



April 26, 2018

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge. Some platforms will only allow you to see the first portion of the eBridge, then there's a link to view the entire message.

Calendar

Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Thurs, Apr 26

4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep and truck run, Kitchen then to Providence

Fri, Apr 27

Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Apr 28

8 am - Noon Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle, Parking Lot

9:15 am JYG and SYG leave for Community Clean Up

Sun, Apr 29 Choir Celebration Sunday

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

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

11:30 am Communications Team meeting, Room 7

11:15 am Membership Team meeting, Library

5 - 7 pm Community Pasta Dinner (Mission Trip Fundraiser), Fellowship Hall

Mon, Apr 30

7 - 8 pm Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room

Tues, May 1

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others group, Pat Rude's home

Wed, May 2

7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 3

1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library

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

6 - 7 pm [NAMI Family Support Group](#), Room 6

Fri, May 4

Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, May 6 UCC Sunday / New Member Sunday

10 am Worship Service with Communion and Reception of New Members, Children prepare for Jubilation Sunday during Church School time
1 pm 'BCC Miracle Mudders' team take part in the Tough Tiger at Hampden Meadows School

Mon, May 7

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room

Tues, May 8

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, May 9

Noon Deadline for the eBridge
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 10

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
3 pm Lay Visitation Meeting, Library

Fri, May 11

Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, May 13 Confirmation Sunday

'Strengthen the Church' offering
9:15 am Breakfast for Confirmands and their families, Fellowship Hall
10 am Worship Service with Confirmation, Church School
11:20 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

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 9th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

This weekend

Belated Earth Day Community Clean Up

Youth from Grades 6-12 are invited to meet in Room 9 on **Saturday morning, April 28th**. We will leave the church at around 9:15 to go out and clean up our community by picking up trash along the bike path and/or by the river. In the past we have partnered with Save the Bay but we have noticed that there is plenty of garbage to clean up right here in the East Bay! We have developed the annual tradition of having a trash pick-up for Earth Day. We will return to the church by 11:30, wash our hands, and have pizza for lunch. Pick up between 12:00-12:30. Questions? Contact [Brendan](#)



Choir Celebration Sunday

All are invited to join us for worship this Sunday when there will be

extra music during worship and the choir and church musicians will be recognized for their ministry. The service will include two anthems sung by the choir, and Patricia Stoddard will play a handbell solo. All are welcome.



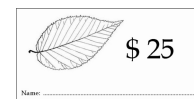
Community Pasta Dinner - Mission Trip Fundraiser

This **Sunday, April 29th** from 5-7 pm there will be a community dinner in Fellowship Hall to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. It will be a home-made pasta dinner with additional options of take-out, vegetarian and gluten free. Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour in the morning, but walk ins are also welcome. Tickets are \$10 each. Children 6 & under are free. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.



144 Envelopes Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

The "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations" is in Fellowship Hall. Each "leaf envelope" has an attached dollar amount. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount on it that appeals to you and return your offering to the church office. Your offerings help fund our service project/trip to the Navajo Nation where we will be restoring sustainable food systems on the reservation and learning about Navajo culture. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation.



Church Renewal

Good News from our Renewal Team!

The Renewal Team is excited to report that the seven strategic teams have been busy researching information and gathering data in their goal to complete phase one of our process. There is an energy and excitement among team members about their results. Thank you all for your hard work. *(See below for how you can help two of the strategic teams with their research and data gathering).*



There will be a Strategic Team Feedback Session on **Saturday, June 2nd**, from 8:30-10:00 in the library. We encourage everyone on all seven strategic teams to be present to facilitate communication and share their enthusiasm. A continental breakfast will be offered.

The Renewal Team is in monthly contact with Rev. Steve Sterner, our consultant, as is Dale individually. On Sunday, June 10th, the Renewal Team will report to the entire congregation during the Annual Meeting.

As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions. We welcome all input. Go teams, go!

[Dale Azevedo](#), [Heather Williamson](#), [Helen Schall](#), [Erik Ela](#), [Tom Colby](#), [Larry Ashley](#) or [Marion Fodor](#).

The Capital Improvement Team wants to hear from you

As part of their data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component - see above), they're interested in hearing your thoughts on building repairs and improvements. Have you noticed something that should be repaired or could really use an upgrade? Or do you have a building improvement idea? Then drop them an email at BCCUCCBG@gmail.com,

or speak with Larry Ashley. Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

The Community Connection Team needs your help gathering data

The Community Connection strategic team needs your help to gather data on the “unofficial” outreach that congregational participants are performing in the community. They’d appreciate receiving responses to the following questions:

1. What are ways that you connect with the community? (Note: In this instance we are defining community as the East Bay)
2. Do you volunteer for an organization, either as a representative of the church or on your own? If so which organization and what type of service do you provide?
3. What are the issues facing members of the East Bay community about which you are the most passionate?
4. Do you perceive that there are unfulfilled needs in the community? If yes, what are these needs?
5. Are there people in town or in the East Bay that we should be engaging regarding unfulfilled needs?

