



**August 18, 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, Aug 18**

6 pm Softball Game vs Temple Habonim, Bicknell Field

**Sat, Aug 20**

1 - 7 pm Outside use of Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Aug 21**

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](#)

3 - 5 pm RI Association Summer Picnic, Goddard Park

**Mon Aug 22**

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

**Tues, Aug 23**

10:30 am Book Group, Library

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, Aug 24**

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

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

**Thurs, Aug 25**

Noon Retired RI UCC Clergy lunch, Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Aug 28**

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

Back to School Blessing during the worship service

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**Mon Aug 29**

6 pm Softball Game vs St. James, Bicknell Field

**Tues, Aug 30**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon - Summer Deadline for eBridge

7 pm Church Council meeting

**Wed, Aug 31**

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

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

**Thurs, Sept 1**

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

**Sun, Sept 4**

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

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

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

## Today and this weekend!

### BCCUCC Softball game tonight!

BCCUCC's next softball game is **Thursday, August 18** against Temple Habonim. The game begins at 6 pm at Bicknell Field located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team!

*Information about future games and how to join the team, is found later in this publication.*



### RI Association Summer Picnic

The RI Association UCC (formerly the RI Conference) is holding its first ever Summer Picnic this **Sunday, August 21** from **3 – 5 pm** at Goddard Park, 1095 Ives Rd, Warwick. A couple of picnic sites (46-53) have been reserved for the event.



Folks of all ages from the RI Association churches, including you and your family, are invited! Bring food that you'd like to eat, and the Association will provide the beverages and dessert (a Palagis ice cream truck is coming, their treat!). Come, laugh, and gather. Let's reconnect in-person and celebrate our Rhode Island Association UCC churches! There will be a brief "program" acknowledging some of the transitions of our clergy and churches over the past few years. We'll honor new ordinands, retirees, and transplants! And there'll be lots of fun and games.

**RSVP** at [tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/](https://tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/) Picnic tables will be available. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome! [Flier](#)

## Also happening in August

### BCCUCC Softball

BCCUCC's next softball games are **Thursday, August 18** against Temple Habonim, **Monday, August 22** against St. John's, and **Monday, August 29** against St. James. 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! 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 welcome. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays.  
[2022 Softball Schedule](#)



## Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, August 23** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *O Beautiful* by Jung Yun. [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.



## Back to School Blessing on August 28

Students, Teachers, and Administrators....bring your bookbags, backpacks, totes.....bring your cleats, field hockey sticks, and shoulder pads.....bring yourself!  
School is hard work and we invite you to start the year off with us as we offer our best wishes and ask God to bless you and your school year. Join us **Sunday, August 28** for this special 9:30 am Worship Service. All are welcome. Invite your school friends!



## 2nd Annual 'Flames to Feed' fundraiser

**Saturday, August 27**, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Skyline at Waterplace, 1 Finance Way, Providence.

This fundraiser is for *We Share Hope's* Feed the Future School Pantry Programs in high-need schools throughout Rhode Island. This is the program that our church supports with Loaves and Fishes RI, providing food for families of children at DelSesto Middle School.



Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 and the event gives attendees a front-row view of the Waterfire Lighting Ceremony, valet parking, fabulous food, and the opportunity to win awesome silent auction items. Tickets at [www.wesharehope.org](http://www.wesharehope.org) then click on Events, or [use this direct link](#)

## Blood Drive: Give a pint, get a pint ...of beer!

A Bloodmobile will be at Barrington Public Library on **Tuesday, August 30** from **2 – 7 pm**. Donations by appointment! (walk-ins welcomed if availability permits at time of arrival). Go to [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives) to book - sponsor code 2512.  
Give blood and get a free pint from a participating brewery or pub, plus a chance to win a \$100 eGift card. [More information](#)



## Wellness Wednesdays!!

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her for Wellness Wednesdays! *Note: even though Racquel will be out on Aug 24, she will still be doing these.*

**Walking group** – Wednesday mornings from 7 - 8am. Please meet at the Shaw's parking lot near the bike path (by the noticeboard). 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 meet every Wednesday and will be continuing into the fall.



**Prayer Care** – Wednesday mornings in the Sanctuary at 10am all are invited to join Rev. Racquel for a brief prayer service 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.

### Coffee hour hosts needed

Many are missing the weekly time of gathering and fellowship with other members of the congregation during coffee hour after worship. If any team, group, family or individual would like to host a coffee hour any of the remaining Sundays this summer, please contact the church office at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111. It doesn't have to be complicated - it could just be some lemonade and iced water, and possibly a plate of cookies or something - but even that isn't essential. We hope to hear from some volunteers!



## Coming in September

### Coffee Chats with Racquel

Two of Rev. Racquel's favorite things combine this fall: Coffee and Conversation. **Beginning Thursday, September 1** please join Racquel at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from 8:30 am – 9:30 am on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. She hopes to see you there! All are welcome.



### Start of our 2022-2023 program year - mark your calendars!

**Open Doors Sunday** is **September 11**, and is when we return to the **10 am** service time with an All Ages Worship Service. Following worship there will be fellowship, food and fun - including hot dogs, ice cream, and fun activities of sponge toss, sidewalk chalk, and face painting!



**Dedication of Volunteers working with children and Youth** will take place during the **September 11 Open Doors Sunday** worship service.

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**WORSHIP AT 10 AM**

**Programs for Children and Youth.** Information about the programs being offered will soon be published and made available to the congregation. Registration for Church School, Confirmation Class and Youth Group is required and registration forms will be available after worship on September 11 and are also [at this link](#) so you can register ahead of time.

### Sunday, September 18:

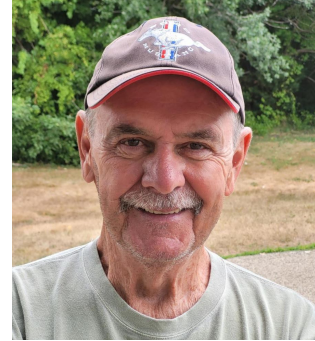
Church School classes begin.

After worship: Mandatory Meeting for volunteers working with children and youth.

## Our newest staff member

### Welcome Frank!

Frank Lee joined the BCCUCC staff in mid-July as a part-time custodian, working 3 days a week. He and his wife Barbara started attending church here at the beginning of this year and officially joined in May. Frank has lived in Barrington since 1992 and before his retirement was a mailman in town for 28 years – if you lived in the Soames area you may recognize him! Frank is a great addition to our staff and not just because he likes to clean! The church buildings are benefitting greatly from all of his hard work. Please thank him if you see him.



## 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' is coming to its conclusion

Racquel and Dale have just two more sermons left (on August 21 & 28) in the 12 part summer sermon series that has covered the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. They've been exploring what meaning this prophet's story has for our lives today. If you've missed a Sunday and would like to hear what you missed, recordings of the worship service are at our usual links - [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)



### Last call for Summer Musicians!

If you would like to share your musical gifts with us on a Sunday morning this summer there's a [SignUp Genius](#) where you can sign up. 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 one of the ministers.

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



## 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.



## Worth repeating

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *Where are We?* If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#).



### 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/>.



## 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, Aug 30*. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

### Clergy and Staff away

Rev. Racquel will be out of the office from August 22- 26.  
Andrea Bullard is out of the office thru September 4.

### 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.



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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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