



April 8, 2021

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

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Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.

There will be no in-person worship services at church until further notice

Thurs, Apr 8

8 am A Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Sun, Apr 11

8:30 am CEYM meeting via Zoom
10 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Confirmation Class

Mon, Apr 12

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom

Tues, Apr 13

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Church Council meeting

Wed, Apr 14

7 pm 'BCCUCC & Climate Crisis' meeting on Zoom

Thurs, Apr 15

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
1:30 pm Women of Faith group meet via Zoom
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Sat, Apr 17

10 am Buildings and Grounds team meeting in the Carriage Sheds
10:15 am CEYM event for children and families (details tba), Terrace

Sun, Apr 18

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

Tues, Apr 20

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
9:30 am Book Group meet via Zoom
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
2 pm Worship Tech Team meet via Zoom
7 pm Deacons meet via Zoom

Wed, Apr 21

11 am Lay Visitation meeting via Zoom
Noon - *Deadline for next eBridge*
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting via Zoom

Thurs, Apr 22 Earth Day

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, livestreamed
3 pm Moving Forward Team meet via Zoom

Sun, Apr 25

10 am Live-streamed All Ages Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
1 - 2 pm Black Lives Matter Vigil - County Rd. outside Barrington Presbyterian Church

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

An important reminder

Survey Reminder

All of our congregation members who appear in our church directory should have received an email on 4/6/21 (with a reminder email to come on 4/10/21 if you didn't open the first one) with a brief updated survey to fill out from the Moving Forward Team. The team wants to know your thoughts about returning to in-person worship as we move closer toward e-opening.



If you haven't yet done so, ***please complete the online survey and submit by Tuesday, April 13th.*** It should take less than five minutes to complete! You will need to refer to either of the emails you receive for the link to the survey. The link is not included here as we don't want the results skewed by those who receive this newsletter but no longer attend church at BCCUCC.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their survey responses.

If you are in our church directory but didn't receive the survey, please email the church office at office@bccucc.org.

Sundays at BCCUCC

Sunday morning worship

Our **online only worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website at this link <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>. If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links.

We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each

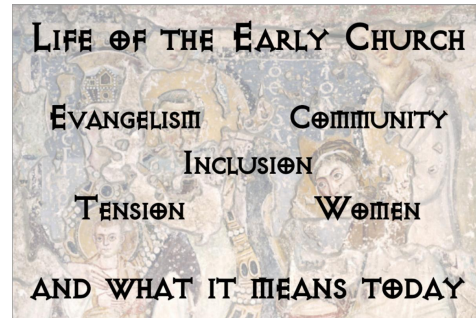


week. Please note that there will be no in-person worship until further notice.

New Sermon Series begins this Sunday, April 11th

Dale and Linda will be sharing a five-week sermon series on *"Life of the Early Church: and what it means for us today"*.

Each Sunday from **April 11th thru May 9th**, they will explore a different aspect of life for the early Christians and how it can inform our ministry today. They will explore such topics as Evangelism, Building Community, Inclusion, Growing Tensions, and the Role of Women. It's amazing how much has changed and how much stays the same!



Communion Sunday is April 11th

As the first Sunday of April was Easter Sunday, Communion Sunday has been moved to the second Sunday, and will take place during the worship service on **Sunday, April 11th**. Don't forget to have your communion elements ready so you can participate.



Altar Flower dedications

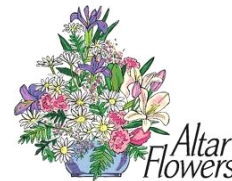
On Sunday, April 11th:

Both arrangements are given in loving memory of Herbert Wuth by his daughter Barbara Wuth.

On Sunday, April 18th:

One arrangement is given by John and Liz White in loving memory of John and Happy White, and Clark Stair.

The other arrangement is given by John and Liz White in appreciation for the dedication of the church staff and the ministry teams this past year.



Birthdays being celebrated

The week of April 11th: Tom Colby, Andrew Collins, Jan Roberts, Dan Drake, Aven Sheets, Jane Cipoletti, Stuart Wemple, Mikey Forzano, Mary Kutcher, and Francis Seader.

The week of April 18th: Vici Belmont, Bruce Bendheim, Jennifer Collins, Dale Azevedo, Katie Dubel, Lina Lemos, and Jonathan Stabach



If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office so we can add your date of birth to our data base. Thank you.

Prayer requests (note who to send them to for 4/11 & 4/18)

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can either leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111, or email Dale dale@bccucc.org or Linda linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.

Due to the ministers each taking time off after Easter, please send prayer requests for April 11th to Linda, and for April 18th to Dale.



Clergy and Staff vacations

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation from Monday, April 5th thru Sunday, April 11th.
Rev Linda Hartley will be on vacation from Monday, April 12th thru Sunday, April 18th.
Christine Wallis will be on vacation from Monday, April 5th thru Friday, April 16th.

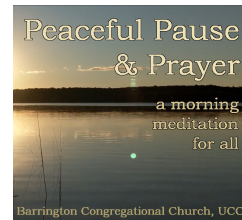
Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

April at BCCUCC

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is ongoing

Dale continues to lead these morning meditations at **8 am** on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings. 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 new website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



'BCCUCC and Climate Crisis' meeting - all welcome

The *Climate Church*, *Climate World* book study group have decided to have a joint meeting with the Mission and Justice Team on **Wednesday, April 14th** at **7 pm** on Zoom to discuss further actions to address the climate crisis. The meeting is open to anyone else who is interested in joining them. Contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com for the necessary zoom information to join.



