



May 9, 2024

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

Calendar

*Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Closed on Federal and State Holidays & where otherwise noted*

Sun, May 12 Mother's Day

10 am Worship Service, Church School
After worship: 2nd Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Mon, May 13

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library
5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) meeting, Library and via Zoom
6 - 7 pm Youth Group meets, Fellowship Hall and outside
7 pm Bible Study with Dale, Library

Tues, May 14

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, May 15

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 16

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe
1:30 - 3 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library
4 - 8 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

Sun, May 19 Jubilation Sunday

Pentecost

10 am All Ages Worship Service, Nursery Care only
After Worship: Sunday Sundaes and Lawn Games, Fellowship Hall & Outside

Mon, May 20

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library
6 - 7 pm Youth Group meets, Fellowship Hall and outside
7 pm Bible Study with Dale, Library

Tues, May 21

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
10:30 am Book Group meets, Library
1:30 - 3 pm Governing Board meets, Library
7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, May 22

Noon *Deadline for eBridge*
4 pm Pack bags for LFRI Backpack program, Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, May 23

Sun, May 26

Strengthen the Church offering

10 am Worship Service, Nursery Care only

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

If you can't be with us in person, we invite you to worship with us online

Our **Sunday morning services** are **livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person. They can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or watched later.

Only once the service is over, can a recording of the service be found on [our website](#). The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).



A 2nd Special Congregational Meeting - this Sunday, May 12 after worship

Why are we having another Special Congregational Meeting?

At the Congregational Meeting held after worship on Sunday, April 28, the church membership **voted to approve** the recommendation to sell the parsonage at 4 Nathaniel Road, Barrington. However, our by-laws require **two consecutive votes** by the congregation before moving forward with any "significant financial transaction".

A **second congregational meeting** has therefore been called for the church membership to vote a second time on the recommendation. It will take place in the sanctuary immediately after worship **this Sunday, May 12**. A quorum will again be needed so all church members are asked to make every effort to attend. **Childcare** will again be provided.

An email was sent out yesterday from BCCUCC's Governing Board with [more detailed information for the congregation](#) including the **motion** that was approved at the April 28 meeting and that will be voted on again at the May 12 meeting. There's also information on the factors that led to the Board's recommendation to sell the parsonage. If you haven't already, we encourage you to read it prior to Sunday's meeting.



Warrant

Warrant for a SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL Meeting Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, May 12, 2024

A Special Congregational 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, May 12, 2024**.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To review and vote for a second time on the recommendation to sell the parsonage at 4 Nathaniel Road, Barrington.
- ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
- ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.



New in this eBridge

Jubilation Sunday

Join us for Jubilation Sunday on **May 19**. Come celebrate the end of the Church School program year and enjoy friendship unfolding as our kids tell the story of "Farfallina and Marcel" in our own unique way. Our youngest members will be incorporated into the 10 a.m. worship service and all are invited to attend.

The worship service will be followed by **Sundae Sunday** in Fellowship Hall and the Church School Team will offer several old-fashioned **outdoor lawn games** on the terrace, playground, and lawn. Please come celebrate our growth and friendships!

Families are invited to come to church early so kids can prepare. Contact our Director of Faith Formation, Andrea Bullard for information at (401) 246-0111 x 107 or andrea@bccucc.org.



Death of a former church member

It is with sadness that we report the death of former church member **Nancy Martin**, who passed away peacefully aged 91 on April 26th in Holland, MI after a long illness.

Nancy was a member of BCCUCC from 1974 when she joined until her move to Michigan in 2019 to live closer to her daughter and son-in-law. During her later years here she led the Women's Faith Group as well as the Lay Visitation Team and was always very active at church. Please keep Nancy's family in your prayers.

[Read Nancy's obituary](#)



BCCUCC's Annual Report and Meeting

With the move to our new organizational structure, the church's Annual Report this year will be done differently than in the past. Rev. Dale Azevedo has contacted the various Ministry Coordinators requesting that their reports - which will include the reports from the teams in their ministry area - be submitted to the church office (office@bccucc.org) **by Sunday, May 26**. Christine will then compile everything into the final 2024 Annual Report that will be made available to the congregation prior to the church's **Annual Meeting** scheduled to take place after church on **Sunday, June 9**.



Worship service to remain at 10 o'clock year round

In the late fall, the decision was made by the deacons and clergy to keep the Sunday worship time at **10 a.m. all year**. Now that summer is almost here, we wanted to make sure everyone knew of this change. In addition, for the first time in its history **the sanctuary will have air conditioning** available during the summer, making the space much more comfortable for worship on hot days!



Delegates to SNEUCC Annual Meeting needed

Our church can send 3 delegates to the SNEUCC Annual Meeting on June 21-22 (see below). If you are interested in being a voting delegate for SNEUCC, please contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org.

