



**June 9, 2022**

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

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## Calendar

*Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.*

### **Thurs, June 9**

5:30 pm Practice session for BCCUCC softball team - or anyone interested in playing, Bicknell Field

### **Sun, June 12**

*Strengthen the Church offering*

8:30 am FFAYM (Faith Formation and Youth Ministries) meeting, Library

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Class on the Grass

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

After Worship: **BCCUCC Annual Meeting**, Sanctuary

### **Mon, June 13**

5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom

7 pm Buildings and Ground meeting, Vestry

### **Tues, June 14**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council Meeting via Zoom

### **Wed, June 15**

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting

### **Sat, June 18**

9 am - 11 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

9 am - 2:30 pm SNEUCC Annual Meeting, Virtual

### **Sun, June 19 Father's Day**

10 am Worship Service, Class on the Grass

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*Summer Office Hours begin:*

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

**Mon, June 20**

11 am - Noon Bereavement Group, Library

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Room 6

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

**Tues, June 21**

10:30 am Book Group, Church library

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

4 pm LFRI BACKPACK program, pack bags in Fellowship Hall

**Wed, June 22**

Noon Deadline for eBridge

**Sun, June 26** Start of Summer Worship schedule

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

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

11 am Visit to Stages of Freedom Museum

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>  
Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

## Annual Report & Annual Meeting this Sunday, June 12

### 2022 Church Annual Report

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC

#### **2022 Annual Report**

has been published and is available at the link above.

It can also be found on the Church Resources page of our website [at this link](#).



The Annual Report contains the **slate of nominees** for 2022-2023 church officers and ministry team members (from p. 24-26 of the report) which will be voted on at our Annual Meeting on Sunday (see below).

There will be some printed copies of the annual report available on Sunday for those without email or who need a printed copy. Printed copies of the slate of nominees will also be available at the annual meeting in preparation for the vote.

### Please attend the Church Annual Meeting this Sunday, June 12th

Our church's Annual Meeting will be held in person in the sanctuary **this Sunday, June 12th** immediately following the worship service. All church members are encouraged to attend so we have a **quorum**. In addition to the regular business, there will be a presentation on the **long-term financial sustainability of our church**. We hope as many as possible will attend worship and remain afterwards for the meeting. *Childcare will be provided.*



### Warrant for the 2022 ANNUAL MEETING of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10 am worship service on **Sunday, June 12th, 2022**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To make a By-Laws revision retitling the Christian Education and Youth Ministry team to the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry team.

ARTICLE III: To share a presentation on the long-term financial sustainability of our Church.

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

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

## Also happening this Sunday, June 12...

### Strengthen the Church offering to be taken June 12th

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

[Watch a short video](#)

For those wishing to make a donation, checks may be made out to 'BCCUCC' with 'Strengthen the Church' in the memo line and can be either put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at 461 County Rd, Barrington RI 02806. Online donations may be made from our church website at [www.bccucc.org/donation/](http://www.bccucc.org/donation/). Click on the Tithe.ly 'Donate Now' link and choose 'Strengthen the Church' in the dropdown menu. Thank you.



### The Summer of Elijah begins!

Racquel and Dale have deemed the summer of 2022 at BCCUCC the 'Summer of Elijah'. We will be sharing in a **12 part sermon series** that will run the entire summer **beginning this Sunday, June 12**. This sermon series will cover the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. And we 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!



### Class on the Grass

Our regular church school programs have ended but Class on the Grass continues on **Sundays June 12th & 19th**. This all-ages group meets during Church School Time out on the playground (or inside if bad weather) with a craft and snacks.



## Summer at BCCUCC

**Staff vacations and summer office hours**

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation June 15 - 21.  
Andrea Bullard will be on vacation June 18 - July 2.

Beginning June 20, the church office will be on Summer hours: Monday - Thursday, open 9:30 am - 1 pm; Friday Closed.



## Summer Worship schedule begins June 26

On **Sunday, June 26** we begin our Summer Worship schedule with the service at the earlier time of **9:30 am**. There is no church school or Class on the Grass, but nursery care is still provided every Sunday morning for children up to age 3. The summer schedule will run through September 4th.



## 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**  
**Bereavement Group** (last meeting June 20th)  
**Women of Faith Reading Group**



*Enjoy the Summer and see you in September!*

## Would you like to play on our church's co-ed softball team?

Practice session Thurs, June 9th. First game June 20th.

BCCUCC participates in the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League each summer and is in need of some additional players. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC are invited to contact Steve Peck at [steve@peckmarketing.net](mailto:steve@peckmarketing.net) or (401) 454-9725. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June beginning at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. This is a very friendly league and the team has a lot of fun. New players are always most welcome. BCCUCC's first game is scheduled for **Monday, June 20th** at 6 pm against St. Luke's. Spectators are very welcome!

[2022 Softball Schedule](#)

A **practice session** has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 9th** at 5:30 pm at Bicknell Field. All players and anyone interested in playing is welcome!



## Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates!

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Ben Flynn and Maya Kelly, who were recognized in worship on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th. Ben and Maya were also the recipients of this year's Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships.

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



# Opportunities!

## Food donations needed for BACKPACK program in June

Once a month BCCUCC distributes 25 bags of food to students at the DelSesto Middle School in Providence for the Loaves and Fishes RI BACKPACK program. We continue to partner with We Share Hope (<https://wesharehope.org>) and Books are Wings (<https://www.booksarewings.org>), but to supplement these donations and fill the bags, we add regular items each month such as peanut butter, bread, oatmeal, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, fruit cups, shelf stable pudding, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. To donated food items please use this [SignUp Genius link](#) to mark which items you plan to bring and also indicate the number of items you are signing up to donate. You can also call the church office if you need assistance with this. **Food donations need to be dropped off at the church no later than Sun, June 19th** so that the bags can be packed before our next delivery to DelSesto School. A collection box is in the narthex as you go up the stairs to the sanctuary. This will be our last collection of the school year.



