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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 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](#)

Tues, Jul 20

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting

Thurs, Jul 22

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
6 pm Softball game vs St John's, Bicknell Field

Sun, Jul 25

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](#)

Tues, Jul 27

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting
Noon *Deadline for eBridge & Announcements*
6 pm Softball game vs St James, Bicknell Field

Thurs, Jul 29

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, Aug 1

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](#)

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

News and Updates

Update on Search for Settled Associate Pastor

Now that we are coming out of the pandemic the search team tasked with finding a new settled associate pastor candidate has again begun to meet. The search started in early 2020 however the uncertainty of COVID19 forced us to suspend the search last summer. Two original members of the search team, Seth Forman and Gabe Delatorre, are unable to continue. The team thanks them for their time and input in 2020. Their slots on the team have been filled by Gloria Hwang-Forzano, Vanessa Kiley and Kim Colby. Gloria and Vanessa are parents of young children and youth, and Kim adds a teenager's perspective to the team. We plan to meet again in July and twice in August to finish the required detailed church profile. Our hope is that by early Fall, our church profile along with the job description for an Associate Minister of Congregational Life, approved by church council in March 2020, will be sent to the Southern New England Conference to start a national search. We welcome comments from church members. Search team members as of July 2021 are [Chris Brady](#) (chair), [Kim Fodor Fernandez](#), [Jane Tonn](#), [Gloria Hwang-Forzano](#), [Vanessa Kiley](#), Kim Colby and [Rev. Dale Azevedo](#).



Update on Linda's status at BCCUCC

With our Search Committee for a settled Associate Minister starting their work once again, we realize that you may be wondering about the status of Rev. Linda Hartley, our Associate Minister, Designated Term. As you may know, last fall Linda's original contract, scheduled to end on December 31, 2020, was extended to June 30, 2021. Recently, church leadership met with Linda to extend her contract once again, and we are grateful that Linda will be staying on as our Associate Minister, Designated Term for a while longer. You may also be wondering if Linda will be a candidate for the settled associate position here at Barrington. After prayerful consideration of her call to ministry, Linda has decided not to apply for the settled associate minister position with Barrington, but to enter her own search for a ministerial call as a sole pastor. Until such time as Linda receives a call, or we find our new settled associate, we continue to be grateful for her presence as part of our ministry team. We will continue to keep you updated.



'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' resumes

Dale will resume these morning meditations at **8 am** on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings, beginning July 20th. 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 website at <https://bccucc.org/livestream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



Softball update

BCCUCC's third game of the season was canceled as the fields had been closed by the town due to all of the rain we'd had. Upcoming games are at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#) (located at the end of Walnut Rd off Lincoln) on **Thurs, Jul 22nd** vs St. John's and on **Tues, Jul 27th** vs St James. 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. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. Spectators are welcome to come and cheer them on! [Season schedule of games](#)

Book Group for August

The Book Group will next meet on **Tuesday, August 24th** 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 Unseen World* by Liz Moore. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *If needed the zoom information was in the eBridge emailed to the congregation. It is not included here for security reasons.*



Deacons Fund donates to TapIn

The deacons recently made a \$500 donation to TapIn from the Deacons Fund, and received a very nice thank you note from the TapIn President. A couple of weeks ago TapIn installed a refrigerator and freezer which now allows them to offer dairy items, meats, and frozen fruits and vegetables to their clients. [Read the letter to learn about another new service being offered.](#)



The deacons would like to thank the congregation for their donations to the Deacons' Fund which made the donation to TapIn possible.

Upcoming Sundays at BCCUCC

Multi-platform Worship - Sundays 9:30 am

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **9:30 a.m.** during the summer.



For those attending in person, we continue 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/>.



We continue to experience some technical difficulties with the livestream but are working hard to sort them out. Thank you for your continued patience.

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

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, July 18th:

Both arrangements are given by Leo Drury in memory of his brother, Jason, who passed away in July 2017.

On Sunday, July 25th:

One arrangement is given by Rob, Helen, Holly and Ken in loving memory of their parents, Bobby Earl and Heather MacQuattie Sugg.

The other arrangement is given in celebration of Wendy's birthday by Seth, Jordyn, Sydney and Jonah Forman with lots of love.



Birthdays being celebrated

The week of July 18th: Michael Collins, Wendy Forman, Eme Antone, Andrew DiOrio, Hope Robertson, and Liz White.



The week of July 25th: Lucia Grenier, Jack Silva, Emily Waite, Matthew Bowman, Rob Bullard, Bonnie Parker, Maddie Peck, Lara Nicholson, and Steve Thurston.

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.

From the Mission & Justice Team

UCC Synod urges passing of 'For The People Act'

This week, UCC folks around the country are gathering virtually for [#UCCSynod!](#) Let's channel the energy of being together into calling for a democracy that works for everyone and an end to voter suppression. Join us in urging the Senate to pass the [#ForThePeopleAct](#).

Learn more and send a letter to your officials [at this link](#).



Support the 'Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act' of 2021

This Plastic Free July, we're bringing you the opportunity to make a difference. Send a message to your Member of Congress asking them to support the **Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act** by clicking on the following link: [TAKE ACTION](#)



The Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act will tackle the escalating crisis of plastic pollution and transform waste and recycling management in the U.S.

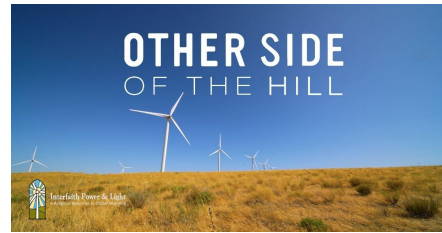
Highlights include:

- Phasing out single-use plastics that aren't recyclable
- Creating a nationwide beverage container refund program
- Prohibiting the export of plastic waste to developing countries
- Pausing construction of any new plastic-making plants
- Holding manufacturers and producers accountable for waste management and recycling

It's time to add the burden of cleaning up onto the companies responsible — and not just leaving consumers to shoulder the load. [Send a message to Congress today.](#)

New short film from IPL "Other Side of the Hill"

Interfaith Power & Light is offering a new 30-minute film that can be watched at home or shared with congregations via Zoom. "Other Side of the Hill" is described as "a hopeful, inspiring look at local leaders on the ground in rural America who are leading climate action in their communities. But it is also about coming together, finding common ground and new climate frameworks, and shining a light on rural voices as we envision a path forward."



The film is available for **free online viewing, July 10-25**. To register, watch the trailer, and download a discussion guide, [visit here](#).

Creation Justice Webinar

"False Solutions: Climate Policies That Fail" is the title of the upcoming Creation Justice Webinar to be held **Thursday, July 22nd at 1 pm** Eastern Time.

Under public discussion and legislative consideration are an array of climate policies that vary widely in their goals and potential.

- Will a given policy actually reduce carbon emissions to the extent needed?
- Will it place unequal burdens on particular communities along the lines of race and poverty?
- Does it allow for extractive industries to essentially continue their present practices?

Featured presenters include:

-Leah Stokes, PhD, author of the acclaimed book "Short Circuiting Policy"

-Gabriela Sarri-Tobar, Energy Justice Campaigner at the Center for Biological Diversity
Even if you cannot make the scheduled time, still sign up, and we will send you a recording. [Sign up here](#).



From the church office

Change in publication of eBridge & Announcements

The eBridge and Announcements are now going to be published the same week with a deadline of Noon on Tuesday prior to publication. Next deadline for both is **Tues, Jul 27th** at Noon. Send information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Church Office Hours

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.



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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In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled 'Riding in the Back of the Bus'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



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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