



April 28, 2022

The bi-weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church, United Church of
Christ.

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Calendar

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Thurs, Apr 28

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, May 1 New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday

8:30 am FFAYM meeting

10 am Worship Service with Communion and Reception of New Members (in-person and online), Church School

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

2 pm Ordination Service for Racquel Ray, Sanctuary. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Mon, May 2

6 - 7 pm Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8), Rooms 8 & 9

Tues, May 3

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group meet via Zoom

Wed, May 4

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 5

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

1:30 pm Women of Faith reading group, Library

6 - 7 pm BCCUCC Green Team meet via Zoom

Sun, May 8 Healthcare Sunday and Mother's Day

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School

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Mon, May 9

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library

5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom
6 - 7 pm Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8), Rooms 8 & 9
7 pm Buildings and Grounds team meet, Vestry

Tues, May 10

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Church Council meeting

Wed, May 11

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

Thurs, May 12

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, May 15 Music and Choir Celebration Sunday

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](http://bccucc.view-events.com) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sunday, May 1st

New Member and UCC Sunday, Communion.... and a Coffee Hour!

At our 10 am worship service **this Sunday, May 1st** we will be receiving four new members when they officially 'join' our church, and will celebrate communion. It is also UCC Sunday - so come learn more about the United Church of Christ. Following the service there will be a coffee hour when we can greet our new members and each other! We hope you will join us.



All are invited to Racquel's Ordination Service

The Service of Ordination
of our Acting Associate Minister, Racquel Ray
will take place **this Sunday, May 1st**
at 2 pm
in the sanctuary of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC.



The congregation is invited to attend
along with all Conference delegates, clergy, friends and family.

Following the service there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall to
celebrate Rev. Racquel Ray.



RSVP* to racquel@bccucc.org

*The congregation isn't required to RSVP in order to attend, but it is helpful for planning purposes.

[See the official invitation](#)

New in this eBridge

Healthcare Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, May 8th** at 10 am for a special service of devotion, thanksgiving, and support for Healthcare Workers. For the past twenty-six months, healthcare workers globally have faced the Covid-19 pandemic head on. Those without the 'virtual' option of work were there in person caring for the sick and the dying. They carry the weight of that work with them still as the country and our community return to pre-pandemic activities. Join us as we pause to reflect on their work and honor their sacrifices. We encourage and invite all of our members who work in healthcare to join us.



Altar flower donor(s) needed

Altar Flower donor(s) are needed for **Sunday, May 15th** to pay for one or both vases of the altar flowers (\$30 per vase). They can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event and your dedication will be included in the bulletin and read during the service. Contact Bethia Rosner at (401) 383-5538 or bethiarosner@gmail.com if interested.



Jubilation Sunday - a special service, a lunch....and more!

Sunday May 22nd is Jubilation Sunday and we are celebrating our Church School folks with not only a special service, but with a lunch immediately after worship. RSVP cards will be in the bulletin over the next three weeks. However, if you do not fill one out in church and would like to attend, please contact the church office to let us know that you will be joining us by **Tues, May 17th** at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111. We are also encouraging everyone to wear blue or yellow to this service. Rumor has it that the ice cream truck will be here that day too, so you don't want to miss this special day!!



Please consider volunteering to join a church ministry team!

Carrying out the many ministries of our church is done with a team effort and it's a rewarding experience to work together in our church community! The Membership Team is working on filling the ministry teams for the upcoming year. There are opportunities to fit any available time commitment. Not sure? Contact us and we'll talk about your interests and time and find a great match! Learn more about the work of the various ministry teams [at this link](#). from the [Church Resources page](#) of our website www.bccucc.org then click on the link for 'Current description of all ministry teams'. Please contact any member of the Membership Team: Joanne D'Adamo joannedadamo5@gmail.com or 401-575-8960; Wendy Forman w36392@gmail.com; Libardo De La Torre, libardo007@gmail.com; and Greg Voigt gregory.voigt@ubs.com. Thank you!



BCCUCC Green Team to hold their first meeting

The Green Team's first meeting will be **Thursday, May 5th** from **6 – 7 pm** via **Zoom**. We will be welcoming those who signed up after last Sunday's service and invite others who are interested in seeing the church raise awareness about the urgent need to protect God's Creation. Together we'll



take a look at the Southern New England Conference's Green Congregation Challenge (<https://www.sneucc.org/green-congregation-challenge>) and discuss which tasks we can be involved with. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or (401) 245-4724 for more information.

The Zoom information was included in the email sent to the congregation but isn't included here for security reasons.

Food donations needed for BACKPACK program in May

Thank you to all who donated to the Loaves and Fishes BACKPACK program in April. We were able to distribute 25 full bags to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. We continue to partner with *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>) and *Books are Wings* (<https://www.booksarewings.org>), but to supplement these donations and fill the bags, we hope to add regular items each month such as peanut butter, bread, oatmeal, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, shelf stable pudding. Please use this [SignUp Genius link](#) to mark which items you plan to bring and also indicate the number of items you are signing up to donate. You can also call the church office if you need assistance with this.



