



May 9, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Office open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm, unless otherwise noted

Fri, May 10

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies
6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage

Sun, May 12 UCC Sunday & New Member Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Reception of New Members, Church School
11:30 am Conversation with our Conference Minister, Library
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Make Up Class, Room 9
5 - 7 pm Youth Group meeting, Room 9

Mon, May 13

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
11 am Lay Visitation Meeting, Library
7 pm Buildings and grounds meeting, Room 6
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, May 14

7 - 8:30 pm Church Council Visioning Meeting, Library

Wed, May 15

2 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living
No choir rehearsal

Thurs, May 16

1 - 2:30 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, May 17

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, May 18

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall
2:45 pm BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

Sun, May 19 Jubilation Sunday

10 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Noon - 2 pm Youth Community Clean Up

Mon, May 20

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
12:30 - 1:30 pm Bereavement Group, Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, May 21

11:30 am Book Group, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Wed, May 22

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 23

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
3 - 7 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

Fri, May 24

Deadline for Annual Reports
Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, May 26 Mental Health Awareness Sunday

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

Mon, May 27 Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tues, May 28

1 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library

Wed, May 29

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 30

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, May 31

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Jun 1

9 - 11 am Barrington Lion's Club Bicycle Collection, Church Parking Lot

Sun, June 2 Confirmation Sunday

Deadline for KLF Scholarship Applications
Deadline for Graduation Information
8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion and Confirmation, Class on the Grass

Regular office hours resume (unless otherwise noted)
Office open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Mon, June 3

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library
11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Wed, June 5

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*
4 - 5 pm Autism & Asperger's Support Group (Ages 18 - 30), Room 6
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, June 6

Noon: Ladies Lunch, Fellowship Hall

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, June 7

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, June 9 Bacculaureate Sunday

10 am Worship Service with Recognition of High School Graduates, Class on the Grass

After Worship: Church Annual Meeting, Sanctuary

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

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Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge. Some platforms - including gmail - only show part of it with a link to the remainder.

Editor's note: This edition of the eBridge covers events happening over a longer period than usual as the next eBridge isn't scheduled to come out until June 6th as I'm taking a vacation. Thank you for your patience in reading this particularly long, but I hope informative, edition of the newsletter.



This weekend at BCCUCC

27th Annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"

This Saturday, May 11th, please place non-perishable, unexpired food in a bag by your mail box. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver it to [TapIn](#) to stock their food pantry which serves hundreds of East Bay residents. Last year, this food drive collected 5,156 pounds of food through the generous help of the Barrington community.



New Member Sunday and UCC Sunday

This Sunday, May 12th is both UCC Sunday and also New Member Sunday when two people will become members as they officially join our church during the worship service. We look forward to welcoming them, and also guest preacher, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Transitional Conference Minister of RICUCC (see below). We hope that you can join us as we celebrate and welcome our newest members.



RI Conference Minister, Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, is coming to BCCUCC!

Rev. Marilyn Kendrix is coming to worship at BCCUCC **this Sunday, May 12th**. She was hired last summer to be the transitional conference minister and help shepherd the RI Conference, UCC, into our merger with the MA and CT Conferences. Marilyn will be our guest preacher in worship and has also offered to stay after coffee hour to talk with us about what is happening in the conference. She is especially interested in sharing with us the latest information on



the merger. If you have any questions, or are just wondering how this merger could benefit us, you are invited to join her and Dale for this conversation at 11:30 am in the Library.

UCC Sunday Special Offering

May 12th is UCC Sunday. As well as welcoming new members we are celebrating our role in the United Church of Christ (UCC). As a member of the Rhode Island Conference of the UCC, we provide a \$20 per person contribution to the Conference to support its ministries and outreach. This contribution is in addition to our usual funding called Our Church's Wider Mission. We invite anyone who would like to support the conference's work to contribute their \$20 per capita dues (or a portion thereof) to participate in this special offering. Let's support local RI mission! Special collection envelopes will be included in Sunday's bulletin. Donations may also be mailed to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Membership'. Thank you.



