



**July 7, 2022**

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

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## Calendar

*Summer Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Friday Closed*

**Thurs, July 7**

6:30 pm Green Team meet via Zoom

**Sun, July 10**

9:30 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

**Mon, July 11**

5 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting

6 pm Softball Game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

7 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Vestry

**Tues, July 12**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, July 13**

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

10 am Prayer Care, Sanctuary

5 pm Deacons Gathering, Lory McCoy's home

**Sat, July 16**

4:30 pm Wedding of Grace Baldwin and Keith Fairbrother, Sanctuary

**Sun, July 17**

9:30 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

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**Tues, July 19**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon - Summer Deadline for eBridge

**Wed, July 20**

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

10 am Prayer Care, Sanctuary

### Thurs, July 21

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

### Sun, July 24

9:30 am Worship Service (in-person and online)

Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

After Worship - Coffee Hour hosted by the Green Team, Fellowship Hall

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

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

## Help Wanted!

### WANTED: Part-time Custodian

After more than 10 years at BCCUCC, our part-time custodian/cleaner, John Cordeiro, retired on July 1 so we are now looking for someone to replace him. It's a 15-20 hours per week position and is primarily for cleaning our facilities. Anyone interested in the position or who knows someone who might be, is asked to please contact Paul Dennis at (401) 243-3493 or [wrbtwks@aol.com](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com). Thank you.



## New in this eBridge

### Update from the Search Committee

The Search Committee for the Associate Pastor position has been hard at work this summer. We finished the BCCUCC Church Profile and posted the position in June. We have received some exciting candidate profiles and are starting interviews this month. As Gloria pointed out in her earlier letter, we cannot discuss the merits or even the identity of any of the candidates due to the confidential nature of the search process. We are looking forward to the next step in the journey and expect to be able to recommend a candidate for this vital position early this fall.

We thank you for your patience and support while we work to discern the best candidate on behalf of the congregation.

*Chris Brady, Chair*



### A Celebration of the Life of Joachim Weissfeld

A Celebration of the life of Joachim Weissfeld will be held on **Friday, July 22** at 3 pm at The Hope Club, 6 Benevolent St, Providence RI 02906. An invitation was sent to the church office from his family, inviting the congregation to attend and share memories and conversation. Joe was a long-time church member who passed away on November 4, 2021 at age 94.

RSVP to (703) 395-5341 or [kawmcgrady@gmail.com](mailto:kawmcgrady@gmail.com).

(Business Casual Attire – Valet Parking Available).



### Coffee Hour on July 24

The Green Team will be hosting a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall following worship on **Sunday, July 24**. All are invited to Fellowship Hall after the service ends to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

If other teams, groups or individuals would like to host a coffee hour some Sunday, please contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111. Thank you.



### Altar Flower Donor(s) needed

Altar Flower donor(s) are needed for **Sunday, July 31** to pay for one or both vases of altar flowers (\$30 each). They can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event and your dedication will be included in the bulletin and read during the service. Contact Liz Rosenholm at (401) 563-8675 or [elizabethrosenholm@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethrosenholm@gmail.com) if interested.



### Calendar Information please

The clergy and staff are already busy planning the upcoming church year and we need your input. If you are on a team or part of a group, we'd like to hear from you with any activities you have planned, as well as regular scheduled meetings - so they can be added to the 2022-2023 church calendar. Perhaps you're a member of the congregation and there's something new you'd like to see happen at BCCUCC? If so, we'd also like to hear from you. Please send all information and ideas to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111. The staff will be getting together on Wednesday, August 3 for their annual calendar planning meeting, so please submit any information you have **by Monday, July 25** or as soon as possible thereafter. Thanks!



### We're having another Church Potluck - save the date!

Following the success of the potluck held last month, another one is being planned for **Sunday, August 7** at 5:30 pm. Save the date - more details will be in the next eBridge. All are invited.



## Summer at BCCUCC

### Summer Worship at 9:30 am

During the summer through September 4, our worship service is at the earlier time of **9:30 am**. We hope that you will join us for worship when you are in town. The service continues to be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.



### The 'Summer of Elijah' continues!

Racquel and Dale are sharing a **12 part sermon series** that began June 12 and will run the entire summer. This sermon series covers the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. They will be exploring what meaning this prophet's story has for our lives today. Join us each week as we walk the road of an ancient prophet's faith journey!

