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

Calendar

*Office Hours: Open Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Closed on Federal and State Holidays & where otherwise noted*

Sun, Sep 15

10 am Worship Service, Church School classes begin

Mon, Sep 16

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library

Tues, Sep 17

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

10:30 am Book Group, Library

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, Sep 18

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 19

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Plant City in Barrington Center

Sun, Sep 22

8:30 am Usher training, Sanctuary

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Orientation for parents and participants, Library

Mon, Sep 23

3:30 - 5 pm MID (Member in Discernment) Team, Library

6 - 7 pm Youth Group Kick-Off, Fellowship Hall & Terrace

Tues, Sep 24

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Sep 25

Noon: *Deadline for eBridge*

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 26

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Plant City in Barrington Center

Sun, Sep 29

10 am Worship Service, Church School

After Worship: Fall Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

If you can't be with us in person, we invite you to worship with us online

Our **Sunday morning services** are **livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person. They can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or watched later.

Only once the service is over, can a recording of the service be found on [our website](#). The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).



Sunday, September 15

Did we miss your summer sermon request?

Over the summer Dale and Racquel hosted a grab-bag sermon series in which every week they pulled their sermon topic from a bag of suggestions made by the congregation. It worked great! The only problem was there were too many sermon suggestions! So, Racquel and Dale are using the un-picked suggestions to populate their sermons throughout the fall. What's coming up next?

Sept. 15 – Do you ever feel alone? (a sermon on loneliness)

Sept. 22 – Who is the real God? (or is there only one?)

Sept. 29 – The Challenge of Forgiveness

Don't miss out on these great sermons!!

SERMONS

Church School starts this Sunday, September 15

Please note that this year we have made some adjustments to our Church School to accommodate our changing Church School population:

- PreK – 2nd grade will be in the Godly Play room.
- 3rd – 5th will enjoy the rotation program, Deep Blue.
- 6th – 8th graders (Seekers) will study world religions.



The way Church School happens will remain the same except on some special Sundays. All of the information you want to find is in this year's [Faith Formation booklet](#) (see later article). If there are lingering questions, please reach out to Andrea our Faith Formation Director at andrea@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 107.

Children from PreK through Grade 8 attend the first part of the worship service in the sanctuary with their families, then after the children's message they leave to go to their Church School classes in the Education building. Their teacher will accompany them. On Sundays when there is All Ages Worship, the children remain in the sanctuary for the whole of the family-friendly service.

Register your child(ren) and youth this Sunday!

Registration will take place after the 10 am worship service again **this Sunday, September 15**. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall where parents/guardians can fill out the forms. Or save time and download a [2024-2025 registration form](#) to fill out ahead of time.

Note: *If your child/children was registered for the 2023-2024 church school year, all you'll have to do is review last year's form, change the grade, make any necessary updates and initial it!*



For insurance purposes EACH child and youth from infants through grade 12 is **required** to have their own form filled out or updated EVERY YEAR in order to participate in church programs

including Church School, Youth Group, and Confirmation. Thank you for your attention to this.

Join us in making Peace Flags

After worship the **next two Sundays, September 15 & 22**, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall to **make Peace Flags**.

The **International Day of Peace** ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

One of the important ways of cultivating peace is learning about the world we live in and the many people who inhabit it through reading books. Yet, in many places in this country, books are being banned in public schools and libraries. We at BCCUCC have decided that "**Freedom to Read**" will be our theme as we make our Peace Flags and also support the American Library Association's '**Banned Books Week**'.



New (or updated) in this eBridge

Wondering what's going on?

If you've driven by the church in the last few days you may have noticed work being done on the west side of the church. When new insulation was installed in the walls of the building, some old termite damage was found in the area below the stained glass window that extended up into part of the window frame. The damaged areas have been restored and the siding will soon be replaced so everything is as good as new. With such an old building, there's always something that needs repairing - just take a look at the lower part of the walls in the vestry!! Thanks to our Property Coordinator, Paul Dennis, for making sure our buildings and grounds don't fall into disrepair, and to [Catanzaro and Sons](#) for their work.



Barrington Interfaith Partners' Annual Fall Forum

BIP's Annual Fall Forum will be held on **Wednesday, September 18**, at **7 pm** at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd. in Barrington.

Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman will speak about Project 2025, and **Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo** will address Christian Nationalism.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served and there is ample parking. All are welcome.

See Trinky Brueckner, Helen Schall, or Nancy Arena for more information or contact Trinky at trinki48@gmail.com or (401) 447-4742.

Greeter(s) needed for September 22

There's an opportunity on **Sunday, September 22**, for you to be a greeter! 'You' can be an individual, family, or friend group, and of any age. Greeters need to arrive by 9:40 before the 10 a.m. service and simply welcome people as they arrive to church. If you can help, please contact Trinky Brueckner trinki49@gmail.com, (401) 447-4742 or speak with her after



Sunday's service. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to greet this fall.

New leader needed for Loaves and Fishes Team

We're still looking for someone to lead our Loaves and Fishes Team so we can continue to help those experiencing food insecurity in our area. To learn more contact Rev. Dale Azevedo at dale@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 103.



