



June 21, 2018

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge. Some platforms will only allow you to see the first portion of the eBridge, then there's a link to view the entire message.

Calendar

Summer Office Hours:

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

Thurs, Jun 21

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours **with Dale**, The Coffee Depot
3 - 8 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

Fri, Jun 22

Office Closed

Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies

Start of Summer Worship at 9:30 am

Sun, Jun 24 Strengthening the Community Day

Early morning - Mission Trippers leave for Navajo Nation in Arizona

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

3-5 pm [Farewell Ice Cream Social](#) for Rev. Barbara Libby, Beneficent Congregational Church

Mon, Jun 25

6 - 8 pm [Picnic at the Parsonage](#), Fireside Parsonage

6 pm Softball game vs St Luke's, Bicknell Field

7 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jun 26

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon Deadline for Announcements

1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library

Thurs, Jun 28

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

6 pm Softball game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Fri, June 29

Dale is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 1 Independence (Freedom) Sunday

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

Mon, Jul 2

Evening - Mission Trippers return

Tues, Jul 3

Office Closed

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

9:30 am - 1 pm Staff Calendar Planning meeting, Library

Wed, Jul 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Thurs, Jul 5

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot

6 - 7:30 pm [NAMI Family Support Group](#), Room 6

Fri, Jul 6

Office Closed

Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 8 Mission Trip Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, with reflections from the Mission Trippers, Nursery Care only

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is

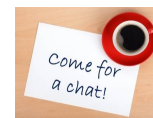
Tuesday, July 3rd at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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

TODAY!!!

Community Office Hours are with Dale this week and next!

This summer, Dale and Brendan will share doing Community Office Hours on **Thursday afternoons** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Which minister does them will depend on who is in town! Anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting is invited to do so. All are welcome. Dale will be hosting them on **June 21st & 28th** when Brendan is busy with the Mission Trip.



Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall - donors needed

Our church will be hosting a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, June 21st** from 3 – 8 pm. You can make an appointment at www.ribc.org/drives or by phone at (401) 452-83883 – use donor code 1562 - or just stop by (no appointment necessary). A blood donation can save 3 lives! With your help, cancer victims, individuals with traumatic blood loss, and surgical patients can receive the vital treatment they need. For donation information visit www.ribc.org/giving-101



GeneMatch Alzheimer's Research and Swabbing Event

Thursday, June 21st at 2 pm at Atria Bay Spring Village. Could your genes help end Alzheimer's disease? Butler Hospital Memory & Aging Program invites you to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and prevention and a new program called GeneMatch. Swab participants must be between 55 & 75 years of age, without a diagnosis of cognitive impairment or dementia. Come and learn more. [More info](#)

Sunday, June 24th

Summer Worship is at the earlier time of 9:30 am

Beginning **this Sunday, June 24th** and running through Labor Day weekend, our Sunday service will be at **9:30 am**. We hope you will come worship with us when you are in town.



Please keep the mission trippers in your prayers

Early Sunday morning 5 adults and 6 youth, led by Rev. Brendan Curran, will fly to Arizona to begin their week long mission/service trip to the Navajo Nation. They will be assisting with land restoration efforts with the Black Mesa Water Coalition. Read more about what they will be doing in [Brendan's latest blog](#). The group will return the evening of Monday, July 2nd after spending the last two days visiting the Grand Canyon! They plan to take lots of pictures during their time in Arizona and will be sharing information and reflections on the Mission Trip in worship on **Mission Trip Sunday, July 8th**. Mark your calendar!

Farewell Reception for Rev. Barbara Libby



An Ice Cream Social and Celebration of Rev. Barbara Libby on her retirement as Interim RI Conference Minister is being held this **Sunday, June 24th** from 3 – 5 pm at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset Street, Providence. (Free parking in church lot and free street parking on Sundays). All are invited. 3-5 pm is reception and conversation over ice cream and Barbara's famous homemade fudge sauce. 4 pm is words of appreciation from friends and colleagues. [More info](#)

From the church office

Summer Office Hours are in effect

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30 am - 1 pm;
Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm; Friday Closed



Office Closures

The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 3rd** for the Staff Calendar Planning meeting, and on **Wednesday, July 4th** for Independence Day.

2018-2019 Calendar Information deadline is Sunday!

On Tuesday, July 3rd the staff will get together to plan the 2018-2019 church calendar. If you or your ministry team or group has activities/meetings or anything else that they'd like to be included on the calendar, please email it to Christine at office@bccucc.org **by Sunday, June 24th**. This includes the dates for the various teams and groups who have regular meetings as well as one-time events. Thank you.



