



June 13, 2024

The newsletter of
Barrington Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ

Calendar

*Office Hours thru June 21 : Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Closed on Federal and State Holidays & where otherwise noted*

Sun, June 16 Father's Day

10 am Worship Service, Nursery Care only

Mon, June 17

11 am Lay Visitation Team meet, Library
6 pm Softball game vs St. Luke's, Bicknell Field

Tues, June 18

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
10:30 am Book Group, Library

Wed, June 19 Juneteenth

Office Closed
7 - 8 am Wellness Walk along Bike Path, meet at Shaw's parking near noticeboard

Thurs, June 20

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

Sat, June 22

2 - 7 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Jun 23

10 am Worship Service, Nursery Care only

*Start of Summer Office Hours: Open Mon - Thurs, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed Fridays
Closed on Federal and State Holidays & where otherwise noted*

Mon, June 24

4:45 - 7 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library and via Zoom
6 pm Softball game vs team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Tues, June 25

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, June 26

7 - 8 am Wellness Walk along Bike Path, meet at Shaw's parking lot near noticeboard

Sun, June 30

10 am Worship Service, Nursery Care only

Tues, July 2

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, July 3

7 - 8 am Wellness Walk along Bike Path, meet at Shaw's parking lot near noticeboard

Thurs, July 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Sun, July 7

10 am Worship Service with Communion, Nursery Care only

Mon, July 8

6 pm Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

Tues, July 9

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon - *Deadline for eBridge*

Wed, July 10

7 - 8 am Wellness Walk along Bike Path, meet at Shaw's parking lot near noticeboard

Sun, July 14

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](#).



Sunday, June 16

Class on the Grass

Class on the Grass is offered for the last time **this Sunday, June 16** during church school time. This is an all-ages group that meets on the playground (or inside if bad weather) with a craft and snacks. All church school aged children are invited to participate.



Pancake Breakfast POSTPONED

Unfortunately, the pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday, June 16 has had to be postponed until sometime in early fall. Boy Scout Troop 2 was going to host it for our congregation as a way of thanking us for their use of our space – but it turns out not enough boys were available to run it on that day. We'll let you know when we have a new date.

Summer at BCCUCC - see later in this newsletter



Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 9 two of our high school graduates were honored - Jack Silva and Katie Dubel. We congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for their participation in this service. This year's Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship was won by Jack Silva.



Congratulations to all of our 2024 graduates at whatever level. For the full list of graduates [click on this link](#).

From the Governing Board

A quorum was present for the 2024 Annual Meeting held after worship last Sunday, June 9. The congregation voted unanimously to approve the 2024 Annual Report, the minutes from the Congregational Meetings held over the past year, and to approve a Congregation Policy which supplements the new by-laws approved in January 2024.

There was a vote to approve a minor change to those by-laws – namely that in Article 111.C.3.a.ii it should say that the “personnel and role of the Deacons are defined in the Deacons Policy” rather than in the Ministry Policy.

There was no discussion of any of these items and no new business was introduced.

Printed copies of the **2024 BCCUCC Annual Report** and the **Congregation Policy** are available from the narthex table, or click on the following link to take you to the [Church Resources page](#) of our website where both can be read, along with other documents and information for our new organizational structure.

From the ONA Team (Open and Affirming)

Protecting LGBTQI+ Communities from Hate-Motivated Attacks and Threats of Violence

Speakers from the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Dept. of Justice are hosting a **webinar** providing an overview of their work and outlining appropriate steps to take in the event of an emergency, suspected hate crime, or threat of violence, as well as proactive measures to protect organizations, facilities, and communities.

The webinar will be held on **Monday, June 17**, from **12 PM - 1 PM ET** on **Zoom**.

Preregistration is required and you can [register at this link](#).



From the Asylum Ministry Team

Help Khaled's family reunite!

Our Asylum Ministry Team is working with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Halifax to reunite Khaled, a friend of church member Gabrielle Sclafani, with his family through Canada's private sponsorship of refugees program. Khaled moved to Canada with permanent asylum in 2021. His mother and three siblings were approved earlier this year, but they cannot afford the \$16,000 needed to make their move. He has already raised more than \$6,000 and is asking for our help to fill the gap.

Members of our church have generously offered to match contributions up to a total of \$5000 to kickstart this effort. Please help us maximize this opportunity and offer a matched donation by writing a check to the church with "Asylum Team" in the memo line or by clicking "Asylum Ministry" in the drop-down box on the Tithely donation link on the donation page of our church website <https://bccucc.org/donation/>.

Thank you to those who have made a donation and to our anonymous donors who offered to match contributions.

From the Landscape Team

Next time you walk by or drive along the front of the Education building you'll see that there's been a change to the landscaping. A plan for the front of the education building was drawn to enlarge the beds, replace plants that have died, and add additional trees and shrubs. Staton's Landscaping was hired to purchase, plant, and mulch the assorted shrubs and trees. Four trees were planted from left to right - a Cherokee Princess White Dogwood, a Stewartia (the only non-native), a Fringe Tree, and a Shasta Viburnum.

