



May 26, 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 29

10 am 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 30 Memorial Day *Office Closed*

Deadline for Annual Reports

Tues, May 31

Deadline for Fodor Scholarship applications

Deadline for Graduate RSVP's for Baccalaureate Sunday

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, June 1

5:30 pm PRIDE flag raising at Barrington Town Hall

Thurs, June 2

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

6:30 pm Green Team meeting

Sat, June 4

9 am - Noon Boy Scout Troop 2 Car Wash, Parking Lot

Sun, June 5 Pentecost / Baccalaureate Sunday

8:30 am FFAYM (Faith Formation and Youth Ministries) meeting, Library

10 am Worship Service with Communion, Recognition of High School Seniors, and Awarding of Fodor Scholarship (in-person and online), Class on the Grass

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

4-5 pm 'No More!' Vigil, In front of Barrington Congregational Church

Mon, June 6

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library

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

Tues, June 7

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Others group meets via Zoom

Wed, June 8

Noon Deadline for eBridge

Thurs, June 9

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, June 12

Strengthen the Church offering

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Class on the Grass

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

After Worship: **BCCUCC Annual Meeting**, Sanctuary

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Attention Graduates

Baccalaureate Sunday - honoring high school graduates!

We will be recognizing our high school seniors at our 10 am worship service on **Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th** and we invite them to attend.

If you are a high school senior, there are three things you need to do:

1. RSVP to the church office **by Tuesday, May 31st** (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111);
2. Get a copy of the questions for the graduate introductions from the office (or [download them](#)) 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!



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.

Annual Report and Annual Meeting

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 to those who have already submitted their report. [Previous year's Annual Reports](#)



Once compiled, the 2022 BCCUCC Annual Report will be emailed to the congregation ahead of the Annual Meeting on June 12th.

Church 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.

**Warrant for the 2022 ANNUAL MEETING of
Barrington Congregational Church, UCC,
Barrington, Rhode Island**



The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10 am worship service on **Sunday, June 12th, 2022**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To make a By-Laws revision retitling the Christian Education and Youth Ministry team to the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry team.

ARTICLE III: To share a presentation on the long-term financial sustainability of our Church.

ARTICLE IV: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams, and delegates.

ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Greg Voigt, Clerk

New in this eBridge

Would you be willing to serve on a Church Ministry Team for the upcoming year?

We're completing the slate of Officers and Ministry Team members for next year. There are some openings on the following teams: Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, Stewardship, Endowment, and Buildings & Grounds. If you're interested, please

contact one of us and we can provide more detail. Or learn more about Ministry Teams on the website/Church

R e s o u r c e s . <https://bccucc.org/information-for-church-members>.

Membership Team Contacts: Joanne DAdamo, joannedadamo5@gmail.com, 401-575-8960, Wendy Forman, w36392@gmail.com, 857-919-3665, Libardo De La Torre, libardo007@gmail.com, 401-316-4951; or Greg Voigt gregory.voigt@ubs.com. Thank you!



Class on the Grass

Our regular church school programs have ended but on **Sundays June 5th, 12th & 19th** Class on the Grass will be offered during 'church school time'. This is an all-ages group that will meet on the playground (or inside if bad weather) with a craft and snacks.



The Summer of Elijah!

Racquel and Dale have deemed the summer of 2022 at BCCUCC the Summer of Elijah. We will be sharing in a **12 part sermon series** that will run the entire summer **beginning on June 12**. This sermon series will cover the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. And we will be exploring what meaning this prophet's story has for our lives today. Join us each week as we walk the road of an ancient prophet's faith journey!

(Don't forget, worship will remain at 10 AM through June 19 and switch over to 9:30 AM on June 26!)



Peaceful Pause and Prayer to take a break after June 9th

All are invited to join Dale online for 'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' meditations on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8 am **through Thursday, June 9th**. New meditations will not be offered over the summer but past meditations can still be viewed (see below). 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 remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



Additional players needed for our church's co-ed softball team

BCCUCC participates in the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League each summer and is in need of some additional players. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC are invited to contact Steve Peck at steve@peckmarketing.net or (401) 454-9725. Games are usually played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June beginning at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome.



