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### In this eBridge Extra! - THIS WEEKEND

- Blanket and comforter collection
- Valentine making kits available - **NEW!**
- College student addresses needed - **NEW!**
- Guest Preacher
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## Saturday, January 22nd

### Blanket and Comforter Drive for TAPIN

Blankets and comforters are currently the most requested item by Tap-In's clients after food. While Tap-In is not accepting household items due to the pandemic, they are welcoming donations of **gently used blankets and comforters** to meet this specific need. To keep Tap-In's volunteers safe and the congregation safe, Pat Stoddard and Andrea Bullard have organized a **contactless drop-off at the church** and they will make a single delivery of the donations to Tap-In. This is another way that our church can continue their support for all that Tap-In is doing in the local community. Drop off is:



**This Saturday, January 23rd**  
**9 am - 11 am - in front of the Education Building**

If you are unable to participate that day, please contact Pat (401-829-0654 or [pat@bccucc.org](mailto:pat@bccucc.org)) or Andrea (401-474-4722 or [andrea@bccucc.org](mailto:andrea@bccucc.org)) to make other arrangements.

### Help make Valentines. Kits available for pick up

Every year our Deacons organize a Valentine making event at coffee hour where the congregation get the opportunity to make valentines that are then sent from the church to our homebound and to those going through a difficult time, as well as to our students away at college. Despite the pandemic, this year is going to be no exception - we're just doing it a little differently.

At the blanket drive this Saturday (see above) kits for creating

valentines will be available with envelopes addressed and ready to send. Participants just have to add their art and imagination with a heartfelt sentiment.

So stop by the church tomorrow, **Sat, Jan 23rd** from **9 - 11 am** in front of the education building to pick up a kit and/or drop off a blanket/comforter.

Questions? Contact Carol Strakosch at [strakosc@gmail.com](mailto:strakosc@gmail.com)



## Names and addresses needed for our youth at college

If you have a youth at college we'd like to send them a valentine from the church (see above). Please send their name and address to Carol Strakosch at [strakosc@gmail.com](mailto:strakosc@gmail.com) . Thank you.

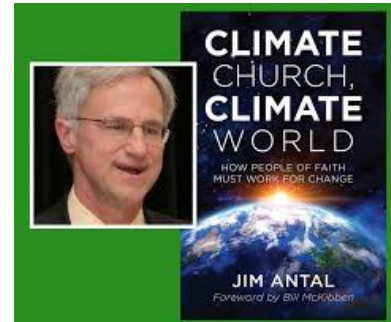
## Sunday, January 23rd

### Guest Preacher - Rev Jim Antal

We hope you can join us for worship **this Sunday, January 24th** when the Rev. Jim Antal will be our guest preacher. Jim is the former Conference Minister of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC and is a well-known advocate for climate justice and its intersection with faith. He is the author of the recently released book *Climate Church, Climate World*.

About his new book, Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes, "*Jim Antal shows how the church can engage the urgent moral crisis of climate change. This book will inspire both the courage and conviction people of faith need to provide the leadership necessary to realise [sic] God's dream of a just world in which humanity is reconciled to all of creation.*"

There will be a follow up virtual Q&A with Jim at a later date, and also a possible adult discussion class/study. [Learn more](#)



### Annual Budget Meeting - after worship

All church members are invited to virtually attend our church's annual budget meeting **this Sunday, January 24th** that will take place at approx 11:15 am, following the worship service. We need to have a quorum of members in order to vote on the proposed budget for 2021.

Read the [budget letter](#) for more information on the [proposed 2021 budget](#).

*The zoom information isn't included here for security reasons. It was included in the email sent to the congregation.*



### Warrant for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, January 24, 2021 via Zoom

The annual budget meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, is hereby called to take place virtually via Zoom on **Sunday, January 24th, 2021** following the worship service (**approx 11:15 am**). The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To review and vote on the [proposed church budget for January 1—](#)

[December 31, 2021](#)

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

ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Greg Voigt*, Clerk

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