The plants selected are native, easy to grow, like sun, and once established do not need much watering. They all have beautiful fall color and need little to no pruning. Several have interesting bark and/or berries. As the plants fill in and grow they will enhance the full length of the building and the church grounds. Much of the plantings for the landscaping were made possible by a generous anonymous donor.

Editors note: Thanks go to Eileen Dennis for designing the new landscaping and overseeing the project, as well as to the anonymous church member whose donations helped make the project possible.

Photos of 'Before' (top) and 'After' (bottom):



Summer at BCCUCC

Summer Worship is at 10 a.m.

Summer Worship begins on **Sunday, June 23** and the **service time will stay at 10 a.m.** For those with young families, there will be a children's message every week (except on Communion Sundays – the first Sunday of the month).

For the first time in its history **the sanctuary has air conditioning**, making the space much more comfortable for worship on hot days! We look forward to you joining us for worship this summer when you're in town.



Nursery Care

Nursery Care will continue through the summer as long as it is needed. There's also a Nursery Nook downstairs where a parent can retreat with their child and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. We enjoy the sound of children in worship and provide these options for parents who prefer to worship without distraction.



Summer Coffee Hour - but without coffee!

We love Coffee Hour and fellowship after worship. Beginning June 23 and through the summer we will continue to gather in Fellowship Hall after the service ends, where we will share **cold** beverages. The church will provide iced tea, lemonade, and apple juice. If folks would like to bake and/or bring snacks to share that would be great too. Sign-up sheets are on the beverage tables in Fellowship Hall to volunteer to set-up by putting out cups and drinks, to bring snacks, and to help clean-up. Any questions, ideas or suggestions please contact Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org.



Would you like to join the co-ed church softball team?

BCCUCC participates in the Barrington Houses of Worship Co-Ed Softball League each summer and would love to have more players. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for our church's team are invited to contact Tom Kiley at Tom@kileyandco.com or 508-243-8287. All playing abilities are welcome! Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays and games begin 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. Our team's upcoming games are:

Monday, June 17 vs St. Luke's.

Monday, June 24 vs Team Unaffiliated

Monday, July 8 vs Temple Habonim

Thursday, July 18 vs St. John's

Spectators are encouraged to come cheer them on!

[2024 Softball Schedule](#) Printed copies are available from the table in the narthex.



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *House of Doors* by Twan Eng Tan. [Book review](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Wellness Wednesday Walking is back!

All are invited to join Rev. Racquel and others for the Wednesday morning Wellness Walk. We meet at **7 am** at the Shaw's parking lot near the bike path (by the noticeboard) and walk along the East Bay Bike Path for about an hour. Join us as you are able for conversation, green space, and wellness on Wednesday Mornings **thru August 21** - weather permitting.



Last Coffee Chat on Thurs, June 20

The final coffee chat at [Thrive Tribe Café](#), 60 Maple Ave, Barrington will take place on **Thursday, June 20 from 8:30 - 9:30 am**. Rev. Racquel and others will meet for coffee and conversation and all are welcome to join them for their final get together at this location. The café will be closing at the end of the month and the group has to decide how they want to proceed.



Staff away & Summer Office Hours

Andrea is out of the office thru June 21, and June 28 - July 7.

Pat is out of the office June 22 - 29
Racquel is out of the office June 23 - 29
Dale is out of the office July 6 - 14



The church office will be on **Summer hours** from **June 24 through Labor Day**:

Monday - Thursday OPEN 9:30 am - 1 pm; CLOSED Fridays.
The office will be **closed** on **Wed, June 19** for the Juneteenth holiday, and on **Thurs, July 4** for Independence Day.

Thursday publications this summer

Due to clergy and staff vacations plus less happening over the summer, there will be some weeks when you don't received a Thursday email from the church with either the eBridge newsletter or a 'From the River's Edge' blog from Dale or Racquel. However we will continue to keep you posted in a timely manner with everything that's happening here at church.



Also please note that the deadline for the Announcements and eBridge is **Tuesdays** during the summer. The **next eBridge deadline is Tues, Jul 9**. Send information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org

Summer hiatus!

The following are taking a break over the summer:

- Adult Choir
- Bereavement Group
- Church School
- Coffee Chats (after June 20)
- Knitting for Others Group
- Lay Visitation (after June 17)
- Loaves and Fishes Backpack program
- Women of Faith Reading Group
- Youth Group



Enjoy the summer and see you in September!

Miscellaneous

The Pastors' Blog

If you missed it earlier, the latest blog was written by Racquel and titled "Sabbath Keeping". You can [read it here](#).



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.



News from the Conference

Southern New England Conference, UCC 5th

Annual Meeting

June 21-22 at UMass Amherst or online

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](#)

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.



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

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. Learn more at www.silverlakeect.org



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Closed on Federal and State holidays.

Building Security: The Education building remains 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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