



June 7, 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

Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Thurs, Jun 7

Noon Ladies Lunch, Fellowship Hall

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

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

Fri, Jun 8

Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies

6 pm Deacons potluck, Fireside Parsonage

Sun, Jun 10 Pastors Anniversary

10 am Worship Service, Class on the Grass

After Worship ANNUAL MEETING, Sanctuary

1 - 5 pm Sewing Bee in support of RHCA, Fellowship Hall

5 - 7 pm Senior Youth Group, Room 9

Mon, Jun 11

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

7 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jun 12

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

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

6 pm Church Council Cookout and Meeting, Steve Peck's home

Thurs, Jun 14

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, June 15

Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jun 17 Strengthening the Family Day and Father's Day

10 am Worship Service, Class on the Grass

Start of Summer Office Hours:

Mon, Jun 18

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library
7 - 8 pm Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room

Tues, Jun 19

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
11:30 am [Book Group](#), Coffee Depot

Wed, Jun 20

Noon Deadline for the eBridge
2 pm Communion Service at Atria Bay Spring Village

Thurs, Jun 21

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

9:30 am Worship Service, Nursery Care only
3-5 pm [Farewell Ice Cream Social](#) for Rev. Barbara Libby, Beneficent Congregational Church

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
Wednesday, June 6th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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

Sunday, June 10th

Class on the Grass

Multi-age 'Class on the Grass' will be held during church school time again this **Sunday, June 10th & next Sunday, June 17th**. All children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate. The children will hear a Bible story, do an activity or art project, and have a snack out on the playground.



Church Annual Meeting is this Sunday, June 10th

Our church's Annual Meeting will take place **this Sunday, June 10th** in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 am worship service.

In addition to the regular business of the meeting, the Renewal Team will give a report to the congregation on their work so far, as well as the research conducted by the strategic teams. You won't want to miss it!

All church members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. Child care will be provided.

[Read the 2018 Annual Report](#)



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

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 10th, 2018**. 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 consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

Sewing Bee in support of RHCA

The Woman Project (TWP) will be hosting a Sewing Bee in Fellowship Hall **this Sunday, June 10th** from 1-5 pm. Come join this creative and politically minded network of people, as we work on Petition 2.0 - a 40 foot long quilt that is made up of over 2,000 signatures of R.I. residents that support the Reproductive Health Care Act (RHCA). Stay all afternoon, or just an hour or two. ALL skills and abilities are welcome. There are plenty of tasks for non-sewers too! For more information on TWP visit <https://thewomanproject.org/> Questions? Contact Caroline Morgan from our congregation at 501-339-8505 or cjm678692@gmail.com. All are welcome.



FREE Fun Day at Irons Homestead

All members and friends of the United Church of Christ are invited to enjoy a day at the waterfront at Irons Homestead Camp & Retreat, **Sunday, June 10th** from Noon on. There will be life guards on duty from 12:30 - 4 pm for boating and swimming. Grills will be at the ready, please bring your own food. The field will be ready for play, the stone throwing area will be open, and there will be volleyball, basketball and lawn games in addition to waterfront fun. For more info contact Director Jennifer Geary 401-710-9478 or IronsHomestead@ricucc.org [More info about Irons](#) located at 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02857.



From the church office

2018 Annual Report is published

The [2018 Annual Report](#) was published earlier this week and emailed to the congregation on Wednesday. Or read it at the link above.



2018-2019 Calendar Information Needed

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.



The church is now on Instagram!

Follow us @Barrington UCC

You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Be sure to 'Like' us so you get our news feeds.

Thanks to Abby Ashley for managing our social media sites and posting what's happening.



Summer Office Hours begin June 18

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



Coming soon

Blood Donors Needed

Our church will once again 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



Want to play Co-ed Softball this summer?

Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches 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 starting June 18th beginning 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](#)



Summer Worship begins June 24

Beginning **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.



'Feasting a Fireside' returns as 'Picnics at the Parsonage'!

Elizabeth and Dale are once again opening up the parsonage for small dinner groups beginning in June. Special for the summer dates are picnics for 10! On these dates they won't be sitting around the dining room table, but hopefully be out in the yard for a cookout. These will be a little more casual affairs with a few more people, but still the same great fellowship. Dates are **Mon, June 25th, Tues, Aug 7th, and Tues, Sept 18th** from 6-8 pm. 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!



Congratulations

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to the 2018 Kathleen Lynne Fodor scholarship winners. They are: **A.J. Maio** who graduates from Providence Country Day School and will be a freshman at the University of Utah in the fall majoring in Classical Ballet and Russian. **Gabi Sclafani** who has just finished her 2nd year of a 3 year program at Union Theological Seminary.

Photo taken on Baccalaureate Sunday of the winners with the Fodor family.

