



April 22, 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, Apr 22 Earth Day

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

Sun, Apr 25

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 Vigil, Barrington Presbyterian Church (400 County Rd)

Tues, Apr 27

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11:30 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom

Wed, Apr 28

7 pm Membership Team meet via Zoom

Thurs, Apr 29

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

Sun, May 2

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

Tues, May 4

8 am 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, May 5

Noon - *Deadline for next eBridge*

Thurs, May 6

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed

1:30 pm Women of Faith meet via Zoom

3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Sat, May 8

9 am - 4 pm SNEUCC Annual Meeting held online

Sun, May 9 Mother's Day

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Today is Earth Day!

Mission and Justice donates 300 trees in honor of church members

In observance of Earth Day (**April 22nd**) our Mission and Justice Team has decided to donate 300 trees through EARTHDAY.ORG's Canopy Project in honor of our nearly 300 active members listed in last year's Annual Report.

Read more about the Canopy Project and why the reforestation of the earth is so important at:

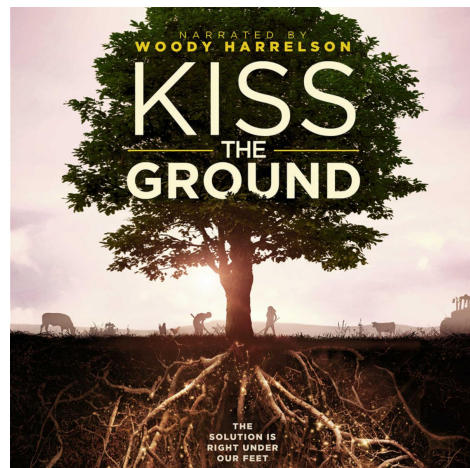
<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/the-canopy-project/>



Opportunity to watch the film 'Kiss the Ground' (thru April 26th only)

Join Interfaith Power and Light in watching the film "Kiss the Ground" - a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. This film explains why transitioning to regenerative agriculture could be key in rehabilitating the planet, while simultaneously invigorating a new sense of hope and inspiration in viewers.

This film has been chosen as the featured film of Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week, April 16-25, 2021. Their theme this year is *Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections between our Food, our Faith, and the Climate*. Register to watch the film at the following link. <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/featured-film-kit/> Once you register you will receive the links to view the film and be able to view it at home at your leisure **through Monday, April 26th only.**



Virtual opportunities during Climate Action Week

The RI Interfaith Power and Light is also offering the following virtual opportunities during Climate Action Week:

[Sunday Service and Sermon ONLINE](#), Providence, RI — **Sunday, April 25th** from 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Or watch a recording later [at this link](#))

[Cultivating Connections: An ONLINE discussion about our Food, Faith, and Climate](#), Providence, RI — **Sunday, April 25th** from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Show your support for the 'Rescue RI Act'

The Renew Rhode Island Coalition, of which RI Interfaith Power & Light is a part, continues to organize support for the three bills that comprise the Rescue Rhode Island Act. This Green New Deal-type legislation provides a plan and resources to help RI achieve the emissions reductions mandated in the "Act on Climate" while also creating jobs, food security, affordable housing and cleaning up pollution in frontline communities. Currently the bills are still in committee and will likely remain in committee if we don't tell our state legislators that the Rescue RI Act is an urgent priority for us. We strongly encourage everyone to contact their legislators at <https://www.renewri.org/action> where you can also sign up to volunteer for phone-banking or literature drops.

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.*



Bow returns for this Sunday's All Ages Worship service!

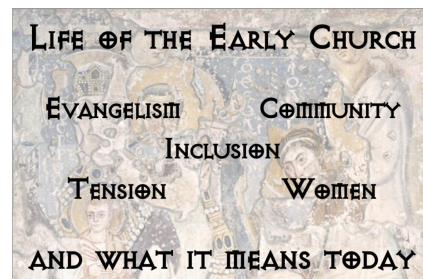
This **Sunday, April 25th** we are holding another all-ages worship service. Once again we have guests helping us lead worship, a wonderful video of our kiddos preparing care packages for members on our prayer list, and, hopefully, a meaningful fun time for everyone. Not only that, we have the return of "Bow" who will be helping Dale with his reflection! Come join us this Sunday as we explore "Building Community" in the life of the early church and today!



Sermon Series continues through Sunday, May 9th

Dale and Linda are sharing a five-week sermon series on "*Life of the Early Church: and what it means for us today*". Each Sunday **thru May 9th**, they are exploring a different aspect of life for the early Christians and how it can inform our ministry today. The topics are Evangelism, Inclusion, Building Community, Growing Tensions, and the Role of Women. It's amazing how much has changed and how much stays the same!

