



August 26, 2021

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

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Calendar

Church Office is open Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Closed on Friday.

Thurs, Aug 26

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
6 pm Doubleheader Softball game vs Temple Habonim, Vets Field
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](#)

Mon, Aug 30

6 pm Softball game vs St James, Bicknell Field

Tues, Aug 31

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff Meeting
7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Thurs, Sept 2

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

Sun, Sept 5

9:30 am Multi-platform Worship Service with Communion (Attend in-person or watch online). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Sept 6 Labor Day

Office Closed

Tues, Sept 7

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed
11 am Staff meeting
6 pm Softball Playoff Game 1, Vets Field
7 pm Softball Playoff Game 2, Vets Field

Wed, Sept 8Noon *Deadline for eBridge*

1:30 pm Service at Atria senior Living

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal

Thurs, Sept 9

8 am Peaceful Pause and Prayer, Livestreamed

6 pm Softball Playoff Game 3, Vets Field

7 pm Softball Playoff Game 4, Vets Field

Fri, Sept 10

1:30 pm Memorial Service for Tom Cole, Sanctuary

Sun, Sept 12 Open doors Sunday & Linda's last Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person or online). Watch at

www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](http://www.bccucc.org)For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

New in this eBridge & updates

Worship time change coming soon

Worship is at 9:30 am through Labor Day weekend, Sept 5th.

Worship returns to 10 am on Sun, Sept 12th which is 'Open Doors Sunday' and is also Linda's last Sunday with us.



Come home again for Open Doors Sunday!

The second Sunday of September has long felt like a family reunion at BCCUCC. It is the day that so many of our members return from summer resting and travels to reunite with friends and loved ones within our sacred walls. How sad it was that we were unable to safely share in this tradition last year. However, we are doing all we can to make this year's Open Doors Sunday a wonderful reunion once again. This year's celebration may be slightly muted due to COVID's persistence, but we will still share in the joy of returning home and seeing past friends.



At this service, you can look forward to an **all-ages worship** with our children helping to lead much of our activities. We will also **dedicate our church school volunteers**, **preach the gospel in an engaging inclusive way**, and, of course, have a **visit from the ice cream truck** (free for all) after church!

Remember, too, that we will be **saying "farewell" to Linda** on this Sunday. It is a day to celebrate our whole family and to thank Linda for being a part of it!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 12th at 10 a.m.** for Open Doors Sunday!

Nursery Care and Church School

The nursery will be reopening on Sunday September 12th, Open

Doors Sunday. Parents are welcome to drop off their children aged 0 – 3 years old in the nursery before going to the sanctuary for the service. Those staffing the nursery will be fully vaccinated and masked.

Church school registration will take place on September 12th with classes beginning the following Sunday, September 19th. More information about Church School will be coming soon.



The Tech Team is still looking for help....

Do you want to learn something new and 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 tcolby@fullchannel.net or Jeff Stumpff at jeffcycling@gmail.com.



Altar flower donor needed

There's an opening on **September 5th** for someone to pay for one vase of the altar flowers. Cost is \$30 per vase. Altar flowers can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event and your dedication will be included in the worship bulletin and read during the service. If interested, please contact Bethia Rosner at (401) 383-5538 or bethiarosner@gmail.com. Thank you.



Education building reopening in September

September will see the re-opening of the education building but with certain safety requirements that users will need to follow. September will also see some changes in the worship guidelines. Please be sure to read the new [approved recommendations](#) that were made by the Moving Forward Team and approved by Church Council. We ask that you abide by them so we can keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. Thank you.

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.

These recommendations were made 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.



2021-2022 Church Calendar

The church calendar for the 2021-2022 program year is available for viewing at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>. If you have any additions, updates or corrections at any time please let Christine know by emailing her at office@bccucc.org. We

can only keep the online calendar current with your input and it's especially important that we do so with our new COVID safety requirements (see below).



Room Reservations Needed

The [approved recommendations](#) for COVID safety state that for the education building:

"Any room or venue utilized by a group shall remain vacant for at least 20 hours before being utilized by a separate group."

In order to adhere to this requirement, all groups meeting at the church need to reserve rooms ahead of time. We also have some outside groups using the building that you don't see on the calendar, so you can't assume the space is available if there's nothing showing.

If your meeting isn't already on the calendar please contact Christine in the the church office at office@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 to reserve a room. She will then check the availability including the requisite 20 hours between uses, and reserve the room for your use or let you know what other space may be available. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Memorial Garden Project Underway

This significant landscaping project has been in the planning stages for many months and is now in the early stages. The goal for the project is to make the Riverwalk entrance from the church area more welcoming and inviting. The previous stone wall will be replaced and the railing along the waterfront will also be replaced at some point. Various plantings including shade trees will be done, and several water gardens will be part of the project. This Memorial Garden Project has been made possible by gifts from several donors and his family given in memory of Fred MacDonald, and a gift given in memory of their son Mark by Barbara and Dick McWhirter. We are grateful to all the donors for their generosity.



Have you seen the refurbished rainbow doors?