Congratulations to our high school graduates



Baccalaureate Sunday was June 3rd and during the worship service we recognized high school graduates Matthew Block, AJ Maio, Christian Odjakjianm and Matthew Zeleznik (pictured above with Dale and Brendan).

Many congratulations to all in our church family who are graduating this season from high school, college, or any other institution of learning. See the full list of graduates at the following link [Our 2018 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 Tuesday, June 19th so that it can be published in the next eBridge.

Opportunities to help others

Camping Equipment Needed

As part of our mission trip this year, participants will be camping on the land where they're planting edible landscapes. Not all participants are regular campers and would like to borrow some items for the duration of the trip (June 24th – July 2nd). If you have some camping items you'd be willing to loan to some of our participants, please contact Joanne Waite (jmwaite55@gmail.com) (Joanne is the parent of one of the mission trip youth). Items needed are: tarps, sleeping air mats, sleeping bags, mess kits that include reusable utensils, and a large tent. We appreciate your help so much. 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 29th**. 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>.

Middle School Clothing Collection

Renee Lemos from our congregation is collecting used clothing and shoes for middle schoolers. A teacher in a North Providence Middle School sees many of her students come in wearing the same clothes each day or missing school because they don't have clean clothes to wear, so she opened a "closet" where students can "shop" for shoes and clothes that they need. There is a collection bin at the back of Fellowship Hall for donations. Remember that middle school children come in all shapes and sizes – adult sizes are welcomed as well! The students who shop in the closet at school are so incredibly grateful for the donations. Thank you for your help.

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?

We invite you to financially contribute to Irons Homestead in any of a number of different ways. A donation to the 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.



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, June 19th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *American by Day* by Derek B. Miller: 'She knew it was a weird place. She'd heard the stories, seen the movies, read the books. But now police Chief Inspector Sigrid Ødegård has to leave her native Norway and actually go there; to that land across the Atlantic where her missing brother is implicated in the mysterious death of a prominent African-American academic. America.' 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 will meet **Monday, June 18th** at 11 am in the library, and will then take a break over the summer, starting up again in September. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info 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 are.....

[NAMI RI Family Support Group](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

[Memory Impairment Support Group](#)

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



From the River's Edge

The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Rev. Brendan Curran

Feeling Busy!?!

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - June 1, 2018 One afternoon, years ago, a church member walked into my office. "How are you doing, Dale?" "Busy," was my tired response. "That's a good thing!" he answered with a big ol' grin on his face. "Life ...

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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

Miscellaneous

Pictures from Jubilation Sunday

The theme of the worship service was 'The Web of Life' and the church school children helped with the service. [See photos](#) from the service - more have recently been added!



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.

Meditation opportunities continue

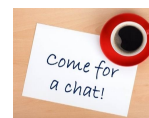
Mindful Mondays will be ongoing on **Monday evenings from 7 – 8 pm** in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

Mid-Week Recharge is **Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1 pm** in the Meditation Room when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or there will be a

short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times for use by the congregation and community, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

Brendan's Community Office Hours

Brendan will be at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, from 3 - 5 pm on **Thursday afternoons** for anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting. All are invited. *Please note that they will not be happening on Thursdays June 21 or 28 due to the Mission Trip.*



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

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 on **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. If you would like time on the program to share greetings or make a presentation, email Michelle at mmadsenbibeau@gmail.com with 'Barbara' in the subject line. You can also email her your favorite photos of Barbara for a retrospective slide show. Questions? 401-331-9844 or 860-597-4223. [More info](#)

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](#)



Tri-Conference Annual Meeting

The second joint Annual Meeting of the RI, CT and MA conferences will be held **Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16** at Mass Mutual Center, Springfield MA. [Traci Blackmon](#) will be the keynote speaker. At this meeting, delegates of the three conferences will be asked to officially create the new conference by approving a covenant agreement, set of new bylaws, establishing a unified Board of Directors, electing officers, and making minor changes to their existing bylaws. They will meet separately but simultaneously to conduct this and other business. For more information [click here](#) or go to the [RICUCC website](#) and click on the link from the home page. If you haven't registered but would like to go, walk-ins are welcome.



Last online forum on New Conference votes is June 12th

Leading up to the second [Tri-Conference Annual Meeting](#) of the CT, MA and RI conferences, Conference leaders have been hosting a series of online forums in May and June for discussion about the upcoming votes to formally create a new, unified conference. The last one is on **Tuesday, June 12th**. Learn more and register to join the webinar [at this link](#).

Community Notices

Handbell Concert at Seekonk Congregational Church

The [Merrimack Valley Ringers](#) will be giving a concert ‘Fill My Heart with Song’ on Saturday, June 16th at 4 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk MA. A reception will follow. Suggested donation is \$10. All are welcome.

Useful Links

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Our Church Calendar](#)

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