



August 29, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

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

Mon, Sep 2 Labor Day

Office Closed

Return to Regular Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30

Tues, Sep 3

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:15 pm Softball playoff game vs St James, Vet's Field (next to the YMCA)

Wed, Sep 4

4 - 5 pm Autism and Asperger's Support Group for Young Adults, Room 6

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsals begin again, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 5

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

6:15 pm Possible playoff game vs St John's, Vet's Field (next to the YMCA)

Fri, Sep 6

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Sep 8 OPEN DOORS SUNDAY (return to 10 am worship time)

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

9:30 am Church School Registration, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

10 am All Ages Worship Service with Dedication of Church School Volunteers,
Nursery Care available

After Worship Church School Registration, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

At Coffee Hour Ice Cream Truck, Bouncy House, and 'Dunk the Pastor' booth

11:30 am OWL Parent Orientation, Library

Mon, Sep 9

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room (Room 8)

Tues, Sep 10

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6 pm Knitting Group Potluck, Marion Fodor's home

6:15 pm Softball Final, Vet's Field (*don't yet know which teams will play*)

7 pm Church Council Meeting, Room 6

Wed, Sep 11

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 12

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Sep 13

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Sep 15 KINSHIP SUNDAY

9:30 am Church School Registration, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

10 am - 4 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School classes begin

After Worship, Church School Registration, Foyer of Fellowship Hall

11:30 am Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth, Room 6

2:30 - 4 pm Kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Send information for inclusion in the next eBridge to office@bccucc.org

Deadline for the next eBridge is Noon on **Wednesday, September 10th.**

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**Summer is almost over.....
...and our fall programs are about to begin!**

Sunday, September 1st will be the last of our summer worship services at **9:30 am**. In honor of Labor Day, the theme will be 'Celebration of Vocations Sunday' and Dale will preach. The worship service is for all ages and includes communion. We hope you can join us.



Listen (again): If you missed any of the sermons over the summer, or want to hear them again, you can [find them here](#).

The church office will be closed on **Mon, Sept 2nd** for Labor Day. We return to regular office hours on Tues, Sept 3rd: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Brendan returns from vacation and will be back in the office on **Tuesday, Sept 3rd.**

Deadlines return to Wednesdays at Noon - weekly for the Announcements and every other week for the eBridge (the date is listed in the calendar section above).

Return to regular worship time of 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 8th. (see later).

Church groups and activities starting up again: Several of our church groups and activities took a break over part or all of the summer and will start up again after Labor Day. These include the Church Choir, Community Office Hours, Mindful Mondays, Bereavement Group, and the Knitting Group. (see calendar above or [this link](#) for dates and times, and later in this newsletter for more details.)

2019-2020 Church Calendar can be seen at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the bottom of any page on our church website www.bccucc.org. Anything with a question mark next to it is not yet confirmed.

Please notify Christine with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can always be kept up to date. Contact her at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111.

All you need to know about programs offered for children and youth at BCCUCC in 2019-2020

Whether you're new to our church or you've been around for several years, if there are children or youth in your family, you'll definitely want to read the new [Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC 2019-2020](#) (aka CEYM Booklet 2019-2020)

It has all the information you need to know about the programs offered at BCCUCC from Nursery through Grade 12. Included is information about the various church school classes, the Confirmation, Youth Group, and OWL programs, and the 2020 Mission Trip.

There's also information on how to register your child or youth to participate in our programs, and how you can become a volunteer with our children and youth.

There are many dates included (thru June 2020) so be sure to mark your calendars as appropriate.

Please feel free to share the link with any families you know who may be interested. Printed copies of the booklet are available from outside Andrea's office, and more copies can be made as needed.

We look forward to your child(ren) participating in our 2019-2020 programs.

A Guide to
Christian Education &
Youth Ministry at BCCUCC
2019-2020



The Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.
is a Christian community that worships God,
embraces all people, ministers to one another,
works for justice and peace,
and renders loving service to God's world.

Beware of fake emails from Dale

Several people have recently received emails appearing to have been sent from Dale - these are FAKE and are not being sent by Dale. So if you receive an email asking that you 'grab gift cards for me at any stores around', or anything similar, please DO NOT RESPOND. The easiest way to check if an email is really from Dale is to look at the address from which the email was sent. If you're ever in any doubt - contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org or call 246-0111 x 103. Thanks.



