



**August 15, 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, Aug 15**

6 pm Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

**Fri, Aug 16**

*Office Closed*

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Aug 18**

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

**Mon, Aug 19**

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

**Tues, Aug 20**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

*Noon - Deadline for Announcements*

7 pm Book Group, Library

7 pm 'What is our Why?' meeting, Room 6

**Wed, Aug 21**

1:30 pm Service at Atria Senior Living

**Fri, Aug 23**

*Office Closed*

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Aug 25**

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

**Mon, Aug 26**

6 pm Softball game vs St James, Bicknell Field

**Tues, Aug 27**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

*Noon - Deadline for eBridge*

**Wed, Aug 28**



4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep in Kitchen and truck run to Providence  
7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

**Fri, Aug 30**

*Office Closed*

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sun, Sep 1 Celebration of Vocations Sunday**

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, 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)

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Tuesday, Aug 27th.**

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## Happening in the next few days.....

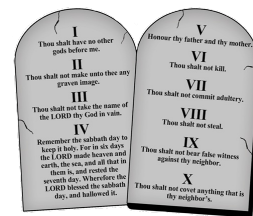
### Softball games - come cheer on our team!

At the time of writing BCCUCC's softball team has had 3 wins and 4 losses. Their next games are **Thurs, Aug 15th** vs Temple Habonim, **Mon, Aug 19th** vs St. John's, and **Mon, Aug 26th** vs St. James. All games begin at 6 pm at [Bicknell Field](#) located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. The team is having lots of fun and they love spectators to cheer them on so please stop by and support them if you can! [2019 Softball Schedule](#)



### Sermon Series in August continues!

This month Dale is sharing a sermon series taking a fresh look at the 10 Commandments. What is the point of these old but telling laws? Are these 10 any more important than the other 603 commandments found in the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament)? And what is their primary focus? God, us, or someone else? Come and explore these ancient commands and what relevance they hold for you today. If you've missed any of the earlier sermons in the series, you can listen to them - or to any previous sermon - [at this link](#)



## Of note....

### BCCUCC 2019-2020 Calendar is ready for viewing!

The staff met on August 12th and worked on the church calendar for 2019-2020. It can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> Anything with a question mark next to it has yet to be confirmed.

There are also some things still being worked on that you won't yet see on the calendar - stay tuned!!

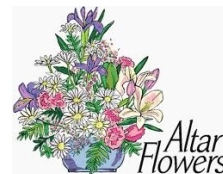


If your group/team has any additions/corrections/changes that need to be made at any time, please contact Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111.

The church calendar is constantly being updated as needed throughout the church year, but is only as accurate as the information we receive, so be sure to notify the office! Thank you.

### Altar Flower donor needed

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or remember loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. We have an opening for a donor to pay for one vase (\$30) on **Sunday, August 25th**. Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com) if interested. Thanks.



## You can make a difference!

### The Juarez family have arrived!

At 4 am on Thursday, August 8th, the Juarez family from Mexico arrived at the home of Lory and Charlie McCoy, where they'll be living while they legally seek asylum here in the US. They'd landed a couple of hours earlier in Providence, having been delayed due to both weather and immigration, on their flights from El Paso, Texas. The mother, Estrella, and her daughters Genesis, Angie and Azul are very happy to be here. They attended the worship service last Sunday with Lory and Bridgett McCoy, and were introduced to the BCCUCC family.



Estrella and her daughters arrived here with everything they owned contained in 2 backpacks and 2 small holdalls (see photo) and they'll need a lot of assistance as they transition to RI. Lory has already helped them register the children in school and the family with various agencies. While the McCoy's will be providing for many of their needs, they're also looking for additional assistance from the congregation. The most pressing needs are for monetary donations (so they can buy clothes and other essential items); 2 bikes (suitable for people 5' to 5' 3" tall); and transportation to and from ICE visits and English lessons. Lory has set up a bank account for the family, but because they don't have social security numbers, it is currently in Lory's name. Anyone wishing to make a donation is invited to write checks payable to 'Lory McCoy' with 'Juarez family' in the memo line. Checks can be put in the offering plate, sent to the church office, or mailed/given directly to Lory. Gift cards to stores like Target and WalMart would also be appreciated. (You can purchase them online and have them emailed directly to [lsnadmccoy@gmail.com](mailto:lsnadmccoy@gmail.com), or purchase them locally to give to Lory, or drop them off at the church office).

