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In this eBridge Extra!

NEW information that wasn't available for last week's eBridge:

- A Guide to Faith Formation & Youth Ministry at BCCUCC 2023-2024
- A new Bible Study with Dale
- Ushers needed
- SignUpGenius link included for LFRI Backpack food collection
- Softball playoff result
- Kids Clothes Swap update

And a few **REMINDERS**:

- Return to 10 am worship this Sunday, Sept 10
- Open Doors Sunday
- Q&A Forum on Governance/Ministry Structural Changes
- SNEUCC Fall Retreat for Women
- Information about many other things happening at BCCUCC can be found in [last week's eBridge newsletter](#)

Updated **CALENDAR** is at the end of today's email

NEW: Informational booklet now available

Children and Youth Programs

The 2023-2024 Guide to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC has been published and we encourage everyone - especially parents - to read about the various programs being offered for children and youth at BCCUCC in the upcoming year. A lot has been planned and we're looking forward to an exciting year!

Please share the information with other families you know with children and youth who may be interested. A link to the information is also on the Church School page of the church website at www.bccucc.org/children-youth/

Printed copies of the booklet will be available for pick up at church on Sunday.

A Guide to
Faith Formation &
Youth Ministry at BCCUCC
2023-2024



REMINDER: It's OPEN DOORS SUNDAY and worship returns to 10 a.m. this Sunday!

Open Doors Sunday is this Sunday, **September 10** and it marks the beginning of our new program year. We invite you to join us and also to invite friends or neighbors who may be looking for a new church home.

- Return to the regular **10 am** worship time with an **All Ages Worship Service**.
- **Nursery** re-opens for infants and children ages 0 – 3 years. Parents can drop off their child(ren) before the service.
- **Dedication of Volunteers working with children and youth** during the service.
- Guest musicians **Bare Bones Big Band*** (see below) , will be providing some special music.
- After worship: **Fellowship, food and fun** including hot dogs, free frozen treats from the ice cream truck, and a bouncy house and slide!
- After worship: **Registration** for Church School, Youth Group, and OWL in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to have the form(s) filled out before Sunday, [download the form here](#).
- **OWL Parent Orientation** 11:45 am – 12:45 pm in the Library.



Please note: Church School classes don't begin until the following Sun, Sept 17.

***Bare Bones Big Band** is a nine-piece Jazz ensemble of highly qualified, professional musicians, that performs classic Big Band music from the 1940's through the 1970's to the present day. The band is led by trumpeter Chris Misch.

NEW: Exploring the Bible: Introduction to the New Testament

Consider joining Dale for a fall Bible Study!

This fall, Rev. Dale Azevedo will be leading a six part Bible study from the Dickenson Series exploring the history and major themes of the New Testament. This is the third part of the series but one doesn't need to have attended the other parts to join in now. We have great conversation, ask deep questions, and share our own unique faith experiences. As folks in the group like to say, "This is the one place I can go to talk about these things with others!"

They will meet **every other Wednesday** from **October 4 through December 13**. Class begins at **7 p.m.** in the church library and runs until about 8:15. (The dates of the classes are: Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, & Dec 13)

Please register by Wednesday, September 27 by contacting the church office office@bccucc.org or 246-0111, or emailing Dale dale@bccucc.org so we can be sure to have enough supplies. And come join the journey!



More NEW (or updated) notices

Ushers needed

We're in need of some additional volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. There are 4 teams each with four ushers, so each team serves just once every 4 weeks. Training will be provided. If you're interested in volunteering, or have questions, please contact Bethia Rosner at (401) 383-5538 or bethia.rosner@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you.



Sign up link now included for Loaves & Fishes Backpack program

School is back in session and BCCUCC is resuming the collection of food bags to be given to the families of 25 students at DelSesto Middle School in Providence who are experiencing food insecurity. We continue to partner with *We Share Hope* (<https://wesharehope.org>) to provide food to those in need & also with *Books are Wings* who donate free books for the students. (<https://www.booksarewings.org>). BCCUCC supplements the food donations to fill the bags. We collect the following items in the box in the narthex as you go up the stairs to church: **peanut butter, bread, jelly, oatmeal, canned tuna, rice and beans, pasta and sauce, fruit cups, granola bars and shelf stable pudding.**



Sign up to donate specific items using this [SignUpGenius link](#) and be sure to include how many of the items you're able to donate. If you need help signing up please call the church office (401) 246-0111.

The deadline for food donations is **Sunday, September 17** and the **packing of the bags** will take place on **Wednesday, Sept 20 at 4 pm** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping put the bags together. Contact Jay Buckley pbuckley6@cox.net or 578-6533 if you can help, or with any questions.