Visit to Stages of Freedom Museum & Book Shop

Please join Racquel on a visit to Stages of Freedom's African American Museum and Book Shop on **Sunday, June 26th at 11 am**. Ray Rickman, co-founder and executive director, will welcome us to the museum as we expand the conversation we began in February. Following his visit, our church raised over \$3400 for their Swim Empowerment Program! Our outreach work continues as we learn more about Rhode Island's history and the current efforts on behalf of People of Color throughout the area. We are able to accommodate 20 guests at a time to the museum. To attend, please **RSVP by Wed, June 22nd** to racquel@bccucc.org – the first 20 people to sign up will be included. If more would like to go, we will schedule subsequent trips. We'll leave from church on the 26th, carpooling as necessary. Learn more about Stages of Freedom at <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/>



Celebrate LGBTQI PRIDE!

All are invited to join BaySidePride, Barrington High Gay-Straight Alliance, the Barrington Equity Collaborate, and the Town of Barrington Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee to celebrate the raising of the Pride Flag at **Barrington Town Hall on Wednesday, June 1st at 5:30 pm**. There will be a few brief speeches as well as a PARADE around downtown Barrington! Afterward, there will be light snacks for those who wish to stick around to socialize. This is a celebratory and festive event, so bring your most colorful outfits, signs, flags, and other PRIDE gear!! And don't forget to bring your friends and family! All are welcome.



National Gun Violence Awareness

In recognition and support, the front of our church will once again be **lit up in orange** from **Fri, June 3rd to Mon, June 6th**.

Supporters are encouraged to **wear orange** to remind everyone of the need for legislation on gun safety, background checks, and the banning of assault weapons. Learn more about the 8th National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 3rd), and Wear Orange Weekend (June 4th & 5th) at <https://everytownsupportfund.org/how-to-participate-in-wear-orange/> including ways you can show your support.



Join a Vigil to proclaim 'No More!'

On **Sunday, June 5th** from **4- 5 pm**, a local interfaith coalition will hold a vigil to proclaim: **NO MORE!** No more racist terrorism, no more white supremacy, no more gun violence, no more hate, no more denying truth. The evils of racism and violence have not abated since the protests over the murder of George Floyd. To stand for an hour in solidarity with victims of hate and terror, and to proclaim "No More!" is not enough; but it is something. The vigil will take place in front of the Barrington Congregational Church. All are welcome to participate.

NO MORE!

New from our Mission and Justice Team

Take action against gun violence

From a statement by the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, on the Uvalde, Texas Massacre:



"RICAGV supports legislation that will raise the age to purchase long guns and ammunition to 21 (HB 7457/SB 2637), ban the sale and possession of assault weapons (HB 6615/SB 2224), limit magazine capacity to ten rounds (HB 6614/SB 2653), make it unlawful to carry a loaded long gun in public (HB 7358/SB 2825) and ensure safe storage of firearms (HB 7300/SB 2734). The Senate and House Judiciary Committees have heard testimony on each of these bills and are currently holding them for further study, as they held similar bills in past years.

The time for further study has passed, and the time for action has arrived. We call on Senate President Ruggerio and Speaker Shekarchi to act with urgency and immediately allow these bills to be voted out of committee so that the General Assembly can pass them and the Governor can sign them into law."

You can take action here: <https://www.ricagv.org>

Holy Joe's Café collection to continue thru June

The Mission and Justice Team made the decision this year to collect for Holy Joe's Café in honor of Armed Forces Day. This special day pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. However, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, an urgent plea was sent out by Holy Joe's Café to meet the demand for coffee to support the U.S. military chaplains due to the rapid deployment of troops to Europe. With the recent celebration of Armed Forces Day on May 21st this year, we are continuing this campaign through the end of June. Please make donations via Tithely on-line [at our website](#) or by check - payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Holy Joe's Cafe' before 6/30/22. Thank you for all donations.



From Climate Action Rhode Island....

Climate Action Rhode Island is proud to welcome one of the world's foremost climate organizers, **Bill McKibben**, to their **June 1, 2022 Community Meeting**.

Very few people on Earth have Bill's ability to communicate the critical urgency of climate action, the despair we all feel at the slow progress towards sustainability and justice, and yet the hope for a livable future. Don't miss this event!

