



April 7, 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 7

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library
6 - 7 pm Lenten Bible Study, via Zoom

Sat, Apr 9

8 am - 4 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Apr 10 Palm/Passion Sunday

Before Worship: Lenten Palm Sunday Walk into Church, Riverwalk
10 am Worship Service (in-person & online), Lenten Lollapalooza during Church School time

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

After Worship: Brief meeting in Library for those interested in joining the church

HOLY WEEK

Mon, Apr 11

8 - 8:30 am Holy Week Morning Meditation, Library
11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library
5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom
6 - 7 pm Youth Group (Grades 5-8), Rooms 8 & 9
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

Tues, Apr 12

8 - 8:30 am Holy Week Morning Meditation, Library
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Church Council meeting

Wed, Apr 13

8 - 8:30 am Holy Week Morning Meditation, Library
5 pm Loaves and Fishes Backpack Program prep, Fellowship Hall

Thurs, Apr 14 Maundy Thursday

8 - 8:30 am Holy Week Morning Meditation, Library
6 - 6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study, via Zoom (*note the shorter meeting time*)
6:30 - 9 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion, Sanctuary
After service ends: Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Fri, Apr 15 Good Friday

Office Closed

8 - 8:30 am Holy Week Morning Meditation, Library
6 - 7 pm Lent in the Labyrinth and Prayers at the Cross

Sat, Apr 16

9 - 11 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Apr 17 Easter Sunday

6 am Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point
10 am Easter Worship Service (in-person & online) in the Sanctuary
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)
After Worship: Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship Hall and outside

Mon, Apr 18

Office Closed

Tues, Apr 19

9:30 am Book Group meets, Water Street Cafe in Warren
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

Wed, Apr 20

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting

Thurs, Apr 21

1:30 pm Women of Faith reading group, Library
6 - 7 pm Lenten Bible Study via Zoom (final session)

Sat, Apr 23

9 am - Noon: Church Clean Up

Sun, Apr 24 'Green' Sunday

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person and online)
Guest Preacher: Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallen
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Mon, Apr 25

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library
11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6
6 - 7 pm Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8), Rooms 8 & 9

Tues, Apr 26

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Apr 27

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

Thurs, Apr 28

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, May 1 New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday

8:30 am FFAYM meeting

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

Palm Sunday at BCCUCC

Lenten Palm Sunday Walk on your way into church this Sunday

Our Holy Week observations begin with a **Lenten Palm Sunday Walk** on your way into church **this Sunday, April 10th**. Racquel and Dale are lining the Riverwalk behind the education building with reminders of our Lenten journey and a celebration of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. The walk will begin at the parking lot south of the education building and continue along the Barrington River leading to the church building.

We encourage all who are able to walk this distance to enjoy this special way of entering church on Palm Sunday!



Lenten Lollapalooza

This Sunday, April 10th (Palm Sunday) our Faith Formation Director and the FFaYM team will be hosting a Lenten Lollapalooza for the children during church school time in Fellowship Hall. There will be a special craft that the children will be sharing with the congregation on Easter Sunday as well as palm cross making and treats! All children are welcome!



Interesting in joining our church?

Then plan to stick around for a short time after church **this Sunday, April 10th** to meet with Dale in the **church library** to find a time for all those interested to get together for 'Conversations about our Church' – a 90 minute class he leads in preparation for joining. New Member Sunday is May 1st. Questions? Contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org or 246-0111 ext 103.

Sunday morning reminders

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.



Relaxed COVID protocols

Masking is now optional in both the church and education

buildings, although masking is still required to enter the church office. There is no longer a requirement 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](#)



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.

Holy Week continues....

Holy Week Morning Meditations

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be leading daily morning meditations **iMonday through Friday (April 11th - 15th)** at **8 am** in the **church library**. These brief meditations will include the reading of scripture, prayer, and moments of silence. They will finish up before 8:30 am. All are welcome to attend.



Maundy Thursday service

On Maundy Thursday, April 14th all are invited to join the clergy and deacons at **7 pm** in the Sanctuary for this service in which they celebrate communion, then read the story of the Passion with the extinguishing of candles in the traditional Service of Tenebrae. This is a particularly meaningful way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter. All are welcome.



Good Friday - Lent in the Labyrinth & Prayers at the Cross

There's one last opportunity to join Pastor Racquel at our outdoor labyrinth (located beyond the terrace of the Education Building) for a quiet, candle lit walk – any time **between 6 and 7 pm** as you are able on **Good Friday, April 15**. We will consider how to 'Sacrifice' in parallel with BCCUCC's weekly Lenten themes for 2022, and will also incorporate our Lenten Prayers at the Cross. All are welcome. *(Note: there is no "Lent in the Labyrinth" on Wed, Apr 13th).*



Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

All are invited to this outdoor Ecumenical Easter Sunrise service with Communion, held jointly with St. James Lutheran Church. The service will be at **6 am** on **Easter Sunday, April 17th** at Osamequin Point which is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Route 114).



Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary

All are invited to our **10 am** service on **Easter Sunday, April 17th**. The sanctuary will be decorated with spring flowers and the service will include preaching by the Rev. Dale Azevedo, a children's message, and music from the organ and choir. Come celebrate Christ's resurrection with us!