Volunteers to help pack the bags are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, June 21st at 4 pm**. Questions? Contact Jay Buckley at [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net) or (401) 578-6533.

## Visit to Stages of Freedom Museum & Book Shop

Please join Racquel on a visit to Stages of Freedom's African American Museum and Book Shop on **Sunday, June 26th 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 area. We are able to accommodate 20 guests at a time to the museum. To attend, please **RSVP by Wed, June 22nd** to [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) – the first 20 people to sign up will be included. If more would like to go, we will schedule subsequent trips. We'll leave from church on the 26th, carpooling as necessary. Learn more about Stages of Freedom at <https://www.stagesoffreedom.org/>



## East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap will be holding their next swap on **Saturday, June 18th** from 9 - 11 am in Fellowship Hall. It's a place to trade clean clothes and shoes that no longer fit and get the next size up! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. There's a \$5 donation at the door, but no-one is turned away. For more information, visit their [Facebook page](#).

The group is also **in need of volunteers** to keep the swaps happening. They're held on the third Saturday of the month from 9 - 11 am. Volunteers are needed to help at the swap from 8 – 10 am and 10 am – Noon and are also needed to help with sorting ahead of the swap. For more information or to volunteer, please email [RIKidSwap@gmail.com](mailto:RIKidSwap@gmail.com).



## 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, will empty the shed weekly and the church will receive payment based on the weight of the 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](http://www.stpaulytextile.com)



## From our Mission and Justice Team

### March for Our Lives Rally against gun violence

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence is holding a March for Our Lives Rally at the State House on **Saturday, June 11th** from Noon to 2 pm. RSVP at [ricagv.org](http://ricagv.org) for event updates.



### From the UCC - an online event for Juneteenth

The U.S. federal holiday, [Juneteenth National Independence Day](#), is **Monday, June 20th**. It commemorates June 19, 1865, the day that Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Tex., and told enslaved people of their emancipation. That was more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) on Jan. 1, 1863.



Remembering that day “acknowledges God’s sacred people of African descent,” said the Rev. Velda Love, UCC minister of [racial justice](#) and leader of [Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice](#). Hearing real stories from those people, she said, is a way to counteract white supremacist “efforts to suppress the truth of our history.”

[Learn more and register](#) for this free event *Juneteenth: Revealing Hidden Histories* which will take place via Zoom on **Friday, June 17th**, at **noon**.

### Climate Change: What Can We Do?

Some members of the Green Team joined Climate Action RI on Zoom for a presentation by Bill McGibben founder of 350.org. Bill's newest effort is to encourage those of us who are turning 60 to join Third Act. As he points out: ...as a generation we have unprecedented skills and resources that we can bring to bear. Washington and Wall Street have to listen when we speak, because we vote and because we have a large—maybe an overlarge—share of the country’s assets. And many of us have kids and grandkids and great grandkids: we have, in other words, very real reasons to worry and to work.

If you want to learn more, go to: <https://thirdact.org/>



### Holy Joe's Café collection continues thru June

The Mission and Justice Team made the decision this year to collect for [Holy Joe's Café](#) in honor of Armed

Forces Day. This special day pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. However, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, an urgent plea was sent out by Holy Joe's Café to meet the demand for coffee to support the U.S. military chaplains due to the rapid deployment of troops to Europe. With the recent celebration of Armed Forces Day on May 21st this year, we are continuing this campaign through the end of June. Please make donations via Tithely on-line [at our website](#) or by check - payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Holy Joe's Cafe' before 6/30/22. Thank you for all donations.



## Ongoing groups and happenings

### Bereavement Group

The group's last meeting before the summer break will be on **Monday, June 20th** from 11 am - Noon in the church library. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. New members are welcome. For more information, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at [betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) or 245-8031.



### Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, June 21st** at **10:30 am** (*new time*) in the church library. They will discuss *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. [Book summary](#) For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



### Peaceful Pause and Prayer is on hiatus

'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](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on the livestream page of our website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>.



## Community Notices

*Download the pictures below to see fliers about some upcoming community events*

### 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](http://www.barringtonbca.com)

## Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

### Greeters needed

Help us be a welcoming church by having Greeters to welcome visitors and old friends alike to our Sunday morning worship service. We need two (or more) people each Sunday with someone at the Vestry door entrance, and another at the main door entrance on the narthex level (for Sundays when those doors are open). A friendly smile and a welcome is all that's needed – plus a willingness to direct newcomers where to go and answer any questions. If you are interested in being a greeter some Sunday,





please contact Joanne D'Adamo at (401) 575-8960 or [joannedadamo5@gmail.com](mailto:joannedadamo5@gmail.com). Individuals, couples and families are all welcome to sign up!

## 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.



## Nursery Care

**Nursery Care** is available every Sunday morning for children aged 3 and under. Our nursery is located in the Education building across the driveway from the church.



## Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **10 a.m.** every Sunday. 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](https://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.

## In case you missed it

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *I want a potluck supper*. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



**Southern New England Conference**  
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*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

[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.

### 3rd Annual Meeting of SNEUCC

The 3rd Annual Meeting Third Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference (SNEUCC) will be held online on

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

9 AM – 2:30 PM

8:30 AM - "Doors" Open  
Hopin Platform

[More information and registration.](#)

*Registration deadline is June 13th*



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**Summer Office Hours:** (June 20 - Sep 5): Mon - Thu, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed Fri.

**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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