



April 30, 2020

Latest information from
Barrington Congregational
Church, UCC

Keeping you up-to date

If you missed any previous emails, they are being posted to our website [at this link](#) for easy access. Some of the things that are **NEW in this email**:

- Bulletin, Hymn Sheet, and Announcements for May 3rd live-stream worship service
- Music and Choir Celebration this Sunday
- Virtual Communion this Sunday
- Discussions via Zoom about Associate Minister search
- Names sought for Search Committee
- Profile of Loaves and Fishes RI volunteers
- Knitting Group meets virtually

Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice

All in-person worship, meetings and activities at church are suspended or postponed until further notice. However, some things are happening virtually.

Thurs, Apr 30

4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, May 1

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, May 2

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, May 3 Music and Choir Celebration Sunday + Communion

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service ONLY at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) (No in-person worship)

10:45 am Coffee Hour via Zoom (note the earlier start time)

11:15 am Discussion via Zoom about Associate Minister Search

Mon, May 4

7 pm Discussion via Zoom about Associate Minister Search

Tues, May 5

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
1:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom
7 pm Knitting for Others Group via Zoom

Thurs, May 7

4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, May 8

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, May 9

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, May 10

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service ONLY at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) (No in-person worship)
10:45 am Coffee Hour via Zoom

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Please note that looking ahead, cancellations and suspensions of meetings may not yet be noted in the on-line calendar as we don't know what the future holds.
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sunday, May 3rd

Music and Choir Celebration Sunday

This week, we have an exciting worship service planned full of special music to offer praise to God and brighten your Sunday morning. We have bells, solos, and a special communion anthem by our quarantine choir.



.....with Communion !



Speaking of Communion, we'll be celebrating virtual communion this Sunday. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. However, we invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the "proper" elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an open and loving heart. See you Sunday!

Worship begins at 10:00 AM and can be found both on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc and website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/

We hope you can join us live, but if not, you can watch a recording later at the same links.



Resources for this week's worship service are at the following links:

[Bulletin for Sunday 5/3/20](#)

[Hymn sheet for Sunday 5/3/20](#)

[Announcements for Sunday 5/3/20](#) (please note that these don't cover anything prior to Sunday)

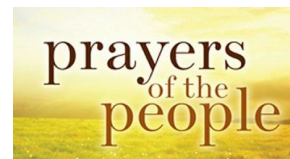
Zoom opportunities after worship this Sunday (see later for details)

10:45 am Coffee hour via Zoom after worship

11:15 am First of two opportunities for discussion via Zoom about an Associate Minister for Congregational Life.

Prayers of the People

Dale and Linda include Prayers of the People during each Sunday's worship service. They invite you to email or text them prayers (to dale@bccucc.org or linda@bccucc.org), or leave a message on the church's answering machine (246-0111) **any time prior to 9:00 AM on Sunday morning** so they can include them in the live stream. Please be sure if you are mentioning people, to confirm that they would be comfortable with being lifted up in public AND that you don't include full names. Perhaps just mention first names. We want to be respectful of peoples' privacy as we hold them in our prayers.



We're moving forward at BCCUCC

Dale's latest blog

If you read Dale's latest blog, "[We're still moving forward...](#)" you'll know that, despite the pandemic, the church is still very busy. In particular, there are two major initiatives happening that you should know about. Read the blog (at the link above) for details.



One of the initiatives is

.....the search for an 'Associate Minister of Congregational Life'

An email was sent to our active church members and friends earlier this week (and snail-mailed to those without email). It addressed the need for an 'Associate Minister of Congregational Life', and a job description for this new position.

The congregation is being asked to do three things:

1.Read

Please read [the email](#) and the [job description](#) and note any questions or thoughts you may have.

2.Share - join in a Zoom discussion

There will be two discussion gatherings via Zoom to answer any questions and hear any ideas from you regarding this newly defined position. They will take place on **Sunday, May 3rd at 11 am**, and on **Monday, May 4th at 7 pm**. The log in information is the same for both meetings:

For security reasons the zoom information was included in the email sent to you, but isn't included in this version that gets posted to our church website and Facebook.



3.Support - suggest names for the search committee

We will soon be establishing a formal search committee. Please submit any names of those you think would make good candidates to be on this search committee. Church Council will elect a committee that best reflects the breadth of our congregation. Names should be submitted to Kate Colby at kcolby@fullchannel.net by **Monday, May 4th**.



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

As we look to the future at Barrington Congregational Church UCC, our church needs your help to support our ongoing ministries. There are a couple of ways for you to get involved in the upcoming year.

CHURCH COUNCIL, which is our governing body, has **2** open positions starting in July.

- **Treasurer** – The Treasurer is responsible for the care of the funds and financial records of the church and reporting the church's financial activities and financial condition.
- **Auditor** – The Auditor is a member of the church who is a qualified accountant and does not hold any other elected office in the church. An annual audit of the financial records of the church is prepared by the Auditor.