Softball playoff game result

Unfortunately, the BCCUCC softball team lost their playoff game on Sept 5th against Team Unaffiliated so their 2023 season has now ended. Many thanks to everyone who played on the team this summer, and congratulations on your great effort and sportmanship!



Kids Clothes Swap CANCELLED

The East Bay Kids Clothes Swap scheduled for Sat, Sept 23 in our Fellowship Hall has been cancelled by the organizers. They won't be holding any more at BCCUCC and it's unknown if they'll be held at a new location.



More REMINDERS

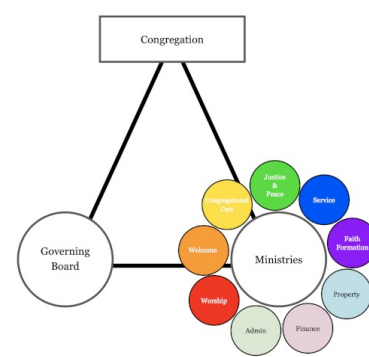
Q&A Forum on Governance/Ministry Structural Changes

On **Sunday, September 17** at **11:30 am**, the Governance Ministry Task Force (GMTF) will host a **Q&A Forum** in Fellowship Hall during/following Coffee

Hour. All of the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend.

Come learn more about the proposed changes in the governance/ministry structure of BCCUCC. Dale wrote about the reasons for the proposed changes in his latest blog '[Getting ready for a BIG change...](#)'

A [website dedicated to the new structure](#) has been created. It has the latest information as well as a [F.A.Q.](#) page.



We hope that you'll be able to attend the forum on September 17 so that you can make an informed decision when the membership is asked to vote on the proposed changes at a Special Congregational Meeting to held after worship on Sunday, October 1.

SNEUCC Fall Retreat for Women is being held at BCCUCC

The SNEUCC Women's Connection Team is hosting a Fall day of rejuvenation and relaxation with an ***Inspiration and Wellness Retreat*** led by Rev. Racquel Ray. It's being held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on **Saturday, September 30** from 10 am - 3 pm with registration at 9:30 am.

There will be various activities centered around prayer, fellowship, embracing nature, small healing and wellness groups, plant-based education, and communion. Lunch will be included in the \$35 registration fee. [Downloaded a registration form](#) or pick one up from the narthex table. **Registration deadline is Wed, Sept 20.**

You are invited to this day "just for you" to meet new friends and connect with other folks from our conference churches.

Questions? Contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724 or Sue Lindley at susanlindley521@yahoo.com. They hope you will consider joining them!



Where to read about other opportunities, programs etc

Included in this eBridge Extra! are just a few of the many things happening at BCCUCC this month and early October. You can read about everything else in the [latest eBridge](#) published August 31.

The next eBridge will be published on September 21, and the deadline is Noon on *Wednesday, September 20*. Send information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org



Calendar

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

Unless otherwise noted, our **Sunday morning services are livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person. They can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) or on [our YouTube channel](#) - either live or watched later.

Only once the service is over, can it be found on [our website](#).
The **Sunday worship bulletin** is also posted to [our website](#).

Sun, Sept 10 Open Doors Sunday

8:45 am FFaYM meeting, Library

10 am All Ages Worship Service with guest musicians, and Dedication of Volunteers working with children and youth

After Worship: Church School Registration, Fellowship Hall

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

11:45 am - 12:45 am OWL Parent Orientation, Library

Mon Sept 11

10 - 11 am Bereavement Group, Library

5 - 6:30 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meeting, Library and Zoom

6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds team meeting, Vestry

Tues, Sept 12

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Sept 13

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sept 14

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

Sun, Sept 17

10 am Worship Service, Church School classes begin

After Worship: Church School Registration, Fellowship Hall

11:30 am GMTF hosts Q&A Forum for congregation, Fellowship Hall

Mon Sept 18

11 am Lay Visitation meeting, Library

3 pm GMTF (Governance/Ministry Task Force) meeting, Library

6 - 7 pm Youth Group Kick Off, Fellowship Hall & Room 9

Tues, Sept 19

10 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

10:30 am Book Group meeting, Library

7 pm Deacons meeting, Library

Wed, Sept 20

Noon Deadline for eBridge submissions

4 pm Pack bags for LFRI Backpack Program, Fellowship Hall

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library & Zoom

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sept 21

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

Sun, Sept 24

9 am - 12:15 pm OWL class, Library

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am Brief meeting with Dale if interested in joining BCCUCC, Library

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

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Closed on Federal and State holidays.

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