Fall Congregational Meeting

A Fall Meeting of our church has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 29** in the sanctuary following the worship service. The agenda items are listed in the warrant below. The minutes for approval can be read at the link in Article II, and the nominations for the unfilled positions will be presented at the meeting. We hope that all church members will make every effort to attend. Child care will be provided.



Warrant

Warrant for 2024 FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, September 29, 2024



A Fall Congregational Meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on **Sunday, September 29, 2024** in the sanctuary immediately following the regular 10 a.m. worship service. The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To approve the [minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting](#) held June 9, 2024.

ARTICLE III: To approve nominations for unfilled positions.

ARTICLE IV: To receive a report on the sale of the 4 Nathaniel Road parsonage.

ARTICLE V: To consider the Governing Board's "Year of Engagement" vision for church year 2024 - 2025

ARTICLE VI: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VII: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Greg Voigt, Clerk

Altar flower donor(s) needed for October 6

Our altar flower arrangements are delivered each week from The Greenery in Warren, each vase costs \$30, and donors can choose to pay for one or both vases. They can be given in memory, celebration or honor of a person or special event (anniversary, birthday etc) and the donor's dedication will be included in the bulletin and also read during the service. If you'd like to pay for **either one or both arrangements** of flowers on **October 6**, please contact Cheryl Muth at jcbmuth@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone who responded previously and is donating on other Sundays.



6th Annual Barrington Day of Caring

Monday, October 14, 2024 (Indigenous Peoples Day) **Noon - 4 pm.**

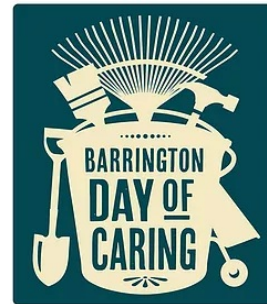
Join us as a **VOLUNTEER!**

Barrington Day of Caring is a community-wide event for individuals, families, friends, or teams to come together as volunteers to help eligible residents in need through service projects. No skill set is needed to

volunteer. However, your expertise is welcomed. This event is a Town-supported program in connection with many community and faith organizations. [More information and registration.](#)

- Site applications due by Friday, September 27, 2024
- Volunteer applications due by Thursday, October 12, 2024

Editors note: Perhaps someone would like to organize a 'Day of Caring Team' from BCCUCC? If interested, contact Rev. Dale Azevedo who is one of the event organizers.



Children and Youth

Confirmation classes

Confirmation is being offered by Rev. Racquel Ray this 2024-2025 program year and youth in **grades 8 & 9** are invited to participate, along with any older youth who wish to be confirmed. Classes begin **Sunday, September 22** with an **orientation for parents and participants** after worship in the Library from **11:30 am – 1 pm**.** Coffee and Donuts will be provided. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Confirmation program, ask any questions, develop or deepen relationships, and envision our year together. Classes are held monthly and facilitated by Rev. Racquel and the Deacons. Parents will be asked to sign up and rotate bringing snacks each month. For more information about the confirmation program, and the full list of class dates see pages 10 & 11 of the [Faith Formation Guide](#).



*** If you plan to attend the orientation, Rev. Racquel asks that you please **RSVP** to her at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 104 so she can plan accordingly. Thank you.*

Youth Group

Resumes **Monday, September 23!!** This year, we're including 9th graders and also adding some extras including games, crafts, and some new activities. All kids in **grades 5 - 9** are welcome to join us on **Monday nights** from **6 – 7 pm**. Registration is required for each participant. We're looking forward to Games and Crafts nights, Youth Group Soup, a trip to La Salette, a Quiet Retreat, community service work, and exploring a mission trip. Parents, we'll need some help with Youth Group Soup nights! Please email racquel@bcc.org to register or learn more.



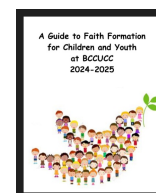
September & October dates are **Mondays, Sept 23 (Youth Group Kick-Off) & 30, and Oct 7 & 21**. All youth grades 5 - 9 are welcome to attend. *Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off and on a few other Mondays.* For the full year's calendar see page 13 of the [Faith Formation Guide](#).

Don't forget that youth participating in any programs at church must be registered. (see earlier article and download a [2024-2025 registration form](#)).

NEEDED: It's time to reinflate the basketballs and football. Please email Racquel to help out! racquel@bccucc.org

Informational Booklet about Children & Youth Programs at Barrington Congregational Church

[A Guide to Faith Formation for Children and Youth at BCCUCC 2024-2025](#) can be read at the link, and we encourage everyone - especially parents - to read about the various programs being offered for children and youth at BCCUCC in the upcoming year. A lot has been planned and we're looking forward to an exciting year!



Please share the information with other families you know with children and youth who may be interested. A link to the information is also on the Church School page of the church website at

Printed copies of the booklet are available for pick up at church - from the narthex table, or from the Registration Table in Fellowship Hall thru Sunday, September 15.

