



Sept 12, 2019

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Calendar

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 4:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Fri, Sep 13

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Sep 15 "Who Are We?" Sunday - Part 1

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

10 am Worship Service, Church School Classes begin

After Worship - Church School Registration continues

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

2:30 - 4 pm Kayaking with Dale on Hundred Acre Cove

Mon, Sep 16

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library

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

Tues, Sep 17

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Deacons' Meeting, Library

Wed, Sep 18

1:30 pm Service at Atria Senior Living

7 pm Vision 2020 meeting, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 19

10 am RIMA meeting, Library

3 - 6 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

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

Fri, Sep 20

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Office Closed in support of Global Climate Strike

10:30 - 11:30 am Church Open for those concerned about climate issues

Sat, Sep 21

8 am Youth Group meet to go hike on Mt Monadnock, church parking lot

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Sep 22 "Who Are We?" Sunday - Part 2

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am Membership Team meeting, Library

Mon, Sep 23

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

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

Tues, Sep 24

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Book Group, Library

Wed, Sep 25

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 26

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

Fri, Sep 27

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Sep 28

9:30 - 11:30 am East Bay WOMEN's Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Sep 29 KINSHIP SUNDAY

9 - 9:45 am Confirmation Orientation (Youth and Parents), Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:30 am Mission Trip 2020 Informational Meeting, Library

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 25th.**

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

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Well played!

Thanks to our Softball Team

BCCUCC's softball season ended when they lost their playoff game to St. James on Sept 3rd. Despite their losses, the team had a great season with some wonderful fellowship and fun. Many thanks to all the players with special thanks to coach Tom Strolla, who also organizes the league. Thanks also to the fans who came out to support them. The 2019 league winners were Team Unaffiliated who beat St. John's in the final.



Sunday, September 15th

Church School Registration

Registration will take place again **this Sunday** from 9:30 am before worship, and again after the worship service. 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.



Church School Classes begin this Sunday

Church school classes for PreK through Grade 8 begin **this Sunday, September 15th**. Information about all of the programs we offer for children and youth is contained in the [2019-2020 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC](#).

Children are asked to attend the first part of the worship service in the sanctuary with their families. Following the Children's Time in the service, the children and teachers will leave the sanctuary, go downstairs into the vestry, meet up with their teachers, and then come over to the Education Building for their classes. Parents are asked to pick up their child from their church school classroom after worship has ended.



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 **this 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.

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 15th or 22nd**.

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



Make Peace Flags at coffee hour

The theme for the [2019 International Day of Peace](#) (on 9/21/19) is 'Climate Action for Peace', and the call of the [UCC's third Great Love](#) is 'Love of Creation'. In honor of these two things, our Mission and Justice Team invites you to join them in making new peace flags to hang in our sanctuary and educational building, and encourages you to include climate concerns in the making of your peace flags this year. During coffee hour in Fellowship Hall on **Sept 15th, 22nd & 29th**, the Mission and Justice team will have books with ideas plus materials available for making the flags. Please join them! Learn more [at this link](#) and also at [Peacefest in RI](#)



Come Kayaking with Dale

Dale is planning an afternoon of kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove for anyone interested **this 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 if you don't bring your own kayak, kayaks can be rented: <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfarmkayakrentals/> The cost is \$25 for a 2 hr kayak rental or \$50 for a double kayak. (Cash payment only).



There's already a group going so if you'd like to join them, contact the church office by Friday office@bccucc.org and let us know if you're bringing your own kayak or need to rent one, so we can reserve enough. You can also just show up on Sunday - but don't be late as we don't want to leave without you!

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September 16 - 22

Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan happen every Monday (except on holidays or otherwise noted) from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. 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.



Calling All Singers!

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are **Wednesday evenings** from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry. 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.



Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held on **Thursday afternoons** 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. (Canceled on 9/12 as Brendan is out of town)



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** and donors are needed. 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.

The RI Blood Center has sent blood to areas of the U.S. impacted by Hurricane Dorian, including Florida, so please consider donating to help those in need of blood both locally and in areas affected by the hurricane. Thank you.

Church Office Closed

On **Friday, September 20th**, millions of people around the world are expected to respond to a call from youth activists to disrupt "business as usual", walking out of schools, workplaces, and homes to support the Global Climate Strike. BCCUCC is joining both the Conference and National UCC staff in closing their offices that day to support the youth, and allow staff to participate. Learn more at globalclimatestrike.net and www.ricucc.org



Church Open for those concerned about climate issues

The climate crisis is an emergency, and the world's youth are calling on all of us to start acting like it. On **Friday, September 20th**, three days before the United Nations convenes [Climate Action Summit 2019](#) in New York, the UCC will be following the lead of young people leading strikes for the love of creation in cities and towns across the planet.

The Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, will open it's doors that day to those in the community who would like to come together to learn more about climate issues, join in making peace flags, or just to be with others who are concerned about our planet. Join us anytime from **10:30 - 11:30 am**. To learn more contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com

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 carpooool. Families are welcome! Please RSVP to Brendan at brendan@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104 so he knows how many to expect.



For information and dates about all of the other Youth Group meetings and activities in 2019-2020, see pages 13 and 14 of the [2019-2020 CEYM booklet](#).

East Bay Kids Clothing and Toy Swap

After a break for August, they will resume on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next one is on **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/>



Later this month

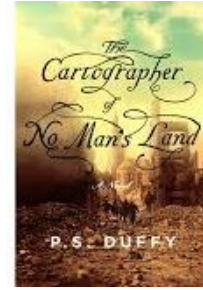
Bereavement Group

The group will meet **Monday, Sept 23rd** at 11 am in the library. 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.

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, Sept 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.

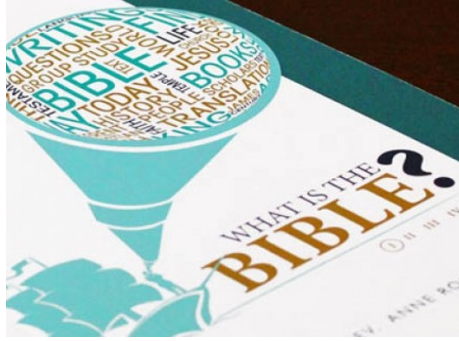
We will be holding an organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 29th** following worship (11:30 am in the Library). Space on the trip is limited to 15 participants determined on a first come first serve basis (with a handful of spots reserved initially for youth). For more information on the UCC's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

Coming in October

'Exploring the Bible 1' - an adult Bible study for you!

What is the Bible? is the first of a series of small-group studies that make up *Exploring the Bible: the Dickenson Series*. This initial study will explore some of the best-known Bible passages and discover many of the different ways that they can be interpreted. You will learn how the Bible as we know it was put together, who decided what parts were in and what were out, and where to go with your questions about this wonderful, baffling, beautiful, unsettling book we call the Bible. Rev. Dale Azevedo will be offering this class in the church library on six W
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volunteers can [register online](#) or [download a form](#), or pick up a form at Barrington Town Hall or the Bayside YMCA.

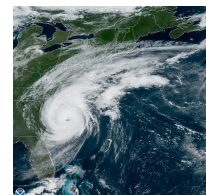
Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/BarringtonDayOfCaring>.

Barrington Day of Caring is the initiative of the Barrington Community Support Coalition (BCSC) that comprises of representatives of houses of worship, volunteer agencies, Barrington Business Association, town and school departments, EMS, Fire and Police.

Opportunities to help

Support the UCC Disaster Ministries response to Hurricane Dorian

Learn more about what they are doing and ways you can help at <https://www.ucc.org/disaster>. You can make a donation online at the link, or through our church and we will send the funds to the UCC Disaster Ministries. Checks should be made payable to "BCCUCC" with "Hurricane" in the memo line. To donate cash, please use a pew envelope and write the word "Hurricane" on the front. Thank you.



TAPIN seeking drivers

TAPIN is looking for volunteers to drive people to medical

Help support the Juarez family

The girls, Genesis, Angie and Azul, are attending Barrington High School and Middle School and they're doing well and are very happy. As the family transitions to living in the US while they seek asylum here, they have a number of needs. The McCoy family is providing them with housing and much support, but the community is being asked to help them also. The mother, 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. Anyone wishing to make a donation is invited to write a check 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. Many thanks to all who have already helped the Juarez family in so many different ways - they and the McCoy's are very appreciative.

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

The next time BCCUCC takes out the Loaves and Fishes RI (LFRI) Truck will be **Wednesday, October 23rd**. The [on-line sign up](#) is already live and available for anyone to sign up to help with donations of food, clothing, help with prep, serve etc. See the on-line sign up sheet for all the information about this important outreach ministry.



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From the River's Edge



We are starting something new! (or, perhaps, not so new?)

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - September 1, 2019 For years at BCCUCC, we have periodically hosted what we call Worship for All Ages Sundays. Unfortunately, over the past few years that title has often been interpreted as...

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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

Keep up to date with what's happening at church!

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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.

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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