



**September 27,
2018**

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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Calendar

Sun, Sep 30 Mission Sunday (Mission at Home)

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

4:30 pm RICUCC Service of Welcomes, Edgewood Congregational Church, UCC

Mon, Oct 1

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Oct 2

11 am Staff meeting

7-9 pm Knitting for Others, Library

Wed, Oct 3

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 8:15 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 4

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

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

6 - 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

Fri, Oct 5

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, Oct 6

2:45 pm Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen in Pawtucket

Sun, Oct 7 Ecumenical / World Communion Sunday

10 am Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only

Mon, Oct 8 Indigenous People's Day (aka Columbus Day)

OFFICE CLOSED

Noon - 5 pm Barrington Day of Caring

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

Tues, Oct 9

11 am Staff meeting

1-2:30 pm Memory Impairment Group meets at Tockwotton (not at BCCUCC)

7 pm Church Council Meeting, Room 6

Wed, Oct 10

Noon Deadline for the next eBridge

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

7:30 - 8:15 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, Vestry

8:15 - 9 pm Remainder of Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 11

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

Fri, Oct 12

Brendan on call for pastoral emergencies

6 pm Deacons Retreat, Ashley home

6:30-9 pm RICUCC 'Youth Music and More', Seekonk UCC Church,

Sat, Oct 13

9:30 - 11 am Volunteers prepare for Kids Clothes Swap, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Oct 14 Justice Sunday

Neighbors in Need Offering

9 - 12:15 pm OWL Session, Library

10 am Worship Service with Installation of Deacons, Church School

5 - 7 pm Youth Group meeting, Room 9

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is
Wednesday, October 10th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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Congratulations to our Softball Team

BCCUCC are the 'Affiliated' Softball Champions!!

BCCUCC's Co-ed softball team had a great season and made it to the championship game after two hard won playoff games. They played 'Team Unaffiliated' (so named, because the team isn't affiliated with a house of worship) in the finals. Unfortunately BCCUCC weren't able to hold onto an early lead and lost to them 13-18. After the game both teams took a team picture together (see below) and shared refreshments, laughs and conversation. Many thanks to all on the team for playing and representing our church so well, with special thanks to Tom Strolla for coaching the BCCUCC team and organizing the league.



Sunday, September 30th

Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice.

The Mission and Justice team encourages you to read "Lift Every Voice", an article about voting and the role of faith communities, written by Traci Blackmon of the UCC: http://www.ucc.org/lift_every_voice_in_2018



No matter your opinion or political affiliation, your voice - your vote - matters and you deserve to be heard. Have you registered to vote yet? The Mission and Justice Team will have a table at coffee hour on **Sunday, Sept 30th** where you can fill out a voter registration form. You must be at least 16 years old (18 to vote) and have a driver's license or ID number for the M&J Team to turn in your form.

Register to participate in the Barrington Day of Caring

There will be a table at coffee hour **this Sunday** where you can fill out a registration form to volunteer for this community wide event happening on October . **Registrations are due by Oct 1st.** Dale is on the planning committee and hopes to see lots of volunteers from BCCUCC participating! You can also [Register online](#) here. More details about the event can be found later in this eBridge.



Service of Welcomes

Sunday, September 30th at 4:30 pm at [Edgewood Congregational Church](#). Come welcome the new Transitional Conference Minister, the Rev. Marilyn B. Kendrix, and let the Conference welcome you to the new Conference offices at the Edgewood Church, 1788 Broad St, Cranston RI 02905. All are invited. Following the service, the Hispanic Church will provide a light supper and there will be tours of the new Conference offices.

Your Help is Needed

Soup Kitchen Servers needed

Our church's next rotation for the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen is **Saturday, October 6th**. The Music and Endowment teams are

responsible this time, but because it's a holiday weekend, a number of those folks are away. 3 adult servers are still needed to go to the Soup Kitchen. If you can assist with this important ministry, please contact Pat Stoddard pstoddard55@yahoo.com) or Soup Kitchen Coordinator Diane Todd (diane.todd15@gmail.com)



Barrington Day of Caring - A Community Wide Day of Volunteering

Have you volunteered for the Barrington Day of Caring?

Please [register](#) by Monday, Oct 1st.

It's happening on **Monday, October 8th** (Indigenous People's Day aka Columbus Day) from **Noon – 5 pm**.

