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

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Calendar

***Church Office is open on summer hours:
Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed on Friday.***

Sun, July 4 Independence Day

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service with Communion (Attend in-person or watch online). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)



Mon, Jul 5

Office Closed

Tues, Jul 6

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting
Noon *Deadline for Announcements*
2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting

Thurs, Jul 8

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, Jul 11

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service (Attend in-person or watch online). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Jul 12

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet
6 pm Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field
7 pm Building and Grounds meeting, Carriage Sheds

Tues, Jul 13

11 am Staff meeting
Noon *Deadline for eBridge*
2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting

Sun, July 18

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service (Attend in-person or watch online). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

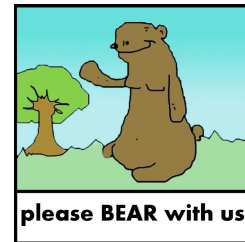
For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

News and Updates

Worshipping from the sanctuary again - despite some technical issues!

What a great Sunday we had last week! June 27th marked the first multi-platform worship service at BCCUCC. While it was great to have 71 people in worship and at least another 35 families joining us online, it was not without its challenges.

If you tried to join us through Facebook Live, we apologize for it not working. For those who were able to join us through YouTube and/or the website, we are sorry for the delay. This was our first experiment and we only had two days following the install to prepare. Not only that, the installation wasn't complete! So, for those who joined us live or online, and for those who tried to join us but couldn't, THANK YOU!



The installation company is doing more work on the system this week and we're sure this Sunday's service will go more smoothly on both platforms. We will continue to work out the kinks as we go forward. Thanks for your patience and support!

We look forward to you joining us again for worship - whether in person or online.

Multi-platform Worship at 9:30 am every Sunday

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **9:30 a.m.** during the summer. We're very hopeful that the technical problems experienced last Sunday will have been fully resolved in time for this week's service (*see above*).



For those attending in person, we still need to take precautions to provide the safest conditions possible for everyone, and so there are **guidelines** in place. If you plan to worship with us in person in the sanctuary we ask that you read them ahead of time. Of particular note is that we're asking everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, to wear a mask. This is particularly important to keep our children safe as they haven't had the opportunity to be vaccinated yet. Thank you.

For those who are not yet ready to return to our sanctuary, or are not able to, the services will continue to be livestreamed so they can be watched online at the same links as before: www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>.

July 4th is Communion Sunday

It is our tradition on the first Sunday of every month to do two things: celebrate Communion and have Deacons Fund envelopes in the bulletin so the congregation can make donations.



COMMUNION: For those who attend worship in person, the deacons will be serving individual pre-packaged communion that is gluten free - or you can bring your own elements if you prefer. If you're worshipping with us online, we invite you to have elements on hand so you can join in this celebration. It doesn't have to be bread and juice (or even wine) - whatever you have on hand will do.

DEACONS' FUND: Deacons' Fund envelopes will be included in the July 4th worship bulletin for those attending in-person worship. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can EITHER write a check payable to "BCCUCC" with "Deacons Fund" in the memo line, and put it in the offering plate, or mail to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806 OR make an online donation from our website at <https://bccucc.org/donation/> designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. (see under 'Reminders' later in this newsletter for more info about donating online). Thank you.

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer'

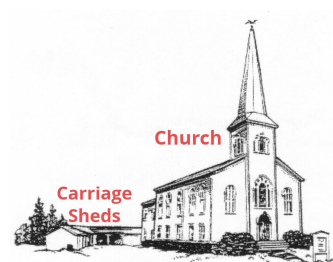
Dale leads these morning meditations at **8 am on Tuesday & Thursday** mornings. *Please note that there won't be any on July 13th or 15th as Dale will be on vacation.*

Each meditation provides moments for reflection, music, scripture, and silence. They can be watched on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on the livestream page of our new website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



We reached our goal for the Carriage Shed Fund!

Thanks to the generosity of all who made donations, we've reached our goal of \$26,000 needed to repair the carriage sheds. Particular thanks go to the initial two donors who got the ball rolling and to the donor who offered a 1:1 match of other donations from the congregation. Thanks also to everyone else who responded and gave to the fund. We look forward to the carriage sheds getting repaired and looking much better!



Softball update

The Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League has resumed playing this summer! In their second game of the season, BCCUCC took a mercy run loss to team Unaffiliated 21-8, despite some good plays from our team players.

BCCUCC's upcoming games are at **6 pm** at [Bicknell Field](#) on **Monday, July 12th** vs Temple Habonim, and **Thursday, July 22nd** vs St. John's. [Season schedule of games](#) Spectators are welcome to come and cheer them!

Players are following certain safety protocols, including masking if unvaccinated. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC's team are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 533 - 7081. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays 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.



Knitting for Others Group

The **Knitting for Others group** plans to meet in July at a date and time tba. If interested in participating but you're not a regular, please contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com for details. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.



Book Group for July

The Book Group will next meet on **Tuesday, July 13th** at **9:30 am.** at the **Cafe Water Street**, 279 Water Street, Warren if the weather is pleasant. If it is a rainy day, we will meet at the same time via Zoom. They will be discussing *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.



For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *The zoom information isn't included here for security reasons. It was in the email sent to the congregation.*

No Black Lives Matter vigils over the summer

The Black Lives Matter Vigils will be paused for June, July, and August while the organizers discuss the best actions to take to continue our witness to the truth that Black Lives Matter.



From the church office

Clergy and Staff Vacations

Our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard is on vacation through July 4th. Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation from July 10th - 18th.

Church Office has reopened

The church office has reopened and is observing summer office hours through Labor Day:

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

Closed: Friday.

We ask that all visitors to the office wear a mask. Masks are available outside the office door for anyone who needs one. Thank you.

Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.



Summer Deadlines for eBridge & Announcements

Due to shorter office hours, during the summer the deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (both of which will be published on alternate weeks over the summer) is a day earlier than normal and is Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Tues, July 13th**. Thank you.



Upcoming Sundays at BCCUCC

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, July 4th:

Both arrangements are given by Helen MacDonald with thanks and appreciation to the ministers, choir members, Marina, and the talented Tech Team who put together the Zoom church services.

On Sunday, July 11th:

One arrangement is given by Dave and the Fabulous Four in memory of Pat. We're thinking of you every day, and missing you a ton.

The other arrangement is given by Beth and Will Buckley in memory of wonderful summers with family.



Birthdays being celebrated

The week of July 4th: Emma Brady, Dan Lemos, Julia Califano, Carol

Strakosch, Joan Frary, Barbara Wuth, E.J. Anderson, Laurie Dubel, Olin Moore, James Nellis, Leslie Strolla, and Peter Weldy



The week of July 11th: Sue Terhune, Betty Gidley, Erik Sheets, Earl Dunlap, Ian Milliken, Robert Humm, and Melissa Ray.

If your name doesn't appear and you'd like it to, please contact the church office so we can add your date of birth to our data base. Thank you.

Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

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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In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Linda and titled 'Change...Again'. Many who read it could relate to what Dale wrote, so if you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Our church's Annual Report

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
[2021 Annual Report](#)
was published June 10th and emailed to the congregation ahead of the church's Annual Meeting on June 13th.
It can also be found on our church website [at this link](#).



Reminders

Online donations to the church are possible - watch video on how

One of the features of our new church website (www.bccucc.org) is the capability of accepting online donations. [Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to do this, or read the instructions below.

There's a red 'DONATE' button on the right side of the black menu bar near the top of each page. 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.](#)

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Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.

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