



June 22, 2023

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

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Calendar

*Summer Office Hours: Mon - Thur, 9:30 am - 1 pm; Closed Fridays
Closed on Federal and State Holidays or where otherwise noted*

Unless otherwise noted, 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 it be found on [our website](#).
The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).

Sat, Jun 24

10 am - 3 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

Sun, Jun 25 *Summer Worship begins*

9:30 am Worship Service

Mon, Jun 26

6 pm Softball game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Tues, Jun 27

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Jun 28

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard
1:30 pm Governance Ministry Task Force (GMTF) meeting, Library
7 pm Old Testament Bible Study, Library

Thurs, Jun 29

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

Sun, Jul 2

Summer Sermon Series 'Women of the Bible' begins
9:30am Worship Service with Communion

Tue, Jul 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Wed, Jul 5

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

Thurs, Jul 6

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

Sun, Jul 9

9:30 am Worship Service

Mon, Jul 10

6 pm Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds team meeting, Vestry

Tue, Jul 11

10 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Jul 12

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

7 pm Old Testament Bible Study, Library

Thurs, Jul 13

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

Sun, Jul 16

9:30 am Worship Service

Tue, Jul 18

10 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Jul 19

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

Noon: RI Association Retired Clergy Lunch, Fellowship Hall & Library

Thurs, Jul 20

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

6 pm Softball game vs St. John's, Bicknell Field

Sun, Jul 23

9:30 am Worship Service

5 pm Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Summer at BCCUCC

Start of Summer Worship at 9:30 am

This Sunday, June 25 we begin our Summer Worship schedule with the service at the earlier time of **9:30 am**. For those with young families, there will be a children's message every week (except on Communion Sundays – the first Sunday of the month).

We look forward to you joining us for worship this summer when you're in town.

We are pleased to note that Rev. Gabrielle Sclafani will be assisting Rev. Racquel with worship this Sunday, June 25.



Summer Sermon Series - Women of the Bible

Join Dale and Racquel for worship this summer when they will tell the stories of 11 female leaders through an eight-week "Women of the Bible" Preaching Series. It **begins on Sunday, July 2** and finishes on Sunday, August 20.



In their sermons they will talk about Eve (July 2), Sarah and Hagar (July 9), Jochebed and Miriam (July 16), Deborah (July 23), Ruth (July 30), Hannah (Aug 6), Esther (Aug 13), and Mary and Martha (Aug 20).

They hope you'll be able to join them for the series as you are able, but if you miss any, the services are all recorded and posted to our church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>, Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc, and [YouTube channel](#).

Nursery Nook

Nursery care is not offered over the summer, however the Nursery Nook - equipped with comfy chairs, books and toys - is located directly below the sanctuary. It is available to parents with crying infants or wiggly children of any age to retreat to should they wish, and still be able to hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. We enjoy the sound of children in worship so please don't hesitate to come to worship during the summer with your little ones. Regular nursery care in the Education building across the driveway will resume on Open Doors Sunday, Sept 10.



Summer Coffee Hour - but without coffee!

We love Coffee Hour and we love fellowship after our worship services. So we will continue to gather after worship in Fellowship Hall over the summer. However, during the summer, 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.

Bring ideas and suggestions to Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org.

Softballs games have begun - but it's not too late to join the team!

Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League began the 2023 season on June 19 when BCCUCC played St. Luke's. Thanks to everyone who came out to play for the BCCUCC team. Unfortunately our team lost - but they did have fun!



Upcoming games are:

Monday, June 26 vs Team Unaffiliated

Monday, July 10 vs Temple Habonim

Thursday, July 20 vs St. John's

Tuesday, July 25 vs St. James

If you'd like to play (men aged 30+ or women aged 16+) please email Rob Gonsalves at robgonsalves@aol.com or Steve Peck at steve@peckmarketing.net or (401) 454-9725. It's fun and new players are welcome – especially women!

Games are played Mon, Tues or Thurs at **6 pm** at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team!

[2023 Softball Schedule](#)

Wellness Wednesday Walking Group

All are invited to join Rev. Racquel and others for this weekly wellness walk. We meet at the Shaw's parking lot (near the noticeboard) in the Barrington Shopping Center at **7 am** and walk the bike path for about an hour. The group does not meet if it is

raining and will end when school resumes in the fall.



Coffee Chats continue thru the summer

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her and others at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from **8:30 am – 9:30 am** on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. While summer schedules vary and participation is flexible week to week, many of us will continue to share coffee and conversation through the summer. You are most welcome to join us!



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, July 25** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *His Name is George Floyd* by Samuel Roberts and Toluse Olorunnipa. [Book Review](#)
For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner

Save the date of **Sunday, July 23** at **5 pm** for a Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner sponsored by the Green Team.

To learn more about the Resolution that will be brought before the UCC Synod pertaining to the justice of plant-based eating, go to <https://generalsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/J.-Plant-Based-Living.pdf>

Vegetarian Potluck



Staff away and summer office hours

Dale is away thru June 25, then away at UCC General Synod in Indianapolis from June 29 - July 5.