Open Doors Sunday - September 8th

Come one, come all!

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** with complimentary frozen treats, 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!



Church School Registration

Registration will take place from 9:30 am before worship, and again after the worship service on **Sundays, September 8th & 15th**. There will be a table in the foyer of Fellowship Hall where a parent or guardian who registered their child(ren) last year can just update the info and initial the form for this year, and parents/guardians of children new to the program can fill out a registration form. Save time and [download a 2019-2020 registration form](#) to fill out ahead of time.



Please note that for insurance purposes ALL children and youth from infants through Grade 12 are required to have an up to date registration form each year in order to participate in church programs. Thank you.

All Ages Worship Service

On select Sundays throughout the year, beginning **September 8th**, we will be having our new and improved All Ages Worship Services. These services will be specially designed to be multigenerational and child-friendly opportunities to spend the entire worship time together. Church school will not be offered, but there will be special opportunities for the children to participate in or even help lead worship. Nursery care will be available for the littlest ones. We really encourage you to attend these services as they are wonderful chances to praise the God together in a family friendly way! *(The dates of the other All Ages Worship Services are on p. 7 of the [2019-2020 CEYM booklet](#))*



OWL Parent Orientation

Parents of youth in grades 10 - 12 participating in this year's OWL program are asked to attend a meeting on **Sunday, September 8th** at 11:30 am in the Library.

If you're new to the church, have a 10th - 12th grader, and would like to learn more about the OWL program (Our Whole Lives – Sexuality & Our Faith), please attend the meeting. More information can also be found on our website [at this link](#) or speak with our CE Coordinator, Andrea Bullard (andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x107. The dates of the upcoming OWL



Church Photo Directory

The Membership Team is working on creating a NEW church directory with family PHOTOS. We would love EVERYONE to be included, and we hope to make the process easy and hassle free. Each family may have 1 photo included.

Photos can be emailed to eazevedo17@gmail.com in jpeg format by October 1st OR Stop by our "photo booth" for an informal family picture **during coffee hour** on: **Sundays, Sept 8th, 15th or 22nd.**

If you are emailing your photo, please no copyrighted ones – some portrait photographers do not give permission for reprinting.



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There's a lot happening in September!

Softball Playoff Games begin - at a different location

The Barrington Houses of Worship regular softball season ends Aug 29th, and all six teams will participate in the playoffs being held after Labor Day. **Please note that the playoff games will be played at Vet's Field (next to the Barrington Y) where there are lights if needed.** BCCUCC's regular season record is 3-6. They will play their first playoff game vs St James on **Tues, Sept 3rd**, at 6:15 pm at Vet's Field. If they win that, they'll play again on Thurs, Sept 5th vs St. John's. The championship game will be held Tues, Sept 10th. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer them on!



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.



Calling All Singers!

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings** from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry **beginning Wednesday, September 4th**. All voice parts are welcome. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church, or at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org Come make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join us.



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 or call (401) 331-3060.

Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held every **Thursday afternoon** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with Brendan in this more informal setting.



OPEN DOORS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th



A family friendly inter-generational Worship Service at 10 a.m. will be followed by fun, food, frozen treats and a whole lot more!

See article earlier in this newsletter to read about all of the things happening on this very special Sunday.

We do hope you will join us!

Bereavement Group

The group will start meeting again after their summer break at 11 am in the library on **Monday, September 9th**. The group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time. For more information, contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan will resume on **Monday, September 9th** from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. They will be ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



Fundraiser for Loaves and Fishes RI

On **Tuesday, September 10th** from 5 – 9 pm, Flatbread Pizza (161 Cushing St, Providence) will donate a portion of the proceeds from all flatbreads to Loaves and Fishes RI. www.flatbreadcompany.com Learn more about LFRI at www.LFRI.org.



Knitting for Others Potluck

On **Tuesday, September 10th** the Knitting for Others Group will be having a potluck to kick off their new program year at the home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren, beginning at 6 pm. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please RSVP to Nancy Arena at 246-0212 or Nancy.Arena@outlook.com. Nancy can also answer any questions you may have about the group.



Speaker Event co-sponsored by Mission & Justice

On **Wednesday, September 11th** from 7 - 8:30 pm, at the Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave, East Providence, Dr. Neta C. Crawford, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Boston University and the Co-Director of the Costs of War Project at Brown University, will speak on the **Costs and Consequences of the Post - 9/11 Wars**. Questions and answers will follow. This program is free and open to all.

