



June 17, 2021

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

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Calendar

Church Office remains CLOSED until June 28th

Sat, Jun 19

1 pm Virtual Installation of SNEUCC Conference Minister via Zoom or [Facebook](#)

Sun, Jun 20 Father's Day

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Jun 21

6 pm Softball game vs St Luke's, Bicknell Field
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting

Tues, Jun 22

11 am Staff meeting

Wed, Jun 23

11 am Lay Visitation meeting via Zoom
1:30 pm Worship Tech Team meeting
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting via Zoom

Thurs, Jun 24

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, Jun 27 *Start of Summer Worship Schedule & Multi-platform Worship*

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service (Attend **in-person** or watch **online**). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

11 am Outdoor, in-person coffee hour at a member's home, location tba

***Church Office REOPENS on summer hours:
Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed on Friday.***

Mon, Jun 28

6 pm Softball game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Tues, Jun 29

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

11 am Staff meeting

2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting

Wed, Jun 30

Noon - *Deadline for next eBridge*

Thurs, Jul 1

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, July 4 Independence Day

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service with Communion (Attend **in-person** or watch **online**). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

News, updates, and reminders

June 20th worship is online only

Our last online-only worship service will be on **June 20**, as we begin multi-platform worship the following week (see below). You can watch the worship service live either on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website at this link <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>. If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links. We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each week.



Summer Worship Schedule begins June 27th

On **Sunday, June 27th** our worship service moves to **9:30 am** for the summer. We will continue with the worship service at this earlier time through Labor Day weekend, September 5th. June 27th also marks the beginning of our multi-platform worship service where you can choose to worship in person or online (see below)



Multi-platform Worship to start June 27th

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to in-person worship on **Sunday, June 27th** at **9:30 a.m.** We still need to take precautions to provide the safest return possible and it is with this in mind that some [guidelines](#) have been put in place which have already been emailed to the congregation. We ask that you read them ahead of time if you plan to worship with us in person in the sanctuary. Thank you.



For those who are not yet ready to return to our sanctuary, or are not able to, the services will continue to be livestreamed so they can be watched online at the same links as before: www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>.

Altar flower donors needed for July

There are a lot of openings in **July** for donors to pay for one

or both of the vases of altar flowers each week. Cost is \$30 per vase. Altar flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event and your dedication will be read during the online worship service. If interested, please contact Beth Buckley (401) 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com. Thank you.



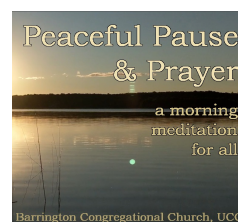
In-person outdoor coffee hour at a member's home

Church members invite you to get together at another in-person, outdoor gathering held at the home of a church member, after worship on **Sunday, June 27th** (at approx **11 am**). Sign up by contacting Helen Schall (401-245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com) **before 3 pm on Saturday, June 26th**. She will let you know where to meet. Bring your own chair and a beverage. Hosts are Trinkie Brueckner, Helen Schall and Laura Ward.



'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' resumes June 24th

Dale will resume leading these morning meditations at **8 am** on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings **beginning June 24th**. Each 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 new website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



Clergy and Staff Vacations

Rev. Dale Azevedo is on vacation and will be back at work on Tuesday, June 22nd. Our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard will be on vacation from June 27th – July 4th.

Church Office to reopen

The church office will reopen on **Monday, June 28th** and will be observing summer office hours through Labor Day:

Open: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 1 pm.

Closed: Friday.

We ask that all visitors to the office wear a mask. We will have masks available for anyone who needs one. Thank you.



Summer Deadline for eBridge

Due to shorter office hours, during the summer the deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (both of which will be published on alternate weeks over the summer) is a day earlier than normal and is Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.

