



**Sept 24, 2020**

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

**There's a lot in this newsletter - make sure you don't miss any of it!**

Some platforms will only show some of this email and then provide a small link to click at the cut-off point to see the remainder. So you will know that you've seen everything there is to see, the words THE END! in green letters are at the very end.

## Calendar

***Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.***

**There will be no in-person worship services at church thru Jan 2021**

**Thurs, Sept 24**

3 - 6 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

**Sat, Sept 26**

8:30 am - 12:30 pm SNEUCC Annual Meeting via Zoom

**Sun, Sept 27 Deacons Sunday**

9 am Church School Volunteer Orientation via Zoom

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

[www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#)

After Worship: Coffee Hour via Zoom

1 - 2 pm Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil, outside BCCUCC

**Tues, Sept 29**

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2 pm Worship Tech Team meeting via Zoom

**Sat, Oct 3**

9:30 am Rock Painting Palooza, Patio behind Fellowship Hall

**Sun, Oct 4 World Communion Sunday**

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship). Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#)

After Worship: Coffee Hour via Zoom

11:30 am Small, outdoor in-person coffee hours at member's home(s)

11:30 am Confirmation Orientation for 2020-2021 Confirmands and their parent(s)

11:30 am Rain date for Rock Painting Palooza (if postponed from 10/3)

**Mon, Oct 5**

7 - 7:30 pm Meditative Coloring for Adults, via Zoom

### Tues, Oct 6

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom  
2 pm Worship Technology Team meet via Zoom  
7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others group meet via Zoom

### Wed, Oct 7

Noon Deadline for the next eBridge

### Sun, Oct 11 All Ages Worship

Neighbors in Need Offering  
10 am Live-streamed Worship Service for All Ages (No in-person worship). Watch at [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) or on our website [at this link](#)  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Confirmation Class for the new 2020-2021 confirmands

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>  
Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

## Today through Saturday

### Blood Drive at BCCUCC

TODAY Thursday, September 24th  
from 3 - 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Donations by appointment - visit [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives) to book.  
Sponsor code 1562.  
(Walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits at time of arrival.)  
Be sure to eat and hydrate ahead of time, and bring identification with you.  
*It is safe to donate ([www.ribc.org/safety](http://www.ribc.org/safety))*



### First official Annual Meeting of SNEUCC to be held virtually

Due to the extended State of Emergency in Massachusetts, the **Saturday, September 26th** online Conference

*The Days Are Surely Coming...*



2020 Annual Meeting ~ Southern New England Conference

gathering will be the first official Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference, which was formally incorporated on Jan. 1, 2020. The Meeting will be woven through with vibrant worship, will include small group breakout sessions focused on shared ministry interests, and will include the election of the Conference's first Executive Conference Minister. The Meeting will also include pre-recorded Speakouts, in which delegates have 60 seconds to address the meeting on the topic of their choice. Visit the Annual Meeting page at [sneucc.org/2020AM](http://sneucc.org/2020AM) for details, delegate materials and online registration. All are welcome to attend this virtual event.

### Singers wanted for RI Association Virtual Choir

The first annual meeting of the RI Association, UCC will be held in late October. In an effort to make it fun and exciting the association's executive council is trying to do something extra special with the music for the event. They are looking for people from all over the state to participate in a virtual choir.



## Sundays at BCCUCC

### Online worship ONLY through January 2021

Our **online worship service** is at **10 am** every Sunday morning and you can watch it live either on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](https://www.facebook.com/bccucc) (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) or on our website [www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/](http://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/). If you miss it live, a recording can be watched later at the same links. We include on the screen all of the information needed for participating in worship each week, so no bulletin is provided.



### Prayer requests

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111 or email Dale [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or Linda [linda@bccucc.org](mailto:linda@bccucc.org). Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.



### Deacons

Amy Barkat (chair), Nancy Arena, Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jeff Stumpff, and Jane Tonn. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach either of our ministers, please reach out to one of our deacons.

