



July 20, 2023

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

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## Calendar

*Summer Office Hours: Mon - Thur, 9:30 am - 1 pm; Closed Fridays  
Closed on Federal and State Holidays or where otherwise noted*

Unless otherwise noted, our **Sunday morning services are livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person. They can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or watched later.

Only once the service is over, can it be found on [our website](#).  
The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).

### **Thurs, Jul 20**

6 pm Softball game vs St. John's, Bicknell Field

### **Sun, Jul 23**

9:30 am Worship Service

5 pm Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner

### **Tues, Jul 25**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

10:30 am Book Group meets, Library

3 pm GMTF (Governance Ministry Task Force) meeting, Library

6 pm Softball game vs St. James, Bicknell Field

### **Wed, Jul 26**

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

7 pm Old Testament Bible Study, Library

### **Thurs, Jul 27**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Café

### **Sun, Jul 30**

9:30 am Worship Service

### **Mon, Jul 31**

11 am Graveside Service for Bill Rooks, Swan Point Cemetery

**Tue, Aug 1**

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, Aug 2**

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

**Thurs, Aug 3**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe  
6 pm Softball game vs. St. Luke's, Bicknell Field

**Sat, Aug 5**

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

**Sun, Aug 6**

9:30 am Worship Service with Communion

**Tue, Aug 8**

10 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office  
*Noon - Deadline for eBridge*

**Wed, Aug 9**

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by noticeboard

**Thurs, Aug 10**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe  
6 pm Softball game vs. Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

**Sun, Aug 13**

9:30 am Worship Service

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

## Summer at BCCUCC

### Guest preacher for Summer Sermon Series 'Women of the Bible'

**This Sunday, July 23 at 9:30 am** we welcome **Rev. Gabrielle Sclafani** who will preach on Deborah, as part of the 8 week Women of the Bible Sermon Series which runs through Sun, August 20. The remaining sermons by Dale and Racquel will be about Ruth (July 30), Hannah (Aug 6), Esther (Aug 13), and Mary and Martha (Aug 20).

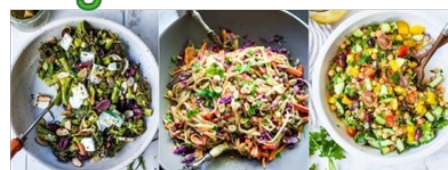


We hope you'll be able to join us for the series as you are able (either in person or online), but if you miss any, the services are all recorded and posted to our church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>, Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc), and [YouTube channel](#).

### Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner - this Sunday, July 23

A Vegetarian Potluck Picnic Dinner, sponsored by our Green Team, will take place **this Sunday, July 23 at 5 pm**. Please bring a vegetarian or vegan dish to share. Please also bring plates and utensils for your own family. Feel free to bring a copy of your recipe to share with church members and friends. The Green Team will provide lemonade, iced tea, and pitchers of water. Tables will be set up in Fellowship

## Vegetarian Potluck



Hall and on the terrace (weather permitting). Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Nancy Arena [nancy.arena@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com) 246-0212 or Trinki Brueckner [trinki49@gmail.com](mailto:trinki49@gmail.com) 245-9954.

## Calling all musicians!

During the summer the BCCUCC choir takes a well-deserved break. If you're a musician we would love for you to share your musical gifts with us in worship this summer - at the offertory and/or prelude/postlude. Any vocalists or instrumentalists interested are asked to contact our Music Director, Matthew Marion to work out the specifics at [mmarion1811@gmail.com](mailto:mmarion1811@gmail.com), or (401) 954-7107, or speak to him on a Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for sharing your musical gifts with the congregation.