Clergy vacations

Brendan will be away on the Mission Trip from June 24 - July 2. Dale will be on vacation from July 5 - 29.

Summer changes in communications and deadlines

With shorter office hours and less activity, the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge will each be produced every other week on alternating weeks – beginning next week. Please take this into consideration when submitting items for inclusion to office@bccucc.org. Over the summer the weekly deadline is **Tuesdays at Noon**.



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On Instagram @Barrington UCC



On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Be sure to 'Like' us so you get our news feeds.

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences vote to go forward Together as One

The Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island conferences of the United Church of Christ made history last Saturday, voting overwhelmingly to form a new unified Conference in which they will not only do ministry together, but to which they will invite other religious and secular organizations to join.



In separate plenary sessions held at their second joint Annual Meeting, the three conferences voted to approve a covenant agreement and new set of bylaws establishing the new conference, and they elected a new united Board of Directors. "UCC History was made today," said the Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC general minister and president. "Signaling to the wider church that we can accomplish more together than apart, that we live in an interdependent world in which we all need each other, and looking to maximize the use of precious mission resources, delegates to this tri-conference annual meeting voted to carve out a new pathway for what we hope will be new life, new vitality, and new relevance."

[Read the full article](#)

Read the Boston Globe coverage:

[New England UCC churches to look to organize progressive 'Christian voice'](#)

Summer at BCCUCC

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. She is available to accompany you

as needed. Marina will be posting a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.



'Picnics at the Parsonage' - room for a few more on Mon, Jun 25th!

Elizabeth and Dale are once again opening up the parsonage for small dinner groups and the first one is **Monday June 25th**. During the summer they are doing a cookout for 10 in their backyard, and at the time of writing there's still room for a few more people to sign up. These will be more casual affairs with a few more people, but still the same great fellowship. Other dates are **Tuesday, August 7th** (picnic for 10) and **Tuesday, Sept 18th** (dinner for 6). To sign up,



go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office 246-0111. All members and friends of the church are welcome – individuals of all ages as well as families!

Mindful Mondays while Brendan is away

It will take place on **Monday, June 25th**, (with a different leader), but is cancelled for Monday, July 2nd. Held from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room, the hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League

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 or (401) 246-0936. (Each team is allowed 2 exceptions to the rule). Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or 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. [2018 Softball Schedule](#)

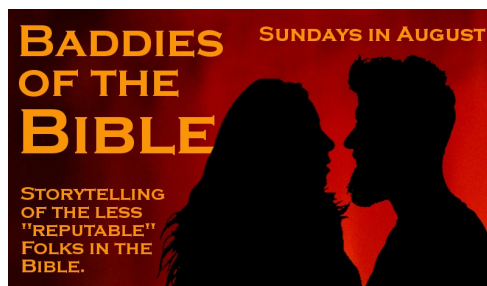


Unfortunately, BCCUCC lost their first game against St John's, but they had a great turnout of both players and spectators, lots of fun and some great fellowship!

On **Monday, June 25** they will play against St Luke's, and on **Thursday, July 28** against Team Unaffiliated. *Spectators are encouraged to come cheer them on!*

Sermon Series in August

Throughout August, Dale will be telling stories of some of the less reputable folks we find in the Bible. Was there more to Cain's story than the fact he committed the first murder? Was Jezebel as bad as she is made out to be? What was Judas' real motivation? And did Sapphira really deserve the death penalty for not giving her full pledge to the church? We'll have some fun and a few laughs while we wrestle with some of these difficult people and stories in scripture. (Sunday mornings @ 9:30am throughout August)



Update from the Church Renewal Team

On Saturday, June 2, the Renewal Team met with all seven Strategic Teams to hear the reports of their Phase 1 work. It was a wonderful and inspiring morning with great feedback from all of our teams. One week later, at our Annual Meeting, Heather Williamson gave a greatly condensed rundown of all that our teams accomplished. The Renewal Team will work through the summer to review and process all this information. Then, in the early fall, we hope to have a condensed list of ministry projects and ideas with which to share with the congregation to garner feedback, before moving forward. For more information [on these reports](#) or the [Renewal Process](#), click on the links.



Opportunities of all sorts!

Elevette Operators needed

We are looking for a couple of additional volunteers willing to run the elevette on Sunday mornings. This important ministry enables those unable to manage the stairs to join us for worship in the sanctuary. Elevette operators are only scheduled 4 or 5 times a year and training will be provided - it's very simple! If interested, please contact George Bolton at 245-3464 or 368-7899 or boltong@mindspring.com Thank you.



