



May 12, 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.

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](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Mon, May 16

9:30 am Book Group meets, Church library

5 pm Staff Parish Relations Team meeting

Tues, May 17

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, May 18

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 19

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, May 22 Jubilation Sunday - wear blue or yellow if possible!

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person and online)

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

Mon, May 23

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library

11 am Lay Visitation Group, Room 6

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

Tues, May 24

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

4 pm Volunteers pack bags for LFRI BACKPACK program, Fellowship Hall

Wed, May 25

Noon Deadline for eBridge

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 26

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, May 29 Memorial Weekend

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

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 15th

Music and Choir Celebration Sunday

This **Sunday, May 15th** at the 10 am service we will celebrate our church musicians (Marina, our choir, and instrumentalists) and have some additional music during the service. We hope you will be able to join us.



Upcoming Sundays

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 for the lunch: RSVP cards have been in the bulletin for a couple of weeks and will be again on Sunday, May 15th. 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!!



RSVP



Baccalaureate Sunday - honoring high school graduates!

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.

If you are a high school senior, 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!



Save the date for the Annual Meeting!

Our church's **Annual Meeting** will be held in person in the sanctuary on **Sunday, June 12th** immediately following the worship service. All church members are encouraged to attend so we have a quorum. The warrant with the agenda will be included in the next eBridge.



Some new and some reminders!

Thank you from REVEREND Racquel Ray!

"I would like to extend a hardy and heartfelt THANKS on behalf of the whole Ray clan to our beloved congregation. Our staff created a beautiful ordination service and reception. Our congregation made the church full of happy voices. Our church made welcome clergy from many denominations and states. And our community welcomed my friends, family, and colleagues from many churches and faiths. Racquel"

[Additional photos from the ordination](#)



Food donations needed for BACKPACK program in May

Once a month BCCUCC distributes 25 bags of food to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence for the Loaves and Fishes RI BACKPACK program. 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 add regular items each month such as peanut butter, bread, oatmeal, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, shelf stable pudding, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. To donated food items 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 is in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary. Our last BACKPACK program collection deadline is June 19th.



Volunteers needed to pack food bags

Anyone interested in helping pack the bags with the donated food for the Loaves and Fishes RI BACKPACK program (see above) are invited to meet



Annual Reports needed

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](#)



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.



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.

Opportunities to volunteer

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!



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. The group's next meeting is on **Monday, May 23rd** at 11 am in Room 6.



Volunteers needed to be Greeters

Would you like to be a Sunday greeter who welcomes visitors and old friends alike 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). 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!



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](#)

Ongoing groups and happenings

Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Monday, May 16th** (*note the change of day*) at 9:30 am in the church library. 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.



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.



Women of Faith Reading Group

The group has finished meeting for this program year and will resume in the fall. The group's 'end of year' lunch originally scheduled for Thursday, May 19th has been postponed to the fall. Questions? Contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net.



Bereavement Group

The group next meets on **Monday, May 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 betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031.



Youth Group welcomes all in Grades 5 - 8

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

The final two youth group meetings of this program year will be on **Mondays, May 23, and June 6**. (*No meeting on May 16*). Questions? Contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.



Knitting for Others Group

The Knitting Group will meet again on **Tuesday, June 7th** 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.

Zoom information isn't included here for security reasons but was in the email version



New from our Mission and Justice Team

From the BCCUCC Green Team....

The Green Team met for the first time on May 5th to discuss various projects to help the Church care for the protection of our environment. Following the lead of climate scientist, Katharine Hayhoe, author of *Saving Us: a Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, we want to give the congregation a chance to talk about climate change: what we are each doing about it, what changes we can make, what we feel our role and the church's role is in caring for God's Creation and environmental justice.



To start, we're offering one of Hayhoe's own suggestion for What You Can Do: **Try a plant-based meal this week!** Click [here](#) for a black bean, rice, and vegetable tacos recipe. This family-friendly meal is perfect for the summer and so good, you won't even miss the meat. Fun Facts:



- Skipping one serving of beef once a week for a year saves the equivalent in emissions to driving 348 miles in a car
- Each meatless meal saves 133 gallons of water

AND OF COURSE - TALK ABOUT IT!

(sign up for Katharine Hayhoe's weekly newsletter here: www.katharinehayhoe.com)

Take Action: From the UCC....

Defend Reproductive Healthcare Access: As justice-seeking people, we must remain committed to preserving and protecting access to the full range of reproductive health care for all – including safe, legal abortion.

This is an imperative rooted in our deeply-held faith beliefs in social justice, moral agency, and religious liberty for all.

Please contact your member of Congress to support the passage of the Women's Health Protection Act at the following link <https://p2a.co/URPla5l>



Take Action: From Climate Action Rhode Island....

Tell the Northern R.I. Chamber of Commerce: Stop Obstructing Climate Action!

The Northern R.I. Chamber has opposed every major climate bill at the State House. Do they think we're not paying attention? [Sign this petition](#) to let them know that we can't have a healthy business climate without a healthy climate!



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.

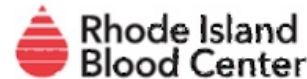
In Barrington, all donations go to TAPIN. Several years ago, this food drive collected 5,156 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community! This Food Drive helps [TAPIN](#) to stock its food pantry, which serves hundreds of East Bay residents.

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



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](#)



**FACE MASKS
OPTIONAL**

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 Dale and titled *Moments of Joy*. 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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