Co-sponsored by the East Providence Public Library, the Mission and Justice Team of the Barrington Congregational Church UCC, and the East Bay Citizens for Peace.

Church School Classes begin September 15th

Church school classes for PreK through Grade 8 begin on **Sunday, September 15th**. (It's All Ages Worship on Sept 8th.)

Information about the church school classes offered at the different age levels can be found in the **[2019-2020 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC](#)**.



Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth

All volunteers who work with our children and youth should plan on attending a Mandatory Volunteer Meeting on **Sunday, September 15th** at 11:30 am in Room 6. This will be a brief gathering to review all aspects of our children and youth programs. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering, please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard, at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

Come Kayaking with Dale

Dale is planning an afternoon of kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove for anyone interested on **Sunday, September 15th** from 2:30 - 4 pm. It's open to all ages and abilities. We will be launching from the boat ramp at Walker Farm where kayaks can be rented.



<https://www.facebook.com/walkerfarmkayakrentals/> The cost is \$25 for a 2 hr kayak rental or \$20 if we have 15 or more people renting.

PLEASE SIGN UP by *Wednesday, September 11th* by contacting Dale at 246-0111 x 103 or dale@bccucc.org. Let him know if you're bringing your own kayak OR if you're planning to rent one.

Blood Drive at BCCUCC - Blood Donors needed

Our church is hosting another Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, September 19th** from **3 - 6 pm**. You can make an appointment at www.ribc.org/drives - use donor code 1562 - or just stop by as no appointment is necessary. A blood donation can save 3 lives! With your help cancer victims, individuals with traumatic blood loss, and surgical patients can all receive the vital treatment they need. For donation information visit www.ribc.org/giving-101. Don't forget to bring a drivers license or another form of photo ID when you donate.



Youth Group Hike on Mt Monadnock

Our Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12. They'll kick off the year with a hike on Mt. Monadnock, led by Brendan, on **Saturday, September 21st**. Meet at 8 am at the church to carpool. Families are welcome! Please RSVP to Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104 so he knows how many to expect.



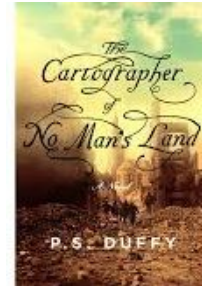
East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

After a break for August, they will resume on the 3rd Saturday of each month - the next being **Saturday, September 21st** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Trade in clean clothes, shoes, and gently used toys, and get new (to you) items! Size newborn to age 12. Give what you can, take what you need. \$3 - 5 donation at the door, but no-one turned away. Open to the community. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/EastBayKidsClothesSwap/>



Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, Sept 24th at 7 pm** in the church library. They will be discussing *Cartographer of No Man's Land* by P. S. Duffy: "When his beloved brother-in-law goes missing at the front in 1916, Angus defies his pacifist upbringing to join the war and find him. Assured a position as a cartographer in London, he is instead sent directly into the visceral shock of battle. Meanwhile, at home, his son Simon Peter must navigate escalating hostility in a fishing village torn by grief." (Amazon.com). For more information about the group, please contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome!



East Bay WOMEN'S Clothing Swap

After the success of the first one, there will be a second East Bay Women's Clothes Swap on **Sat, Sept 28th** from 9:30 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. \$3 - 5 entry, no-one turned away. Clean out your closet and bring shoes, bags and clothing that you no longer need to the swap, and bring home a new wardrobe! The event is open to the whole community so invite your friends!



Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Youth and Parents

The Confirmation program is open to youth in Grades 9 and up and is facilitated by Rev. Brendan Curran. There will be an Orientation to Confirmation Classes for parents and the interested 9th graders on **Sunday, September 29th** from 9 - 9:45 am in the library Please RSVP to Brendan at 246-0111 x 104 or brendan@bccucc.org if you plan to attend.

Learn more about the program on page 12 of the [2019-2020 CEYM booklet](#), including the dates of all of the classes and events.



2020 Mission Trip Informational Meeting

We are excited to announce that next year's mission trip is an inter generational trip (ages 16 and up) to Puerto Rico. Although it has been two years since hurricane Maria devastated this American island there is still tremendous destruction and wreckage. Rev. Dale Azevedo will be leading this trip leaving the week after Barrington schools get out (June 21-27, 2020).