Loaves and Fishes RI Ministry

We have added two additional truck runs, going out every other month from our church beginning on **Wednesday, August 22nd** (*note the change of date*). If there is anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net). We are looking for help with shopping, food prep, going out on the truck, as well as additional drivers.



Camp Hope Fundraiser

Church member Catherine Muth, a survivor of childhood cancer herself, is hosting a fundraiser for Camp Hope. She writes: "Camp Hope is a week-long overnight camp for kids ages 7-17 affected by cancer in their immediate family. Self, sibling, or parent. Camp Hope gives them a chance to be a kid again no tubes, needles, or IV pumps and no cost to them. It's a full week of fun, games, swimming, music and the great outdoors. The more money we raise the more activities we can do with the kids." For more info see <https://www.youcaring.com/helpusraisemoneytosendkidstocamp>.

Would you share your story?

Susan Catherine Collyer is a Barrington resident and artist looking to share stories of faith. She recently produced an original play entitled, "Reflections in Rhode Island," celebrating 100 years of stories from seniors living in the East Bay. She is looking to do something similar revolving around peoples' experiences of faith. Are there points in your life when you felt an experience of Someone or Something Greater? These can be stories of miracles, magic or the mundane. Susan would like to interview people of different faiths and no faith to create an original theatrical piece to help break down walls of division and separation. If you are interested or would like more

information you can contact Dale at the church office dale@bccucc.org or Susan directly at rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com

Thanks for the Middle School Clothing donations

Many thanks to everyone who brought in clothing for middle schoolers in Providence. It was much appreciated. The collection has now ended.

Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

Book Group

Meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, July 31st** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue: 'A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream--the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy.' For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

Bereavement Group

The group is taking a break over the summer and will resume meeting in September. However, if anyone has any questions or concerns during the break they may contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031. [What is the Bereavement Group?](#)

Other groups that meet regularly at our church include

NAMI RI Family Support Group (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Next meets on **Thursday, July 5th** from 6 - 7:30 pm in Room 6.

Memory Impairment Support Group Next meets on **Tuesday, June 26th** from 1 - 2:30 pm in the Library.

For more information on any of these groups, including the contact person, [click here](#). Check the calendar at the top of this email, or our [online calendar](#), for meeting dates.

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





A Big THANK YOU!

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - June 18, 2018 Dear Church, I want to thank you all for how much you supported the mission/service trip this year. In just one week a group of 11 of us from the church will be off to the Navajo Nation...

[Read more](#)

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If you missed reading any 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

Please note....

Clergy Days off

Now that Dale and Brendan both have Fridays off, one of them will always be "on call" each Friday for pastoral concerns. The "on call" pastor will be listed on the church calendar everywhere it is available.

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 of any errors or changes. 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](#).



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From the RI Conference UCC

Day and Overnight Camping at Irons Homestead

Check out the many great opportunities for children ages 6 – 18 being offered at Irons Homestead this summer. Each week of camp includes all the traditional camp activities of swimming, music, games, crafts, campfire, etc with each week having a special theme with its own unique quality activities. **Forest Day Camp** for those ages 6 – 12 will run for nine weeks Monday to Friday from 9am – 4pm with optional before and after care. Book for one, some or all nine weeks. **“Water World”**, **“Mission Possible”** and **“Paint the Town”** are the three overnight options offered in July for children going into grades 4 – 12. More offered in August! Go to www.IronsHomestead.org to check out all the details including the full schedule of camps. [Camp information](#)



Volunteer at Irons Homestead

Irons Homestead has several volunteer service opportunities available for individuals and groups. **Volunteers for Summer Camp** will support the paid staff on a weekly or daily basis and/or bring their unique skill to a theme week. Check out www.IronsHomestead.org for weekly themes.



Work crews are needed to: Reroof the pavilion; Reroof the garage; Build a tent platform; Build bunkbeds; Build gaga pits; Put up the tents for Summer Camp; Build a lifeguard building at the waterfront; Licensed plumber to do a few minor projects. For pictures and more details about these projects check out: www.IronsHomestead.org and click on 'Volunteer Opportunities' under 'Learn More'.

To volunteer contact Jennifer Geary: IronsHomestead@ricucc.org or 401-710-9478.

Looking for a way to invest in today's children?

A donation to the Irons Homestead Campership Fund makes it possible for low income children to attend camp. You can also sponsor a camper who is homeless (\$200/wk for day camp; \$500/wk overnight camp). Learn of the many donation opportunities [at this link](#). Checks should be made payable to 'RICUCC' and write in the memo line where you'd like your donation to go (Campership Fund, Homeless Camper etc). Donations should be sent to Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02857. Thank you.



Useful Links

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