## Softball - women players needed!

The 2023 season of the Barrington Houses of Worship Co-ed Softball League is in full swing. Thank you to everyone who has come out to play for the BCCUCC team. However, the team is in need of additional women players (age 16+) and all skill levels are welcome. If there aren't enough women players on the field, then the game has to be forfeited! Any women (or men age 30+) who would like to play are asked to contact Rob Gonsalves at [robgonsalves@aol.com](mailto:robgonsalves@aol.com) or Steve Peck at [steve@peckmarketing.net](mailto:steve@peckmarketing.net) or (401) 454-9725. It's fun and new players are very welcome. Upcoming games are



- **Thurs, Jul 20** vs St. John's
- **Tues, Jul 25** vs St. James,
- **Thurs, Aug 3** vs St. Luke's
- **Thurs, Aug 10** vs Team Unaffiliated

Games are played once a week on either Mon, Tues or Thurs at **6 pm** at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln.

Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team! [2023 Softball Schedule](#)

## Summer Coffee Hour - volunteers needed

Our Coffee/Fellowship Hour continues throughout the summer, with cold beverages served. The church provides iced tea, lemonade, and apple juice but if folks would like to bake and/or bring snacks to share that would be great too. There's a sign-up sheet (on an orange clip board) out on the beverage tables at coffee hour (or on the counter in the kitchen) where you can sign up to do one (or more) things on a Sunday of your choice, namely:



- set-up by putting out cups and drinks (provided)
- bake and/or bring snacks
- help clean-up.

Thank you to everyone who has helped already this summer or signed up for an upcoming week. Additional help is needed on Sun, Jul 30 and several Sundays in August. Questions, ideas or suggestions to Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org).

## Staff away and summer office hours

Office Administrator, Christine Wallis will be away July 24 - 31, and Rev. Dale Azevedo will be away Aug 1 - 14.

The church office is on Summer hours through Labor Day: Monday - Thursday, OPEN 9:30 am - 1 pm; CLOSED Fridays.

**Please note** that while Christine is away (7/24 - 31) the church office may not always be open for the posted hours. If you plan to stop by the office, it's best to call first (401) 246-0111 to make sure that someone is there. Thank you.



## Book Group

The Book Group next meets **this Tuesday, July 25** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *His Name is George Floyd* by Samuel Roberts and Toluse Olorunnipa. [Book Review](#)  
For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



## Altar Flower donors needed

There are openings on the following Sundays for donors to pay for the altar flowers: **August 6** (2 vases) and **August 27** (1 vase). Each vase is \$30. The flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event (anniversary, birthday etc) and your dedication will be included in the bulletin and read during the service. Contact Beth Buckley at (401) 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com) if interested.



## Summer Picnic at Colt State Park - save the date!

The RI Association UCC is holding their Second Annual Summer Picnic on **Sunday, August 20** from **3 – 5 pm** at Colt State Park (picnic site 24), Route 114, Bristol RI. There will be music, fun and games. You, your family and all of the congregations from the RI Association churches are invited! You're encouraged to bring your lunch or snacks, and the RI Association will provide free dessert from an ice cream truck, water and lemonade. Picnic tables will be available. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome.



**RSVP** to [tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/](http://tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/) or call the church office if you need help signing up.

## East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

The next swap will be on **Saturday, August 5** from **9 am – Noon** in Fellowship Hall. The swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) kids clothes and shoes and get clothes the next size up! Ages newborn to 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! Toys can also be swapped. The swaps are held seasonally so you don't want to miss it! \$5 donation at the door but no one turned away. More info <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap>. To volunteer with the swap, email [RIkidswap@gmail.com](mailto:RIkidswap@gmail.com)



## Reaching out ...to neighbor

### You're making a difference!

We recently received a couple of thank you letters from organizations that the church has supported, and wanted to share them with the congregation:

- Each month during the school year, our Loaves and Fishes RI Backpack Program provides 25 bags of food to families of students in need at the DelSesto Middle School. The following letter was recently received:

*With a grateful heart, we would like to thank you for the impact you have made here at DelSesto Middle School. Your support of the families in our school is so important. We*

were able to feed twenty to thirty families every month due to your generosity, including our Special Needs students, and families that were facing homelessness. May God continue to bless your ministry of helping those in need.