### Altar Flower dedications

#### On Sunday, September 27th:

Both arrangements are given by Helen and Fred MacDonald in remembrance of Margaret MacDonald, Fred's sister.

#### On Sunday, October 4th:

One arrangement is given by Jen & Hannah Melker in memory of their mom & "mom-mom" on what would have been her 87th birthday this month. They love and miss her dearly.

The other arrangement is given by Pat Cordeiro in honor of the congregation.



### Birthdays being celebrated

**The week of September 27th:** Matthew Lapinski, Fiona Nicholson, Duncan Maio, Margo Williams, Kristin Anderson, Jay Buckley, and Beth Zarlengo.

**The week of October 4th:** Alex Nicholson, Dave Rogers, Kate Robertson, Dan Peters, Dyana Koelsch, Art Edgette, and Joanne Judge.



### After Worship Virtual Coffee Hour

Virtual coffee hours are being held **Sundays, Sept 27th and Oct 4th**, beginning shortly after the 'livestream'

worship ends. All are invited to log onto zoom and chat with fellow church members and friends. We hope to see you there - but you'll have to bring your own coffee and snacks! Thanks to Erik Ela for hosting. *For security reasons, the zoom information isn't included in this version that appears on our church website or Facebook page. It was included in the version emailed to the congregation.*



## Sunday, September 27th

### Church School Volunteer Orientation

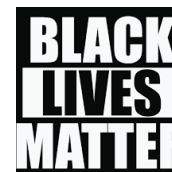
On **Sunday, September 27th** at **9 a.m.** there will be a virtual Church School Volunteer Orientation. Anyone who would like to be involved with our kiddos this year should join Andrea our C.E. Coordinator for a short overview of what we will be offering our kiddos and how you can help. If you have not volunteered in the past, this is a terrific opportunity to see how easy it is to support our kiddos during these different times. Here is the Zoom meeting info: *For security reasons, the zoom information isn't included in this version that appears on our church website or Facebook page. It was included in the version emailed to the congregation.*



Questions? Contact Andrea [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) or (401) 246-0111 x107.

### Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil

The next monthly Black Lives Matter Silent Vigil will be held on **Sunday, September 27th** from **1:00 - 2:00 pm** in front of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC. Bring signs, wear masks, and stay six feet apart. *The Vigils are sponsored by BCCUCC; Barrington Interfaith Partners; St. John's Episcopal Church; and Temple Habonim. Vigils are held on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to participate.*



## Sunday, October 4th

### World Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating virtual communion again on **Sunday, October 4th** – as is our tradition on the first Sunday of every month. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. However, we invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the “proper” elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an open and loving heart.



### Small, in-person coffee hour(s) on October 4th - sign up required

As a part of our 'Building Relationships during the Pandemic' program, church members are hosting more of the small, outdoor in-person “Coffee hours”. The next are scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th**, at **11:30 am** after the online church service. Members of the congregation are hosting these outdoor gatherings with a maximum of fifteen people at each home. Participants are required to wear masks and to bring their

own beverage and chair if they wish, and to observe the [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#).

To take advantage of this opportunity to connect with church friends, **please sign up** at the [SignUpGenius](#) or contact Helen Schall (401 245-4724 or [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com)) **before 3 pm on Saturday, October 3rd**. The hosts will let you know later on Saturday where your assigned coffee hour will be held. *Hosts are Laura Ward, Helen Schall, and Trinkie Brueckner.* (Information on how to use SignUpGenius is [at this link](#).)



## Building Connections.....

### Building HOPE Together!

As the pandemic stretches from month to month, we are all searching for moments of HOPE in our days. We encourage you to help build HOPE by writing down these moments and bringing them to our new prayer drop off box now located outside along the walkway in front of the education building at church (by the stairs to the library door). The box is clear so that as our small wishes of HOPE collect, we can see the power of community as it fills up.



If you are unable to bring your HOPE to the church, you can email them to Elizabeth Azevedo at [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com). She will then print out your message and drop it into the box for you. Questions? Feel free to email Elizabeth.