Currently the majority of work being done is repairing roofs. These are flat roofs and single story only, so all skill levels are able to participate. Additionally, the weather is generally gorgeous in Puerto Rico in June (low 70s) but we will still get up early and work through the early afternoon before breaking for the day. Hopefully, there will be



lots of time to get to know one another better and learn about this Caribbean jewel. This is a wonderful way to serve God and our neighbors! If you are interested in this trip please contact Dale at dale@bccucc.org.

We will be holding an organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 29th** following worship (11:30 am in the Library). Space on the trip is limited to 15 participants determined on a first come first serve basis (with a handful of spots reserved initially for youth). For more information on the UCC's work in Puerto Rico go to www.ucc.org/ucc_hurricane_maria_irma_recovery_puerto_rico.

Volunteer Opportunities and Thanks

TAPIN seeking drivers

Do you drive, enjoy the company of others, and want to make a difference? Consider volunteering as a driver at Tapln. Imagine you need a drive to a medical appointment but there's no way to get there. Many people in the East Bay have no access to transportation. Their mobility is critical to their well-being and peace of mind. TRANSPORT IS KEY TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE. Call Tapln at 401-247-1444 or email at info@TAPINRI.com for more information.



Latest update from the Juarez family

Estrelle Juarez and her daughters, Genesis, Angie and Azul are very happy to be here and living with the McCoy family while they legally seek asylum in the US. When the family went to their first ICE check-in appointment Estrella's ankle monitor was removed - the family was so thrilled! Lory McCoy has already helped them register the children in school and the family with various agencies, and taken them to the doctor's for check ups etc. The girls have taken their ESL exams and have their school assignments. School starts September 3rd - they're very nervous but excited, and all three are very bright. The eldest, Genesis, who is entering 11th grade, is already doing the math and Spanish summer assignments/readings. Estrelle begins English classes in Providence on September 17th going three times a week for 12 weeks! If you would like to volunteer to drive her, there's a google doc [sign up sheet](#) with all of the class dates.

While the McCoys 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). 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. Please contact Lory at 401-369-2341 or lsnadmccoy@gmail.com with offers of help or questions.

Many thanks to everyone who has already generously donated clothes, school supplies, bicycles, money, hosted the family, taken them to appointments, or in any other way helped them. They are all very appreciative.

Update: Azul hasn't received many clothes as she's a small 11 year old, so if you have any your child no longer needs, please consider donating them to her. Thanks.

Thanks for donations to help families at the southern border

Saints Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church recently organized a local drive to raise funds for four agencies working to help children and families at the southern border. Many of the Barrington Houses of Worship participated as well as a couple of local businesses, and a total of \$8,300 was raised in about ten days. Annunciation House was one of the designated agencies that people could donate to, and it

received the most donations - \$3,430. Annunciation House was where the Juarez family were staying in El Paso, Texas when Bridget McCoy met them while volunteering there. Thanks to all who donated.

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Many thanks to Andrew DiOrio who drove the Loaves and Fishes Truck for the first time on its run to Providence on Wednesday, August 28th. Huge thanks also to the faithful helpers, donors and servers for keeping this ministry vibrant. Special thanks go to Phyllis and Jay Buckley and to Liz White who continue to organize and oversee this important outreach ministry. The LFRI truck will next go out on **Wednesday, October 23rd** and the [on-line sign up](#) is already live and available for anyone to sign up to help.



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From the River's Edge



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Southern New England Conferences of the United Church of Christ

Super Saturday - registration deadline is Sept 21st.

Come explore workshops, worship and more...on **Saturday, October 5th**, 2019 at Keefe Regional Technical High School, Framingham, MA. [Download the brochure](#). Featured speaker is Bishop Dwayne D. Royster. [Register Today!](#)

3rd Joint Annual Meeting - registration now open

Before we officially come together to form a new conference on January 1, 2020, the CT, MA and RI conferences will gather for the last time as separate entities in their **3rd Joint Annual Meeting**. It will be held **Fri - Sat, Nov 1 - 2, 2019** at the DCU Center, Worcester MA. [Registration is now open](#). Information on hotels, the children's program, parking and more is available on the [Annual Meeting Page](#).



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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