Nursery Care

Nursery Care continues every Sunday for ages 0-3 years. Parents can drop their children off in the **Nursery**, located in the Education Building, on their way into church. There's also a **Nursery Nook** downstairs where a parent can retreat with their child of any age and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there. We enjoy the sound of children in worship and provide these options for parents who prefer to worship without distraction.



Additional volunteers sought for our children and youth programs

We have lots of classes and activities scheduled for our children and youth this year and would love to have some additional volunteers to help out.

If you're interested in volunteering in **Church School**, or have questions, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard, at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

For volunteering with **Youth Group**, please contact Rev. Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 104. They look forward to hearing from you!



What's happening with the OWL program?

To ensure that everyone who is eligible is able to participate in all of our programs, we are alternating years between offering Our Whole Lives and Confirmation. We offered the OWL program last year, and next year (2025-2026) the OWL program will be offered for youth in grades 8 & 9. Questions about OWL? See pages 12 of the [Faith Formation Guide](#) or contact Andrea at andrea@bccucc.org or 246- 0111 x 107.

This year (2024-2025), youth in Gds 8 & 9 are invited to participate in Confirmation (see above).



Worth repeating

WANTED - Part-time Custodian

10-15 hours per week (hours are flexible) and is primarily to help with maintenance. Anyone interested in the position or knows someone who might be, is asked to please contact our Property Coordinator, Paul Dennis at (401) 243-3493 or wrbtwks@aol.com. Thank you.



'From the River's Edge' blog

The latest blog *Come home!* was written by Dale. [Read it here](#)



Ongoing groups

Bereavement Group

This support group is open to anyone (not just church members) who has lost a loved one at any time and new



members are always welcome. The group meets once a month from **10 - 11 am** in the church library and will meet again on **Monday, October 21**. For more information contact one of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at aubreyfolk@aol.com or (401) 392-1909, or Rev. Racquel Ray at racquel@bccucc.org (401) 246 0111 x 104.

Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Far Field* by Madhuri Vijay. [Book review](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Coffee Chat

The Thursday Morning Coffee Chat now meets at **Plant City** in the Barrington Shopping Center (188 County Road). Please join Rev. Racquel and others on **Thursday mornings 8:30 - 9:30 am** for conversation and companionship. Contact Rev. Racquel with any questions racquel@bccucc.org



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. To learn more, speak with our music director Matthew Marion after church or at (401) 954-7107 or mmarion1811@gmail.com. Or speak with any choir member - they'd love to have you join them. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Knitting for Others Group - in person and via Zoom

The Knitting for Others Group will resume meeting both in person and via zoom on the first Tuesday of each month beginning **Tuesday, October 1** from **6:30 - 9 pm**. Feel free to stop into the library or join the call at any time and stay as long as you like. All knitters and crocheters are invited to participate and new faces are very welcome. For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at (401) 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com. *Zoom info needed isn't included here for security reasons, but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



Women of Faith Reading Group

The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. They meet for discussions on books, faith and life on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from **1:30 - 3 pm** in the church library. They won't be starting up again until October when they'll meet **Thursdays, October 3 & 17**. Information on the book they'll be reading is tbd. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net



Miscellaneous

Do you need a name tag?

If you would like a nametag please contact the church office at office@bccucc.org or call (401) 246-0111 and let us know what name you'd like on the nametag plus 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.



Deadlines for Announcements and eBridge

The deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements is Noon on the Wednesday prior to publication. Deadline for the next eBridge newsletter is **Wednesday, September 25**. Send information to Christine at office@bccucc.org.



2024-2025 Church Calendar



Our church calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the calendar page on our church website <https://bccucc.org/calendar/>. Please notify the office at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 with information about meetings/events etc. so the calendar can always be kept up to date. Thank you.

Online Giving

It's easy to make a donation online! Simply go to the donation page on our website at www.bccucc.org/donation/ and click on 'Donate Now' under the Tithely option. Be sure to click on the drop-down box in Tithely to choose where you'd like your donation to go - options include Deacons Fund, Memorial Gift, Pledge, Gift etc. Thank you for your financial support of BCCUCC.



Community News

First LEGO League has openings

A Barrington LEGO League team has openings for a few extra 4th-8th grade students to join its robotics and research team this Fall. The team will meet weekly at **BCCUCC** to build and program a LEGO robot to compete in the "Robot Games", while also developing an innovation project to solve a real-world problem. Meetings have already started so if you're interested please email a.s.a.p. Steven Felix steven.a.felix@gmail.com for more information.



From the Barrington Farm School

Clements Marketplace in Bristol is hosting a matching fundraiser for [Barrington Farm School](#)! If you shop at Clements Marketplace Bristol, we invite you to drop any of your shopping receipts from Clements into the gray Honor Box at the BFS Farm Stand (located on the corner of Federal Rd and Middle Hwy). We will submit them on your behalf. Thanks in advance to you and to Clements Marketplace!



News from the Conference

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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Church Summer Office Hours: Open Monday –Thursday, 9:30 am – 1 pm.
Closed on Fridays plus Federal and State holidays.

Building Security: The Education building remains 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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