Women of Faith Reading Group

The Women of Faith Reading Group meet again on **Thursday, April 15th** at **1:30 pm** on Zoom. They will finish their discussion of *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall, and start their discussion of *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride. New members are always welcome. To learn more about the group contact Jane Tonn jtonn2@cox.net - she can also send you the zoom information needed.



Attention Church School Families - SAVE THE DATE!!

On **Saturday, April 17th** at 10:15 am Andrea Bullard and the CEYM team will be hosting another fun-filled event for our church school families! We are still in the planning stages, but you can be sure that a great time will be had by all!! Keep an eye on your email for updates from Andrea as we get closer to the day.



Book Group

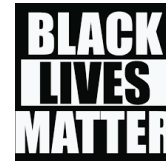
The Book Group will next meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 20th** at **9:30 am**. to discuss *Unfamiliar Fishes* by Sarah Vowell. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to



participate. For security reasons the zoom information is not included in this version but was included in the email sent to the congregation.

Black Lives Matter Vigil

The next monthly **Black Lives Matter Vigil** will be held on **Sunday, April 25th**, from **1 – 2 pm** in front of **Barrington Presbyterian Church**, 400 County Road. Masks and six-feet distancing are required. Supporters are asked to bring signs. All welcome. The vigils are held on the last Sunday of the month in different locations, and are sponsored by Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ; Barrington Interfaith Partners; Barrington Presbyterian Church; Sts. Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church; St. John's Episcopal Church; and Temple Habonim.



Our COVID Commemoration Tile Project

We continue to reach out to families to participate in our COVID Tile project. It is a slow process, and we are grateful for your patience as we work through the directory. One thing we do ask is that when you get your tiles you try to complete them within a week. This helps keep the packets moving through the congregation. Just as a reminder, all materials are sanitized in between families.

Any questions, please contact Joanne Ela (gsebse@me.com), Heather Williamson (williamsonheather300@gmail.com), Miriam Duvel (msduvel@cox.net), or Elizabeth Azevedo (eazevedo17@gmail.com)
See more tiles created by our congregation on the [virtual wall](#) at our website.



From Your Mission and Justice Team

Annual Conference of RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty

The Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty is excited and honored to announce that Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, co-chair of the *National Poor People's Campaign: A National call for a Moral Revival*, will be the keynote speaker this year at their RI Annual Interfaith Poverty Conference. All are welcome to join them **Tuesday, April 13th**, at **10 am** on Zoom, to be inspired, filled with knowledge and hope, and re-energized in the fight against poverty, injustice, and inequality.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/3f3Spic>



UCC Webinar "What's Fair?: The U.S. and Responsibility for the Climate Crisis"

Historically, the United States has released more global warming pollution than any other country, and it remains the world's second highest emitter. With its immense wealth and power, what are the moral obligations of the U.S. in confronting the climate crisis? In short, what's fair? Three leaders in the effort to address this question will present in this webinar: Sivan Kartha

from the Stockholm Environment Institute, Jean Su from the Center for Biological Diversity, and Susannah Tuttle from North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light. Even if you can't make the webinar's scheduled time on **Wednesday, April 14th**, at **1 pm ET**, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording of it. [Sign-up now for the webinar!](#)



A Free Webinar



April 14th at 1 pm ET

A Conversation with Ibram Kendi: Exploring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Town of Barrington will be welcoming New York Times best-selling author, Professor Ibram X. Kendi for an evening of conversation (virtually) on **Monday, April 26th** from 7 – 8 pm. The registration will be open to all and the space is limited. Please go to the link <https://tinyurl.com/ikendi> and register yourself on Eventbrite TODAY! (Just one registration per household please.)

BCCUCC is one of a number of organizations and individuals sponsoring this free, virtual event.



Looking ahead to May

Knitting for Others Group

The group meets virtually each month and will next meet on **Tuesday, May 4th** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited to attend and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com. *For security reasons the zoom information is not included in this version but was included in the email sent to the congregation.*



Meditative Coloring for Adults is taking a break and will return at a date tbd.

Miscellaneous

Beware of scam emails, supposedly sent from Dale

Once again some of our congregation have received fraudulent emails supposedly sent from Dale asking for assistance by purchasing gift cards, or sending money etc. Please know that these are scams and that Dale would never send such a request. If you're ever in any doubt, check the email address of the sender. Legitimate emails from Dale will always come from dale@bccucc.org. Emails saying they're from 'Dale' sent from any other address are scams and should be ignored.



Free piano and organ available

Pam McCabe, daughter-in-law of church member Jane McCabe who passed away earlier this year, contacted the church office to let us know that Jane had an upright piano and an organ. The family are looking to give each of them away to anyone who would like to give them a new home. If interested or for more information, please contact Pam McCabe at (315) 350-8388.

In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Linda and titled 'Easter Celebration & the Continuing Story'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Conference Happenings

Participants invited for Annual Meeting Virtual Choir, Speakouts

The Southern New England Conference's second online Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 8**, and people are being invited to act now in order to participate in two ways: by singing - virtually - in a Conference Mass Choir, and by recording and submitting Speakouts.

[Learn more](#)



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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Reminders

Online donations to the church are possible - watch video on how

One of the features of our new church website (www.bccucc.org) is the capability of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the instructions below.

There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. 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](#).



Keep yourself and others safe

The [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#) is a one page document that all are asked to read and observe when they attend any BCCUCC outdoor gathering. Thank you.



Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to

drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the building. Thank you.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. 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 are 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

Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.

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