Coffee Hour in May - cups/mugs needed!

Our Mission and Justice Team is hosting coffee hour for the month of May. To honor God's creation and reduce the amount of trash produced, they are serving hot beverages in REAL cups at coffee hour. Last Sunday they didn't have enough suitable cups (some that they used were hard to hold and not big enough) so they're inviting you to bring in any extra mugs you might like to donate to the church kitchen and leave them off at the coffee hour table. Thank you.

Letter Writing Campaign

Another way that the Mission and Justice Team is honoring creation this month is to organize a letter writing campaign. **This Sunday, May 12th** during coffee hour, congregation members are invited to write letters to our Congressional Delegation concerning climate change. Pre-printed letters have been prepared for you to sign and add additional comments should you wish. [Learn more.](#)

Last chance to bring in supplies for Jubilation Sunday!

We have been collecting sea shells, fake flowers, rocks, feathers, sticks/drift wood, and sea glass to make a mandala at Jubilation Sunday's worship service on May 19 (see later). This **Sunday, May 12th** is the deadline for bringing in these items and putting them in the collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who donated items. We



look forward to creating the mandala! Questions? Contact Andrea at andrea@bccucc.org or Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org

Youth Group

The youth group meets this **Sunday evening, May 12th** from 5 - 7 pm in Room 9. All youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome.



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

Please consider joining a ministry team this year

Our ministry teams have openings for the upcoming year and we ask that you consider joining one that interests you. Most teams meet only once a month, or even less!

[At this link](#) is a document with a list of the ministry teams, a brief summary of what they do, and all of the openings beginning July 2019. Please take a look, and contact any Membership Team member (listed on the document), or email Elizabeth Azevedo at eazevedo17@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer. The document together with response cards will also be included in the Sunday bulletins thru this Sunday, May 12th. The Membership Team looks forward to hearing from you.



Coming soon

Want to play co-ed softball this summer?

Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. 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.



Tickets available for Loaves and Fishes RI Fundraiser

LFRI will be holding an Auction Fundraiser on **Thurs, May 16th** from 6 – 9 pm at the RI Country Club, 150 Nayatt Rd, Barrington. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet and cash bar, silent auction, and raffles. Tickets are \$40 each from church member Phyllis Buckley at coffee hour, or contact her at pbuckley6@cox.net or 742-7320. The LFRI truck makes about 20 runs a month and serves food, clothing, and basic necessities to the homeless and those in need of nourishment and basic necessities, at multiple sites throughout RI. Learn more at www.lfri.org.



'A Taste of Haiti' Fundraiser

A festive 'Taste of Haiti' will be held on **Saturday, May 18th** at the North Farm Yacht Club in Bristol from 5 to 8 pm. The evening will feature Haitian food, wine and beer, slide show, vocalist Beck Bass with her steel pan, a 50/50 drawing, and hopefully a beautiful sunset over the bay. Tickets are \$60 each or 2 for \$100. Space is limited so only 75 tickets will be sold. If you cannot attend, donations are welcome and drawing tickets are now being sold (\$1 for one, \$5 for 6). The proceeds will go to the One Egg Haiti program that brings nourishing eggs to hundreds of children in schools and orphanages in Haiti. The event is sponsored by the RI Haiti Task Force. To make a reservation, donation, or for information, contact Trish Sylvester at trishsylvester@gmail.com or 401-447-6489.



Jubilation Sunday

Please join us on **Sunday, May 19th** for Jubilation Sunday! This is the time of year when we celebrate our children and our church school programs. The theme is "One Body", and we will gather for worship in Fellowship Hall at 10 am to share what it means to be the body of Christ. Please help us explore this concept through prayer and meditation as we create our very own mandala ("...a graphic symbol of the universe"). This will be a fun and



reflective service with a special treat at coffee hour!

