



**July 5, 2018**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

**Be sure you get to see ALL of the eBridge.** Some platforms will only allow you to see the first portion of the eBridge, then there's a link to view the entire message.

## Calendar

*Summer Office Hours:*

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

*Dale is on vacation thru 6/29 so Brendan should be contacted in case of any pastoral emergencies (401) 318-2447.*

### **Thurs, Jul 5**

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot

6 - 7:30 pm [NAMI Family Support Group](#), Room 6

### **Fri, Jul 6**

*Office Closed*

### **Sun, Jul 8 Mission Trip Sunday**

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, with reflections from the Mission Trippers,  
Nursery Care only

### **Mon, Jul 9**

10:30 am Barrington Interfaith Partners Meeting, Library

7- 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

### **Tues, Jul 10**

11 am Staff meeting

*Noon Deadline for Announcements*

1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library

### **Thurs, Jul 12**

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

### **Fri, Jul 13**

*Office Closed*

Noon - 10 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

### **Sun, Jul 15**

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

**Mon, Jul 16**

6 pm Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

7- 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

**Tues, Jul 17**

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

11 am Staff meeting

**Wed, Jul 18**

10:30 am Communion Service at Atria Senior Living (*note the earlier time*)

**Thurs, Jul 19**

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot

**Fri, Jul 20**

Office Closed

**Sat, Jul 21**

2 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

2:45 pm Volunteers leave BCCUCC to provide food & serve at the Soup Kitchen

**Sun, Jul 22**

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](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

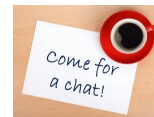
The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is  
**Tuesday, July 17th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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

## Thursday, July 5th

### Community Office Hours with Brendan

Brendan has returned from the mission trip and will be doing Community Office Hours on **Thursday afternoons** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, on **July 5, 12, 19 & 26**. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat in this more informal setting.



### NAMI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is **Thursday, July 5th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. (They meet at BCCUCC on the first Thursday of every month). For more information contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org) or visit <https://namirhodeisland.org/>

## Sunday, July 8th

### Mission Trip Sunday

Our mission trippers have safely returned from their trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona. During the worship

service **this Sunday, July 8th** they will be sharing reflections on their experiences as well as some of the photographs they took. We hope that you can join us.

Don't forget that our summer worship is at **9:30 am**, through September 2nd.



## From the church office

### Summer Office Hours are in effect

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30 am - 1 pm;  
Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm; Friday Closed



### Clergy & Staff vacations

Dale is on vacation July 5 - 29. Andrea is on vacation July 6 -22. Pat is on vacation July 8 - 15.

### Summer changes in communications and deadlines

With shorter office hours and less activity, the Sunday Announcements and the eBridge are each being produced every other week. Please take this into consideration when submitting items for inclusion to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org). Over the summer the weekly deadline is **Tuesdays at Noon**.



### Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram @Barrington UCC

On Facebook at [www.facebook.co/bccucc](https://www.facebook.co/bccucc). Be sure to 'Like' us so you get our news feeds.



## 'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog





## Take Your Faith on Vacation!

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - July 1, 2018 I had a friend once (No, honest, I really did!) who, whenever she went on a trip, would always try to find an opportunity to serve other people. It didn't matter if she was traveling for business...

[Read more](#)

[www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org)



If you missed reading any 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](http://www.bccucc.org)

## Summer at BCCUCC

### 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 Zabinksi at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina will be posting a signup calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.



### 'Picnic at the Parsonage' & 'Feasting at Fireside'

Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo are opening up the parsonage for a casual cook out for 10 in their yard on **Tuesday, August 7th** from 6 - 8 pm. The following month they will host another dinner for 6 (indoors) on **Tuesday, September 18th** from 6 - 8 pm. To sign up for either, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting> or contact the church office 246-0111. All members and friends of the church are welcome – individuals of all ages as well as families!



### Co-ed Softball

BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League each summer. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at [ostrolla@cox.net](mailto:ostrolla@cox.net) or (401) 246-0936. (Each team is allowed 2 exceptions to the rule). Games are being played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln Avenue. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. Click on the following link to see the schedule [2018 Softball Schedule](#) Our team lost their first 2 games, but have had a lot of fun and fellowship with a great turn out of players and spectators! Spectators are most welcome to come cheer them on.



### Monday Evening Meditation

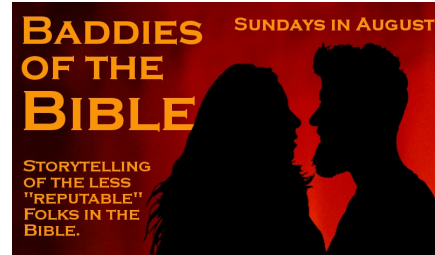
**Mindful Mondays** will take place on **Mondays, July 9, 16, & 23** from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room, led by Brendan. The

hour consists of a 20 - 25 min guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



## Sermon Series in August

Throughout August, Dale will be telling stories of some of the less reputable folks we find in the Bible. Was there more to Cain's story than the fact he committed the first murder? Was Jezebel as bad as she is made out to be? What was Judas' real motivation? And did Sapphira really deserve the death penalty for not giving her full pledge to the church? We'll have some fun and a few laughs while we wrestle with some of these difficult people and stories in scripture. (Sunday mornings @ 9:30am throughout August)



## Kayaking anyone?

Dale is planning an afternoon of kayaking on the Barrington River and Hundred Acre Cove for anyone interested on **Sunday, August 19th** from 2:30 - 4 pm. More details to follow, but it's open to all ages and abilities - so save the date! We will be launching from the boat ramp at Walker Farm where you can also rent kayaks if needed.

