



July 18, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Our summer worship service is at
9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Please come worship with us when
you're in town.

It's just not the same without you!



Calendar

Summer office hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:30 - 1 pm; Wed 11 am - 1 pm; Fri Closed.

Thurs, Jul 18

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 pm Softball game vs St John's Episcopal Church, Bicknell Field

Fri, Jul 19

Office Closed

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

10 am Barrington Interfaith Partners, Library

Sat, Jul 20

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Jul 21

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

Mon, Jul 22

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jul 23

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon Deadline for Announcements

6 pm Softball game vs St James, Bicknell Field

Thurs, Jul 25

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

Fri, Jul 26

Office Closed

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Noon Memorial Service for Joyce Mabey, Sanctuary

Sun, Jul 28

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

11 am Blessing of the Pets, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Jul 29

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jul 30

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm "What is our Why?" team meeting, Library

Thurs, Aug 1

No Community Office Hours in August

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

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI RI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Aug 2

Office Closed

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Aug 4

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Tuesday, July 30th.**

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

Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge. Some platforms - including gmail - only show part of it with a link at the bottom to the remainder.

Happening in the next few days.....

Come cheer on our softball team! There's a game tonight

At the time of writing BCCUCC's softball team has had 1 win and 2 losses. Their next games are **Thurs, Jul 18th** vs St. John's, **Tues, Jul 23rd** vs St. James, and **Thurs, Aug 1st** vs St. Luke's. All games begin at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#) located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. Despite recent losses, the team is having lots of fun and they love spectators to cheer them on. Please stop by and support them if you can! [2019 Softball Schedule](#)
If you're interested in playing on the BCCUCC team, [learn more here.](#)



East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall, their next swap is **Saturday, July 20th.** *Note: There will be no swap in August.* Trade in your clean clothes, shoes and gently used toys, and get new (to you) clothes, shoes and toys! Size newborn to 12 years old. (No

**East Bay Kids Clothes
& Toy Swap**

carseats please). Give what you can, take what you need! \$3 - \$5 donation at the door but no-one turned away. Open to the community. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/> Interested in volunteering? Contact Rlkidswap@gmail.com

July Sermon Series "The Four Agreements" continues

During the month of July Brendan is preaching on the themes of Don Miguel Ruiz's book, "The Four Agreements," which are, "To be impeccable with your word, not to take anything personally, not to make assumptions, and to always do your best." Don't make any assumptions about what to expect and come on down to the sanctuary and explore these nuggets of wisdom illustrated by stories in the Bible. [Listen to past sermons](#) (Unfortunately, the sermon on July 7th didn't get recorded)



Provide humanitarian aid to families and children at the border

We're joining with the Sts. Matthew and Mark's *Mission to Help the Children Committee*, together with Barrington's other houses of worship in a drive the last two weekends in July (**Sundays, July 21st and 28th**) to collect monetary donations to send to four non-profit organizations assisting people in need at the border.



The Mission & Justice Team hopes you will [read the full announcement](#) which describes the four groups, and consider making a donation.

Please make checks payable to the organization(s) you wish to support.

A donation box will be available at church for your donations. Donations may also be sent to the church office, but be sure to make any checks payable to the organization and *not to the church*. All donations should be received by July 28th. Thank you.

Blessing of the Animals

Back by popular demand!

On **Sunday, July 28th** there will be a blessing of the animals in Fellowship Hall at **11 am**. You are invited to go home after church and retrieve your animal companions and bring them back to Fellowship Hall for a blessing. Bring the whole zoo! God loves all of us, even those of us with four legs, no legs, wings, or fins!

For safety's sake, if your pet could be harmed by another person's pet, or your pet could potentially harm others – including the minister - please bring your pet in an appropriate carrier. Thank you.

Pet Blessing



Opportunities to help

Drivers needed for LFRI truck

We currently only have one driver for the Loaves and Fishes RI truck when our church takes it out, and we need some more. No special license is needed to drive the truck. Please consider this opportunity to volunteer with this important outreach ministry. If interested, contact Jay Buckley at

pbuckley6@cox.net or (401) 578-6533.
Our next LFRI truck run is Thurs, Aug 28th.



Latest update from the McCoy's

Lory and Charlie McCoy are hoping to soon welcome to their home a woman and her daughters from Mexico who are legally seeking asylum. Below is a summary of the latest update from Lory, or [read the full update](#).



The 16 year old daughter is still in Florida. The mother and her younger daughters are doing well in El Paso, Texas and very excited to come to RI. The mother has asked Lory to thank everyone who has volunteered to help her. The number of volunteers that have offered to help is growing!

Annunciation House went beyond their usual services for asylum seekers staying at their shelter and assigned a volunteer to help unite the older daughter with her family. After much effort it is hoped that she will join her mother and sisters in El Paso within the next 2 weeks.

Lory has secured help from an immigration lawyer who is willing to handle the case pro bono. She's also been busy finding support groups for the family, including Progresso Latino in Providence for social support, as well as volunteer groups to teach them English. The target arrival date for the family is still between August 6-11.

[Learn more about the family](#) and how the McCoy's got involved.

[Learn more of what's needed](#) and how you can help.

To get involved contact Lory at lsnadmccoy@gmail.com or 401-369-2341.