Volunteers will gather at the town hall then leave to go to various sites where they can put their talents to work by improving the lives of their neighbors and the local community. Activities will include home improvement, decluttering, yard work, and cleanup of the beach. **All ages and skill levels welcome.** Barrington Day of Caring is a new initiative of the Barrington Community Support Coalition (BCSC) that comprises of representatives of houses of worship, volunteer agencies, Barrington Business Association, town and school departments, EMS, Fire and Police.

Volunteers can register either online at <https://bit.ly/2wCOlrX> downloading a form at www.Barrington.ri.gov or picking up a form at Barrington Town Hall or the Bayside YMCA. Please register by October 1st. You can also register at church on Sunday during coffee hour!



A way to help those affected by recent hurricanes

Help the UCC respond to hurricane damages by making a donation to UCC Disaster Ministries. Learn more and make an online donation by clicking on [this link](#) from our church website. Or visit www.ucc.org/disaster. 100% of UCC disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming.

Calling all singers to join in a Christmas Cantata

Christmas Cantata rehearsals have begun! The vocal choir, along with several instrumentalists, will present a Christmas Cantata during worship on Sunday, December 16th [Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration, by Joel Raney]. You can hear the piece via this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsfw83UfpFY>.

Anyone that would like to join the choir for this particular piece is invited to attend a portion of choir rehearsal **every Wednesday**

from 7:30-8:15 pm when we will practice the cantata. The choir will prepare their other pieces after the cantata practice is complete. All are welcome!



Volunteers needed to help with Church School

We don't need a long-term commitment, just your willingness to teach or assist in one of the classrooms for a few Sundays during the program year. We provide all the information and resources you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith. For more information or to volunteer, speak with or contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107.

**CHURCH SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Save your baby food jars

Andrea needs the small baby food jars for a church school project later this year. Please start saving them to give to her. Thanks.

Neighbors in Need collection will be October 14th

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special offering of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and two thirds of this offering funds projects to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. This year's grants will give special consideration to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. More information at www.ucc.org/nin where you can also make an online donation. Special donation envelopes will be included in the bulletin on **October 14th**. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC and mark the memo line 'NIN'. Thank you for your generous support.



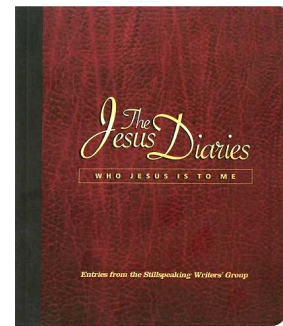
Would you share your story?

Susan Catherine Collyer is a Barrington resident and artist looking to share stories of faith. She recently produced an original play entitled, "Reflections in Rhode Island," celebrating 100 years of stories from seniors living in the East Bay. She is looking to do something similar revolving around peoples' experiences of faith. Are there points in your life when you felt an experience of Someone or Something Greater? These can be stories of miracles, magic or the mundane. Susan would like to interview people of different faiths and no faith to create an original theatrical piece to help break down walls of division and separation. If you are interested or would like more information you can contact Dale at the church office (246-0111) or Susan directly at rhodeisland.reflections@aol.com by **November 1st**.

Also happening in October

Adult Faith Study with Dale

"The Jesus Diaries: Who Jesus Is to Me" When is the last time you talked about Jesus and what you really believe about him? Do you even know who Jesus is to you? In this study we will read nine "diaries" from writers of the Stillspeaking Writers Group who will share with us some of the intimacies of their understandings of Jesus in an accessible way. We will discuss these different personal relationships with Jesus and what they may mean to us. We will also spend some time discovering and discussing our own understandings of this man-God. The study meets for **four (4) Tuesday evenings** from **October 16th - November 6th** from 7:00-8:15 pm in the BCCUCC Library. Come and join Dale for this interesting discussion. Register for this class at the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 by **Tuesday, October 11th**.



Feasting at Fireside

Elizabeth and Dale Azevedo have added six additional dates through May 2019, when they will be hosting dinners for 6 at the parsonage. The first will be on **Monday, October 15th** from 6 – 8 pm. Members and friends of the church are invited. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4eaba823a6f85-feasting>

for one of the dates that works for you, or contact the church office 246-0111 if you are unable to sign up online.



East Bay Kids Clothes Swap

The East Bay Kids Clothes Swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up! Ages newborn to 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! It's a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. It will be located here in Fellowship Hall of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC and will take place every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am-11:30 am starting **Saturday, October 20th**. \$3-\$5 donation at the door to cover space rental and expenses, but no one turned away. To find out more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/rikidswap>. If you have clothes to contribute, please email rikidswap@gmail.com or call Megan at 401-396-6430.