If you miss a Sunday, recordings of the worship service are at our usual links -



## Summer Musicians Wanted

Calling all musicians - vocal and/or instrumental! Summer is upon us and the BCCUCC choir is on a much-needed break. We would love for you to share your musical gifts with us on a Sunday morning this summer. If you are willing to help us out a [SignUp Genius](#) has been created where you can sign up. Please sign up for one or more Sundays with us. Once signed up, please contact our Music Director, Marina Zabinski to work out the specifics at [marinazabinski@gmail.com](mailto:marinazabinski@gmail.com) or call/text her at (401) 447-2908. For more information or questions, please contact Marina. Thank you in advance for sharing your musical gifts with the congregation.



## Summer Nursery Nook

Throughout the summer, the Nursery Nook, located directly below the sanctuary, is available to parents with wiggly children to retreat to and still hear the service on the loud speaker down there.

Nursery Care has not been scheduled over the summer, but if you would like nursery care for your children aged 3 and younger, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107, or one of the ministers.

Regular nursery care in the Education building across the driveway will resume on Open Doors Sunday, September, 11th.



## Wellness Wednesdays!!

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her for Wellness Wednesdays this Summer!

**Walking group** – Wednesday mornings from 7 - 8am. Please meet at the Shaw's parking lot near the bike path. We'll take a walk – at your own pace – from Shaw's to Middle Highway and back. Some may choose a shorter path. Bring kids, dogs on leash, a friend. Water and sunscreen recommended. Time to breathe deep, soak in nature, and SEE each other!! We'll meet every Wednesday through summer through August 31.



**Prayer Care** – Wednesday mornings in the Sanctuary at 10am all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer circle as we pray for the church congregation and clergy, the community, family and friends. Prayer is a part of Spiritual wellness and we could all use some prayer.

## BCCUCC Softball

BCCUCC's next softball games are **Monday, July 11** against Temple Habonim and **Thursday, July 21** against St. John's. All games begin at 6 pm at Bicknell Field located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team! (BCCUCC's game on 6/27 vs Team Unaffiliated was postponed due to rain).

Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing for BCCUCC are asked to contact Steve Peck at [steve@peckmarketing.net](mailto:steve@peckmarketing.net) or (401) 454-9725. New players are always most welcome - Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. [2022 Softball Schedule](#)



## Summer Picnic - save the date and RSVP!



The RI Association UCC is holding their first ever Summer Picnic on **Sunday, August 21** from 3 – 5 pm at Goddard Park Picnic Pavilion, 1095 Ives Rd, Warwick. There will be music, fun and games, and you, your family and all of the congregations from the RI Association churches are invited! **RSVP** at [tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/](http://tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/) You're encouraged to bring your lunch or snacks, and the RI Association will provide dessert, water and lemonade. Picnic tables will be available. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome! [Flier](#)



## Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, July 26** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven* by Nathaniel Ian Miller. [Book summary](#) For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



## Bereavement Group to meet in August

The group has scheduled a meeting over the summer for **Monday, August 1** from 11 am - Noon in the Library. Open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. New members are welcome. For more information about the group, contact one of the facilitators - Betsy Brenner ([betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) 245-8031), or Aubrey Atwater ([aubreyfolk@aol.com](mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com) 392-1909).



## Peaceful Pause & Prayer on hiatus but past meditations available

'Peaceful Pause and Prayer' is taking a break over the summer. However, past online meditations can still be viewed anytime on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on the livestream page of our website at <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>.



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

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

**Youth Group**  
**Knitting for Others Group**  
**Women of Faith Reading Group**  
**Peaceful Pause and Prayer**



*Enjoy the Summer and see you in September*

## From your Mission and Justice Team

### Plastic Free July

It's time again to join the global challenge to stay free of single-use plastic for a month and to learn strategies to reduce your, and our faith community's use of plastic. Sign up at [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org). There's also a handy calendar that you can [download](#) with 31 Days of Plastic Free Choices.



## From the UCC: Take Action for Reproductive Rights

Today we face a new landscape of abortion access in the United States. On Friday, June 24, 2022 the Supreme Court issued a decision in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, upholding a state ban and abandoning the right to abortion, effectively overturning the protections established in 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*.



