



June 4, 2020

All the latest news from
Barrington Congregational
Church, UCC

Keeping you up-to-date

NEW in this email:

- Bulletin, Hymn Sheet and Announcements for June 7th live-stream worship service
- Baccalaureate Sunday
- Our 2020 Graduates
- Communion this Sunday
- 'Black Lives Matter' Rally
- Summer Worship

UPDATES:

- Bible Study info for June 8th session

Previous emails have been posted to our website [at this link](#).

Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice

There are still no in-person worship services, meetings or activities at church until further notice. However, many things are happening virtually.

Thurs, Jun 4

4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, Jun 5

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Jun 6

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, Jun 7 Baccalaureate Sunday

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion, Recognition of High School Graduates, and awarding of the KLF Scholarships. Watch at

www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) (No in-person worship)

After Worship BCCUCC Annual Meeting via Zoom

(NO Zoom coffee hour this week)

1 - 1:30 pm 'Black Lives Matter' rally along County Road

Mon, Jun 8

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting via Zoom
7 pm Bible Study with Linda (via Zoom)

Tues, Jun 9

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
1:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom
7 pm Church Council meeting via Zoom

Thurs, Jun 11

1 pm Moving Forward Team meeting via Zoom
4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, Jun 12

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Jun 13

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, Jun 14

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)
After worship Coffee Hour via Zoom
11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Please note that looking ahead, cancellations and suspensions of meetings may not yet be noted in the on-line calendar as we don't know what the future holds.
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Of note...

National Gun Violence Awareness - wear orange in support!

In recognition and support, the front of the church will once again be lit up in orange for the weekend of **Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7** (Friday night thru Sunday night). Supporters are encouraged to **wear orange** to remind everyone of the need for legislation on gun safety, background checks, and the banning of assault weapons. [More info](#)



'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea'

'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' is on **Saturdays at 9:30 am**. We invite both the young and young at heart to tune in to www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/> as Andrea reads a story or two, shares a Psalm and talks with the children in this livestream.

If you're not able to watch live, you can always watch a recording later on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.



Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!

Each year we publish in our newsletter the names of those in our church family who are graduating at all levels.

[Read about our 2020 graduates.](#)

If you or your family member's graduation information did not appear and you'd like it to, please send it to Christine at office@bccucc.org by **Monday, June 15th** so that it can be published in a future eBridge.



2020 Annual Report for BCCUCC

Our church's 2020 Annual Report was published last Monday and emailed to the congregation. Click on the following link to read it.

[BCCUCC 2020 Annual Report](#)

At the Annual Meeting this Sunday, the membership will be asked to vote on the slate of nominees for church officers, ministry team and delegates. [Slate of nominees](#)

As you'll see from the slate, there are still some teams with vacancies that need filling, to start in July. If you're interested in serving on any of these teams or to learn more, please contact Elizabeth Azevedo at eazevedo17@gmail.com or 860-301-2915.



Outreach ministries on hold

Volunteers from our church had been scheduled for the **Soup Kitchen** on June 13th and the **Loaves and Fishes RI ministry** on June 24th. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions both of these outreach ministries are currently on hold. We look forward to resuming our participation in both of them once it becomes safe to do so.

Summer Worship time

Beginning in a couple of weeks time on **Sunday, June 21st**, our live-streamed worship service will begin at the slightly earlier time of **9:30 a.m.** If you aren't able to watch live you can always watch a recording later at your convenience at the same links.



Sunday, June 7th

Baccalaureate Sunday!

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate our graduating high school seniors! This has certainly been a different year for our seniors, but their accomplishments and plans are as important to us and to our world as ever. We will be celebrating them with music and words as we highlight each one. We will also be awarding the Kathleen Lynne Fodor Memorial Scholarships.

In addition, we will be celebrating virtual communion as we gather at our tables. So, join us this Sunday as we gather and celebrate the many ways we are a community!



Communion this Sunday

As it's the first Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating virtual communion this Sunday. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. We invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the "proper" elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an



open and loving heart. See you Sunday!

Worship begins at 10:00 AM and can be found both on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) and on our website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/
We hope you can join us live, but if not, you can watch a recording later at the same links.