Food donations need to be dropped off at the church no later than Sun, May 22nd so that the bags can be packed before our next delivery to DelSesto School. A collection box will be placed in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary. Our last BACKPACK program collection deadline is June 19th.

Annual Reports requested

The clergy, church officers and team leaders are asked to submit their individual reports to the church office **by Monday, May 30th** for inclusion in our church's 2022 Annual Report. The reports should cover the period June 2021 – May 2022. Please email your report to Christine at office@bccucc.org or mail to the office. Thank you. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, June 12th. [Previous year's Annual Reports](#)



Baccalaureate Sunday

Are you, or do you have in your family, a graduating high school senior? If so this announcement is for you! We will be recognizing our high school seniors at our worship service on **Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th** and we invite our high school seniors to attend. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office **by Sunday, May 29th** (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111); 2) get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office and return it; 3) don't worry about wearing a gown to church (regular church clothes will suffice). If you have any questions, talk with Dale (dale@bccucc.org). And Congratulations!



Graduation information requested for newsletter

We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school etc, by publishing the names and graduation information in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the information to the church office at office@bccucc.org **by Sunday, June 5th**. Information needed is name of graduate, high school or college from which they're graduating, what college or further education they will be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships - application forms available

Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a high

school graduate going on to further education, and one to a student already in college. Graduating high school seniors and college students who have been confirmed and are members of this church are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is Tuesday, May 31st** and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th.



[Download an application form](#), The form can also be downloaded from the Church Resources page (under the 'About' tab) on our website www.bccucc.org. We thank the family and friends of Kate Fodor for their support of this scholarship fund created in her memory.

Kids Clothes & Toy Swap needs volunteers

This monthly event was started several years ago by a church member but is now run by others. We still host it in Fellowship Hall and the money collected at the door is given to our church. It's a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. However, the organizers are in need of more volunteers to keep the monthly swaps running and are asking if any of our congregation would like to help out. The swaps are held on the third Saturday of the month from 9 - 11 am. Volunteers are needed to help at the swap from 8 – 10 am and 10 am – Noon and are also needed to help with sorting ahead of the swap. For more information or to volunteer, please email RIKidSwap@gmail.com.



East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap will be holding their next swap on **Saturday, June 18th** from 9 - 11 am in Fellowship Hall. *(There's no swap in May)*. It's a place to trade clean clothes & shoes that no longer fit and get the next size up! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. There's a \$5 donation at the door, but no-one is turned away. For more information, visit their [Facebook page](#)

We're still looking for volunteers.....

Coffee Hour Volunteers needed

We'd really like to resume having coffee hour every Sunday but it can't happen without volunteers willing to host it. Would you be able to help make coffee and cleanup some Sunday? Most of the setup is handled by our custodial staff and some people have stepped forward to bake or donate some food, but preparing the coffee, staffing the tables, and cleanup are the big hurdle. Are you able to help out with this? Keep in mind, coffee hour doesn't have to be very involved - it can be a much smaller production than it used to be. If you are willing to help out some Sunday please let the church office know (office@bccucc.org or 401 246-0111). Thanks so much!!



Lay Visitation Group needs volunteers

This sincere group of dedicated members volunteers their time to make phone calls, send cards, and visit those in our congregation who are not able to join us in person. As the pandemic visitation restrictions ease, our group is in need of a few more volunteers. Can you send a card? Make a call? Visit a friend? Meet with the group once a month to check in? If interested or to learn more, please reach out to Rev. Dale at dale@bccucc.org or (401 246-0111 ext 103; or Pastor Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.



Volunteers needed to be Greeters

We have greeters back welcoming both visitors and old friends to our Sunday morning worship service. We need two (or more) people each Sunday with someone at the Vestry door entrance, and another at the main door entrance on the narthex level (for Sundays when those doors are open). Masking is optional, and since COVID the practice of shaking hands might make some uncomfortable, so just a friendly smile and a welcome is all that's needed – plus a willingness to direct newcomers where to go and answer any questions. If you are interested in being a greeter some Sunday, please contact Joanne D'Adamo at (401) 575-8960 or joannedadamo5@gmail.com. Individuals, couples and families are all welcome to sign up!



Ongoing groups and happenings

Youth Group welcomes all in Grades 5 - 8

Youth Group is facilitated by Pastor Racquel Ray and is for any youth in Grades 5 - 8. We meet on Monday evenings from **6 - 7 pm** in Rooms 8 & 9, and move outside as the weather cooperates. Pizza dinner is provided along with prayer and activities such as labyrinth, campfire, play and fellowship.

Youth Group will meet on **Mondays May 2, 9, 23, and June 6** (final meeting for 2021-2022).

Questions? Contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.



Peaceful Pause and Prayer online meditations

All are invited to join Dale online for 'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' meditations every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8 am. Each online 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 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 Knitting Group will meet again on **Tuesday, May 3rd** from 6:30 pm until 9 pm over Zoom. You may join the call at any time and stay for as long as you'd like. All knitters and crocheters are invited to participate and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com.