East Bay Kids Clothes Swap!

9:30-11:30am, starting October 20th, 3rd Saturday of each month
Barrington Congregational Church 461 County Road, Barrington RI

Have clothes to contribute? Interested in volunteering?
✉ Rikidswap@gmail.com

Trade clean kids clothes, newborn -12 yo

Youth News

RICUCC Autumn Youth Event

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend 'Youth Music and More' on **Friday, October 12th** from 6:30 - 9 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, 600 Fall River Ave, Seekonk MA. Fee is \$5. There will be pizza, a melted crayon pumpkin project, a youth concert, and a speaker on teen anxiety and stress. *RSVP by Oct 8th* to Kristen Putney 997-991-1555 or mitchmoon12@hotmail.com

Youth Group meeting - change in date and time

The youth group will have their first gathering meeting on **Sunday, October 14th** from **5 - 7 pm** in Room 9. *This is a change from what was previously advertised.* All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited. Junior and Senior Youth will break into groups at the meeting. Pizza will be provided. For more information, contact Brendan brendan@bccucc.org or 318-2447.



Healing Connections - building a community of support for youth experiencing grief and loss.

Adults are not the only people who experience grief and loss! Youth do too but might not have spaces where they can address their grief and be supported by others going through similar experiences. Using group circle process, we will create a space together for youth of all faith backgrounds and perspectives to have a community of support to cope with grief and loss. In a meeting on **Sunday, October 28th** from **12-1 pm**, participants will have an opportunity to get to know each other and share stories. During the mini-retreat on **Sunday, November 4th** from **1-4 pm** participants will explore ritual arts and creative practices for processing significant losses and honoring the memories of their loved ones. Meetings will take place in rooms 8 and 9 of the education building. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, contact facilitators Brendan Curran brendan@bccucc.org (401-318-2447) and/or Betsy Brenner jsbeeb@aol.com (401-323-6320).

Ongoing Groups and Activities (listed alphabetically)

Bereavement Group

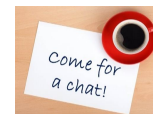
The group took a break over the summer and will resume meeting on **Monday, October 1st** at 11 am in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time, and is open to the community. For more info, contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Book Group

Next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, October 30th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Blood Brothers: The Story of the Strange Friendship between Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill* by Deanne Stillman. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held every **Thursday afternoon** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.



Knitting for Others Group

The group took a break over the summer and will resume meeting on **Tuesday, October 2nd** from 7-9 pm, in the library. The group meets monthly, makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, preemie hats, etc), and can provide patterns and help. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Contact Mary Lou Slicker 245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net for more information.

Memory Impairment Support Group now meets elsewhere

The group no longer meets at the church but instead meets at Tockwotton, 500 Waterfront Drive, E. Providence. Led by Jim McCartney, they will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 pm. The group is open to patients and caregivers. For more information please contact Jim McCartney 401 529-5259 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan are from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. They are ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



NAMI RI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is **Thursday, October 4th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Women's Faith Group

The group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library beginning **Thursday, October 4th**. The group welcomes women of all ages from BCCUCC as well as from other churches and faith traditions. They will begin reading Parker Palmer's new book *On the Brink of Everything: Grace Gravity and Getting Old*. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$16 each. During the first session, the group will watch a Parker Palmer interview/lecture on YouTube. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog

Dale's next blog '69 Stones & 28 Hymns' will be posted to the church website on October 1st. There will be a link to it from the [home page](#).



If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

From the church office

Help us keep the Riverwalk accessible

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so without struggling to open the gates. Thank you.

Change in code

The code for entry into the Education Building was recently changed. If you're a team or group leader who needs access when the office is closed and you didn't receive an email about the change, please contact the church office. If you have the code please do not share it with others outside the church. Thank you.

Do you need a nametag?

Wearing a nametag helps everyone get to know each other, and is also welcoming to newcomers. Please wear your nametag for worship and coffee hour on Sundays. If you need a nametag you can sign up for one in the vestry hallway or at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall or [email](#) the church office. Newly made nametags are placed in the specially labeled basket on the sideboard in the vestry hallway for you to pick up on a Sunday morning.



Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office or any errors or changes. Thank you.

Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



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