Resources for this week's worship service are at the following links:

[Bulletin for Sunday 6/7/20](#)

[Hymn sheet for Sunday 6/7/20](#)

[Announcements for Sunday 6/7/20](#) (please note that these don't cover anything prior to Sunday)

Annual Meeting is this Sunday, June 7th.....

.....after a short break at the end of worship

Please note that there will be an **approx. 5 minute break** between the end of the livestream worship service and the opening up of a new Zoom meeting for the Annual Meeting to take place. In order to attend the annual meeting you will need to log in to zoom from an electronic device (computer/tablet/smartphone etc), or call in via a regular phone.

For security reasons, the zoom information is not included in this version of the newsletter that is posted to our website and Facebook page.

Annual Meeting

Our church's Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, June 7th** following the 10 am worship service. This year it will take place virtually via Zoom (see info above).

In addition to the regular business of the meeting, we will be voting on a slate of nominees for a Search Committee for a new Associate Minister for Congregational Life.

There will also be a report from the Vision 2020 and Beyond Team. All church members are encouraged to attend as we need a minimum of 45 members to reach a quorum. The warrant with the agenda is below, and the Zoom information needed to attend is above.



Warrant for the ANNUAL Meeting of Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place virtually on **SUNDAY, JUNE 7th, 2020** following worship via Zoom*. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams, and delegates.

ARTICLE III: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for a Search Committee to fill the position of Associate Minister for Congregational Life.

ARTICLE IV: To hear a report from the 'Vision 2020 and Beyond' Team.

ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Greg Voigt* Clerk

Resources for the meeting:

[2020 Annual Report for BCCUCC](#)

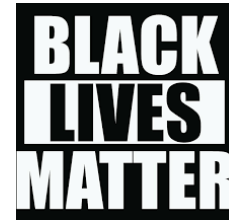
[Slate of Nominees](#)

....and yet more happening this Sun, Jun 7th

'Black Lives Matter' Rally at BCCUCC

A Black Lives Matter rally, sponsored by our Mission and Justice team will be held **this Sunday, June 7th**, from **1:00 - 1:30 pm**. We will line the sidewalk, starting in front of the church, and will extend south along County Road. Participants should wear face masks and bring signs with appropriate slogans (Black Lives Matter, George Floyd or other names of People of Color killed by police or vigilantism, End Racism, etc). We will be silent - no chanting or singing; people may kneel if they like. The sidewalk will be taped at eight foot intervals for social distancing. All are welcome to join the rally.

If you have any questions, please contact Trinkie Brueckner (401) 447 4742.



Conversation on Race, Rebellion and Allyship

During the season of unjust fatal police brutality on Black people in America there must be systemic and social change.

Being an ally requires a commitment to take action to be part of the solution. The Rhode Island State Council of Churches is sponsoring a candid discussion of those interested in allyship to consider what options are available for allies to be active allies. Moderated by Rev. Timoth Sylvia, Pastor of Newman Congregational Church, UCC, Rumford, RI and Rev. Dr. Venson Jordan, author of internationally acclaimed true-fiction novel, *The Rebel Marcus Madison*. This event will take place **this Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 PM**. Register at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conversation-on-race-rebellion-and-allyship-tickets-107786727002>

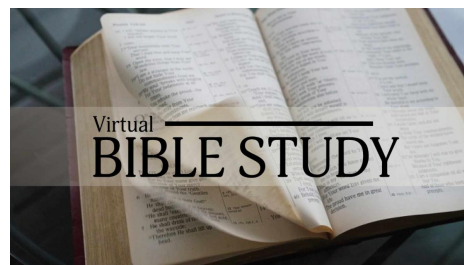


Ongoing....

Bible Study with Linda - week 2

Linda Hartley is offering a four-week Bible study on Monday evenings in June. Each week we will be looking at a different less-well-known figure in the Bible whose faith led them through life's challenges. Maybe their stories will inspire you and your own journey of faith.