Please note that the meeting can be attended **either in person or via Zoom**, and all voting takes

place electronically. The annual meeting is on Saturday, June 22 but there are also several [pre-events](#) happening on Friday, June 21. More information below.

Southern New England Conference, UCC 5th Annual Meeting

The 5th Annual Meeting of the SNEUCC will focus on growing the church. The keynote speaker for the event will be the Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear, the Chief Relationship Officer at the Cornerstone Fund of the UCC, who plans to talk about "God Math," and to share inspiring stories of churches that have grown their ministries - and more greatly impacted their communities - by working smarter, not harder. [Read more](#) **Registration is open!** The meeting can be attended either in person or via Zoom. Learn more and register at this link: www.sneucc.org/2024AM Visitors are welcome in addition to clergy and delegates.



Attention Graduates

Baccalaureate Sunday - honoring our high school graduates!

Are you, or is someone in your family, a graduating high school senior? We will be hosting our annual **Baccalaureate Service** on **Sunday, June 9** and look forward to honoring all our high school graduates! To accomplish that, there are three things you need to do:

1. RSVP **by May 21** to the church office at office@bccucc.org,
2. [Download a copy of the questions](#) for the graduate introductions (copies also available from the rack outside the church office)
3. Return the completed questions to Dale at dale@bccucc.org **no later than June 4**.

If you have any questions, please talk with Dale. And Congratulations!



Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship - application forms available

Two scholarships will be awarded this year to graduating high school seniors going on to further education, or students already in college. Those who have been confirmed and are members of this church are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is Sunday, June 2** and the scholarship will be awarded on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 9 (see above). [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 or a copy can be picked up from outside the church office.

We thank the family and friends of Kate Fodor for their support of this scholarship fund created in her memory.



Graduate 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, May 26** for inclusion in the eBridge on 6-6-24.

**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. Thank you.

Worth repeating

Coffee Hour Sign Ups

There's a fresh sign-up sheet in the kitchen for Coffee Hour volunteers. Please sign up for a Sunday between now and September. With four weeks left until Jubilation Sunday, it's already time to plan ahead to summer. To be on the Coffee Hour team, email racquel@bccucc.org or call her at (401) 246-0111 x104.



Youth Group Campfires

It's getting warmer and lighter during Youth Group. We could use some volunteers to provide **ingredients for s'mores** – including sticks, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. Contact Rev. Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org if you can help. Thanks.



Ongoing groups and activities (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

This support group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time and new members are always welcome. The group meets once a month from **10 - 11 am** in the church library and next meets on **Monday, May 13**. For more information contact one of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at aubreyfolk@aol.com or (401) 392-1909, or Rev. Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org (401) 246 0111 x 104.



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *All Sinners Bleed* by S.A. Cosby. [Book review](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Choir rehearsals

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm** in the Vestry. To learn more, speak with our music director Matthew Marion after church or at (401) 954-7107 or mmarion1811@gmail.com. Or speak with any choir member - they'd love to have you join them. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Coffee chats with Racquel - and others!

On **Thursday mornings** Rev. Racquel and others meet at [Thrive Tribe Café](#), 60 Maple Ave, Barrington from **8:30 - 9:30 am** for coffee and conversation. All are welcome to join them any time they can make it. Note: they still meet even when Racquel is away.



Knitting for Others Group - in person and via Zoom

The Knitting for Others Group meets both in person and via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month, and next meets on **Tuesday, June 4** from **6:30 - 9 pm**. Feel free to stop into the library or join the call at any time and stay as long as you 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 info was in the email sent to the congregation but isn't included here for security reasons.



Loaves and Fishes Backpack Program

BCCUCC continues the collection of food bags to be given to the families of 25 students at DelSesto Middle School in Providence who are experiencing food insecurity. We continue to partner with *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>) to provide food to those in need & also with *Books are Wings* who donate free books for the students. (<https://www.booksarewings.org>).

BCCUCC supplements the food donations to fill the bags. We collect the following items in the box in the narthex as you go up the stairs to church: **peanut butter, bread, jelly, oatmeal, canned tuna, rice and beans, pasta and sauce, fruit cups, granola bars and shelf stable pudding**. Thank you to those who supported April's collection.

You can use the [May SignUpGenius](#) to sign up to donate specific items - and please remember to indicate how many of the items you can donate. If you need help signing up please call the church office (401) 246-0111.



The **deadline** for May food donations is **Sunday, May 19**. The **packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, May 22** at **4 pm** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley pbuckley6@cox.net or 578-6533 if you can help, or with any questions.

Women of Faith Reading Group

The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They meet for discussions on books, faith and life on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from **1:30 - 3 pm** in the church library.

