



July 4, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Calendar

Summer office hours:

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

Thurs, Jul 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Fri, Jul 5

Office Closed

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 7 Independence (Freedom) Sunday

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

Mon, Jul 8

6 pm BCCUCC Softball game vs. Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jul 9

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Jul 10

4 - 5 pm Autism and Asperger's Support Group (for ages 18-30), Room 6

Thurs, Jul 11

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

Fri, Jul 12

Office Closed

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 14

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

Mon, Jul 15

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Jul 16

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Book Group, Church Library (*note the change in time and location*)

Wed, Jul 17

1:30 pm Communion Service at Atria Senior Living

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

Sat, Jul 20

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

Sun, Jul 21 Independence (Freedom) Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, 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 16th.**

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Historic Vote at Synod

Synod approves replacing 3 Southern NE Conferences with 1

Delegates to the United Church of Christ's national meeting on Monday, June 24th overwhelmingly approved a request by its three conferences in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to dissolve and join together to form a new conference. The vote was 601 to 90, with four delegates abstaining. The new conference, not yet named, will officially come into being on January 1st, 2020. [Read more](#)



Opportunities to help

The McCoys will be welcoming a family from Mexico

Lory and Charlie McCoy are welcoming to their home a woman

and her 2 children (ages 10 and 12) from Mexico who are legally seeking asylum. This will be a huge change in the family's lives. The family will need a lot of assistance as they transition to RI. The McCoys are willing to provide for most of their needs, but are looking for any assistance in transportation, short term housing when the McCoys are away, being "on call" for the family's needs when Lory is at work, clothing, financial assistance, and help as they negotiate through the school system, the government offices, and the many human services agencies. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lory at Isnadymccoy@gmail.com or 401-369-2341.



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

Update: The McCoys are hoping that the mother and two younger daughters will arrive during the first two weeks of August. The girls will then be ages 11 and 13. Her third daughter (16 yrs old) also recently crossed into the United States and was sent to Florida, probably to the Homestead shelter that we've heard about on the news. We're hoping that she is safe and we can ultimately have her move to Rhode Island as well. They will need clothing (size 12 for the 11 yr old, size 12-13 for the 13 yr old, and size medium for the mom) and monetary donations for their many personal expenses (toiletries, cell phone fees, immigration fees, school supplies, computer for homework, possibly bicycles, etc.) Contact Lory (see above) with questions or offers of help.

Provide humanitarian aid to families and children at the border

We have received an invitation from the Sts. Matthew and Mark Mission to Help the Children Committee to join them and Barrington's other houses of worship in a drive the last two weekends in July 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.

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.**

July Sermon Series! "The Four Agreements"

For the next four weeks Brendan will be 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.



Altar flower donors needed

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and memories of loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. We have openings for flower remembrances on **Sunday, July 14th**. Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or

elizabethbuckley21@msn.com to donate flowers. Cost is \$30 per vase. Thank you.



Summer Musicians Wanted

During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski 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.



Come cheer on our softball team!

BCCUCC's softball season got off to a mixed start with an 11-2 win against St. Luke's then a 5-13 loss against Team Unaffiliated. Their next games are **Mon, July 8th** against Temple Habonim, and **Thurs, July 18th** against St. John's. All games begin at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#). The team loves spectators to come cheer them on so if you're available, please stop by and support them!



[2019 Softball Schedule](#)

If you're interested in playing on the BCCUCC team, [learn more here](#).

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

Planning ahead

Calendar Information needed

The staff is doing things a little differently this year and aren't getting together to finalize plans for the 2019-2020 church calendar until August 13th. However, 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 information for 2019-2020 won't be final until after the staff gets together on Aug 13th when they'll sort out any conflicts and add additional information. 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 forward to planning 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? Please send your ideas to Dale at dale@bccucc.org by July 31st. *(Please note that Dale is away July 1st - 21st but you can still send him your ideas for him to read upon his return).*





Are We a Social Club, a Mission, or a Monastery?

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - July 1, 2019 What is the purpose of a church in our modern American context? This might sound like an overly simple question, but it is actually quite challenging. Throughout the ages, the concept of church...

[Read more](#)

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From the River's Edge
The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo

Rev. Brendan Curran

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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Thank you...

...to our Knitting for Others Group

Members made a number of pocket prayer shawls (small knitted or crocheted squares) that were given out at the AIDS Walk on June 1st at Roger Williams Park.

Following the event we received a phone call from Community Care Rhode Island to let us know that some of their clients had been given the pocket prayer shawls at the walk and loved them, but other clients had been unable to attend but would really like one. Thanks to the efforts of the knitting group, Nancy Arena was able to meet with Cindy Macleod from the organization and give her 21 more pocket prayer shawls. Cindy was very appreciative and let us know how much the pocket prayer shawls mean to those who receive them. Many thanks to the members of our Knitting for Others Group for this outreach ministry.



...to our latest Coffee Hour servers

Church School children assisted CEYM at coffee hour in June by being servers and wearing aprons that they designed. Below are photos of our June 23rd and June 30th servers. Thanks to all of them for being such great helpers!



Summer Reminders

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.



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 14 & 21 Announcements is *Noon on Tues, July 9th*. Deadline for the next eBridge is *Noon on Tues, July 16th*. 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.

However, their next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 10th** (the 2nd Wednesday), from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

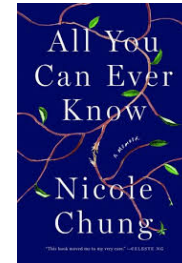


Bereavement Group

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, July 16th at 7 pm in the church library.** (Note the change in time and location.) They will be discussing *All You Can Never Know* by Nicole Chung: "Chung's birth parents gave her up for adoption when she was two months old. Raised by white parents five hours outside Portland, OR, she went 18 years without getting to know another person of Korean heritage. Her parents never hid the facts of her adoption from her, but they were also ill-equipped to answer the questions she had about her identity as a transracial adoptee. This touching memoir explores issues of identity, racism, motherhood, and sisterhood with eloquence and grace." (Booklist). 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. *No community office hours on July 4th. They resume July 11th.*



East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. 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 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 Rkidswap@gmail.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.



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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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 or 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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