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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, 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](#)

Tues, Aug 3

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

Thurs, Aug 5

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

Sun, Aug 8

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, Aug 9

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom
7 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Carriage Sheds

Tues, Aug 10

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting
Noon *Deadline for eBridge & Announcements*

Thurs, Aug 12

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
6 pm Softball game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

Sun, Aug 15

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](#)

News and Updates

Congregational singing returns

After further discussions and recent feedback we have decided to begin congregational singing. There are still concerns regarding COVID 19, particularly with the Delta variant taking hold so we are moving forward with the following guidelines. If you wish to join in congregational singing, you must be wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose. We also request that you not project loudly as that will produce more aerosols and distribute them farther from you.

We will also continue to provide periodic anthems from solo singers, who are unmasked, distanced, and fully vaccinated.



We need your help planning the church calendar!

It's hard to believe that the fall is around the corner, but it is time to start planning for the new church year. Are you on a team or part of a group? Do you have activities planned or meetings scheduled? We are starting to put together the church calendar for 2021-2022 and invite you to share as much information with the church office as possible. At this point, we are moving forward with the hope that the

Education Building will be open for meetings and gatherings. This may change as the delta variant appears to be picking up steam in RI, but we need to start making some plans even if we are forced to change or adapt later.

Please let Christine know if you plan on having regular meeting times or any special events this fall or throughout the program year. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111.

The staff will be getting together on August 17th for their annual calendar planning meeting, so please submit any info you have **by Thursday, August 12th**. Thanks!



What a wonderful visit!

From Dale:

"I want to thank Colleen Hayes-Costello from Boy's Town New England for joining us in worship this past Sunday, July 25th. Although the foster care

system can be a difficult topic to talk about, it was very helpful to get an understanding of the great need present in Rhode Island and South Eastern Massachusetts. Colleen was passionate and engaging in her talk and stories. If you are interested in learning more about the RI foster care system or Boys Town New England, you can reach out to them directly (401-214-4960) or reach out to me (dale@bccucc.org)."

Learn more about [Boys Town New England](#)



Softball update

In their fourth game of the season BCCUCC won with a 20-8 mercy rule victory over St James. The BCCUCC players had multiple big hits and there was also some really nice defensive plays. Upcoming games are at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#) (located at the end of Walnut Rd off Lincoln) on **Thurs, August 5th** vs St. Luke's and on **Thurs, Aug 12th** vs Team Unaffiliated. 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](#)

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer'

Dale leads these online meditations at **8 am on Tuesday & Thursday** mornings. 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/live-stream-2/> and will remain available for later viewing on both platforms if you can't watch live.



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 login information was in the email sent to the congregation. It's not included here for security reasons.*



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 have [updated 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/>. If you miss the service live, you can watch it later at the same links.

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

August 1st worship includes Communion

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 again 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 August 1st 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 information about donating online). Thank you.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, August 1st :

Both arrangements are given by Fiona Nicholson. One is given in celebration of her daughter Lara's birthday, and the other is given in memory of her mother Patricia, who shared Lara's birthday.



On Sunday, August 8th:

Both arrangements are given by Pat Stoddard and family in loving memory of her father, Cmdr. Laurent N. Dion (MIA Vietnam 8-17-1967)

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of August 1st: Henning Brieger, Andrea Bullard, Joshua Glass, Reed Bullard, and Violet Milliken.



The week of August 8th: Flo Fairfield.

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.

In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Linda and titled 'Make a Joyful Noise'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



Death of a church member

Mary Kutcher, 98, passed away surrounded by family on Monday, July 19th at the Rhode Island Veterans' Home. Please keep Mary's family in your prayers.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at 3 pm at her son's church - Living Faith Christian Church, 11 Clifford Street, Warwick, R.I. - with a barbecue following on site. In lieu of flowers, donations may be mailed to RI Veterans Home, 480 Metacom Ave, Bristol RI 02809. [Read her obituary](#)



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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Reminders

Deadline for eBridge & Announcements

The eBridge and Announcements are published the same week with a deadline of Noon on Tuesday prior to publication. Next deadline for both is **Tues, Aug 10th** at Noon. Send information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Church Office Hours

The church office is on 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.



Online donations to the church

[Watch a brief video](#) (30 secs) on how to make an online donation to the church through our website (www.bccucc.org) 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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Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

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

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