Please contact Lory at [lsnadmccoy@gmail.com](mailto:lsnadmccoy@gmail.com) or 401-369-2341 with offers of help or questions. Thank you.

[Read previous updates and learn how the McCoy's got involved.](#)

### Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

Our next Loaves and Fishes RI truck run from BCCUCC is **Wednesday, August 28th**. Specific food and clothing items are needed – check the online sign-up sheet at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aaca2aa75-mobile3> and sign up for how you can help. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but those going out on the truck must be at least age 16. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign





up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)). Thank you.

If you're interested in being a driver sometime, please contact Jay Buckley at [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net) or (401) 578-6533.

## Take action on gun violence

From our Mission and Justice Team: **Join the UCC - Take Action Network:**

"It is a moral crisis for people of faith when our society accepts preventable gun violence on a daily basis. Lend your voice by asking your Senator to support S.42."

Go to: <https://p2a.co/o0Ur54Q> to Take Action. There are also other issues at the link that you may choose to take action on.



## Open Doors Sunday!

Be sure to come back home for **Open Doors Sunday** on **September 8th!** Whether we call it Gathering, Homecoming, or any other Sunday, it's the day we welcome back our families (of all types and sizes) and kick off our new program year! It's also a day that we especially open our doors to visitors and newcomers who are looking to start the school year off by finding a new church. So be sure to invite your neighbors and friends!



**Open Doors Sunday** will be a blast with a family-friendly **inter-generational worship** service at **10 a.m.**, followed by fun, food, and ice cream! We will once again have an **ice cream truck** but will also be adding a **bouncy house** and a "**dunk-the-pastor**" booth. Yes, Brendan and Dale will both be getting wet that day!

So come home and join us for a worship service specially designed for all ages and reconnect with your church family. We're looking forward to seeing you!



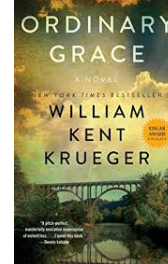
## What's happening?

### Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, August 20th at 7 pm in the church library.** They will be discussing *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger: "Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their

small 1961 Minnesota community"

For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome!



### The following groups will start up again after Labor Day

- Bereavement Group - Mon, Sep 9th @ 11 am in Library.
- Community Office Hours - Thurs, Sep 5th, 3 - 5 pm @ Coffee Depot
- East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap - Sat, Sep 21st, 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall
- Knitting for Others - Tues, Sept 10th for a potluck
- Mindful Mondays - Mon, Sep 9th, 7 - 8 pm Meditation Room
- Women's Faith Group - Thurs, Oct 3rd, 1:30 - 3 pm in Library

*Mark your calendars - more info about all these groups in the next eBridge*



### 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. Their next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 4th**, from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Anyone interested in joining should contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.



### 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. Next meeting is **Thursday, September 5th**. For more info contact [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) or call (401) 331-3060.

### Some upcoming events for your calendar

**Tues, Sept 10th** 5 - 9 pm Fundraiser for Loaves and Fishes RI at Flatbread Pizza in Providence.

**Sun, Sept 15th** 2:30 - 4 pm Kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove with Dale

**Thurs, Sept 19th** 3 - 6 pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

**Sat, Sept 28th** 9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Women's Clothing Swap, Fellowship Hall

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## From the River's Edge



## Never Alone.

by Rev. Brendan Curran, Assoc. Minister - May 15, 2019 "Holy Spirit is Life-giving life. Invisible life that sustains ALL , I awoken to life in everything. In every waft of air, the air is life, greening and blossoming. The waters flow with life. ...

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## Summer at BCCUCC!

### Clergy and staff away

Rev. Brendan Curran will be on vacation from **Aug 17 - Sep 2**.  
Andrea Bullard is away **Aug 15 - 21**.

### 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.



### 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 Aug 25 & Sep 1 Announcements is *Noon on Tues, Aug 20*. Deadline for the next eBridge is *Noon on Tues, Aug 27*. Thank you.





# Reminders

## 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.



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