Youth Community Clean Up

All 6th to 12th graders who wish to participate in the Youth Community Clean-Up are asked to meet in front of Starbucks in Barrington at Noon on **Sunday, May 19th**. This event will be chaperoned. Questions? Contact Rev. Brendan Curran at brendan@bccucc.org



Blood Drive at our church

On **Thursday, May 23rd** from 3 - 7 pm we will host a Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to donate. Visit www.ribc.org/drives to make an appointment using sponsor code 1562. However, no appointment is necessary and drop-ins are welcome. Don't forget to bring your drivers license or other form of ID when you donate. [Learn more](#) about donating and eligibility.



Annual reports needed - deadline is Fri, May 24th

It's time for the church officers, ministry team chairs etc. to write their annual reports covering the period June 2018 – May 2019. Reports should be sent to office@bccucc.org or dropped off in the church office *by Friday, May 24th*. The individual reports will be compiled into BCCUCC's 2019 Annual Report in time for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9th following the 10 am worship service. Thank you.



Happening in June

Mark your calendars for....

Confirmation Sunday on June 2nd. Eight of our youth will be confirmed and become members of our church. Please join us for the service and coffee hour afterwards to greet the newly confirmed and their families.

Baccalaureate Sunday on June 9th when we will honor our high school graduates during the worship service. **Graduates at all levels - please see below for some important information for you!**

Our **Summer Worship Schedule** begins on Sunday, June 30th when we'll move to the 9:30 am worship time, through Sunday, September 1st.

Class on the Grass

Jubilation Sunday will mark the the end of regular church school classes, However, classes will continue with the multi-age 'Class on the Grass' held during church school time on **Sundays, June 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd**. All children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate. The children will hear a Bible story, do an activity or art project, and have a snack out on the playground (weather permitting).



Ladies Lunch

A Ladies Lunch will be held on **Thursday, June 6th** at Noon in

Fellowship Hall to which ALL ladies of the church are invited, regardless of age! RSVP to the office (office@bccucc.org) by Friday, May 31st or sign up at coffee hour on Sunday. Don't miss this annual event that always includes strawberry shortcake! Hosted by the Women's Faith Group and the Membership team.



Church Annual Meeting is June 9th

Our church's Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, June 9th** in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 am worship service. In addition to the regular business of the meeting, the Renewal Team will give a report to the congregation. All church members are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided. The warrant with the agenda is below.



Warrant for the ANNUAL Meeting of Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 9th, 2019**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

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

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

ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

National Gun Violence Awareness

In recognition and support, the front of the church will once again be lit up in orange both on **Sunday, June 2** and again for the weekend of **June 7 - 9**. 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 and bumpstocks. [More info](#)



Information about all of the groups that meet regularly at BCCUCC can be found later in this eBridge under "Regular Happenings"

Attention Graduates!

Baccalaureate Sunday

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 9th** and we invite our high school seniors to attend. There are three things you need to do: 1) RSVP to the church office by Sunday, June 2nd (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!



Graduation Information needed 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 2nd*. 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.

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 Sunday, June 2nd* and the scholarships are awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 9th. Applications forms are available [at this link](#), or from outside the church office, or at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

Regular happenings (listed alphabetically)

Autism Support Group for Young Adults

A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism meets at our church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 5th**, from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.



Bereavement Group

The group will meet in the library on **Monday, May 20th** at the later time of 12:30 - 1:30 pm (for this time only), then on **June 3rd and 17th** at 11 am. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, May 21st** at 11:30 am at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren, to discuss *The Ruin* by Dervla McTiernan. "After Maude's mother overdoses and her brother's body is found in a nearby river, Detective Cormac Reilly is pressured to arrest her for the deaths, but evidence emerges that points to an unexpected series of events that changes everything." For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Community Office Hours

They happen **Thursdays** from 3 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren (unless otherwise noted). Community Office Hours are for anyone in the church or community who would like to stop by and visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.



East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, the next one is **Sat**,

May 18th from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in your clean clothes, shoes and gently used toys, and get new (to you) clothes, shoes and toys! Size newborn to 12 years old. (No carseats please). Give what you can, take what you need! \$3 - \$5 donation at the door but no-one turned away.

