



September 22, 2022

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

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Calendar

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

Thurs, Sept 22

8:30 - 9:30 am Coffee Chat, Thrive Tribe Cafe
6 pm 'Creating a Safe Zone' workshop, Room 6

Fri, Sept 23

11 am Memorial Service for Marcia Hess, Sanctuary
After service: Reception in Fellowship Hall

Sun, Sept 25

10 am Worship Service (in-person and online), Church School
Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)
11:15 am Mandatory meeting for Volunteers working with children and youth, Room 6
11:15 - 1 pm Confirmation Orientation for Youth and Parent(s), Library

Tues, Sept 27

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Sept 28

7 - 8 am Walking Group, Meet at Shaw's parking lot by Bike Path
10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sept 29

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

Sat, Oct 1

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

Sun, Oct 2 World Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need offering
8:30 am FFaYM meeting, Library
10 am Worship Service with Communion (in-person and online), Church School

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Mon Oct 3

6 - 7 pm Youth Group, Room 9

Tues, Oct 4

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

6:30 - 9 pm Knitting for Others group, Library and on Zoom

Wed, Oct 5

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

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 6

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

12:30 pm Women of Faith Reading Group, Library

6:30 pm Green Team meeting

Sun, Oct 9

10 am All Ages Worship Service with guest Ric Wilde (in-person and online)

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

Mon, Oct 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day

Office Closed

Noon - 4 pm Barrington Day of Caring, check in at Town Hall from 11 am

5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partner's meeting

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

Tues, Oct 11

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 pm Church Council meeting

Wed, Oct 12

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

10 am Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Noon Deadline for the eBridge

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 13

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

Sun, Oct 16 Deacons Sunday

10 am Worship Service with Installation of Deacons (in-person and online), Church School

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#)

11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sunday, September 25

Welcome Home Baskets

We are well on our way filling the chancel with welcome home baskets for Crossroads Rhode Island. These baskets are given to Crossroads families who are moving into permanent housing. If you'd

like to create one, please pick up a laundry basket after worship on Sunday, or even buy your own. A [list of suggested items](#) is included with each empty basket found in the chancel, available on the narthex table, and in the “news” section of the church website. Please return all baskets and items **by Sunday, October 9** when Ric Wilde from Crossroads will be our guest in worship.



Sunday bulletin now available online

The livestream page of our website <https://bccucc.org/live-stream-2/> now has a link to the Sunday bulletin so that those watching the worship service at home can follow along more easily.

Coffee returns!

Many of us miss gathering after Sunday Worship for coffee, conversation, and community. We want it back! Von and Rev. Racquel will be getting us re-started. On the days that we have Church School, Von will be brewing java and setting up coffee hour. There will also be pitchers of water and a modest snack. We invite the congregation to coffee and conversation after church and anyone is welcome to help wash the cups and clean up afterwards! To volunteer to assist some Sunday - especially on Sundays where there's no church school (Oct 9) - contact Rev. Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x 104.



Peace Flag making

The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on September 21. 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.

The theme for Peace Day 2022 is **End Racism. Build Peace.**

The Mission and Justice Team invites you to join them in making Peace Flags **this Sunday, September 25**, during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.



Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth

There will be a mandatory meeting for these volunteers **this 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. Questions? Contact Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x107.

Interested in volunteering or learning more about what's involved? Come to the meeting and get your questions answered.

Confirmation Orientation meeting for Youth and Parents

An orientation to the '22-'23 Confirmation program will be held following worship **this Sunday, September 25** from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library. Parents and confirmation participants are asked to attend as we begin a new confirmation program this year. We are so blessed to offer Confirmation in partnership with our BCCUCC

Deacons who will be mentoring each class with us. Classes meet once per month from September through May. Confirmation is in June. Confirmation is open to all 8th and 9th graders and any older students who missed the opportunity to participate due to the covid pandemic. Questions? Contact Racquel racquel@bccucc.org
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.



New in this eBridge

Wellness Program PAUSED!

Wellness Wednesday evening classes (originally scheduled to begin 9/28) are paused due to lack of registration enrollment. A new class, day, and time will be announced in mid to late October. Please contact Rev. Racquel at racquel@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x104 with any suggestions of the following class options: A Matter of Balance, Chronic Pain Self-Management, Diabetes Prevention Program, Gait Way to Better Balance, Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults, Healthy Heart Ambassadors, Powerful Tools for the Caregiver, Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance, Tools for Healthy Living, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, Walk with Ease, and WISEWOMAN. And any suggestions for days and times that would work?

Neighbors in Need offering is October 2

The Neighbors in Need offering (NIN) is one of the four national UCC offerings that our church takes each year. Neighbors in Need supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bfytatb> you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues.



[Learn more](#) about NIN, and also how to make a cash or check donation. Online donations can be made at www.bccucc.org/donation and choose 'Neighbors in Need' in the drop down box on Tithe.ly. This year's focus is Wage Theft/Fraud in low-wage industries. Learn more at www.ucc.org/NIN

Knitting for Others Group goes hybrid!

These knitters get together to knit items to be donated - prayer shawls, baby hats, etc. They will next meet on **Tuesday, October 4** from 6:30 – 9 pm and participants have the option to either meet in person in the church library or meet over zoom. Feel free to stop by 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 is not included here for security reasons. It was in the email sent to the congregation.



3 weeks until the next eBridge!

Christine will be taking some time off (9/26 - 10/3). As a result this eBridge is being published a week later than originally scheduled, and the next eBridge won't be published until Thursday, October 13 with a *deadline of Noon on Wed, Oct 12*. Information for inclusion should be sent to office@bccucc.org. Thank you.

