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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 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](#)

Tues, Aug 17

Office Closed

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
9:30 am Staff Calendar Planning Day, Library

Thurs, Aug 19

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
6 pm Doubleheader Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

Sun, Aug 22

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 23

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

Tues, Aug 24

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
9:30 am Book Group meet, Cafe Water St (or via zoom if raining)
11 am Staff meeting
Noon *Deadline for eBridge & Announcements*

Wed, Aug 25

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting

Thurs, Aug 26

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
7 pm Search Committee meeting, Room 6

Sun, Aug 29

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](#)

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

New in this eBridge... and Updates

Church calendar info needed a.s.a.p!

Are you on a team or part of a group? Do you have activities planned or meetings scheduled? We are busy putting together the church calendar for 2021-2022 and invite you to share any information you may have with the church office. Please let Christine know if you plan on having regular meeting days/times or any special events this fall or throughout the program year. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111. Please submit any information that you have **a.s.a.p.** The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, August 17th** so that the staff can get together for their annual calendar planning meeting. Please note that the Education Building will be reopening in September for meetings and gatherings and those using the building are asked to follow certain guidelines (see *below*).

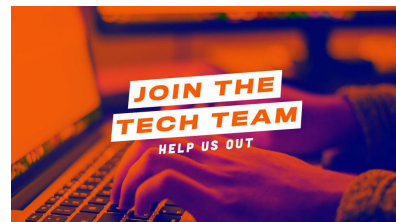


Updated guidelines for worship and use of the education building

Looking forward to the fall, the Moving Forward Team made some recommendations that have been approved by Church Council. These recommendations are made for the purpose of planning ahead, with full knowledge that they will need to be modified throughout the fall as our experience of COVID-19 variants and guidance from the CDC and RIDOH change. Read the [approved recommendations](#) which will be in place for September. *Please note that 'all visitors' referred to in the first bullet point for the education building requirements means both church people as well as those from outside groups using the building.*

The Tech Team is looking for help....

Do you want to learn something new? Would you like to learn one way to stream video? Would you like to help keep our Sunday service stream going to people who can't attend in person? Would you like to share some of your creativity? The Tech Team is looking for 2 or 3 people who are not afraid of technology to help with streaming our services. Comfort with Microsoft Windows and Powerpoint would be helpful. We will provide training to use the equipment/cameras. We look forward to working with new ideas and friends. If interested in learning more, please talk with a tech team member after church on Sunday morning, or contact Tom Colby at tolby@fullchannel.net or Jeff Stumpff at jeffcycling@gmail.com.



Some dates to save!

Mark your calendar for **Open Doors Sunday, September 12th** that marks the return to our regular worship time of 10 am and the start of our new church program year.

Sunday, September 12th will also be **Linda's last Sunday at**

BCCUCC before she leaves to begin her ministry at Slatersville Congregational Church, UCC.

Please plan to join us on that special Sunday and stay tuned for more details!



Plans are being made for this year's

Barrington Day of Caring

which will take place on
Indigenous Peoples' Day,

Monday, October 11th 2021.

Save the date and watch for details
coming later on how you can participate.



Ongoing happenings

Softball

BCCUCC has a co-ed team playing in the Barrington Houses of Worship Softball League. All games are at **6 pm** at [Bicknell Field](#) (located at the end of Walnut Rd off Lincoln). Upcoming games are on **Thurs, Aug 12th** vs Team Unaffiliated; on **Thurs, Aug 19th** vs Temple Habonim (a doubleheader); and **Mon, Aug 23rd** vs St. John's. 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. *The zoom information if needed is not included in this version for security reasons. It was in the version emailed to the congregation.*



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.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, August 15th:

One arrangement is given by Susan and Howard Rotblat-Walker in memory of their granddaughter, Julia Alice Rotblat. The other arrangement has been paid for from the Chancel Fund.



On Sunday, August 22nd:

Both arrangements are given by Susan and Stephen Terhune in memory of Susan's parents, Maurice and Sally Smith.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of August 15th: Ava Bowman, Helen Ridondo, Jesse Azevedo, Britany DiOrio, Julia Mole, Grace Mole, Jake Slye, Marcy Wemple, Steve Cipoletti, Deb Clarke, and Matthew Mason.



The week of August 22nd: Doug Dubel, Jonah Foman, Vivian Peters, Alison Fodor, Nancy Brex, and Sydney Forman

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 Dale and titled 'If the way be clear...'. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#)



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.

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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 24th** at Noon. Send information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Church Office Hours

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

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