Summer at BCCUCC!

Clergy away

Rev. Dale Azevedo is on vacation from **Mon, July 1 thru Sun, July 21.**

Rev. Brendan Curran will be on vacation from **Aug 5 - 11 and Aug 19 - Sep 2.**

During the month of August.....

.... there will be no Mindful Mondays on Monday evenings, and no Community Office Hours on Thursday afternoons. They will both resume after Labor Day.



Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m.

During the summer thru Labor Day weekend, our Sunday service is at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Nursery Care is provided every Sunday for infants and children up to age 3. We hope you will come and worship with us when you are in town.



Summer Musicians Wanted

If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory one Sunday morning, please contact our

organist/choir director Marina Zabinksi at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. She is available to accompany you as needed. A signup calendar has been posted in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.



We're on Summer Office Hours!

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30 am - 1 pm
Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm. Friday Closed

Summer Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

Due to shorter office hours the deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

Deadline for the July 28 & Aug 4 Announcements is *Noon on Tues, July 23rd*. Deadline for the next eBridge is *Noon on Tues, July 30th*. Thank you.



Information about all of the groups that meet regularly at BCCUCC can be found later in this newsletter under "Regular Happenings"

We're planning the 2019-2020 church year

Attention all team and church group leaders etc!

We need calendar information from you as to when you plan to meet and if you'd like to schedule any special events in 2019-2020. The staff will be meeting to finalize plans for the 2019-2020 church calendar on Tues, Aug 13th. In the meantime information is being added to the calendar as it comes in and we'd like to include dates for regular meetings, events and anything else that teams, groups or others are planning. Please send all information to Christine at office@bccucc.org **no later than Aug 5th** if it's to be considered at the planning meeting. The calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> but all info for 2019-2020 won't be final until late August after any conflicts and additional information has been added. Thank you for your help in putting together a cohesive and exciting schedule for our next church year together!



Do you have an idea for something new at church?

As we're looking toward our 2019-2020 program year, we're wondering if you have ideas for something you'd like to do or see happen at church next year? Perhaps there's a ministry you'd like to start? Or an event you'd like the church to host? Please send your ideas to Dale at dale@bccucc.org **by July 31st**.



From the River's Edge



What Happened at Synod?

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Associate Minister - July 18, 2019 " and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8 I wanted to take this month's letter as an opportunity to...

[Read more](#)

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If you missed reading any earlier 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

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Don't forget . . .

Tablecloths

Thank you to the coffee hours hosts who take home and launder the tablecloths used on Sundays. Please be sure to return them as soon as possible so that there are enough each week. We also ask that they be returned to the correctly labeled container, which makes it much easier to find the right sized tablecloth next time! Thank you.

Playground gates - please leave open after using playground

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing access to the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so more easily. Thank you.

Regular happenings (listed alphabetically)

Autism Support Group for Young Adults

A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger's or Autism meets at our church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Their next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 7th**, from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.



Bereavement Group

The group is taking a break over the summer and will reconvene in the fall. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

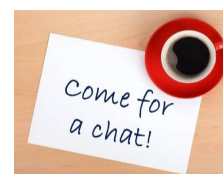
Book Group next meets **Tuesday, August 20th at 7 pm in the church library**. They will be discussing *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger: "Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community"

For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



Community Office Hours

They happen **Thursdays** from 3 - 5 pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren (unless otherwise noted). Community Office Hours are for anyone in the church or community who would like to stop by and visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome. *There will not be Community Office Hours in August.*



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Knitting for Others

The group doesn't meet over the summer but will resume in the fall, meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 7 - 9 pm either in the church library or at a group member's home. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. They make items to be given away including prayer shawls, pocket prayer shawls, baby hats etc. For more information contact Nancy Arena at nancy.arena@outlook.com



Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan are from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room (Room 8) and are ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed, or otherwise noted. The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome. *There will be no Mindful Mondays in August.*



NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the

community they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. *They will not meet in July.* Next meeting is **Thursday, August 1st**. For more info contact info@namirhodeisland.org or call (401) 331-3060.

Women's Faith Group

The group does not meet over the summer and will start up again in October. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net,

Reminders.....

You can help us stay visible on Facebook by 'Liking' and also Commenting on our posts

For our church's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bccucc) to keep showing up in people's newsfeeds and for it also to be seen by the wider community, there need to not only be 'Likes' but also comments of 5 or more words. So if you see something on our Facebook page that you like, ***please both 'Like' AND comment.*** Thanks.



Make sure your emails are reaching us!

We now only receive emails sent to the following addresses:



Dale dale@bccucc.org Brendan brendan@bccucc.org Christine office@bccucc.org
Pat pat@bccucc.org Andrea andrea@bccucc.org. Thank you for making these changes to your email contacts/address books.

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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You can raise money for the church every time you shop at Amazon by going through AmazonSmile. [Learn more at this link](#) and choose 'Barrington Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Every eligible purchase raises 0.5% of the purchase price for our church, and we receive a quarterly deposit from Amazon! Thanks to everyone who already does this.



From the church office

Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



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.

Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#). On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc. Please 'Like' our page as well as 'Like' and comment on our individual posts so that our posts continue to be visible both to you and to the wider community. Thank you.

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