Please send your responses to Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com.

You can also [print out the questions at this link](#), and copies will be available on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Completed surveys can be returned to the church office or given directly to Nancy. Thank you for taking the time to do the survey.

Coming soon

Sundays in May.....

We have some special Sundays coming up in May. We hope you can join us for worship:

New Member Sunday, May 6th - a number of new members will be officially joining our church.

Confirmation Sunday, May 13th - five of our 9th graders will be confirmed into full membership, following several months of preparation with Brendan.

Jubilation Sunday, May 20th - the theme will be ‘The Web of Life’ and the service will be led by our church school children. On Sunday, May 6th the children will prepare for Jubilation Sunday during their church school time. We hope that all children will be able to participate in Jubilation Sunday!

Join the "BCC Miracle Mudders" team!

Join the BCCUCC team to run the Tough Tiger Race on **Sunday, May 6th** at 1 pm, to support Hampden Meadows School. We’re excited to have formed a team – *BCC Miracle Mudders* - captained by Rev. Dale Azevedo, with team members Elizabeth Azevedo, Brendan Curran, Amy Barkat, Tim Milisaukas and Sophie Milisaukas. If others want to join the team they are encouraged to do so. This is an all-ages event and the course is geared toward young families, so everyone is welcome to participate. If interested please contact Dale before Thursday, May 3rd at 246-0111 x 103 or dale@bccucc.org.

Go to www.hampdenmeadowspoint.org for more information about the race.



26th Annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"

On **Saturday, May 12th**, please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver to [TapIn](#) to stock their food pantry which serves hundreds of East Bay residents. Last year, this food drive collected 4,376 pounds

of food through the generous help of the Barrington community. Volunteers are also needed to unpack, sort and organize the food donations at TapIn on May 12th. Anyone interested should call (401) 247-1444 or email info@tapin.org by May 1st.



Atwater-Donnelly Concert

On **Sunday, May 20th** at 3 pm, the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC to give another concert. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018. Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour beginning May 6th, then from the church office during the week, or at the door.



Be an active part of our church community

Planning to join our church on May 6th?

Then please be sure to return your completed Family Information Form, together with the New Member Bio form, to the church office **by Monday, April 30th** so that we can make the necessary preparations for New Member Sunday. They can be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to office@bccucc.org. Thanks to those who have already returned them.

If you need new forms, click on the following links:

[Family Information form](#) [New Member Bio form](#)



Volunteers needed to serve on Ministry Teams

The Membership Team is in the process of helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Anyone interested in serving – perhaps on a particular team – should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com. Please note that you do not have to be a member of the church to serve on many of our ministry teams.

Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, May 1st** from 7 - 9 pm at the home of Pat Rude, 5 Seabreeze Lane, Bristol. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. Please RSVP to Pat at ru4880@me.com or 396-8607 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, May 3rd** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They are reading *Girl at War* by Sara Novik. Copies are available for purchase from the church office. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net
[What is the Women's Faith Group?](#)

Book Group

Meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, May 29th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Since We Fell* by Dennis Lehane. After a breakdown, ex-journalist Rachel Charles lives a reclusive life. She has, however, a supportive husband – until a chance encounter snatches away everything she holds dear. With sharply acute characterization, this is classic Lehane. (The Guardian). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

Other groups that meet regularly at our church are.....

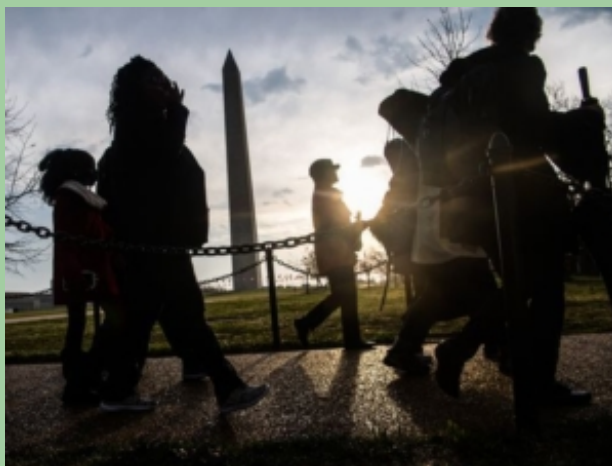
Bereavement Group

NAMI RI Family Support Group (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Memory Impairment Support Group

For more information on any of these groups, including the contact person [click here](#). Check the calendar at the top of this email, or our [online calendar](#), for meeting dates.