Following the service there will be a Coffee Hour and an Easter Egg Hunt (see below).



Easter Coffee Hour + Easter Egg Hunt

We're excited to be hosting our first **Coffee Hour** since the pandemic began and invite everyone to come to Fellowship Hall **following the 10 am service on Easter Sunday, April 17th**. *If you'd like to help with this, see article in next section.*



We're also excited to be resuming our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for children in the lower elementary grades. Children are asked to gather in Fellowship Hall after the service from where they will be sent out by age (youngest first) to hunt for eggs outside. Bring a basket! All are welcome



Also happening during Holy Week.....

Easter Sunday Coffee Hour - help needed

That's right, we are having a Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday! In response to Rev. Dale's asking for a show of hands for folks that would be willing to make this happen, several folks did respond. Since this is our first Coffee Hour in more than 2 years, we're going to start simply and see how it goes. Help is needed before worship to finish setting up, during the Coffee Hour and after for clean-up. We would also like to have some purchased or home-baked items to offer. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos after worship, so it will be a festive atmosphere. If you would like to help make this a success, please contact Pat Stoddard (pat@bccucc.org or 401-829-0654). Thank you.



Loaves and Fishes RI BACKPACK program - donations deadline is this Sunday, April 10

Our church is collecting specific food donations for our next monthly delivery of food bags to 25 students in need at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence. The foods requested from the congregation will supplement items donated from *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>). **Please use this [sign-up genius link](#)** - which shows what food items are needed - to sign up for what you will donate, and be sure to indicate the number of items you are signing up to donate. It's not too late to sign up!!! Food donations must be dropped off at the church **no later than this Sunday April 10th**. A collection box is in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary. *Please note that there's been a change for packing the bags this month - see below*) Future BACKPACK program collection deadlines are: May 22 and June 19.



Youth volunteers needed to pack food bags

This month we're inviting our youth to help pack the food bags for the Loaves and Fishes RI BACKPACK program (see above). Any youth interested (Grades 5 - 12) should meet in Fellowship Hall at **5 pm on Wednesday, April 13th**. Thank you. Questions? contact Jay Buckley at pbuckley6@cox.net or (401) 578-6533.



Youth Group is back - and 5th graders are invited to join

Youth Group is back, facilitated by Pastor Racquel Ray. With the latest covid numbers at safer levels in our local schools we've resumed meeting. We're now including Grades 5 - 8 in Youth Group just like their Church School class. We meet on Monday evenings from **6 - 7 pm** in Rooms 8 & 9, and will 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, April 11, 25, May 2, 9, 23, and June 6** (final meeting for 2021-2022).



Thank you to the FFaYM team and our adult volunteers! The Youth Group meetings are now fully chaperoned until the end of the program year.

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

New in this eBridge

Office Closings for Easter + Staff Vacations + eBridge delayed

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th and Monday, April 18th. Rev. Dale Azevedo will be away the week after Easter (April 18-24). Christine Wallis will be away from April 13 - 25. As a result the next eBridge won't be published until April 28th - a week later than usual.

Kids Clothes & Toy Swap

East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap will be holding another swap on **Saturday, April 16th** from 9 - 11 am in Fellowship Hall. 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](#)



Celebrating Earth Day at BCCUCC!

In recognition of **Earth Day on April 22nd**

- on Saturday April 23rd we're having Church Clean Up,
- on Sunday, April 24th we're having a special 'Green' Worship Service for All Ages.

More information about them is below. We hope you can join us that weekend.



Church Clean Up

On **Saturday morning, April 23rd** we will hold the first Church Clean Up since the pandemic started. Volunteers of all ages are asked to show up between **9 am and Noon** to help with a variety of tasks such as weeding the gardens. No experience necessary. Also

volunteering will be members of the Boy Scout troops who meet at our church. Work gloves are recommended and if you have any gardening tools (trowel, fork, rake etc) please bring them along. Thank you. Questions? Contact Paul Dennis at wrbtwks@aol.com or (401) 243-3493.



All Ages Worship - wear GREEN!

On **Sunday April 24th** we will be hosting guest preacher: Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallen who is the SNEUCC Minister for Environmental & Economic Justice. It is also an All Ages Worship Service. To welcome the Reverend and to celebrate Earth Day **EVERYONE** is encouraged to **wear GREEN**.



April 24th is 'Green' Sunday

The Green Team - an environmental justice initiative offshoot of our Mission & Justice Team - invites you to join us for worship on **Green Sunday, April 24th**. As we worship in this All Ages service, listen to the SNEUCC Minister for Environmental Justice, Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallen, and come to the close of the Environmental Justice Bible Study, please consider your role in the greening of the church. How can we reduce our carbon footprint? Be a visible green space within our community? Increase environmental awareness? Join us on Green Sunday and consider joining the Green Team at the sign-up table.



**BCCUCC
Green
Team**

For more information, contact either Racquel at Racquel@bccucc.org or Helen Schall at HelenSchall@hotmail.com. And don't forget to wear green! (see above)

More Volunteer Opportunities

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 to welcome 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!



