-2019 season Christine Noel Artistic Director

Tickets now on sale! Don't miss

The Heart of the Singer

Featuring the Rhode Island premiere of
The Wound in the Water by Kim André Arnesen
a new masterwork for chorus, string orchestra and piano, with soprano soloist Chelsea Basler
and Mozart's *Inter Natus Mulierum* for chorus and string orchestra

Saturday May 18th, 7:30pm Immaculate Conception Church, Cranston
Sunday May 19th, 3:00pm St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol

ProvidenceSingers.org 401.751.5700 EventBrite.com

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

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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.

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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