



**September 2, 2022**

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

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## Calendar

### **Sun, Sept 4**

9:30 am Worship Service with Communion (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](#)

### **Mon Sept 5 Labor Day**

*Office Closed*

*Return to Regular Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Closed on Federal and State Holidays*

### **Tues, Sept 6**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Other Group meets over Zoom

### **Wed, Sept 7**

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

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Sept 8**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

### **Sun, Sept 11 Open Doors Sunday**

8:30 am FFaYM meeting, Library

10 am All Ages Worship Service (in-person and online)

After Worship: Fellowship, Food and Fun, Terrace and Fellowship Hall

After Worship: Church School Registration, Fellowship Hall

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### **Mon Sept 12**

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

5 - 6 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Zoom

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

7 pm Buildings and Grounds team meeting, Vestry

**Tues, Sept 13**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, Sept 14**

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

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Noon - Deadline for eBridge

3 - 5 pm Vision 2020 meeting, Library

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Sept 15**

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe

12:30 pm Women of Faith Reading Group Lunch, Library

**Sun, Sept 18 Candidating Sunday**

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School classes begin

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After Worship: Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

After Congregational Meeting: Church School Registration, Fellowship Hall

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

Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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

**Sunday, September 4** will be the last of our summer worship services at **9:30 am**. The service will include communion.



**The church office** will be closed on **Monday, September 5** for Labor Day. On **Tuesday, September 6** we return to regular office hours: Mon - Fri, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

**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 am** on **Sunday, September 11** which is our Open Doors Sunday (*see later for all the details*).

**Church groups and activities start 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, the Knitting Group, and the Women of Faith Reading Group. (*see calendar above or [this link](#) for dates and times, and later in this newsletter for more details.*)

**2022-2023 Church Calendar** can be seen at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> or from the calendar page on our church website <https://bccucc.org/calendar/>  
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](mailto:office@bccucc.org) or 246-0111.

### All you need to know about programs offered for children and youth at BCCUCC in 2022-2023

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 [2022-2023 Guide to Faith](#)

This document contains 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 program and Youth Group. 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 2023) 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 will be available at the Registration Table on Open Doors Sunday (*see later*). We look forward to your child(ren) and youth participating in our 2022-2023 programs.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Racquel Ray at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 104; or Andrea Bullard (after 9/4) at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 107.



## Open Doors Sunday

**Come one, come all!**

Be sure to come back home for **Open Doors Sunday** on **September 11th!** 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 begin with an **All Ages Worship Service** at **10 a.m.**, followed by fellowship, fun, and food. This year Executive Chef Rev. Dale Azevedo (his words!) will be cooking hot dogs, and of course there will be ice cream! Activities provided will include face-painting, sidewalk chalk, and a wet sponge toss.

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!

### OPEN DOORS SUNDAY



**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**WORSHIP AT 10 AM**



## Children and Youth

### Nursery Care

The **Nursery** will re-open on **Sunday, September 11** and will be open every Sunday morning to provide loving care for infants and children aged 0 - 3 years old. Parents/guardians are welcome to drop off their child/children in the nursery located in the Education building before going to the worship service.

The **Nursery Nook**, located directly below the sanctuary, is another option for parents with wiggly children of any age to retreat to and still hear the service on the loud speaker down there.



We love the sound of children in worship so parents are welcome to keep their infants and children with them in the sanctuary if they wish. For those who would prefer to worship without distraction, we provide these other options.

## Registration required for children and youth

Registration will take place after the **10 am** worship service on **Sundays September 11 & 18**. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall where parents/guardians can fill out the forms. Or save time and download a [2022 – 2023 registration form](#) to fill out ahead of time.

Please note that for insurance purposes EACH child and youth from infants through grade 12 are required to have a new form filled out EVERY YEAR in order to participate in church programs including Church School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. Thank you.



## Youth Group

The Youth Group (for grades 5 - 8) will gather most weeks throughout the year on **Mondays** from **6 - 7pm**. Youth group meetings will consist of fun and fellowship, simple dinner (usually pizza) and a closing prayer service. When the weather permits, they'll meet on the terrace, labyrinth, and playground. *Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off.*

September dates are **Mondays, Sept 12** (Youth Group Kick-Off with Campfire), and **Sept 19**. All youth grades 5 - 8 are welcome to attend.

For more information, including the schedule for the entire year, see page 12 of the [2022-23 Guide to Faith Formation](#) or contact Rev. Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.

*Don't forget that youth participating in any programs at church must be registered. (see previous article).*



## Important information for volunteers working with children and youth -

Volunteers who work with our children and youth are encouraged to attend Open Doors Sunday on **September 11** as during the service there will be a **Special Dedication of these Volunteers**. We hope you can be there.