If you hadn't noticed, COVID was as hard on the rainbow doors as it was on all of us. They were looking pretty bedraggled and wounded at the start of the summer. That's when Fred Rocco, a new member last year, stepped up and agreed to take on repairing and repainting them. He did a fantastic job! They look beautiful. A set of rainbow doors first graced our church in the winter of 2017. Those



doors were borrowed from Newman Congregational Church. After returning those doors, our CEYM Team asked, "Why can't we make our own set of doors?" And so, part of our jubilation celebration that spring was prepping and painting a set of our very own doors. These doors are a great visual representation of our ministry as an Open and Affirming Church, and have been an excellent invitation to new visitors and members. Special thanks to Fred and all our members who have cared for them over their four years of service!

Ongoing happenings

Barrington Houses of Worship Softball

Several recent games had to be cancelled due to wet weather. BCCUCC's next game is **Mon, Aug 30th** vs St James at 6 pm at Bicknell Field (located at the end of Walnut Rd off Lincoln). The playoffs begin on September 7th and will all be played at Vets Field (next to Bayside Y on West Street). Until the regular season is over it isn't known when the various teams will



have their playoff games so stay tuned. Spectators are welcome to attend and cheer them on! [Season schedule of games](#)

Book Group for September

The Book Group will next meet **Tuesday, September 21st at 9:30 am.** at the **Cafe Water Street**, 279 Water Street, Warren if the weather is pleasant. If it is a rainy day, they will meet at the same time via Zoom. They will be discussing *Florence Gordon* by Brian Morton. 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 was included in the email sent to the congregation but isn't included here for security reasons.



'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.



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.** through Sept 5th. (Note: Worship returns to 10 am on Sept 12th.)



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 29th:

One arrangement is given by Jane Tonn and family in memory of her husband, Douglas.

The other arrangement is given by the Rosenholm family in loving memory of Mark Rosenholm.



On Sunday, September 5th:

One arrangement is given by Kate Bonneau in gratitude and love for all things.

The donor for the other arrangement is TBD.

Birthdays being celebrated

The week of August 29th: Linda Marshall, Cheryl Muth, Vanessa Kiley, Michael Zeleznik, Reid Wemple, Amy Barkat, Dick McWhirter, and Leslie Peck.



The week of September 5th: Kara Humm, Audrey Rogers, Lisa Allen, Erik Ela, Lory McCoy, Bob Zeleznik, Ben Flynn, Maggie Slane, Mary Lou Slicker, Seth Azevedo, and Tom Strolla

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.

September 5th is a Communion Sunday

If you're joining us for worship from home on **September 5th**, don't forget to have some elements ready (bread and juice or whatever you have available) so you can join in the celebration of communion.



It's also the Sunday we take donations for the **Deacons' Fund** which provides a helping hand to those in our church and community who are in need. Donations may be made by check (payable to 'BCCUCC' with 'Deacons Fund' in the memo line), or made online from our website at <https://bccucc.org/donation/> designating it go to the Deacons' Fund. Thank you for your donations.

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.

From the Mission and Justice Team

Upcoming webinars on the environment you might be interested in:

They Knew: The U.S. Government's Fifty-Year Role in Causing the Climate Crisis

Wednesday, September 8 1 PM

This webinar will feature James Gustave Speth, one of our nation's leading environmental voices in recent decades as he releases a new book entitled, "They Knew—The US Federal Government's Fifty-Year Role in Causing the Climate Crisis." About the book, Naomi Klein has written, "Devastating. Enraging. Indispensable. Would that the world had more heroic elders like Gus Speth. He has produced a damning record that will become a potent tool for justice." [Learn more and register](#)

Climate-Crisis Preaching:

A Conversation with Jim Antal and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Thursday, September 16 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Preaching on climate change is more important than ever. Please join this informal (virtual) hour-long conversation with two religious climate leaders who between them have preached on climate change more than 500 times. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion. [Learn more and register](#)

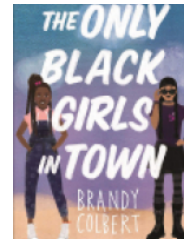
Indigenous Plant Knowledge, Justice, and Sustainability: An evening with Stephanie Morningstar and the Tomaquag Museum.

Tuesday, September 14 6:00pm to 7:30pm

This webinar will be an opportunity to explore complex systems of knowing plants through indigenous perspectives, while drawing attention to the powerful work and mission of the Tomaquag Museum as they embark on a capital campaign to build a permanent home for their collection on the URI campus. [Learn more and register](#)

Summer Family Book Club at the Barrington Public Library

Join them in reading and discussing one of Barrington Middle School's reading list choices, *The Only Black Girls in Town* by Brandy Colbert. All students, parents and guardians are welcome to join the discussion. Hosted by the Barrington Equity Collective. No RSVP is required. To be held outdoors in the back of the library. They will move indoors in case of inclement weather. **Monday, August 30**, 7:00 to 8:00pm. For more info email tanya@barringtonlibrary.org



In case you missed it earlier

The Pastors' Blog

Linda recently published her last blog for us. Titled 'Inscribed on the Palms of God's Hands' you can [read it here](#) if you missed it earlier.



There's a lot happening on Sunday, September 12th....

....we will return to our regular **worship time of 10 am**
....we will celebrate **Open Doors Sunday** and the start of our new church program year.
....we will say **goodbye to Linda** as it'll be her last Sunday with us. before she begins her ministry at Slatersville Congregational Church, UCC.
....**Nursery care** returns and will be available every Sunday morning during worship.

We hope you can join us on this special Sunday.



Save the date!

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.



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.



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Reminders

Church Office Hours

The church office is on summer office hours through Labor Day:

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

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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