Over the past forty years the United Church of Christ General Synod has affirmed a person's right to follow their own agency on abortion access and the importance of reproductive rights, that has not changed. These ongoing battles call for a faithful and strong response affirming an individual's self-determination for their own body.

Below is a list of resources including stories, advocacy actions, and theological and liturgical grounding for prayerfully considering the issues around reproductive justice.

- [Contact Congress and urge them to take immediate action to protect reproductive health care and abortion access,](#)
- [Learn about the landscape of abortion legislation in your state,](#)
- ['We will stand with you in protest,' read the UCC Officers' statement following the SCOTUS decision,](#)
- [The UCC Reproductive Justice webpage,](#)
- [Use our reproductive justice messaging toolkit.](#)

## From Interfaith Power and Light:

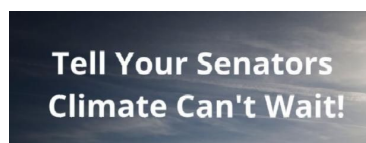
The Supreme Court has issued a harmful ruling that limits the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's](#) ability to set the strong standards needed to cut carbon pollution and tackle the climate crisis.

Now more than ever we need Congress to take bold and just action to address climate change and carry out our faithful commitment to care for our Sacred Earth and protect the vulnerable.

Please take a moment to write to your Senators today telling them to [#GetClimateDone](#). Use the following link to learn more and see a sample letter:

<https://interfaithpowerandlight.salsalabs.org/bbbaemailse...>

Learn more about the Supreme Court ruling at [#SCOTUS](#) [#WVvEPA](#)



## Worth repeating

### Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed in parking lot

We are hosting a shed in our parking lot for the collection of used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals. **Please bag all donations.**

St. Pauly Textile, Inc, empties the shed weekly and the church will receive payment based on the amount of bags they collect. Donated clothing is redistributed to people all across the U.S. and world who could use it. Learn more at [www.stpaulytextile.com](http://www.stpaulytextile.com)



## The Pastors' Blog

## Sunday mornings at BCCUCC

### Relaxed COVID protocols

**Masking is optional** in both the church and education buildings, although masking is still required to enter the church office. We no longer require you to sign in when coming to worship on Sundays. We continue to run large HEPA air filters in the sanctuary. [More about our current protocols](#) We also have HEPA air filters in most spaces in our Education building.



### Services livestreamed to Facebook, website and YouTube

All are invited to join us for our **multi-platform Summer worship service** at **9:30 a.m.** every Sunday thru September 4.

Masks are now optional in worship. We do ask that if you're feeling unwell or have symptoms, that you please stay home and watch online.



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

- the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc)
- the Livestream page of the church website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/>
- and [our church's YouTube Channel](#)

Occasionally, Facebook doesn't allow us to stream to their platform, and on those occasions it won't be possible to watch the service on either Facebook or our website. However, you should still be able to find the service on YouTube at the link above.

## From the church office

### Summer office hours

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



### Summer Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

The summer deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (which will be published every other week over the summer) is **Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

Deadline for next eBridge and Announcements is *Tues, July 19*. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### Do you need a Name Tag?

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 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](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x 102. [Visit the 'Giving to BCCUCC' page.](#)



## 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.



**Southern New England Conference**  
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## Community Notices

*Download the pictures below to see information for  
a monthly Barrington Farmers Market, and a Barrington Street Fair.*

### Barrington Farmers Market and Barrington Street Fair



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**Second Thursday Night  
of June, July and August**  
St. John's Church - County Rd



**4-7 pm 6/9 7/14 8/11**

**LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - VENDORS & MORE**

**BARRINGTON  
STREET FAIR**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17 3-6 pm**

**Join us on Wood Ave for  
Arts and Crafts, Vendors, Food Trucks,  
Live Music, Kids Activities, Face Painting,  
Cornhole and Much More!**



More information at:  
[www.barringtonbca.com](http://www.barringtonbca.com)

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**Summer Office Hours:** (June 20 - Sep 5, 2022):

Open Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed Friday

**Church Office Hours:** (from Sep 6, 2022)

Open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Closed 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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