An Evening with Diana Butler Bass (via Zoom)

The Barnstable, Old Colony, Pilgrim and Rhode Island Associations (Southeast Region) are inviting everyone in the SNEUCC to an evening with Diana Butler Bass. Come discover the new and unfolding biblical scholarship about Mary Magdalene!

On **Wednesday, October 12 at 8 pm** (via Zoom), Diana will share with us this revelatory material that captures the imagination. Join us for this opportunity to hear the good news with a twist that will speak to your own spiritual longing and help you connect more deeply with the word of God. The session will go from 8:00 to 8:45 and then there will be approximately 30 minutes for questions and conversation. Learn more and [register](#) to receive the Zoom link



Sing and Celebrate children's choir

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir is starting up again and rehearsals begin after worship in Room 6 on **Sunday, October 16**. Open to boys and girls in grades 1-5, this choir is a wonderful way for young people to learn to sing in a group and to actively participate in the worship service. If your child is interested in participating (and you didn't indicate an interest on their registration form), please contact Andrea Bullard andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.



Trunk or Treat 2022

It's that time of year for costumes and treats! Our annual Trunk or Treat will be **Sunday, October 30** right after church around **11:15 am**. We are once again inviting the community to join us for the fun and therefore we need your help to bring on the BOO factor! Please consider decorating your car (and maybe wearing a costume) in a kid friendly way. Then handing out treats to those in costume. We are asking everyone interested in decorating their car to **sign up** so that we can accurately plan for the event. Like in previous years, the participating cars will be parked out front of the education building to help provide a safe place for the event. And the driveway will be cordoned off to vehicles once the event starts. Last year was a great success with over 10 cars decorated – let's see if we can fill all 14 spots available this year!

Sign up by contacting Elizabeth Azevedo (860-301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com) or the church office (401 246-0111 or office@bccucc.org)



SNEUCC: Measuring the Mission Two Years In

The SNEUCC Board of Directors and leadership staff are seeking your input to help them discern next steps for our Conference. They are hoping to better understand the needs of churches and individuals who make up the Conference, to determine how our work together can best support your ministries moving forward. They have intentionally made this an **anonymous survey**, as they are hoping to gather honest feedback.

They are looking for responses from all individuals, regardless of how involved you feel you are at your local church at this time. They want to make sure that all voices are heard.

They kindly ask that you take this [Phase 1 Survey](#) only once. They estimate that it will take about five minutes to complete the survey. **Please reply by September 30**. Thank you!

As a follow-up to the Phase 1 Survey, SNEUCC will be conducting a variety of listening session to ensure all voices are heard. If you are interested in learning more or participating in any capacity please use [this form](#) to express interest, and you will be contacted accordingly. Thank you.



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Reminders of other October events

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. The organizers are probably going to hold the swap less often (only seasonally) so don't miss it! [More info](#)
To volunteer with the swap, email RIkidswap@gmail.com



5th Annual Barrington Day of Caring

Monday, October 10, 2022 (Indigenous Peoples Day)
Noon - 4 pm. (Check in at Town Hall from 11 am).
Join us as a **VOLUNTEER!**

This is a community-wide event for individuals, families, friends, or teams to come together as volunteers to help eligible residents in need through outdoor service projects such as repairing a fence, shed, steps, and yard clean-ups. Volunteer groups are assigned to projects, pre-planned and organized, to assist residents with home projects they need extra help with. No special skill set is needed to volunteer, however, your expertise is welcomed. **Register** online at <https://www.barrington.ri.gov/326/Day-of-Caring-5th-Year-of-Service> (Those under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian with written consent from guardian).
Note: Dale is one of the organizers and would love to have lots of congregation members participating!



Some reminders just for parents!

Registration required for children and youth

Please note that for insurance purposes EACH child and youth from infants through grade 12 are required to have a new registration form filled out EVERY YEAR in order to participate in church programs including Church School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. If you haven't yet registered your child/youth, please download a [2022 – 2023 registration form](#) then fill it out and return to Andrea Bullard (Faith Formation Director) either by mail or when you see here at church. Printed copies of the form will be available Sunday mornings.



Nursery Care

The **Nursery** is 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.

Church School classes

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 (or communion on the first Sunday) 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](#)



Ongoing groups / activities

Youth Group

The Youth Group (for grades 5 - 8) gathers most weeks throughout the year on **Mondays** from **6 - 7pm**. Youth group meetings 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.

Upcoming Youth Group gatherings are **Mondays, Oct 3 & 17**.

Note: There is no youth group when Barrington Public Schools have a day off. 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 or (401) 246-0111 ext 104.

Don't forget that youth participating in any programs at church must be [registered](#).



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 only**.



Prayer Service

On **Wednesday mornings** (except for 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. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. Or speak with any choir member. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join our choir!



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.



Women of Faith Reading Group

The group meets 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.



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, Oct 17, Nov 14, & Dec 12**. For more information contact either of the facilitators, Betsy Brenner at betsybrenner3@gmail.com or 245-8031, or Aubrey Atwater at aubreyfolk@aol.com or (401) 392-1909.



Book Group

The Book Group next meets on **Tuesday, October 18** at **10:30 am** in the church library. They will discuss *The Violent Bear It Away* by Flannery O'Connor. [Book summary](#). For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 401 245-4724. All are welcome.



Worth repeating

The Pastors' Blog

The latest blog was written by Racquel and titled *Focus*. 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 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 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
- 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

Church office hours

The church office is 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, Oct 12*. Send information to Christine at office@bccucc.org.



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 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) 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 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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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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