The zoom information isn't included here for security reasons. It was included in the email sent to the congregation.



Women of Faith Reading Group

The group will meet on **Thursday, May 5th & 19th** from **1:30 - 3 pm** in the church library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information including their current book or article for discussion, contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



Bereavement Group

The group will meet on **Monday, May 9th & 23rd** from 11 am - Noon in the church library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. New members are welcome. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at Brenner at her new email address betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031.



Book Group

The Book Group will next meet **Monday, May 16th** (*note the change of day*) at 9:30 am at a location TBD. They will discuss *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



From our Mission and Justice Team

East Bay Citizens for Peace sponsored talk

Fake News or Truth: Do 750 Military Bases Abroad Make the U.S. Safer?

A talk given by George Kassis that will focus on U.S. military presence abroad.

Monday, May 9 at 7 pm

at the East Providence Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence

Kassis spent 25 years with the UN on assignments in the Middle East and the UN Headquarters in NYC. Presently retired and living in Portsmouth, he has taught courses on Understanding the Middle East and the Arab Israeli Conflict for the Circle of Scholars Program at Salve Regina University, Newport.

Join in person (limited seating) or on Zoom. [Register](#) to get the zoom link needed, or email rmccauley@eplib.org

Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace and the East Providence Library.

Co-sponsored by Providence Advocacy Team, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Rhode Island Anti-War Committee; and No Endless War or Excessive Militarism.

Community Notices

30th Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

This will take place on **Saturday, May 14th** and is when letter carriers all across the US collect non-perishable food donations from homes and deliver them to a local food bank.

To participate please place a box or bag of non-perishable and UNEXPIRED food next to your mailbox before your mail carrier arrives on the morning of Sat, May 14th. The postal carriers will pick up and deliver the food to your local food pantry where it will be stored and delivered to families and children in need in the East Bay communities.

In Barrington, all donations go to TAPIN. Several years ago, this food drive collected 5,156 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community! This Food Drive helps [TAPIN](#) to stock its food pantry, which serves hundreds of East Bay residents.

In Warren, all donations go to St Mary of the Bay Food Pantry.



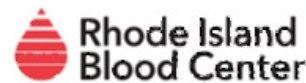
TAPIN needs volunteers for May 14th

TAPIN is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, May 14th** to unpack, sort and organize the food donations they receive (see above). To volunteer please call or email them **by Saturday, May 7th** at (401) 247-1444 or info@tapin.org



Blood Drive at Barrington Public Library

The Blood mobile will be at Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, on **Tuesday, May 17th** from 2 - 7 pm. Donations by appointment (walk-ins welcomed if availability permits at time of arrival). Visit www.ribc.org/drives to book. Sponsor code 2512. Eat, hydrate, bring identification with you. Masks optional. (Sponsored by Barrington Town Hall and Library)



Online Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to attend a six-week online bereavement support group offered by Visiting Nurse Home and Hospice. They will address a variety of topics designed to help, heal and support those who have lost a loved one. Group meetings will be conducted using Zoom on your computer, tablet, or phone. **Thursdays, May 19 - June 23** 4 - 5:30 pm. It is free and open to the public. If interested in joining the group please call or email Julie Maraziti, Bereavement Coordinator at (401) 682-2100 x 1634 or JMaraziti@VisitingNurseHH.org by May 17th.



Sunday morning reminders

Relaxed COVID protocols

Masking is optional in both the church and education buildings, although masking is still required to enter the church office. We no longer require you to sign in when coming to worship on Sundays. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary. [More about our current protocols](#)



Church School + Nursery Care

Church school has resumed and we're so happy to have the kiddos back in the Education Building participating in our children's programs. Masks are now optional. If a child is not feeling their best, please enjoy the children's message during the service from home.

Nursery Care is available every Sunday morning for children aged 3 and under. Our nursery is located in the Education building across the driveway from the church.



Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **10 a.m.** every Sunday. Masks are now optional in worship. We do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online.



For those unable to join us in person, the services are livestreamed so they can be

watched online - either live or later - in three different places:

- the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
- the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it won't be possible to watch the service on either Facebook or our website. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube at the link above.

In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *The Triduum*. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



From the church office

Do you need a Name Tag?

If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or call (401) 246-0111 and let us know what name you'd like on the nametag and your preference for a clip, pin or string holder. Nametags are stored on the rack in the vestry hallway, or you can keep it in your car or purse where you can easily find it on a Sunday morning.



Online donations to the church through our website

Our church website (www.bccucc.org) is capable of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the following instructions: There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page of the website. 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.](#)



Conference Happenings

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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Church Office Hours: Open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Closed on Federal and State holidays.

Building Security: The Education building will remain locked at all times, even when the office is open. Please ring the bell for entry and we'll be happy to let you in - or use the code on the keypad if you have it.

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