



**August 4, 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 4**

6 pm Softball Game vs St. Luke's, Bicknell Field  
6:30 pm Green Team meeting via Zoom

### **Sun, Aug 7**

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](#)  
5:30 pm Church Potluck, Fellowship Hall & Terrace

### **Mon Aug 8**

10:30 am - 12:30 pm BIP meeting 'Royalties for Spirituals', Fellowship Hall  
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

### **Tues, Aug 9**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

### **Wed, Aug 10**

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

### **Thurs, Aug 11**

6 pm Softball Game vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field

### **Sun, Aug 14**

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](#)

### **Tues, Aug 16**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office  
*Noon - Summer Deadline for eBridge*

### **Wed, Aug 17**

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

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

### 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

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

BCCUCC's next softball games are **Thursday, August 4** against St. Luke's, **Thursday, August 11** against Team Unaffiliated, and **Thursday, August 18** against Temple Habonim. 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](#)



### Church Potluck on Sunday evening - all are invited!

On **Sunday, August 7** at **5:30 pm**, please plan to join us for another potluck in Fellowship Hall and/or the Terrace.

Once again, there's no need to sign up – just bring yourself and whatever dish you'd like to share. Drinks and ice will be provided.

There will be fun activities and popsicles for kids of all ages. Bring warm or cold food ready to eat – there are outlets for plugging in crockpots for anything that needs to be served warm.

The first potluck was very successful so we look forward to another evening of great fellowship and good food! We do hope that you can join us. Everyone of all ages is welcome!



## New in this eBridge

### Clergy away

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be going on retreat from August 15 - 19 so will be out of the office and unavailable.

You can read Dale's latest blog ['Taking a Week to Listen...'](#) to learn more about why he's taking this time away.



## 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.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

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 start the year off with us offering our best wishes and asking God to bless you and your school year. Join us **Sunday, August 28** at the 10am Worship Service for Blessing of the Backpacks. All are welcome.



## 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!



## From the BCCUCC Green Team

As the Green Team considers ways to "Green" our church, one persistent idea has been to create a pollinator garden on the church grounds. To learn more about pollinator gardens, the team visited the Barrington Farm School on Sunday and met with Felipe Ferreras and Blaise Rein who were the planners and creators of the garden. Felipe and Blaise shared their enthusiasm and knowledge with us as we toured the garden. Blaise's mother was also there and reminded us of the long connection that the Farm and BCCUCC share going back to the dinner hosted at BCCUCC to aid in the fundraising project to purchase the Farm for the new non-profit organization.



You can learn more about Felipe and Blaise's glorious garden by watching a Barrington Farm School YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9MVTTCIm0> which was presented in March of this year, and/or contacting the Green Team co-chairs Judy Titzel ([jtitzelri@gmail.com](mailto:jtitzelri@gmail.com)) or Helen Schall ([helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)).

More information at [www.BarringtonFarmSchool.org](http://www.BarringtonFarmSchool.org)

'Growing with the Barrington Farm School' was the subject of a recent EcoRI news podcast and it can be heard [at this 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](#)



# Reminders

## RI Association Summer Picnic - save the date and RSVP!

The RI Association UCC (formerly the RI Conference) is holding its first ever Summer Picnic on **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/](http://tiny.cc/riuccpicnic/) Picnic tables will be available. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. All are welcome! [Flier](#)

## Wellness Wednesdays!!

Rev. Racquel invites you to join her for Wellness Wednesdays!

**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.

## Barrington Farmers Market

The last of the monthly markets will take place on **Thursday, August 11** from 4 - 7 pm at St. John's Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. There's live music, food, vendors of various types including local farmers with their produce.

*Sponsored by the Barrington Business & Community Association.*



# 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' continues!

Racquel and Dale are sharing a **12 part sermon series** that began June 12 and runs the entire summer. This sermon series covers the life of Elijah, his miracles, his ministry, his trouble, and his faith. They will be exploring what meaning this prophet's story has for our lives today. Join us each week as we walk the road of an ancient prophet's faith journey!

If you miss a Sunday, recordings of the worship service are at our usual links - [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)



## Summer Musicians Wanted

Calling all musicians - vocal and/or instrumental! Would you like to share your musical gifts with us on a Sunday morning this summer? There's a [SignUp Genius](#) where you can sign up for one or more Sundays. 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, or the church office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111. 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 our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107, or 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.



## From the Mission & Justice Team

### Your vote counts!

The Rhode Island Primary election is just around the corner, Tuesday, September 13, to be exact!

The **deadline to register to vote is August 14** and you can register to vote online, via mail, or in-person. It's simple and



doesn't take long. For more information and to register to vote go to: [bit.ly/3PPTCci](http://bit.ly/3PPTCci)

On election day, ballots are open 7am - 8pm.

The offices on the ballot for this primary include: Rhode Island's Governor, State House, State Senate, U.S. House, municipal governments, and more.

Now is the time to request time off from work, coordinate transportation, or create a voting plan with friends and neighbors to ensure that election day is a breeze!



## Worth repeating

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *Taking a Week to Listen....* 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

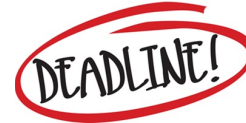
## Summer office hours

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 16*. Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).

## Clergy and Staff away

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be out of the office from August 15 - 19.

Andrea Bullard will be out of the office from August 17 - 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.

[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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# Community News

## Job opportunity at The Bay Team

The Bay Team - Barrington's Prevention Coalition - has an

opening for a Municipal Coordinator. The part-time position is to provide leadership to the municipal prevention coalition. [Job description](#).

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to:

[dalves@barrington.ri.gov](mailto:dalves@barrington.ri.gov) by 8/12/22



## Contact us

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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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