



**June 20, 2019**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

## Calendar

*Summer office hours:*

*Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:30 - 1 pm; Wed 11 am - 1 pm; Fri Closed.*

**Thurs, Jun 20**

Community Office Hours CANCELLED

**Fri, Jun 21**

*Office Closed*

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Jun 23 Health Sunday**

10 am Worship Service, Class on the Grass

11:30 am SPRT meeting, Dale's office

**Mon, Jun 24**

6 pm BCCUCC Softball game vs. Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

**Tues, Jun 25**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, Jun 26**

4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep and truck run, Kitchen then to Providence

**Thurs, Jun 27**

NO Community Office Hours

**Fri, Jun 28**

*Office Closed*

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Jun 30 Start of Summer Worship Schedule**

**9:30 am** Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

**Tues, Jul 2**

*Noon - Deadline for eBridge*

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Thurs, Jul 4 Independence Day**

*Office Closed*

**Fri, Jul 5**

Office Closed  
Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

### Sun, Jun 23 Independence (Freedom) Sunday

10 am Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only

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

Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Tuesday, July 3rd**.

**Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)**

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## It may be summer, but there's still lots of news!

### We're on Summer Office Hours!

Monday 9:30 am - 1 pm  
Tuesday 9:30 am - 1 pm  
Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm  
Thursday 9:30 am - 1 pm  
Friday Closed



### Summer Deadlines for Announcements and 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 are published every other week over the summer, on alternate weeks) is a day earlier than normal and is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication**.

Deadline for the June 30/Jul 7 Announcements is *Noon on Tues, June 25*. Deadline for the next eBridge is *Noon on Tues, Jul 2*. Thank you.



### No Community Office Hours for several weeks!

Community Office Hours won't be happening June 20th and 27th as Brendan and Dale are both unavailable, and the following Thursday is July 4th. They will resume on Thursday, July 11th.



### Last Class on the Grass

All children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate in the last Class on the Grass this **Sunday, June 23rd**. The children hear a Bible story, do an activity or art project, and have a snack out on the playground (weather permitting) or inside if weather is inclement. Nursery care will continue throughout the summer for children age 3 and younger.



### Thanks to our newest Coffee Hour servers

Church School children have been assisting CEYM at coffee hour this month by being

servers and wearing aprons that they designed. Thanks for being such great helpers!



## Clergy away

Rev. Brendan Curran is out of the office from **Thurs, June 20 thru Wed, June 26**. He will be in Milwaukee attending the Next Generation Leaders Initiative (NGLI) and the 2019 UCC General Synod. Learn more about General Synod and what Brendan will be doing by reading [his latest blog](#).  
Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation from **Mon, July 1 thru Sun, July 21**.

## Loaves and Fishes RI truck run

Our next Loaves and Fishes RI truck run is **Wednesday, June 26th**. Specific food and clothing items are still needed – check the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> and sign up for how you can help. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but those going out on the truck must be at least age 16. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).



## It's not too late to join the softball team!

Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Houses of Worship 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](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936. The season started this week and games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 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. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. [2019 Softball Schedule](#)



## Come cheer on the team!

BCCUCC's softball season got off to a great start with an 11-2 win against St. Luke's in their first game on June 17th. Their next games are **Mon, June 24th** against Team Unaffiliated and **Mon, July 8th** against Temple Habonim. All games begin at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#). The team loves spectators to come cheer them on so if you're available, please stop by and support them!



## Summer Worship at 9:30 a.m. begins June 30

Beginning **Sunday, June 30th**, and running through Labor Day weekend, our Sunday service will be at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Nursery Care is provided every Sunday for infants and children up to age 3. We hope you will come and worship with us when you are in town.



## Summer Musicians Wanted

During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. A signup calendar has been posted in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.



## Altar flower donors needed

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and memories of loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. We have openings for flower remembrances on **Sundays, July 7th and 14th**. Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com) to donate flowers. Cost is \$30 per vase. Thank you.



## Is it time to reimagine how we do church?

During our annual meeting we noted that there were a number of seats on ministry teams that went unfilled due to a lack of willing volunteers. This made us ask during the meeting, are we structured correctly? Should we take a look at the Teams that we have and perhaps restructure them or maybe even combine or create new ones?



Should we revisit our By-Laws to see if they are relevant in our Church today or do they need an overhaul? How do we tie in our work on the Renewal Team along with our recent "What is our Why?" into a Vision for our church beginning in 2020? Or a sort of Vision 2020? We do it with your help and with your ideas.

If you're interested in joining us and helping to shape our church for the next decade and beyond, please send an email to [Vision2020@bccucc.org](mailto:Vision2020@bccucc.org). Feel free to send your ideas along as well. We'd love to hear them.

## We still need some volunteers to serve on ministry teams

At our recent Annual Meeting, Dale talked about the challenge the church is facing as a result of insufficient volunteers willing to serve as church officers and on ministry teams. As a result a group will be looking to see if some restructuring is needed (see *article above*).