Open to the community. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> Interested in volunteering? Contact Rlkidswap@gmail.com

East Bay Kids Clothes
& Toy Swap

NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is **Thursday, June 6th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Women's Faith Group

The group will meet on **Thursday, May 16th**, from **1 - 2:30 pm** in the library. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They are reading *The Dark Flood Rises* by Margaret Drabble. Copies are available for purchase (\$13) from the church office. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net,



From the River's Edge



So what is this "Coaching" thing Dale is doing?

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - May 1, 2019 "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) As many of you know, I was away for a week last month, selected to participate in a...

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If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Community Notices

Jazz and Wine Fundraiser to support Temple Habonim

Saturday, May 11th at 7 pm at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington RI. Music provided by the Bay Spring Gypsy Caravan Band, performing in the Parisian swing jazz style. Appetizers, Desserts,



Providence Singers Concert "The Heart of the Singer"

The Providence Singers' next concerts are on **Saturday, May 18th** at 7:30 pm in Cranston, and **Sunday, May 19th** at 3 pm in Bristol. The concert will include the RI premiere of *The Wound in the Water* by Kim Andre Arnesen - a beautiful piece of music that the chorus has fallen in love with! More information about the concert, venues and ticket information is [available at this link](#) or from the [Providence Singers website](#).

PROVIDENCE SINGERS
2018-2019 SEASON
Christine Noel, Artistic Director

Tickets now on sale! Don't miss
The Heart of the Singer

Featuring the Rhode Island premiere of
The Wound in the Water by Kim André Arnesen
a new masterwork for chorus, string orchestra and piano, with soprano soloist Chelsea Basler
and Mozart's *Inter Natus Mulierum* for chorus and string orchestra

Saturday May 18th, 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Cranston

Sunday May 19th, 3:00pm
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol

ProvidenceSingers.org 401.751.5700 EventBrite.com

Cardboard Challenge at St. John's

Cardboard Challenge invites kids around the world to design and build awesome creations using cardboard, recycled materials, and imagination. The youth at St. John's Episcopal Church are participating again and on **Sunday, May 19th** invite the community to come see their work. There will be Games they've made, Prizes, Baked Goods...and a whole lot of fun! 11 am til about 1 pm. \$7 adults, \$5 kids 12 & up; Kids under 12 play free! \$20 family value pack. [More information](#)



Community Sing

The Providence Singers is having a **Community Sing** of Haydn's *Creation* on **Tuesday, May 28** at 7 pm. All voice types and ages welcome. [More information](#)

Auditions for the Providence Singers will be held by appointment on **Tuesday, June 11th**. All voice parts are invited, particularly tenors and basses! For more information visit their website www.providencesingers.org

Pedals for Patriots

Do you have an old bicycle or even a newer bicycle that you are not using? The Lions Club of Barrington will be in our Church parking lot **Saturday, June 1st** from 9 - 11 am collecting bicycles for Operation Stand Down Rhode Island's 'Pedal for Patriots' program by collecting used bicycles that will be given to veterans to assist them with their basic transportation needs.



Reminders.....

Please update your email contacts/address book

We now only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org. Thank you for making these changes to your email contacts/address books.

Help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' our posts

Hopefully you've already 'Liked' our church's Facebook page and see our posts in your newsfeed – if not, you can find us at www.facebook.com/bccucc. The way Facebook works, for our page to keep showing up in your newsfeed and for it also to be seen by the wider community, you also need to 'Like' individual posts from the church that you see. So please help us keep getting our message out about who we are and what's happening at BCCUCC by hitting that 'Like' button for the posts that you see and like. Thank you.



Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



Raise money for the church when you shop at Amazon

You can raise money for the church every time you shop at Amazon by going through AmazonSmile. [Learn more at this link](#) and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Every eligible purchase raises 0.5% of the purchase price for our church, and we receive a quarterly deposit from Amazon! Thanks to everyone who already does this.



From the church office

Reduced office hours May 20 - 31

Christine will be out of the office from Monday, May 20th thru Friday, May 31st. During that time the office will be opened from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only each day, and be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. regular office hours will resume on Monday, June 3rd.

Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office or any errors or changes. Thank you.

Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

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