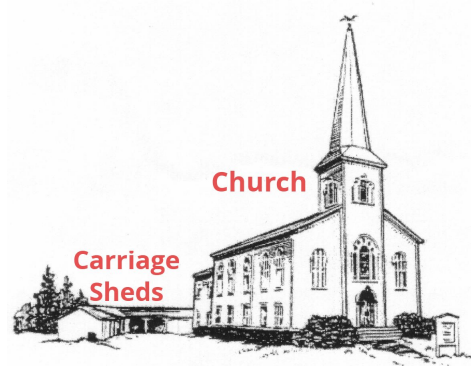
Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on Tues, June 29th. Thank you.



Update on Carriage Shed Fund - we're almost there!

We are only \$950 short of the \$26,000 needed to repair the carriage sheds. Many thanks to the initial two donors who gave the first \$15,000 needed, to the donor who 1:1 matched additional donations, and to the congregation members who donated to the fund.

To help us reach our goal, please write a check to BCCUCC with "carriage sheds" in the memo line and send to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806 OR you can make an online donation at our church website www.bccucc.org, (or directly at <https://bccucc.org/donation/>) designating it to the Carriage Shed Fund. Thank you.



Volunteers needed to serve on ministry teams

To effectively carry out our many ministries and the work of our church requires a team! Many hands is less work... and more fun. We are all looking forward to being back in the church again very soon, so please consider volunteering in some way! There are meaningful opportunities to fit varied time commitments and interests. Some of our teams are filled but others still have a few openings and are listed below with the number of vacancies shown in parentheses. Our by-laws require those on Finance and Endowment to have officially joined the church, but the other teams are open to anyone from the congregation. To learn about the work of each team contact the person listed. Not sure which team? Contact either Joanne D'Adamo joannedadamo5@gmail.com or Wendy Forman w36292@gmail.com and they'll talk with you about your interests and find a great match!



Buildings & Grounds (2) - Paul Dennis wrbtwks@aol.com
Christian Education & Youth Ministries CEYM (3) - Andrea Bullard andrea@bccucc.org
Endowment (1) - Katy Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net
Finance (2) - Tm Colby tcolby@fullchannel.net
Membership (4) - Joanne D'Adamo joannedadamo5@gmail.com
Stewardship (4) - Pat Stoddard pat@bccucc.org

You can also read about the purpose and duties of each ministry team on pages 14-20 of our church By-Laws [found at this link](#).

Softball Season starts June 21st. Would you like to join the team?

After not playing last summer due to the pandemic, the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League is resuming this year! Players will need to follow certain protocols (masking if not vaccinated, no use of the benches, wiping off shared equipment to name of few). Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 533 - 7081. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting June 21st 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.

BCCUCC's upcoming games are: **Monday, June 21st** vs St. Lukes, and **Monday, June 28th** vs Team Unaffiliated. [Season schedule of games](#) Spectators are welcome to come and cheer them on.



Book Group for July

The Book Group will next meet on **Tuesday, July 13th** at **9:30 am**. at the **Cafe Water Street**, 279 Water Street, Warren if the weather is pleasant. If it is a rainy day, we will meet at the same time via Zoom. They will be discussing *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.

The zoom information is not included here for security reasons. It was included in



No Black Lives Matter vigils over the summer

The Black Lives Matter Vigils will be paused for June, July, and August while the organizers discuss the best actions to take to continue our witness to the truth that Black Lives Matter.



Upcoming Sundays at BCCUCC

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, June 20th:

Both arrangements are given by Barbara and Dick McWhirter and family in loving memory of their son, Mark, who died a year ago this day.



On Sunday, June 27th:

One arrangement is given by Nancy Arena in loving memory of her mom, Barbara Ward.

The other arrangement is given by Susan Rotblat-Walker in celebration of Howard's and her 47th wedding anniversary.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of June 20th: Drew DiOrio, Jim Baker, Evan Waite, Matilda Grenier, John Wemple, and Susan Seader.



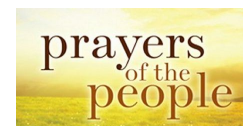
The week of June 27th: Tom Kiley, Lucy Strolla, Bowen Humm, Carly Lapinski, Doug Materne, Joanne Ela and Owen Fernandez.

If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office so we can add your date of birth to our data base. Thank you.