In the meantime we still need to fill the positions for 2019-2020. Please prayerfully consider if you could fill one of the remaining vacancies. Please note that while some positions require you to have joined the church, others do not.

If you'd like to volunteer or just learn more, please speak with Elizabeth Azevedo (860) 301-2915 or [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com).

*Thank you to all who are serving as officers or on a ministry team in 2019-2020.*

## Calendar Information needed

The staff is doing things a little differently this year and aren't getting together to finalize plans for the 2019-2020 church calendar until August 13th. However, in the meantime information is being added to the calendar as it comes in and we'd like to include dates for regular meetings, events and anything else that teams, groups or others are planning. Please send all information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) no later than Aug 5th if it's to be considered at the planning meeting. The calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> but all information for 2019-2020 won't be final until after the staff gets together on Aug 13th when they'll sort out any conflicts and add additional information. Thank you for your help in putting together a cohesive and exciting schedule for our next church year together!



## Do you have an idea for something new at church?

As we're looking forward to planning our 2019-2020 program year, we're wondering if you have ideas for something you'd like to do or see happen at church next year? Perhaps there's a ministry you'd like to start? Please send your ideas to Dale at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) by July 31st. (Please note that Dale will be away July 1st - 21st).



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## Congratulations.....

....to our High School and GED graduates



Four of our youth and an adult were recognized in Worship on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 9th, for graduating high school or getting their GED. Congratulations to (l-r) Kayla Duvel, Evan Stabach, Bobby Dubel, Sydney Zarlengo, and Dan Drake on their achievements.



....to our Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship winners



On Baccalaureate Sunday Marion and Steve Fodor awarded this year's Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships to Sydney Zarlengo who this fall will be a freshman at Holyoke College, and to Matt Zeleznik who will be a sophomore at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Each received a \$400 check. Many thanks to the family and friends of Kate Fodor for their donations to this scholarship fund.

### ...to all in our church family who just graduated

For a full list of all in our church family who have recently graduated at all levels [click on this link](#).



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

## From the River's Edge



*From the River's Edge*  
The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo  
Rev. Brendan Curran

### 2019 General Synod of the United Church of Christ

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister Dear BCCUCC, You might be wondering where I am from June 20th to June 26 th. I will be attending the 32 nd General Synod of the United Church of Christ as part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative....

[Read more](#)

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)

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](http://www.bccucc.org)

## 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. However, their next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 10th** (*the 2nd Wednesday*), from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

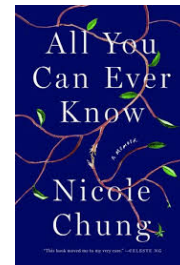


### Bereavement Group

The group is taking a break over the summer and will reconvene in the fall. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031.

### Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, July 16th at 7 pm in the church library.** (*Note the change in time and location.*) They will be discussing *All You Can Never Know* by Nicole Chung: "Chung's birth parents gave her up for adoption when she was two months old. Raised by white parents five hours outside Portland, OR, she went 18 years without getting to know another person of Korean heritage. Her parents never hid the facts of her adoption from her, but they were also ill-equipped to answer the questions she had about her identity as a transracial adoptee. This touching memoir explores issues of identity, racism, motherhood, and sisterhood with eloquence and grace." (Booklist). For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!



### Community Office Hours not happening for a few weeks!

They usually 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. **No community office hours on June 20th, 27th or July 4th. They resume July 11th.**



### East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 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](mailto:Rlkidswap@gmail.com)



### Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan are from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Room 8) and are ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed, or otherwise noted. The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome. **No Mindful Monday on June 24th** as Brendan will be away.



### 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 they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

### Women's Faith Group

The group does not meet over the summer and will start up again in October. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

## Community Notices

### Protecting Yourself Against Identity Theft

On **Tuesday, June 25th** from 6 – 7 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Rd, Barrington, officers from Barrington Police Department and the RI State Police Computer Crimes Unit will talk about Internet Safety and the risks around Identity Theft and Fraud and what we can do to protect ourselves. All are invited to attend.



### Summer Hymn Sing

The Providence Singers is hosting a Sunday afternoon Hymn Sing on **Sunday, June 30th** at 3 pm at Greenwood Community Church, 805 Main Ave, Warwick. **Directions** The Singers Assistant Conductor Mike Galib will lead a spirited round of hymn singing with the Singers' pianist John Black at the organ. A \$5 donation is suggested and a light reception will follow the singing. All are invited to bring their voice and come sing!



## Reminders.....

### You can help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' and Commenting on our posts

For our church's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)) to keep showing up in people's newsfeeds and for it also to be seen by the wider community, there need to not only be 'Likes' but also comments of 5 or more words. So if you see something on our Facebook page that you like, **please both 'Like' AND comment**. Thanks.



**Make sure your emails are reaching us!**

We now only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



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

### 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

### 2019 Annual Report

The [2019 Annual Report](#) was published late May and emailed to the congregation. Printed copies are available for pick up at church for those without computer access. You can read it at the link above.



### 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.co/bccucc). Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' and comment on our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

## Useful Links

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