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



While it was still dark.

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - April 17, 2018 "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." -John 20:1 In the week following...

[Read more](#)

www.bccucc.org

If you missed reading any 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

From the church office

Office email not working correctly

For over a week now, Christine has had problems sending emails from the office computer - sometimes they work, but most of the time they get stuck in the Outbox and never get sent. The problem lies with Full Channel - our ISP - who is undergoing some changes. Emails still seem to come in OK. If you sent an email to the office and never got a reply, please accept our apologies and try calling instead. 246-0111. Thanks.



Annual Reports needed by May 28th

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 2017 – May 2018. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office **by Monday, May 28th**. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2018 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 10th following the 10 am worship service. In case you wanted to see it, here's a link to the [2017 Annual Report](#)



Please note....

Clergy Days off

Now that Dale and Brendan both have Fridays off, one of them will always be “on call” each Friday for pastoral concerns. The “on call” pastor will be listed on the church calendar everywhere it is available.

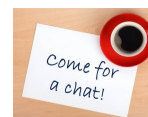
Meditation opportunities continue

Mindful Mondays will be ongoing on **Monday evenings from 7 – 8 pm** in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Mid-Week Recharge is **Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1 pm** in the Meditation Room when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or there will be a short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times for use by the congregation and community, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

Brendan's Community Office Hours

Brendan will be at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, from 3 - 5 pm on **Thursday afternoons** for anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting. All are invited. *Please note that they will not be happening on Thursday, April 12th as Brendan is unavailable.*



2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

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.

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 RI Conference UCC

Tri-Conference Annual Meeting

The second joint Annual Meeting of the RI, CT and MA conferences will be held **Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16** at Mass Mutual Center, Springfield MA. [Traci Blackmon](#) will be the keynote speaker. At this meeting, delegates of the three conferences will be asked to officially create the new conference by approving a covenant agreement, set of new bylaws, establishing a unified Board of Directors, electing officers, and making minor changes to their existing bylaws. They will meet separately but simultaneously to conduct this and other business. For more information [click here](#) or go to the [RICUCC website](#) and click on the link from the home page.



Conference Leaders to host 5 online forums on New Conference votes

Leading up to the second [Tri-Conference Annual Meeting](#) of the CT, MA and RI conferences, Conference leaders will be hosting a series of five online forums in May and June for discussion about the upcoming votes to formally create a new, unified conference. Learn more and register to join a webinar [at this link](#).

Community Notices

Tots' Annual Yard and Raffle Sale

Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle takes place **Saturday, April 28th** from 8 am – 12 pm in our Park and Ride lot. There's also face-painting from 9 – 11 am. Raffle prizes have been provided by over 30 local businesses. For a list of prizes or to preorder raffle tickets, please contact tots.barrington@gmail.com. 2018 marks the 60th anniversary of Tots' Cooperative Nursery School renting space at our church as they started here in 1958!

What is New about Old Barrington Village?

Church member and local historian Van Edwards will present *What is New About Old Barrington Village?* on **Monday, April 30th** at 7 pm at the Barrington Public Library. The event is free, open to the public, and refreshments are provided. Sponsored by the Barrington Preservation Society. [More information](#)



Superpower Saturday - for middle schoolers

The East Bay Regional Coalition and Bayside YMCA welcome all East Bay middle school students to **Superpower Saturday, May 5th** at Bayside Family YMCA from 7 - 9 pm. Create cards and rocks of hope and encouragement for people in need (Community Service Certificates will be provided). Then enjoy free snacks, fun, and games! Call (401) 245-2444 for more information.

'Global Eats'

Please join Dorcas International Institute of RI at their Annual Culinary Celebration 'Global Eats' fundraiser on **Thursday, May 17th** at Fete Music Hall, 103 Dike St, Providence RI 02909. Renowned chefs, reinvented global recipes, live music. Get tickets and more info at www.globaleats.org

'A Night at the Opera' with the Providence Singers



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This fundraiser for the Providence Singers is being held **Saturday, May 19th** at the Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance Street. It will be an elegant evening of operatic favorites, with lots of wonderful music sung by the chorus and professional soloists, plus wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. For more information - including the program of favorite operatic music - and tickets visit www.providencesingers.org or call 401 751 5700. Members of the Providence Singers include Beth and Maggie Zarlengo and Christine Wallis.

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