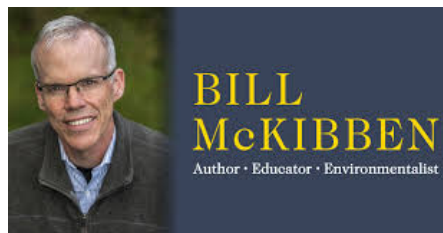


Bill will join the meeting remotely via Zoom. You have two choices for how to attend:

- 1) Log in from home via Zoom. [Register on this page](#). OR
- 2) Join in person for a watch party with a large-screen TV, snacks, and discussion.

Register at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/mckibben-watch-party/>

Bill McKibben is a contributing writer to The New Yorker, and a founder of Third Act, which organizes people over the age of 60 to work on climate and racial justice. He founded the first global grassroots climate campaign, 350.org, and serves as the Schumann Distinguished Professor in Residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. In 2014 he was awarded the Right Livelihood Prize, sometimes called the 'alternative Nobel,' in the Swedish Parliament. He's also won the Gandhi Peace Award, and honorary degrees from 19 colleges and universities. He has written over a dozen books about the environment.



Poor People's Campaign: Moral march on Washington and to the polls

On June 18, 2022, hundreds of thousands of poor and low-wealth people will join with moral allies both in-person in Washington, DC, and online, in a declaration that the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, denial of health care, militarism and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism are killing all of us – and we can't, we won't, we refuse to be silent anymore! [Learn more](#). To get involved, email rhodeisland@poorpeoplescampaign.org

For those planning to go, there's also a [Pre-Trip Gathering](#) for the Poor People's Campaign Moral March, organized by the SNEUCC.



Ongoing groups and happenings

Bereavement Group

The group's last meetings before the summer break will be on **Monday, June 6th & 20th** 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.



Last Youth Group before summer break

The final youth group meeting of this program year will be on **Monday, June 6th** from **6-7 pm** in Rooms 8 & 9 or outside if the weather permits. (*No meeting on May 30*). Youth Group is facilitated by Rev. Racquel Ray and welcomes any youth in Grades 5 - 8. Pizza dinner is provided along with prayer and activities such as labyrinth, campfire, play and fellowship.

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.

For security reasons, the zoom information is not included here but was in the email sent to the congregation.



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, June 21st** at **10:30 am** (*new time*) in the church library. They will discuss *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. [Book summary](#) For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



Community Notices

Download the pictures below to see fliers about some upcoming community events

Barrington Farmers Market and Barrington Street Fair

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- FARMERS -
- MARKET -**

**Second Thursday Night
of June, July and August**
St. John's Church - County Rd



4-7 pm 6/9 7/14 8/11

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - VENDORS & MORE

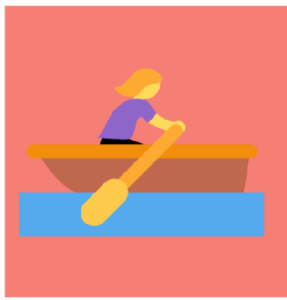
**BARRINGTON
STREET FAIR**

SUNDAY, JULY 17 3-6 pm
Join us on Wood Ave for
Arts and Crafts, Vendors, Food Trucks,
Live Music, Kids Activities, Face Painting,
Cornhole and Much More!



More information at:
www.barringtonbca.com

Learn to Row Day at Warren Town Beach



LEARN TO ROW DAY!



**SAT
JUNE 4
9 - 12**

WARREN TOWN BEACH

**FREE for all ages! All equipment
including life jackets provided.**



**FOR MORE INFO,
CONTACT ROCK SINGEWALD
ROCK9@MINDSPRING.COM**

Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

Greeters needed

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!



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](#)



Nursery Care

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.



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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 *Celebrate Our Blessings*. 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.



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

3rd Annual Meeting of SNEUCC ~ registration open

The 3rd Annual Meeting Third Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference (SNEUCC) will be held online on

Saturday, June 18, 2022

9 AM – 2:30 PM

8:30 AM - "Doors" Open
Hopin Platform

[More information and registration.](#)



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Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107 *Director of Faith Formation*

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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