### Creating Connections for Children

These are challenging times! Our CEYM Team is working to offer unique and safe ways our children can connect with each other and with other members of the congregation. We hope that families will join our programs and share any ideas for ways we can strengthen these bonds. We value your input (contact Andrea at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)) and want to support your family in this difficult time! We invite you to participate in the "Rock Painting Palooza" - see later.



### We need your help to build and maintain connections

A Zoom meeting held in August produced a [list of ideas of ways to build connections](#). Some of the ideas had champions who have taken on the role to transform the ideas into action and several have already come to fruition!

**Now it's your turn!** The meeting participants want to gather more input from the congregation.

- Are you willing to take ownership of one of the unassigned ideas?
- Do you have other creative ideas not expressed on the list?
- What are your talents?
- Do you have an interest in reaching a specific demographic in our congregation, e.g. families with young children or elderly residents in congregant care?
- Do you feel a call to serve other members of the congregation or the broader community?
- How can you help?
- What would you lead?

Building connections requires all of our collective talents and resources. If you answered yes to any of the questions listed above, please contact the church office at (401) 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to express your interest and commitment. We

look forward to hearing from you.

## .... and Making Changes

### "Changing Priorities During the Pandemic"

We hope everyone had the opportunity to read Dale's latest blog that was emailed out a week ago. If not, we encourage you to read it. The pandemic has caused the church to make some important changes in priorities and we want you to know about them. [Read Dale's latest blog](#)



## Also Happening

### "Rock Painting Palooza"

On **Saturday, October 3rd** at 9:30 am (rain date Oct. 4th at 11:30 am) there will be an opportunity for the children to connect with each other and other families of our church community. Children and their families are welcome to join Andrea, our C.E. Coordinator, on the patio behind Fellowship Hall for a "**Rock Painting Palooza**". We will be socially distanced, hand sanitizer will be available and masks are required. Andrea will have tables set up for each family with rocks and painting supplies. Refreshments will not be provided, but families are welcome to bring their own snacks & beverages. There will NOT be access to the building or the facilities, so plan ahead! **The event is limited to 15 people so please RSVP by Sept 30th to secure your spot!** Contact Andrea at [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) to reserve your space, or with any questions.



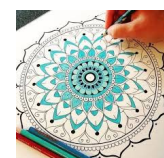
### Making Peace Flags in the time of a pandemic

The UN International Day of Peace was September 21st and the 2020 theme is "Shaping Peace Together." Our Mission and Justice Team has been distributing Peace Flag Kits for families to make the flags at home. (In normal times this was an activity done during coffee hour). They've been contacting families to let them know they were coming with the kits and with information on what to do with them. If you didn't receive a kit and would like one, please contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) Once made, the flags can be placed in the collection box outside the entry door to the Education building near the church offices. Thanks to all who have made peace flags so far.



### Stress Relief through Coloring?

We all are stressed out from the long pandemic. Come, relax together, and color an uplifting message each week. Elizabeth Azevedo is offering an online (Zoom) **weekly meditative adult coloring small group** starting **Monday October 5th**. Each week, participants can pick up the coloring page at the church in a designated spot outside (or be mailed/emailed one if unable to pick one up). The group will meet for about 30 minutes each week on Monday evenings at **7 pm** via Zoom to color together and discuss the "page" for the week. Please email Elizabeth if interested – [eazevedo17@gmail.com](mailto:eazevedo17@gmail.com).