The volunteers should also plan on attending a **Mandatory Meeting** on **Sunday, September 25** after worship in Room 6. This will be a brief gathering to review all aspects of our children and youth programs. Please bring a Driver's License so we can re-run background checks.

## Additional volunteers needed for our children and youth programs

We have a lot of classes and activities scheduled for our children and youth this year so we are in need of some additional volunteers to help out. See p.14 of [2022-23 Guide to Faith Formation](#).

If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Andrea Bullard, at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 107 (after 9/4), or Rev. Racquel Ray at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or 246-0111 x 104. They look forward to hearing from you!



## Church School classes

Church School classes begin on **Sunday, September 18**. Children from PreK through grade 8 attend the first part of 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 teachers will accompany them. More information about the different church school classes are on pages 9 & 10 of the [2022-2023 Guide to Faith Formation](#)



## Confirmation Orientation meeting for Youth and Parents

The Confirmation program is open to youth in Grades 8 and up and will be facilitated by Rev. Racquel Ray who has written a brand new curriculum. There will be an Orientation to Confirmation Classes for parents and interested youth on **Sunday, September 25** from 11:30 am - 1 pm in the library. During the meeting Racquel will give a quick overview of the curriculum, provide coffee and donuts, and answer any questions people may have.

**Please RSVP to Racquel** at 246-0111 x 104 or [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) **by Sunday, September 18** if you plan to attend, so she knows how many donuts to buy!

Learn more about the Confirmation program on p.10 of the [2022-2023 Guide to Faith Formation](#), including the dates of all of the classes and events.



## Exciting news from the Search Committee

An announcement was made in church last Sunday - followed by an email or letter notification sent to the congregation - that the Search Committee is recommending the **Rev. Racquel Ray** be called to be our Associate Minister of Congregational Life. [Read the announcement](#). Racquel has accepted the call, pending approval by the congregation (*see below*)



### Candidating Sunday

Candidating Sunday will be **September 18** and is traditionally when the congregation first gets to hear the candidate lead worship and preach. Even though you may have already heard Racquel do both many times as our Acting Associate Minister, this will be an exciting day for her and our church so all are encouraged to attend.



The service will be immediately followed by a Special Congregational Meeting when those church members present will vote on the recommendation of the Search Committee (*see warrant below*).

### Warrant for a Special Congregational Meeting of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, September 18, 2022

This is a call to the congregation for a special meeting to take place in the Sanctuary following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 18, 2022. The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To act upon the recommendation of the Search Committee for an Associate Minister.
- ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
- ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Seader*, Clerk

## Also happening in September.....

### Knitting for Others Group

The Knitting for Others Group will resume meeting on the first Tuesday of each month beginning **Tuesday, September 6** from **6:30 - 9 pm** over Zoom. Feel free to 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](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com).

*Zoom info isn't included here for security reasons but was in the email sent to the congregation.*



### Softball Playoffs - at a different location

BCCUCC's softball team have ended the regular season in 5th place. BCCUCC will have a playoff game under lights on **Tuesday, September 6** at **7 pm** at **Veterans' Field** (next to the Barrington Y). Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the team! Questions? Contact Steve Peck at [steve@peckmarketing.net](mailto:steve@peckmarketing.net) or (401) 454-9725. [2022 Softball Schedule](#)



### Walking Group

**Wednesday mornings** from **7 - 8 am**. All are invited to meet Rev. Racquel Ray and others at the Shaw's parking lot near the bike path (by the noticeboard) to take a walk – at their own pace – from Shaw's to Middle Highway and back. Some may choose a shorter path. Bring kids, dogs on leash, a friend.... for this time to breathe deep, soak in nature, and enjoy some fellowship all while getting a bit of exercise! The group meets every Wednesday (except if it's raining) and will continue through October 12.



### Prayer Service

On **Wednesday mornings** (except for Sept 6, Oct 5 & Nov 2\*) in the Sanctuary at **10 am** 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.

\*Note: There will be no prayer service on the first Wed of each month as Racquel will be taking a continuing education class those days.



### 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 6**. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 or [marina@bccucc.org](mailto:marina@bccucc.org). Or speak with any choir member. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join us!



### Coffee Chats with Racquel

Two of Rev. Racquel's favorite things combine this fall: Coffee

and Conversation. She invites you to join her at Thrive Tribe Café, 60 Maple Avenue, Barrington from **8:30 am – 9:30 am** on **Thursday Mornings** for Coffee Chats. She will be there every Thursday morning and hopes to see you there any time you can make it! All are welcome.



