



June 24, 2022

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

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Calendar

Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Friday Closed

Sat, June 25

5 pm Church Potluck, Fellowship Hall

Sun, June 26 *Start of Summer Worship schedule*

9:30 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

11 am Visit to Stages of Freedom Museum

Mon, June 27

6 pm Softball Game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Tues, June 28

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, June 29 *Wellness Wednesday!*

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

10 am Prayer Care, Sanctuary

Sun, July 3

9:30 am Worship Service with Communion (in-person and online)

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Mon, July 4 *Independence Day Office Closed*

Tues, July 5

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon Deadline for eBridge

Wed, July 6 *Wellness Wednesday!*

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

(No Prayer Care today)

Sun, July 10

9:30 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

This weekend at church (June 25 & 26)

Church Potluck is this Saturday, June 25. All invited!

Time to break out those favorite recipes! Dust off the crockpots! Create those casseroles! Toss those salads! We're having a ..

POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday June 25

5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME



No need to sign up - just come on Saturday and bring whatever dish you'd like to share. Drinks and ice will be provided - plus popsicles and fun activities for kids of all ages!

Bring warm or cold food ready to eat. We have outlets for plugging in crockpots for anything that needs to be served warm.

Summer Worship schedule begins this Sunday, June 26

This Sunday, June 26 we begin our Summer Worship schedule with the service at the earlier time of **9:30 am**. The summer schedule will run through September 4th. We hope that you will join us for worship when you are in town.



The Summer of Elijah continues!

Racquel and Dale are sharing a **12 part sermon series** that began on June 12 and will run the entire summer. This sermon series covers the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. They will be exploring what meaning this prophet's story has for our lives today. Join us each week as we walk the road of an ancient prophet's faith journey!



If you miss a Sunday, recordings of the worship service are at our usual links - www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Visit to Stages of Freedom Museum & Book Shop

There are still some spots available to join Racquel and others on the visit to Stages of Freedom's African American Museum and Book Shop **this Sunday, June 26 at 11 am**. Ray Rickman, co-founder and executive director will welcome us to the museum as we expand the conversation we began in February. Following his visit, our church raised over \$3400 for their Swim Empowerment Program! Our outreach work continues as we learn more about Rhode Island's history and the current efforts on behalf of People of Color throughout the



Summer at BCCUCC

Staff vacations and summer office hours

Andrea is on vacation through July 2.
Christine will be on vacation June 27 & 28.
Pat will be on vacation June 28 - July 3.
Racquel will be on vacation July 5 - 10.



The church office is on Summer hours thru Labor Day:
Monday - Thursday, OPEN 9:30 am - 1 pm; CLOSED Friday.

Summer Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

The summer deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (which will be published every other week over the summer) is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.**



Deadline for next eBridge and Announcements is *Tues, July 5*. Send information to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Summer Musicians Wanted

Calling all musicians - vocal and/or instrumental! Summer is upon us and the BCCUCC choir is on a much-needed break. We would love for you to share your musical gifts with us on a Sunday morning this summer. If you are willing to help us out a [SignUp Genius](#) has been created where you can sign up. Please sign up for one or more Sundays with us. Once signed up, please contact our Music Director, Marina Zabinski to work out the specifics at marinazabinski@gmail.com or call/text her at (401) 447-2908. For more information or questions, please contact Marina. Thank you in advance for sharing your musical gifts with the congregation.



Summer Nursery Nook

Beginning Sunday, July 3 and throughout the summer, the Nursery Nook, located directly below the sanctuary, is available to parents with wiggly children to retreat to and still hear the service on the loud speaker down there.

Nursery Care has not been scheduled over the summer, but if you would like nursery care for your children aged 3 and younger, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard andrea@bccucc.org or (246-0111 x 107, or one of the ministers.

Regular nursery care in the Education building across the driveway will resume on Open Doors Sunday, September, 11th.



Wellness Wednesdays!

This summer **beginning Wednesday, June 29**, please join Rev. Racquel for Wellness Wednesdays!!

Walking group – Wednesday mornings from 7 - 8am.

Please meet at the Shaw's parking lot near the bike path. We'll take a walk – at your own pace – from Shaw's to Middle Highway and back. Some may choose a shorter path. Bring kids, dogs on leash, a friend. Water and sunscreen recommended. Time to breathe deep, soak in nature, and SEE each other!! We'll meet every Wednesday through summer June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.



Prayer Care – Wednesday mornings in the Sanctuary at 10am (except for July 6) all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer circle as we pray for the church congregation and clergy, the community, family and friends. Prayer is a part of Spiritual wellness and we could all use some prayer.

BCCUCC Softball Team won their first game!