## Knitting for Others group

No longer able to get together in person, this group of knitters has been meeting virtually each month. Their next get-together is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6th** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited and new faces are very welcome – so do join in! *For security reasons, the zoom information isn't included in this version that appears on our church website or Facebook page. It was included in the version emailed to the congregation.*



For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or [nancy.arena@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.arena@outlook.com)

## Book Group

The Book Group will meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 27th** at **9:30 am**. They will discuss *Red Lotus* by Chris Bohjalian: “A bicycling tour of Vietnam takes a dark turn when Manhattan ER doctor Alexis Remnick’s boyfriend, Austin Harper, disappears in this intricately plotted thriller from Bohjalian (*The Flight Attendant*). Each character, including secondary players, is carefully drawn, and Bohjalian keeps the tension high all the way to the surprising finale.” For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724. All are welcome to participate. *For security reasons, the zoom information isn't included in this version that appears on our church website or Facebook page. It was included in the version emailed to the congregation.*



## From your Mission and Justice Team

### How Do I Vote? How Do I Get Counted? And, Why Does it Matter?

Zoom Webinar TODAY **September 24, 5:00 pm**. Join the Center for Reconciliation to learn all about participating in Rhode Island's November 3 general election and ongoing federal census, two cornerstones of equity and justice in American society. Confused about mail-in voting? Nervous you've missed a registration deadline? Not sure if you've already completed the census, or how to do so prior to the Sept. 30 deadline? Bring all your questions to our hour-long session, which will be moderated by retired Rhode Island judge and CFR board member the Hon. Edward C. Clifton and feature informative presentations from the League of Women Voters and Common Cause Rhode Island. [Webinar link.](#) Meeting ID: **944 3398 5070** Password: **433185**

### Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices

In an effort to learn more about the issues that we had on our survey last February, the Mission and Justice Team reminds you about the following:



**Immigration: Angels Unaware: The Border is Everywhere**

Join Rev. Randy Mayer, a pastor/activist who works along the U.S./Mexico border, in a conversation about the current immigration issues and how the United States is at a turning point in its history. Will we laud the values of Emma Lazarus' poem, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,” or will we turn our backs on them and cling to walls and closed doors, missing out on the angels unaware? The webinar is being held **Sunday, October 18th** at **4 pm**. More information and register at

<https://www.sneucc.org/files/sneucc/general+documents/angels+unaware+edit.pdf>

## Opportunity to help children in Haiti

## Chick N Eggs

It's not too late to make a donation to Chick N Eggs - a new branch of the One Egg Haiti program run by the RI Conference, UCC, that has been providing hard boiled eggs to children in Haiti since November 2013. [Learn more and how you can help.](#) Please be generous. The daily egg is such an important source of protein for so many Haitian children.



## Association and Conference Happenings

### Celebrating the Ordination of the Rev. Linda Hartley

Linda's home church is Newman Congregational Church, UCC, in Rumford, RI, and they sponsored her on her journey to ordination. On Sunday afternoon, September 20th Newman church held an online worship service to celebrate Linda's ordination. You can watch a recording of the service at <https://newmanucc.org/worship>



### What's happening at the Conference level?

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.



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[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.

## Reminders

### Keep yourself and others safe

The [BCCUCC Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings](#) is a one page document that all are asked to read and observe when they attend any BCCUCC outdoor gathering. Thank you.



### Upgrading? Donate your old iPad!

The church would be glad to repurpose your old iPad for someone who'd like to be more active in our church-online community but may not have the equipment they need. Contact the office [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) to arrange a donation. Thank you.



### Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the



building. Thank you.

## Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you. (Note: Linda will be on vacation from Aug 17-23).

## Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc)
2. On the church's webpage [www.bccucc.org](http://www.bccucc.org) at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



*For Facebook live, simply go to [www.facebook.com/bccucc](http://www.facebook.com/bccucc) to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds. Once on the church's Facebook page, you will need to click on 'posts' or 'videos' to find the live feed, or watch the recording later.*

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

## The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages will be checked regularly. Our contact information is:

**Dale** [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) (401) 246-0111 x 103

**Linda** [linda@bccucc.org](mailto:linda@bccucc.org) (401) 246-0111 x 104

**Christine** [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

**Pat** [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org) (401) 246-0111 x 102

**Andrea** [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org) (401) 246-0111 x 107

Clergy Days off each week: Linda is off on Mondays and Dale is off on Fridays.





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