## 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 will meet once a month this fall at the earlier time of **10 - 11 am** in the church library. The dates are: **Mondays, Sept 12, Oct 17, Nov 14, & Dec 12**. For more information contact either of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at [betsybrenner3@gmail.com](mailto:betsybrenner3@gmail.com) or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at [aubreyfolk@aol.com](mailto:aubreyfolk@aol.com) or (401) 392-1909.



## Women of Faith Reading Group

The group will have a lunch gathering (postponed from the Spring) on **Thursday, September 15** at **12:30 pm** in the church library. Bring a sandwich or salad. Coffee, tea or lemonade, and a dessert will be provided. Also bring suggestions for titles we can read and discuss this coming year.



The group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month** from 1:30 - 3 pm in the church library (**October 6 & 20**) for their discussions on books, faith and life. They welcome women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).

## Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, September 20** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *Girl at War* by Sarah Novic. [Book review](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



## Safe Zone Training

Please join Rev. Racquel for Safe Zone Training provided by Rhode Island Regional Coalition. Safe Zone Training is an LGBTQ+ awareness training for co-workers, friends, allies, and parents of people who identify as LGBTQ+.

How can we embody and practice our call to be Open and Affirming within our church, places of business, schools, and families? How can we be an ally for our loved ones in schools and at gatherings with extended family members?

Come continue the conversation on **Thursday, September 22** at **6 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and the event is open to the public so please invite others who may be interested.

Learn more at: [What is Safe Zone? » The Safe Zone Project](#)

So we know how many to plan for, please **RSVP** to Racquel at [racquel@bccucc.org](mailto:racquel@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 ext 104 **by Friday, September 16**. Thank you.



## Our Faith, Our Vote: Learn about the candidates

There's an opportunity to learn about the candidates for the upcoming primary election on September 13. The League of Women Voters has hosted debates these past weeks and has made them available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLj1V64nkfigBKMzMdg7Sz3MObuhWKpQrB>



## UCC Webinar - The Birth of the Environmental Justice Movement

One of the most significant events in the history of the UCC was a six week nonviolent action campaign that gave birth to the environmental justice movement with its pioneering focus on environmental racism. This webinar will feature three leaders from the protest against the dumping of toxic waste in Warren County, North Carolina: Dollie Burwell, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., and the Rev. William Kearney. Even if you can't make the scheduled time on **Wednesday, September 14** at 1 pm ET still sign-up, and we will send you a recording. [Register now!](#)



## Student Volunteer opportunities at Barrington Farm School

There's no better way to kick off Back-to-School season than an afternoon at the Farm School, and BFS has many volunteer opportunities for students. If you know someone looking to get involved in the community while spending time outdoors, volunteering at BFS might just be a perfect place for them. Student volunteers at BFS gain valuable insight into the joy of community-led work and the importance of regenerative farming practices. And working in the rows with our wonderful community is a lot of fun!

Learn more at: [www.BarringtonFarmSchool.org](http://www.BarringtonFarmSchool.org) or visit their [Facebook page](#).



## A look back over summer....and a look forward

### Taking Care of Our Properties

It's been a busy summer at BCCUCC with a variety of workmen coming and going since late spring. Our Buildings and Grounds Team together with our custodians have overseen, or carried out themselves, a number of projects that will keep our church properties in good repair, including some upgrades that will reduce energy costs and help us be 'green'.

Please take a few minutes to [read more](#) about the projects that have been done, as well as upcoming projects.



# Coming in October

## Kids Clothes and Toy Swap

After several months off, the East Bay Kids Clothes and Toy Swap will return on **Saturday, October 1** from **9 am - Noon** in our Fellowship Hall. It's a place to trade clean children's clothes and shoes that no longer fit and get the next size up. Size newborn to age 12. Toys can also be swapped. Give what you can, take what you need. There's a \$5 donation at the door but no-one is turned away.



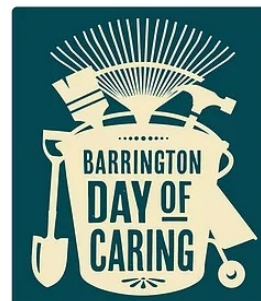
## 5th Annual Barrington Day of Caring

**Monday, October 10, 2022** (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.

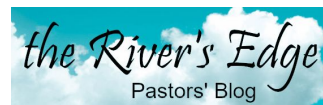
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## Worth repeating

### The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Dale and titled *Reboot*. In it he writes about what he learned during his recent retreat. If you missed it earlier, you can [read it here](#).



## 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 am** every Sunday thru September 4, then at **10 am** from September 11 onwards.

Masks are currently 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](http://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

### Return to regular office hours

After Labor Day, the church office hour will be open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Closed on Federal holidays.



### 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 next eBridge and Announcements is *Wed, Sept 14.* Send information to Christine at [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org).



### 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.



### 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**



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**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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