Pat is away June 24 - July 1.

Andrea is away June 24 - July 1 and July 9 - 13.

Racquel is away July 10 - 21



The church office is on Summer hours through Labor Day:
Monday - Thursday, OPEN 9:30 am - 1 pm; CLOSED Fridays.
The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Thursday publications this summer

Due to clergy and staff vacations, renewal time, and schedules this summer, there may be some weeks when you don't receive 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 updated 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. Send info to Christine at office@bccucc.org

Some groups are taking a break over the summer....

The following groups and activities are taking a break over the summer:

Adult Choir
Bereavement Group
Sing and Celebrate Choir
Women of Faith Reading Group
Youth Group



Enjoy the Summer and see you in September

More information not to miss!

Barrington - UNITED WITH PRIDE

This Saturday, June 24 at 1 pm the Town of Barrington is holding a Solidarity Rally at the Town Hall with speakers from the community, a ceremonial flag raising, and a celebratory parade. **All are invited to attend.** United With Pride is a community initiative that coalesces LGBTQ+ people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, with allies and other community groups and organizations. The primary focus is to create a joyful and inclusive celebration of the queer community for Barrington Pride Month. More info at www.unitedwithpride.org.



Saturday, June 24
1:00 PM
Barrington Town Hall

SOLIDARITY RALLY with guest speakers
Ceremonial FLAGRAISING | Celebratory PARADE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a 'Progress Pride' flag or a custom 'Barrington United With Pride' lawn sign, after worship last Sunday. All funds collected are going to support the BHS GSA club (Barrington High School Gay Straight Alliance), serving LGBTQ+ high schoolers in our town. Thanks also to our new ONA (Open and Affirming) Team for staffing the sale.

Learn about the proposed new church structure at BCCUCC

A video of the BCCUCC Annual Meeting held after worship on Sunday, June 11 is available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/ZiJsbqzCbGU>. It includes the slide presentation and explanation by members of the Governance Ministry Task Force (GTMF) of their proposed new church structure, and the discussion with the congregation that followed.



June 11, 2023 annual meeting

Congratulations!

We've had a very busy few Sundays here at BCCUCC with Baccalaureate Sunday, our Annual Meeting, an Ordination Service, and Confirmation Sunday! Congratulations to the following church members:

Kim Colby, Lara Nicholson, and Evan Waite for graduating high school and being honored at our Baccalaureate Sunday.
Ben Flynn for winning this year's Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship.
Rev. Gabrielle Sclafani on being ordained.
Becket Capizzo, Jibby Diakite, Lauren Silva, and Caroline Steger on being

confirmed.

We would like to include pictures from these special events in a future eBridge. Please send any you're willing to share to Christine at office@bccucc.org by July 2. Thanks.

Our Prayer Garden is beginning to bloom!

During Lent the congregation wrote prayers on seed papers each week. Following the service on Palm Sunday, all of the seed papers were planted in our new prayer garden, located along the south wall of the church. Thanks to the sun, rain, and regular watering by Pat Stoddard when needed, there are now lots of plants growing and a couple have begun to bloom. Check it out when you next come to church!



In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *Women of the Bible and Ministry*. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#).



Conference Happenings

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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[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.

Summer Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **9:30 am during the summer**. Masks are optional but we do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary and also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



For those unable to join us in person, the services are livestreamed so they can be watched online - either live or later - at

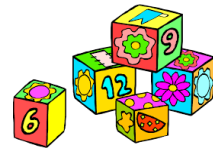
- the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
- or [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

Please note that the service can no longer be watched LIVE on our website. However a recording of the service can be watched once the service is over when it gets posted to the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>

A link to the [Sunday bulletin](#) can be found on our livestream page.

We welcome children in worship

We love the sound of children in worship so families of all ages are encouraged to come to church. There will be a Children's Message every Sunday during worship, except for the first Sunday of the month when we have communion. Nursery care is not available this summer but there is the option of using our **Nursery Nook**, located directly below the sanctuary, for parents to retreat to with crying infants or wiggly children of any age, and the service can still be heard on the loud speaker down there.



From the church office

Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

During the summer the deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

Send information to Christine at office@bccucc.org.



Do you need a Name Tag?

We encourage the congregation to wear nametags to help get to know each other. If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or call (401) 246-0111 and let us know what name you'd like on the nametag and your preference for a clip, pin or string holder. Nametags are stored on the rack in the vestry hallway, or you can keep it in your car or purse where you can easily find it on a Sunday morning.



Online donations to the church through our website

Our church website (www.bccucc.org) is capable of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the following instructions: There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page of the website. 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.](#) OR you can use this QR code to take you directly to our giving page.



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Church Summer Office Hours: Open Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 1 pm.
Closed on Fridays and also on Federal and State holidays.

Building Security: The Education building will remain 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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