Opportunities for Study and Reflection

Lenten Bible Study continues thru' April 21st

Journey through Lent to Earth Day exploring the complex issues around Environmental Justice in a Bible Study prepared by SNEUCC Minister for Environment & Economic Justice, Emma Brewer-Wallin, who will our guest preacher on Sun, April 24th.

All are welcome to join Pastor Racquel for any of the remaining sessions from 6 - 7 pm via Zoom on **Thursdays, Apr 7, 14, & 21**. Please note that on Apr 14th the session will be from 6 - 6:30 pm only. There are videos to watch ahead of time to better inform the study conversations. Contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org for the weekly lessons and links.



'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' - on hiatus for a couple of weeks.

There will be no online Peaceful Pause and Prayer meditations for a couple of weeks as Dale is offering a daily in-person meditation during Holy Week (see earlier), and will be on vacation the week after Easter.

Resuming Tuesday, April 26th, all are invited to join Dale for 'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' online meditations every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8 am.. 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 website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



From our Mission and Justice Team

Good Friday Service from SNEUCC

ENGAGING THE PASSION OF CHRIST AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

Good Friday, April 15th @ 3 pm
Livestreamed



Members of the Southern New England Conference staff have recorded a Good Friday worship service, entitled *The Passion of Christ and the Environmental Crisis* which will be live-streamed on Good Friday, April 15 at 3 pm. [More information](#) including the links to watch the service live on Facebook or YouTube, download a bulletin, or download the service for viewing at another time are at the link above.

Holy Joe's Cafe

The Mission and Justice Team wants to make the congregation aware of an important giving opportunity for military chaplains, who support active-duty military personnel. **Holy Joe's Café** is a UCC-supported organization, which provides coffee



to military chaplains to help them make connections with the troops. The simple act of providing coffee to them gives chaplains a way to reach out and initiate conversations, that might not otherwise have occurred.

Since it started in 2006, Holy Joe's Café has grown to serve billions of cups of coffee and helped open over 300 coffee houses, mainly in the Middle East but also in places like Africa, Europe, and NATO military hospitals.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine, Holy Joe's Café is seeing an urgent increase in the demand for coffee and support for U.S. military chaplains, due to the rapid deployment of troops to Europe.

Prior to the pandemic, donations for Holy Joe's Café were collected during Coffee Hour. Until Coffee Hour is reinstated, donations may be made on-line at <https://www.holyjoes.org/>, OR by sending a check payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Holy Joe's Café' in the memo line, OR through Tithe.ly on the [donation page](#) of our church website (choose 'Holy Joe's Cafe' from the drop down menu). Thank you.

Environmental Justice Internship

The Southern New England Conference, UCC is pleased to announce an Environmental Justice Internship for 2022-2023. The Environmental Justice Intern will help us create and lead school-year programming for youth or other church groups, hosted at two of our Outdoor Ministry sites, Silver Lake in Sharon, Connecticut and Irons Homestead, North Scituate, Rhode Island. [Click here for more information.](#)



Ongoing groups

Women of Faith Reading Group

The group will meet on **Thursday, April 7th & 28th** 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, April 11th & 25th** 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 **Tuesday, April 19th** at 9:30 am at the Water Street Cafe, 279 Water St, Warren, RI (weather permitting). They will discuss *Map of Salt and Stars* by Zahn Joukhader. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



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.



Reminders

FREE At-Home Rapid COVID Tests still available - no limits

The church still has some COVID test kits for distribution. The kits are available for pick up on the way out of church on Sunday or contact the church office (401) 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org to arrange a pick up during the week. Each box contains two tests. There is no limit on how many can be taken by a person or household. If you know of others who need them, please take and pass along.



Important note: Many COVID test kits have had their **expiration date extended by 3 months** as more research has been done on the chemicals used. The AccessBio test kits we received show an expiration date of APR 2022. Checking the lot number on their website shows that the expiration date has been extended to JULY 2022. Information couldn't be found for the iHealth test kits which are labelled to expire 2022-06-28.

UCC emergency appeal for Ukraine

Gifts made to UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine.

Uniting in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected, and with our global partners who are welcoming those driven from their homes.

Donate here or go to the UCC website www.ucc.org and click on the [link on the home page](#) to learn more. All donations will be deposited into the International Disasters fund designated for "Ukraine Relief." Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need.

One can also mail a check made payable to the **United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194**. Please be sure to note "Ukraine Relief Fund" on your check in the memo section.

In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *Water in the Wilderness*. 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.



In the event of bad weather

We will always do our best to notify you of any cancellations, especially if we need to cancel Sunday worship, so be sure to check your email, Facebook, and the TV and radio stations*. If all goes to plan, you should receive any cancellation notification by 8 a.m. Sunday morning - if not sooner. However, in the event that we lose power and/or internet connection we will be unable to post these notifications.



*It is possible to check the RI Broadcasters list of cancellations from their home page at www.ribroadcasters.com and scroll down to the red 'View Current Closures' button, or you can access them directly [at this link](#).

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.



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[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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