



August 10, 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 and 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, 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

Mon, Aug 14

6:30 pm Buildings and Ground Team meeting, Vestry

Tues, Aug 15

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
10:30 am Book Group meets, Library

Wed, Aug 16

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

Thurs, Aug 17

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Café
6 pm Softball Game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

Sun, Aug 20

9:30 am Worship Service
3 - 5 pm RI Association Summer Picnic, Colt State Park, Bristol

Mon, Aug 21

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

Tue, Aug 22

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Aug 23

Office Closed

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

9:30 am Calendar Planning meeting for Staff, Library

Thurs, Aug 24

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

Sun, Aug 27

9:30 am Worship Service

Mon, Aug 28

6 pm Softball game vs St James, Bicknell Field

Tue, Aug 29

10 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

Noon - 4 pm Outside rental of Fellowship Hall

7 pm Church Council meeting via Zoom

Wed, Aug 30

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

Thurs, Aug 31

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

Sun, Sep 3

9:30 am Worship Service with Communion

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Summer continues at BCCUCC

Summer Sermon Series 'Women of the Bible' ends August 20

There are just two more weeks of the Women of the Bible Sermon Series. The remaining sermons will be about Esther (Aug 13), and Mary and Martha (Aug 20).

We hope you can 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, and [YouTube channel](#).

If you're looking for a missed sermon the complete schedule is: Eve (July 2); Sarah and Hagar (July 9); Jacobed and Miriam (July 16); Deborah (July 23); Ruth (July 30); Hannah (Aug 6); Esther (Aug 13); and Mary and Martha (Aug 20).



Staff away and summer office hours

Dale is away through Aug 14.

Racquel will be away Aug 14 - 21.

Andrea will be away Aug 25 - Sep 1.

The church office is on Summer hours through Labor Day:

Monday - Thursday, OPEN 9:30 am - 1 pm; CLOSED Fridays.

Please note that the office will be **CLOSED on Wednesday, August 23** as the staff will be meeting that day to work on the 2023-2024 church calendar.



Calendar Information please

The clergy and staff are busy planning the upcoming church year and 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 2023-2024 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 or (401) 246-0111. The staff will be getting together on Wed, Aug 23 for their annual calendar planning meeting, so please submit any info you have **by Wed, Aug 16** or a.s.a.p. after.



Softball - women players needed..... again!

With Racquel Ray's recent knee injury the BCCUCC co-ed softball team is once again 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 or Steve Peck at steve@peckmarketing.net or (401) 454-9725. It's fun and new players are very welcome. Games for the remainder of the regular season are

- **Thurs, Aug 10** vs Team Unaffiliated
- **Thurs, Aug 17** vs Temple Habonim
- **Mon, Aug 21** vs St. John's
- **Mon, Aug 28** vs St. James

All games are played at **6 pm** at [Bicknell Field](#), located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln Avenue. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team!

[2023 Softball Schedule](#)



Book Group

The Book Group next meets **Tuesday, August 15** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. [Book Review](#)

For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Summer Picnic at Colt State Park - all welcome!

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. Don't forget to **RSVP** to tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/ or contact the church office if you need help signing up.



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, or (401) 954-7107, or speak to him on a Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for sharing your musical gifts with the congregation.



Summer Coffee Hour - volunteers needed

Our Coffee/Fellowship Hour continues throughout the summer, with the serving of cold beverages provided by the church - iced tea, lemonade, and apple juice. 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) on the beverage tables in Fellowship Hall (or the counter in the kitchen, or hung on a hook near the dishwasher!) 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 (drinks provided)
- bake and/or bring snacks
- help clean-up.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped or signed up for an upcoming week. At the time of writing, help is still needed on **Sundays, Aug 20 & Sep 3**. Questions, ideas or suggestions to Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org.



Wednesday Walking Group - but without Racquel

With her recent knee injury, Racquel is currently unable to participate in this weekly wellness walk. However, there are others who usually walk and you are invited to join them. 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!



Returning this Fall

OWL program is being offered 2023-2024

BCCUCC's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Team (FFaYM) will be offering the **Our Whole Lives (OWL)** program in the 2023-2024 program year. **Youth in grades 7-10 are invited to register.** OWL is a series of comprehensive sexuality education resources written by human sexuality educators appropriate for use in a variety of congregational, school, and community settings. Core values of OWL include self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity.



The OWL trained facilitators are all church members, and we will fund certification classes for any new volunteers. Our Whole Lives (OWL) Facilitator Trainings will be offered through the Southern New England Conference, UCC, on October 6-8, 2023 at Edwards House, Framingham MA; and November 10-12, 2023 at Silver Lake, Sharon, CT. Anyone interested in becoming a facilitator should speak with Andrea (see below).

Parent Orientation for OWL will be offered **Sunday, Sept 24** from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the library.

OWL Sessions for the youth will be held every few weeks **beginning Sunday, Oct 1** from 9 am - 12:15 pm in the library.

For more information and to sign up, contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org.

Reaching out ...to neighbor

Tap-In thanks you!

The deacons recently made a \$500 donation to Tap-In from the Deacons' Fund. A letter of thanks to the congregation was received which can be [read here](#). This year Tap-In is celebrating 40 years, and the letter talks about their various programs as well as information about the number of families they served and the amount of food given away last year - 87 tons! Tap-In has seen a 30% increase in the number of families in need that come to them for food. We thank everyone who has donated to the Deacons' Fund that makes possible our church's donations to Tap-In.

Please consider making a donation to the Deacons' Fund

The fund is administered by our deacons and is used to extend a helping hand to those in need in our church and immediate community. Donations from the fund are regularly made to Tap-In (see above) and to a variety of other local organizations that help those in need.

On the first Sunday of every month (Communion Sunday) envelopes for the Deacons Fund are included in the bulletin for anyone who would like to make a donation. Donations may also be made at any time by mailing a check (payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line), to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806. [Online donations](#) made be made using Tlthe.ly link on our church website, designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. Thank you in advance for your donation.



Worth Repeating

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 will be some weeks when you don't receive a Thursday email from the church with either an 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. *The next eBridge deadline is Tues, Aug 29.* Send info to Christine at office@bccucc.org.



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!

In case you missed it

The Pastors' Blog

Racquel wrote the latest blog, and it's titled "Summer Mindfulness". If you missed reading it, you can find it [here](#). To find older blogs, [use this link](#).



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
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

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
- 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.**

The next eBridge will be published **on Thursday, August 31**, with a *deadline for submissions of Tues, Aug 29.*

Send information to Christine at 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 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) 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 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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Church Summer Office Hours: Open Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 1 pm.
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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