If you missed any of the earlier sermons or want to hear them again, recordings of past worship services can be found on the Livestream page of our church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>



Communion Sunday is May 2nd

On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate communion during the virtual service. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time so you can join in this celebration. These need not to be bread and juice/wine but can be whatever you have on hand.



On Communion Sunday we traditionally invite donations to our **Deacons' Fund** which offers a helping hand to those in our congregation or community who are in need. To make a contribution to our Deacons' Fund either write a check payable to "BCCUCC" with "Deacons Fund" in the memo line, and mail to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806; or make an online donation at our church website www.bccucc.org/donation/ designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. Thank you.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, April 25th:

Both arrangements are given by Janet Morrison, and Ann and Peter Doran, in loving memory of J. Stewart Morrison, and John Stewart Morrison, Jr.



On Sunday, May 2nd:

Anyone interested in donating flowers for this Sunday please see next notice.

Altar flower donor(s) needed for May 2nd

There are openings on **Sunday, May 2nd** for donor(s) to pay for one or both of the vases of altar flowers. Cost is \$30 per vase. Altar flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event and your dedication will be read during the online worship service. If interested, please contact Bethia Rosner a.s.a.p. at (401) 383-5538 or bethiarosner@gmail.com.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of April 25th: Paula Rooks, Barbara Smith, Jibbyl Diakite, Elizabeth Glass, Charlie McCoy, Nancy Arena, Christine Arena, Helen Schall, and Mark Dana.



The week of May 2nd: Hayden DiOrio, Maya Kelly, Debbie Mason, Carol Spiller, Susan Doss, Emmee Williams, and Vicki Hosford.

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.

What's happening at BCCUCC....

Black Lives Matter Vigil

The next monthly **Black Lives Matter Vigil** will be held this **Sunday, April 25th**, from **1 – 2 pm** in front of **Barrington Presbyterian Church**, 400 County Road. Masks and six-foot distancing are required. Supporters are asked to bring signs. 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.



A Conversation with Ibram Kendi: Exploring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Town of Barrington will be welcoming New York Times best-selling author, Professor Ibram X. Kendi for an evening of conversation (virtually) on **Monday, April 26th** from 7 – 8 pm. The registration will be open to all and the space is limited. Please go to the link <https://tinyurl.com/ikendi> and



register yourself on Eventbrite TODAY! (Just one registration per household please.) At the time of writing there is still some space available. BCCUCC is one of a number of organizations and individuals sponsoring this free, virtual event.

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is ongoing

Dale continues to lead these morning meditations at **8 am** on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings. 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.



Knitting for Others Group

The group meets virtually each month and will next meet on **Tuesday, May 4th** 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, zoom links are not included in this version that goes on our website and social media.*



Women of Faith Reading Group

The Women of Faith Reading Group meet again on **Thursdays, May 6th** at **1:30 pm** on Zoom. They are reading and discussing *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride. New members are always welcome. To learn more about the group contact Jane Tonn jtonn2@cox.net - she can also send you the zoom information needed.



Book Group

The Book Group will next meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 am.** to discuss *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. 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, zoom links are not included in this version that goes on our website and social media.*



Update on BCCUCC COVID Commemoration Tile Project

We are hoping to schedule an **outdoor tile “workshop”** sometime later this spring so be on the lookout for more information in the next e-bridge about a date and time.

Until then, we continue to reach out to our members and friends to create their own tile to add to our 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 (gsbse@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.



Conference Happenings

Registration is open for the 2nd Annual Meeting of SNEUCC

The Southern New England Conference's second Annual Meeting will be held **online** on **Saturday, May 8** from 9 am - 4 pm. We will have 2 delegates attending from BCCUCC, and visitors are also invited to attend (virtually).

[Learn more and register.](#)

Registration deadline is May 5th.



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.



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Community Notices

DEA sponsored Drug Take Back Day 2021

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is this **Saturday, April 24th** from **10 am - 2 pm**. Rhode Islanders are encouraged to take this opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medications. Barrington Police Department will have a drop box in the lobby of the station, with no questions asked. The service is free of charge. For sites in other communities, visit the [DEA's website](#) or call 800-882-9539 to find your closest site.

Rhode Islanders can drop off tablets, pills, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription drugs, along with vaping devices (provided the lithium battery is removed). Illegal drugs, syringes and other sharps and liquids will not be accepted.



In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 'A Morning (not?) Like Any Other'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



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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