Prayer requests

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can either leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111, or email Dale* dale@bccucc.org or Linda linda@bccucc.org. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.

**Prayer requests for June 20th should go to Linda only as Dale is still on vacation.*



Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

From the Mission & Justice Team

Juneteenth (June 19) is now a national holiday!

A history

Juneteenth commemorates the reading of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the freeing of 250,000 enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865. Although Lincoln had issued the Proclamation on January 1, 1863, there had not been enough Union troops in Texas to enforce the edict until Union General Gordon Granger arrived there with 2000 federal troops after the confederate surrender in April, 1865. Juneteenth thus marks the final emancipation of those held as slaves in the confederacy. However, Lincoln's Proclamation did not apply to border states, and it was not until the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment in December of 1865 that the institution of slavery was abolished throughout the country. The first celebrations of Juneteenth occurred in 1866 in Texas, but the holiday soon spread throughout the south and finally to major cities across the country. Juneteenth is now recognized in 47 states, and there is a movement to have Congress establish it as a national holiday.



Juneteenth becomes a national holiday

On Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 the Senate unanimously passed a resolution establishing June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day, a US holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Just today, June 17th, 2021, President Biden signed the legislation into law making it a national holiday.

Celebrate Juneteenth!

To learn about what is happening in **Rhode Island** go to:
<http://juneteenthri.com/>

UCC's Juneteenth Celebrations

The UCC is offering Three Juneteenth Celebrations (one features RI's own Valerie Tutson!):

<https://www.ucc.org/three-juneteenth-celebrations-to-mark-freedom-for-all-americans/>



Raising Rhode Island

As the RI General Assembly session comes to a close, leaders in the House, Senate and Governor's office are negotiating the final budget for 2022. We hear that the budget will be released next week.

Now is the time to step up our advocacy to let the budget-writers know that the **increase to the RI Works benefit must be included in the budget** (as proposed in the bills submitted by Senator Murray and Representative Handy).

Here are 2 steps to take today:

1. Click here: https://actionnetwork.org/letters/include-an-increase-to-the-ri-works-benefit-in-the-2022-budget?source=direct_link& to write a message that will be automatically sent to your state senator and representative.
2. Forward this e-mail to members of your networks asking them to go to the action network to write a letter.

Thanks for all you have done so far to support our lowest income children.

National Poor People's and Low-Wage Worker's Assembly

On June 21st, poor people, low-wage workers, moral and faith leaders and advocates will gather online simultaneously with a socially-distant rally in Raleigh, NC for a National Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers Assembly. The hybrid online/in-person mass assembly will include our over 40 state coordinating committees, 200+ organizing partners, and thousands of moral and faith leaders. Learn more about this event and the Poor People's Campaign at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>



Conference Happenings

Installation Service of Rev. Darrell Goodwin as SNEUCC Conference Minister

All are invited to the virtual installation of Rev. Darrell Goodwin as the first Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference UCC. His service of installation will take place online on **Saturday, June 19th** at **1 pm**. The Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister for Justice and Local Church Ministries for the UCC, will preach at this service. Rev. Goodwin has his ministerial standing in RI, with Newman Congregational Church as his home church. He would love to have a strong Rhode Island presence at his installation. Register at <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/rev-darrell-goodwin-virtual-installation-15220830>. The installation service will also be streamed on the Conference's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/sneucc



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.



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In case you missed it

Our church's Annual Report

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
[2021 Annual Report](#)
was published June 10th and emailed to the congregation ahead of the church's Annual Meeting on June 13th.
It can also be found on our church website [at this link](#).



The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 'My Brain is Mush'. Many who read it could relate to what Dale wrote, so if you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Reminders

Shop AmazonSmile and earn money for the church

Amazon Prime Day is on **June 21 thru 22**. Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Barrington Congregational Church as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with

AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to our church at no cost to you. Thank you.

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Online donations to the church are possible - watch video on how

One of the features of our new church website (www.bccucc.org) is the capability of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the instructions below.

There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. 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](#).



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Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

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Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.

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