We hope to continue our partnership with you, because your giving hearts have made such a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Marisol Lebron, Senior Community Specialist

- A donation was made from the Deacons Fund to SSTARBIRTH which is a long-term, residential substance abuse treatment program specifically designed for pregnant, postpartum and parenting women. They wrote:

*On behalf of SSTARBIRTH and the women and children who reside here, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the very generous donation to our program.*

*The kindness and generosity of your congregation is greatly appreciated.*

*With gratitude,*

*Diane Gouveia LICSW, Program Director*

## Worth Repeating

### Summer Worship

During the summer our worship service is at **9:30 am**. For those with young families, there is still a children's message every week (except on Communion Sundays – the first Sunday of the month).

We look forward to you joining us for worship this summer when you're in town.

We return to 10 am worship on Open Doors Sunday, September 10.



### Thursday publications this summer

Due to clergy and staff vacations, renewal time, and schedules this summer, there may be some weeks when you don't receive a Thursday email from the church with either the eBridge newsletter or a 'From the River's Edge' blog from Dale or Racquel. However we will continue to keep you updated in a timely manner with everything that's happening here at church.



Also please note that the deadline for the Announcements and eBridge is **Tuesdays** during the summer. Send info to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

### Wellness Wednesday Walking Group

All are invited to join Rev. Racquel and others for this weekly wellness walk. They meet at the Shaw's parking lot (near the noticeboard) in the Barrington Shopping Center at **7 am** and walk the bike path for about an hour. The group does not meet if it is raining and will end when school resumes in the fall.



### Coffee Chats continue thru the summer

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her and others at Thrive Tribe Café,



60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from **8:30 am – 9:30 am** on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. While summer schedules vary and participation is flexible week to week, many of them will continue to share coffee and conversation through the summer. You are most welcome to join them!



## Some groups are taking a break over the summer....

The following groups and activities are taking a break over the summer:

- Adult Choir
- Bereavement Group
- Knitting for Others Group
- Sing and Celebrate Choir
- Women of Faith Reading Group
- Youth Group



*Enjoy the Summer and see you in September!*

## Learn about the proposed new church structure

At the BCCUCC Annual Meeting held 6/11/23, members of the Governance Ministry Task Force (GMTF) gave a slide presentation and explanation of their proposed new church structure, and a discussion with the congregation followed. A video of the meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ZiJsbgzCbGU>.



June 11, 2023 annual meeting

## In case you missed it

### The Pastors' Blog

Dale wrote the two latest blogs - the first before he went as a delegate to the UCC General Synod in Indianapolis, IN, [I'm off to see the Synod....](#) and the second after he'd returned [...the Wonderful Synod of IN.](#)



## 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.



# Summer Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

## Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform worship service** at **9:30 am during the summer**. Masks are optional but we do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary and also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



For those unable to join us in person, the services are livestreamed so they can be watched online - either live or later - at

- the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)
- or [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

**Please note** that the service can no longer be watched LIVE on our website. However a recording of the service can be watched once the service is over when it gets posted to the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>

A link to the [Sunday bulletin](#) can be found on our livestream page.

## We welcome children in worship

We love the sound of children in worship so families of all ages are encouraged to come to church. There will be a Children's Message every Sunday during worship, except for the first Sunday of the month when we have communion. Nursery care is not available this summer but there is the option of using our **Nursery Nook**, located directly below the sanctuary, for parents to retreat to with crying infants or wiggly children of any age, and the service can still be heard on the loud speaker down there. Regular nursery care (for ages 0 - 3) in the Education building across the driveway will resume on Open Doors Sunday, Sept 10.



## From the church office

### Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

During the summer the deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### Do you need a Name Tag?

We encourage the congregation to wear nametags to help get to know each other. 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 Tithely 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.](#) OR you can use this QR code to take you directly to our giving page.



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Closed on Fridays and also on Federal and State holidays.

**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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