



April 25, 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 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

8:30 am - Noon RICUCC Annual Spring Meeting, Edgewood Congregational Church
9 am - 1 pm Church Clean Up Day, BCCUCC grounds

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

Mon, Apr 29

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

Tues, Apr 30

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Deacons' meeting, Library

Wed, May 1

4 - 5 pm Young Adult Autism Support Group (ages 18 - 30), Room 6
7 pm Mission and Justice team meeting, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 2

1 - 2:30 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Library

Fri, May 3

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, May 4

9:30 - 11:30 am Women's Clothing Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, May 5 Music and Choir Celebration Sunday

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

9:30 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

10 am Worship Service with Communion and Sing and Celebrate Choir, Church School

11:15 am - 12:45 pm Estate Planning Workshop, Room 6

11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our Church, Room 7

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

Mon, May 6

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, May 7

2 pm Staff meeting, Dale's Office

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Marion Fodor's home

Wed, May 8

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 9

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

Fri, May 10

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage

Sun, May 12 UCC Sunday & New Member Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Church School

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Make Up 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, May 8th 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who made both worship and fellowship at BCCUCC so special this Easter. Special thanks

....to Elizabeth, Dale and Jesse Azevedo for cutting out, making and hanging the 350 colorful butterflies in the sanctuary. They are spectacular and a true work of art!

....to everyone who made a donation to the Chancel Fund for the purchase of the plants used to decorate the sanctuary and to the members of the Chancel Team for arranging them all so beautifully on Easter Saturday

....to the Deacons for delivering plants to the homebound, sick and recently bereaved

....to Marina Zabinski, Greg Voigt and to all the members of the choir for the lovely music on Easter morning

....to the ushers and greeters for welcoming so many visitors who came and worshiped with us

....to the Colby family - Kate, Amanda, Kim and Tom - for decorating Fellowship Hall

so beautifully for our Easter morning coffee hour held between the services, including many hand-made decorations. Also thanks to the members of the Buildings and Grounds team who are the April coffee hour hosts
....to Cathleen Joachim and any others who helped hide the Easter Eggs on Easter morning
....and finally, to everyone who came to celebrate Easter with us!

[See photos of BCCUCC decorated for Easter!](#)

This weekend at BCCUCC

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 - or just show up on Saturday! 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.



Mission Trip Sunday

We hope you can join us **this Sunday, April 28th** for Mission Trip Sunday. During the worship service, the youth and adults who went on the recent Mission trip to H.O.M.E. in Oreland, Maine, will reflect on their experiences. Many thanks to everyone who supported their fundraisers that made the trip possible.



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 **this Sunday, April 28th**. We hope you can join us as we say farewell to Nancy.



Youth Group

The youth group meets this **Sunday evening, April 28th** from 5 - 7 pm in Room 9. All youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome.

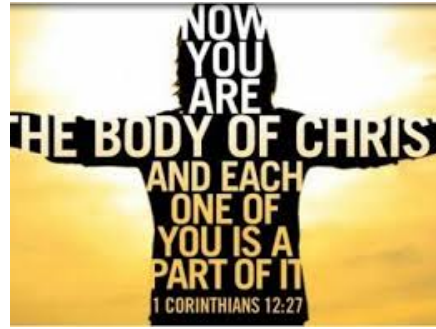


There's a place for you at BCCUCC...

Please consider joining a ministry team this year

Our ministry teams have openings for the upcoming year and we ask that you consider joining one that interests you. Most teams meet only once a month, or even less!

[At this link](#) is a document with a list of the ministry teams, a brief summary of what they do, and all of the openings beginning July 2019. Please take a look, and contact any Membership Team member (listed on the document), or email Elizabeth Azevedo at eazevedo17@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer. The document together with response cards will also be included in the Sunday bulletins thru May 12th. The Membership Team looks forward to hearing from you.



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.



Music and Choir Celebration Sunday

On **Sunday, May 5th** there will be extra music during the worship service, including a song from the Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir. During the service we will celebrate the role of music in worship and the musicians who provide it. We hope you will be able to join us.



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.



New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday

Sunday, May 12th is both UCC Sunday and also New Member Sunday when some of our congregation will become members as they officially join our church during the worship service. We look forward to welcoming them, and also guest preacher, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Transitional Conference Minister of RICUCC. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate and welcome our newest members. If you're interested in becoming a member, we ask that you attend 'Conversations about our Church' on Sunday, May 5th (see earlier article for details).



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.



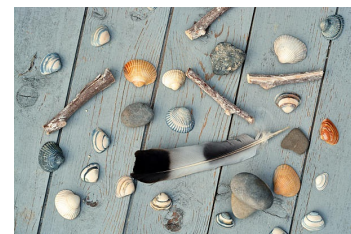
'A Taste of Haiti' Fundraiser

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.



Jubilation Sunday - supplies needed

In preparation for **Jubilation Sunday, May 19th**, we are collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass. This year we'll celebrate how we as the church are "one body with many parts," and we'll make a mandala with these items during worship. We invite you to prayerfully seek out these items and bring them in **by May 12th** and put in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Contact Brendan or Andrea with any questions you may have. brendan@bccucc.org, andrea@bccucc.org



Blood Drive at our church

On **Thursday, May 23rd** from 3 - 7 pm we will host a Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to donate. Visit www.ribc.org/drives to make an appointment using sponsor code 1562. However, no appointment is necessary and drop-ins are welcome. Don't forget to bring your drivers license or other form of ID when you donate. [Learn more](#) about donating and eligibility.



Annual reports needed - deadline is Fri, May 24th

It's fast approaching that time of year again – time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2018 – May 2019. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office *by Friday, May 24th*. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2019 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9th following the 10 am worship service.



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, May 6th & 20th** 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, May 21st** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *The Ruin* by Dervla McTiernan. "After Maude's mother overdoses and her brother's body is found in a nearby river, Detective Cormac Reilly is pressured to arrest her for the deaths, but evidence emerges that points to an unexpected series of events that changes everything." 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). 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 **Sat, May 18th** 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. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> Interested in volunteering? Contact Rlkidswap@gmail.com



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, premie 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 or to learn more about the group.



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 **Thursday, 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,



Happenings in June

Mark your calendars for....

Confirmation Sunday on June 2nd.

Baccalaureate Sunday on June 9th

Our Church's **Annual Meeting** after worship on Sunday, June 9th

Class on the Grass during Church School Time on Sundays, June 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.

Our **Summer Worship Schedule** begins on Sunday, June 30th when we'll move to the 9:30 am worship time, through Sunday, September 1st.

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](#).



From the River's Edge



All things in common...

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - Apr. 15, 2019 "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

[Read more](#)



If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](http://www.bccucc.org). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Reminders.....

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
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org. Thank you for making these changes to your email contacts/address books.

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

You can raise money for the church every time you shop at Amazon by going through AmazonSmile. [Learn more at this link](#) and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Every eligible 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 of any errors or changes. Thank you.

Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

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