<https://www.facebook.com/walkerfarmkayakrentals/>



## Opportunities of all sorts!

### Soup Kitchen

On **Saturday, July 21st** it's our church's turn to provide and serve the meal at the Community Soup Kitchen located at Park Place Church in Pawtucket. CEYM is responsible for making it happen this time, and anyone willing to help them (either with food donations and/or serving) should contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at [diane.todd15@gmail.com](mailto:diane.todd15@gmail.com) or 401 374-2197. As it's the summer, they'll be serving sandwiches rather than a hot meal. [More information about the soup kitchen](#)



### Elevette Operators needed

We are looking for a couple of additional volunteers willing to run the elevette on Sunday mornings. This important ministry enables those unable to manage the stairs to join us for worship in the sanctuary. Elevette operators are only scheduled 4 or 5 times a year and training will be provided - it's not difficult! If interested, please contact George Bolton at 368-7899 or [rmgb18@yahoo.com](mailto:rmgb18@yahoo.com). Thank you.



### Loaves and Fishes RI Ministry

We have added two additional truck runs, going out every other month from our church beginning on **Wednesday, August 22nd**. If there is anyone interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)). We are looking for help with shopping,



food prep, going out on the truck, as well as additional drivers.

## Would you share your story?

Susan Catherine Collyer is a Barrington resident and artist looking to share stories of faith. She recently produced an original play entitled, "Reflections in Rhode Island," celebrating 100 years of stories from seniors living in the East Bay. She is looking to do something similar revolving around peoples' experiences of faith. Are there points in your life when you felt an experience of Someone or Something Greater? These can be stories of miracles, magic or the mundane. Susan would like to interview people of different faiths and no faith to create an original theatrical piece to help break down walls of division and separation. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Susan at [rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com](mailto:rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com)

## Thank you!

### Thanks for the blood donations

Many thanks to everyone who stopped by to make a blood donation at our recent blood drive. 24 donations were made, which can help save 72 lives! (That's 5 more donations than last time.) Special thanks to Barbara Wuth, our Blood Drive coordinator, for all of her work behind the scenes and on the day to make the drive a success, and also to Boy Scout CJ Hilty, who assisted, especially with publicity, as part of his Eagle Scout project.



### A new rug for the meditation room

Thank you to Bob Mason and his daughter for the donation and delivery of a beautiful oriental rug for use in the Meditation Room. It will add greatly to the ambiance of the space.

## Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

### Book Group

Meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, July 31st** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue: 'A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream--the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy.' For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

### Bereavement Group

The group is taking a break over the summer and will resume meeting in September. However, if anyone has any questions or concerns during the break they may contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at [jsbeeb@aol.com](mailto:jsbeeb@aol.com) or 245-8031. [What is the Bereavement Group?](#)



## Other groups that meet regularly at our church include .....

**NAMI RI Family Support Group** (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Next meets on **Thursday, July 5th** from 6 - 7:30 pm in Room 6.

**Memory Impairment Support Group** Next meets on **Tuesday, July 10th** from 1 - 2:30 pm in the Library.

For more information on any of these groups, including the contact person, [click here](#). Check the calendar at the top of this email, or our [online calendar](#), for meeting dates.

## Please note....

### 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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

### 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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Congregational Church' as your charitable organization. Each quarter we receive a donation from Amazon and all you have to do is start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Thanks.



## From the RI Conference UCC

### Day and Overnight Camping at Irons Homestead

Check out the many great opportunities for children ages 6 – 18 being offered at Irons Homestead this summer. Each week of camp includes all the traditional camp activities of swimming, music, games, crafts, campfire, etc with each week having a special theme with its own unique quality activities. **Forest Day Camp** for those ages 6 – 12 will run for nine weeks Monday to Friday from 9am – 4pm with optional before and after care. Book for one, some or all nine weeks. **“Water World”**, **“Mission Possible”** and **“Paint the Town”** are the three overnight options offered in July for children going into grades 4 – 12. More offered in August! Go to [www.IronsHomestead.org](http://www.IronsHomestead.org) to check out all the details including the full schedule of camps. [Camp information](#)



### Volunteer at Irons Homestead

Irons Homestead has several volunteer service opportunities available for individuals and groups. **Volunteers for**

**Summer Camp** will support the paid staff on a weekly or daily basis and/or bring their unique skill to a theme week. Check out [www.IronsHomestead.org](http://www.IronsHomestead.org) for weekly themes.

**Work crews** are needed to: Reroof the pavilion; Reroof the garage; Build a tent platform; Build bunkbeds; Build gaga pits; Put up the tents for Summer Camp; Build a lifeguard building at the waterfront; Licensed plumber to do a few minor projects.

For pictures and more details about these projects check out: [www.IronsHomestead.org](http://www.IronsHomestead.org) and click on 'Volunteer Opportunities' under 'Learn More'.

To volunteer contact Jennifer Geary: [IronsHomestead@ricucc.org](mailto:IronsHomestead@ricucc.org) or 401-710-9478.

## Looking for a way to invest in today's children?

A donation to the Irons Homestead Campership Fund makes it possible for low income children to attend camp. You can also sponsor a camper who is homeless (\$200/wk for day camp; \$500/wk overnight camp). Learn of the many donation opportunities [at this link](#). Checks should be made payable to 'RICUCC' and write in the memo line where you'd like your donation to go (Campership Fund, Homeless Camper etc). Donations should be sent to Irons Homestead, 688 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02857. Thank you.



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