In addition, we have three **MINISTRY TEAMS** that need your support also starting in July.

- We need **5** people to join the **Membership Ministry Team** which seeks to make individuals welcome in our church community. They welcome visitors, new members, and work with ministry teams to encourage member participation in ministry teams and church council.
- We need **3** people to join the **Stewardship Ministry Team** which encourages giving of one's self to God's work. They currently focus most of their work on planning and organizing for Consecration Sunday.
- We need **4** people to join the **Finance Ministry Team** which manages the financial affairs of the church including the annual budgeting.

If you are interested in working together in ministry with others at BCC UCC, please contact Elizabeth Azevedo (860-301-2915) or eazevedo17@gmail.com) or another member of the membership team - Liz White, Libardo DeLaTorre, or Wendy Forman.

Opportunities to get together (virtually)

After worship coffee hour on Sundays

We host a Zoom coffee hour after church each Sunday. Beginning shortly after the 'livestream' worship ends, **around 10:45 am**, all are invited to log onto zoom and chat with your fellow church members and friends. We

hope to see you there - but you'll have you bring your own coffee!

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Knitting for Others Group

No longer able to get together in person, this group of knitters is meeting virtually. Their next get-together is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5th** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited and new faces are very welcome – so do join in!

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For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com



BCCUCC Happy Hour on Thursdays

All are invited to stop by the BCCUCC virtual Happy Hour with Dale every Thursday anytime from 4:30 - 6 pm via Zoom. So grab your favorite beverage sit down with your computer, tablet or smartphone, and hang out with your church friends for a while. You're welcome to drop by (virtually) for as long or short a time as you'd like – we miss you and hope you'll join us!

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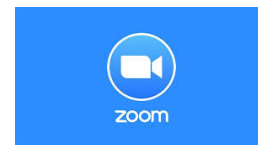


New to Zoom? Here's what you need to know

Zoom is pretty easy to set up and use. If you are using a tablet or smartphone (iPad or Android) there are apps to use. You should be able to find the app "Zoom" in your App Store.

If you are using your computer (ideally with a camera, like most laptops have) when you click on the link from your weekly church email, it will take you to a website and ask to install Zoom on your computer. Say "yes". It is a very small and pretty quick download and install.

Once installed, whenever you click on a zoom link it will automatically launch zoom and log you into the meeting. If it doesn't log you into the meeting automatically, you can manually type in the meeting ID into the Zoom app (on computer, smartphone, or tablet) and then the password, and it will take you to the meeting.



'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea'

'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' is now on **Saturdays at 9:30 am**. We invite both the young and young at heart to tune in to www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/> as Andrea reads a story or two, shares a Psalm and talks with the children in this livestream.

If you're not able to watch live, you can always watch a recording later on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.



Profile in 'Be the Change'

Church members who are making a difference

The second in this occasional series from our Deacons, spotlights church members **Liz White** and **Jay and Phyllis Buckley**, and all the work that they do with Loaves and Fishes RI. Read all about them and their ministry [at this link](#).



Changes due to COVID19

Easter plants

The Easter Flowers have been removed from the sanctuary and set aside to die back. At some point in the summer - or when we're able to reconnect - the bulbs will be made available to the congregation for pick up and planting in their own gardens.



Changes in some special Sundays

Jubilation Sunday has been moved to Sunday, May 31st.

Confirmation Sunday has been postponed until the fall.

From the church office

Annual reports needed

The clergy, church officers and ministry team leaders are reminded to submit their individual reports to the church office **by Monday, May 18th**. They should cover the period from June 2019 – May 2020 and, if possible, also include any goals for the upcoming year. Reports should be emailed to Christine at office@bccucc.org or mailed in. If you have any questions, please contact Christine. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, June 7th.



Reminders

Building Safety

Some of you have been hand delivering contributions to the office. While we appreciate your doing so, please do not enter the building, for your safety and for the safety of the limited staff that must work from the office. We encourage you to either mail your contributions to the church or leave them in the "church mailbox", located at the top of the steps leading to the office - on the wall on your left. The US mail and the church mailbox are checked daily by a staff member. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have

their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home as required, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone during this time of restrictions. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

Church Offering - please continue to give if you are able

Thank you to those of you who have already mailed in your contributions to the church. If you are financially able to do so at this time, we encourage you to mail in your regular contributions or use online banking if that is available to you. This will allow our cash flow to remain stable and for the church to be able to pay its bills and meet payroll. We appreciate your efforts! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at pat@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 102. Thank you.



Pat Stoddard, at

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Following recent recommendations, the church office will be closed for the foreseeable future. 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 will be 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

As Dale says in his most recent blog "*if you need support, strength, or help in these*

days, please don't wait for Linda, me, or someone else from the church to call you. Reach out to us. We're still here and we'll be there for you in the ways that we can!"

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