Last week was Rahab, and this coming **Monday, June 8th**, we will look at the life of Judge Deborah. You may want to prepare by reading Judges chapters 4 & 5 prior to that evening. All are welcome. Each session will focus on a different individual, so if you can't make it to all the sessions, that's okay.



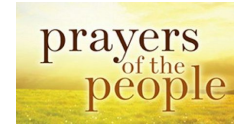
Join us for the sessions you can.

We will meet **via Zoom** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** on **June 8th, 15th and 22nd.**

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Prayers of the People

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning.** Leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111 or email to dale@bccucc.org or 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.



Altar Flower donors needed later in June

There are still some openings on the Sundays later in June for people to donate the cost of the altar flowers. Each arrangement costs \$30 and donors may choose to cover the cost of either one or both of the vases. The flowers can be dedicated in memory, celebration or honor of a person or a special event. If interested in any of the Sundays in June, please contact Jen Melker at (617) 877-1278 or jkmelker@gmail.com. Thank you.



With the 'stay at home' order lifted, the Chancel Team will now be able to pick up and deliver the flowers - while observing social distancing and other safety measures.

"Behind the scenes and moving forward....."

"When will we be able to worship in person again?" This is a question Dale was often being asked. In his latest blog Dale elaborates on this question and writes about how we as a church are moving forward as we try to answer it.



He also gives a behind the scenes look at what - and who - is involved in putting together the Sunday virtual worship services. If you missed it [here is the link to Dale's latest blog](#)

Opportunities to get together (virtually)

After worship coffee hour on Sundays (cancelled on 6/7/20)

We host a Zoom coffee hour after church each Sunday. Beginning shortly after the 'livestream' worship ends, **around 10:45 am**, all are invited to log onto zoom and chat with your fellow church members and friends. We hope to see you there - but you'll have to bring your own coffee!

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BCCUCC Happy Hour on Thursdays

All are invited to stop by the BCCUCC virtual Happy Hour with Dale every Thursday anytime from 4:30 - 6 pm via

Zoom. So grab your favorite beverage sit down with your computer, tablet or smartphone, and hang out with your church friends for a while. You're welcome to drop by (virtually) for as long or short a time as you'd like – we miss you and hope you'll join us!

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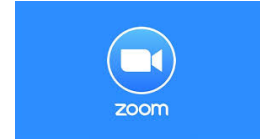


New to Zoom? Here's what you need to know

Zoom is pretty easy to set up and use. If you are using a tablet or smartphone (iPad or Android) there are apps to use. You should be able to find the app "Zoom" in your App Store.

If you are using your computer (ideally with a camera, like most laptops have) when you click on the link from your weekly church email, it will take you to a website and ask to install Zoom on your computer. Say "yes". It is a very small and pretty quick download and install.

Once installed, whenever you click on a zoom link it will automatically launch zoom and log you into the meeting. If it doesn't log you into the meeting automatically, you can manually type in the meeting ID into the Zoom app (on computer, smartphone, or tablet) and then the password, and it will take you to the meeting.



Reminders

Building Safety

Some of you have been hand delivering contributions to the office. While we appreciate your doing so, please do not enter the building, for your safety and for the safety of the limited staff that must work from the office. We encourage you to either mail your contributions to the church or leave them in the "church mailbox", located at the top of the steps leading to the office - on the wall on your left. The US mail and the church mailbox are checked daily by a staff member. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

Church Offering - please continue to give if you are able

Thank you to those of you who have been mailing in your contributions to the church. If you are financially able to do so at this time, we encourage you to mail in your regular contributions or use online banking if that is available to you. This will allow our cash flow to remain stable and for the church to be able to pay its bills and meet payroll. We appreciate your efforts! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at pat@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 102. Thank you.



Pat Stoddard, at

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds. Once on the church's Facebook page, you will need to click on 'posts' or 'videos' to find the live feed, or watch the recording later.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Following recommendations, the church office will be closed for the foreseeable future. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages will be checked regularly. Our contact information is:



Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

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

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

Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107

As Dale said in one of his blogs "*if you need support, strength, or help in these days, please don't wait for Linda, me, or someone else from the church to call you. Reach out to us. We're still here and we'll be there for you in the ways that we can!*"

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