BCCUCC Softball Team won their first game! Congratulations on a great start to the season with a 9-7 victory over St. Luke's. Our church participates in the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League each summer and **they invite additional players to join them.** Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC are asked to contact Steve Peck at steve@peckmarketing.net or (401) 454-9725. 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.



BCCUCC's next softball games are on **Monday, June 27** against Team Unaffiliated and **Monday, July 11** against Temple Habonim. All games begin at 6 pm at Bicknell Field. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team!

[2022 Softball Schedule](#)

Summer Picnic - save the date!

The RI Association UCC is holding their first ever Summer Picnic on **Sunday, August 21** from 3 – 5 pm at Goddard Park Picnic Pavilion, 1095 Ives Rd, Warwick. There will be music, fun and games, and you, your family and all of the congregations from the RI Association churches are invited! **RSVP** at tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/. You're encouraged to bring your lunch or snacks, and the RI Association will provide dessert, water and lemonade. Picnic tables will be available. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome! [Flier](#)



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, July 26** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *The Memoirs of Stockholm* by Nathaniel Ian Miller. [Book summary](#) For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



Bereavement Group to meet in August

The group has scheduled a meeting over the summer for **Monday, August 1** from 11 am - Noon in the Library. Open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. New members are welcome. For more information about the group, contact one of the facilitators - Betsy Brenner (betsybrenner3@gmail.com 245-8031), or Aubrey Atwater (aubreyfolk@aol.com 392-1909).



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

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

**Peaceful Pause and Prayer
Youth Group
Knitting for Others Group
Women of Faith Reading Group**



Enjoy the Summer and see you in September

Peaceful Pause & Prayer on hiatus but past meditations available

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is taking a break over the summer. However, past online meditations can still be viewed anytime on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on the livestream page of our website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>.



More News!

Custodian retiring

Thank you to **John Cordeiro** who has been a part-time custodian at BCCUCC for just over 10 years. At age 77 he has announced his retirement and his last day will be Friday, July 1. John has been responsible for the cleaning of the buildings and does a wonderful job keeping everything looking so spotless. Most of the congregation have probably never met John as he comes in early three mornings a week and is gone by lunchtime. However, all have probably seen the results of his hard work. We thank him for his time with us and for his dedication to keeping our facilities so clean. He will be missed. We wish him many happy, healthy years of retirement.



WANTED: Part-time Custodian

As noted above, we will be losing our current part-time custodian/cleaner and are looking for someone to fill the position. It's a 15-20 hours per week position and is primarily for cleaning our facilities. Anyone interested in the position or who knows someone who might be, are asked to please contact Paul Dennis at (401) 243-3493 or wrbtwks@aol.com. Thank you.



Update on one of our graduates

Since our list of graduates was published in the last eBridge, we received an update for AJ Maio. Instead of beginning his professional dance career at Grand Rapids Ballet, he is going to be joining Festival Ballet in Providence.



Congratulations to all in our church family who are 2022 graduates at whatever level. For the full revised list [click on this link](#).

Worth repeating

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed in parking lot

We are hosting a shed in our parking lot for the collection of used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals.

Please bag all donations.

St. Pauly Textile, Inc, empties the shed weekly and the church will receive payment based on the amount of bags they collect. Donated clothing is redistributed to people all across the U.S. and world who could use it. Learn more at

www.stpaulytextile.com



The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *I Want Wellness*. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Community Notices

Download the pictures below to see information for a monthly Barrington Farmers Market, and a Barrington Street Fair.

Barrington Farmers Market and Barrington Street Fair

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**Second Thursday Night
of June, July and August**
St. John's Church - County Rd



4-7 pm 6/9 7/14 8/11

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - VENDORS & MORE

**BARRINGTON
STREET FAIR**

SUNDAY, JULY 17 3-6 pm

**Join us on Wood Ave for
Arts and Crafts, Vendors, Food Trucks,
Live Music, Kids Activities, Face Painting,
Cornhole and Much More!**



More information at:
www.barringtonbca.com

Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

Relaxed COVID protocols

Masking is optional in both the church and education buildings, although masking is still required to enter the church office. We no longer require you to sign in when coming to worship on Sundays. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary. [More about our current protocols](#) We also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



**FACE MASKS
OPTIONAL**

Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform Summer worship service** at **9:30 a.m.** every Sunday thru September 4.

Masks are now optional in worship. We do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online.

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

- the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
- the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and **our church's YouTube Channel**

Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it won't be possible to watch the service on either Facebook or our website. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube at the link above.



From the church office

Do you need a Name Tag?

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.](#)



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.

[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.



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Summer Office Hours: (June 20 - Sep 5, 2022):

Open Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed Friday

Church Office Hours: (from Sep 6, 2022)

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

Closed 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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