They next meeting on **Thursday, May 16** to continue their discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Copies of the book are available to borrow (courtesy of Barrington Public Library's 'Book Club in a Bag' program) and can be picked up from the church office. Please be sure to sign for the #copy that you borrow. On **Thursday, June 6** the group will meet at **Noon** in the library for their end of program year lunch. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net



Youth Group

The Youth Group is led by Rev. Racquel and welcomes all in Grades 5 - 8. They gather most weeks throughout the year (whenever school is in session) on Mondays from 6 - 7 pm for fun and fellowship, a simple dinner (usually pizza) and a closing prayer service. Now that the weather is warmer and it's light in the evenings they often have a campfire and meet outside.

The remaining Youth Group meetings for this year are on **Mondays, May 13, 20 & June 3 & 10**. *All youth participating in any programs at church must be registered.* [Registration form](#)



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

This will take place on **Saturday, May 11** 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 nonperishable and UNEXPIRED food next to your mailbox before your mail carrier arrives on the morning of Sat, May 11. 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. Last year this food drive collected 3,692 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.



Help needed with food drive donations!

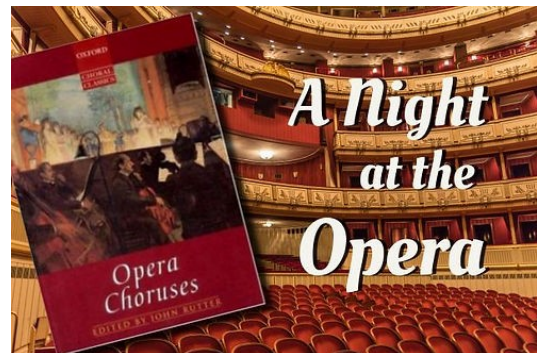
TAPIN is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, May 13** to weigh, date-check, sort and shelve donated items (see above). To volunteer for a 2 hour session (11 am – 1 pm, 1 – 3 pm, 3-5 pm) please email summer.sheeley@tapinri.org, or stop by TAPIN or call them at (401) 247-1444. Thanks.



Providence Singers Concert

'A Night at the Opera'
Saturday, May 11, 7 pm
McVinney Auditorium, Providence

Join the Providence Singers for a festive evening of favorite opera choruses by Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, and more. The program includes the Anvil Chorus from *Il Trovatore*, the March of the Toreadors from Bizet's *Carmen*, and, of course, *Va Pensiero*. The Providence Singers will share the stage with guest soprano [Chelsea Basler](#), whose appearances include the Boston Lyric Opera and the Metropolitan Opera. For more information, a full program list, and to purchase tickets, please visit the [Providence Singers website](#). Tickets will also be available at the door.



Miscellaneous

Online Giving

It's easy to make a donation online! Simply go to the donation page on our website at www.bccucc.org/donation/ and click on 'Donate Now' under the Tithe.ly option. Be sure to click on the drop-down box in Tithe.ly to choose where you'd like your donation to go - options include Deacons Fund, Memorial Gift, Pledge, Gift etc. Thank you for your financial support of BCCUCC.



A message from our Property Coordinator

During the transition to our new organizational structure, our Property Coordinator, Paul Dennis, asks that church members who would like to bring buildings or grounds issues up for consideration should contact him at wrbtwks@aol.com or cell phone if necessary 401-243-3493.



The Pastors' Blog

If you missed it earlier, the latest blog was written by Dale and titled "Why do you come to church?". You can [read it here](#).



News from the Conference

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.

Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center



[Open House](#) - Sunday, May 19, 1 - 5 pm - [register now](#)

[Silver Lake Family Camp Weekend](#) - May 25 - 27

Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center is an outdoor ministries site of the Southern New England Conference, UCC that strives to create an intentional, welcoming, Christian community accessible to all. The camp provides a traditional outdoor camp experience for those entering grades 4-12 within the open and affirming setting. The staff and SNEUCC believe that exposure to diverse expressions of humanity is beneficial to all God's children. Silver Lake welcomes and affirms campers, staff, volunteers, and guests of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, and sexual orientations.

Silver Lake is not just for youth! Adults and families can be engaged in this ministry, from Family Camp to volunteer opportunities to coming on retreat and Spring weekend programs.

2024 Registration is open. They're still accepting applications for summer staff, as well as volunteers. Learn more at www.silverlakeect.org

Some eBridge articles have been moved!

In an effort to reduce the length of this newsletter but not cut back on material that might be of interest to some folks - in particular anyone new to our church - some of the material that was repeated in each edition of the eBridge has been moved to a separate page. To learn more about any of the subjects listed below please [click on this link](#)



Sunday mornings at BCCUCC:

- Services livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube.
- Nursery Care.
- Church School Classes.
- Learn more about Church School and our other programs for children and youth.
- In the event of bad weather.

From the Church Office:

- Do you need a nametag?
- Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge.
- Online donations to the church through our website.

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