

February 9, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Welcome to the second edition of the eBridge - our new weekly newsletter. We'd appreciate your feedback - good and bad - as it's a work in progress! Included in this week's edition is historical information for '3 Centuries and Beyond' - our 300th Anniversary celebration. [Comments](#)

The Rainbow Doors are here!

A set of six rainbow colored doors proclaiming that **God's Doors Are Open To All** are on display along County Road in front of our education building. We are excited about this opportunity to proclaim our openness to all and to celebrate the UCC's tradition of extravagant welcome.

Thanks to Steve Peck for the photo and to Newman Congregational Church for loaning us the doors.



Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#).

Calendar

Fri, Feb 10

11 am Memorial Service for Woody Woodruff

Sat, Feb 11

11 am Memorial Service for Matthew Vohr (reception following in Fellowship Hall)

Sun, Feb 12

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9

1 - 4 pm OWL session, Library

5 – 7 pm Visioning Peace Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Feb 13

3:30 pm Lay Visitation meeting, Library

7 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Room 6

7 pm Finance Team meeting, Library

Tues, Feb 14

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Noon *Deadline for eBridge and Announcements*

1 – 2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library

7 pm Church Council meeting, Room 6

Wed, Feb 15 *Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only*

7:30 – 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Feb 16 *Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only*

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

3 pm Membership Team meeting, Room 6

6:30 – 8 pm Historical Group meets, Library

Fri, Feb 17 *Office open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only*

Sun, Feb 19

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9

4 pm Barrington's 300th lecture, Fellowship Hall

The complete calendar can be found at [Church Calendar](#)

Help keep the calendar up to date by sending updates to office@bccucc.org

Change in Deadline for next week

Christine will be out of the office from Wednesday next week so the deadline for the eBridge and Sunday Announcements should be sent to office@bccucc.org by **TUESDAY, February 14th at Noon**. Thank you.

Thursday - Saturday

**Memorial Service
for Woody Woodruff**

A memorial service will be held at our church on **Friday, February 10th** at 11 a.m. for church member Randolph T. 'Woody' Woodruff. A reception will follow at The Wharf Tavern in Warren.

[Obituary](#)

**Memorial Service
for Matthew Vohr**

A memorial service will be held at our church on **Saturday, February 11th** at 11 a.m. for Matthew Vohr, son of church members Betty Vohr Gidley and Tom Gidley. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

[Obituary](#)

Sunday

'Visioning Peace' Community Dinner



**Sunday, February 12th
5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

Homemade soups, homemade breads, and salads will be served at this family friendly event.

Hosted by the local interfaith community
- everyone welcome!

Tickets on sale at coffee hour, from the office, or at the door.

Adults/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6

All will be invited to make a "peace lantern" at one of the craft tables and write their prayers and/or messages of peace on a community banner.

Please note that Takeout is not available for this programmed event.
Proceeds from the dinner benefit Farm Fresh Rhode Island!

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir

Rehearsals continue this **Sunday, February 12th** and will be each week after worship in Room 9 through February, in preparation for singing in church in early March. Boys and girls in grades 1 - 5 (and any older children) are invited to participate and new children are always welcome. Questions? Contact [Marina Zabinski](#) or [Kate Colby](#).



Next week

Memory Impairment Support Group

Meets **Tuesday, February 14th** from 1 - 2:30 pm in the church library. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Women's Faith Group's new Book

On **Thursday, February 16th** the group will begin reading and discussing *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Barrington resident MaiDonohue. Her memoir has been described as 'A Captivating story of a young Vietnamese girl who resisted all odds and realized a true American dream'. Learn more about her at www.MaiGoodness.com

Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$16. All women are welcome to join the group including those from other churches and faiths. For more information contact [Carol Louttit](#) 245-2299 or [Nancy Martin](#) or 273-1078.

Altar Flower Donors Needed



Donors are needed to pay for one vase on Sun, Feb 19th and one vase on Sun, Feb 26th. Flowers can be given in memory, thanksgiving, or in celebration of someone or something, and each vase costs \$30. Contact Audrey Rogers at adrogers@cox.net or 246-1727 if interested in paying for either of these arrangements. Thank you.

Reduced Church Office Hours next week

The office will be open mornings only from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm from Wed, Feb 15th - Fri, Feb 17th as Christine will be away.

Coming Soon

The Book Group

Meets **Tuesday, February 21st** at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Winterdance* by Gary Paulson. The book tells the story of how the author came to compete in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. All are welcome. For more information on the group, contact [Helen Schall](#) or 245-4724.

[Read a review of the book](#)

Bereavement Group meeting cancelled

The group will not meet on February 27th as previously stated, as the facilitator is not available. They will next meet in late March on a date tbd.

Dale's Installation Service

The service when Rev. Dale Azevedo will be officially installed as the Senior Minister of BCCUCC will take place on **Sunday, February 26th** at 3 pm in the sanctuary of our church. All are invited. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.



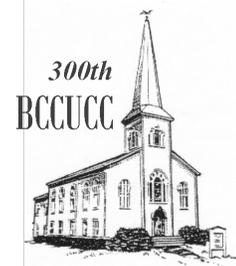
Help needed with reception

If you'd like to help with the reception following Dale's Installation, please contact Pat Stoddard at 246-0111 x 102 or pat@bccucc.org, or Bernie Hawes at 437-1860 or BHawes1@cox.net.

3 Centuries and Beyond

Celebrating our history

2017 marks the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Barrington Congregational Church in 1717. Throughout the year our Historical Group will be bringing you pieces of our history as we celebrate '3 Centuries and Beyond'.



Historical Bible Month

Each week through February, Dale and Brendan will be reading from one of our church's historical bibles. This week's Bible is a King James Version presented to Nancy M. Caryl by Lucian W. Caryl, in 1888. The minister at the time was Rev. John W. Colwell. A quick search does not find any record of a Caryl family in the church history, although there must be some connection. During this year, the church established a Temperance Committee to be appointed by the pastor. There will be an opportunity to take a closer look at this historical Bible during coffee hour on Sunday.

Did you know..... about the Vinegar Bible?

In 1717 a Bible printed by John Baskett became famous for its many typographical errors, the most blatant being the one in the 20th chapter in Luke which reads "The Parable of the Vinegar" instead of "The Parable of the Vineyard". This resulted in it being called the Vinegar Bible.

There is a theory that the phrase 'basket case' came from the series of errors in this Vinegar Bible - as the printer's name was Baskett!

Did you know..... anything about the little known Door War?

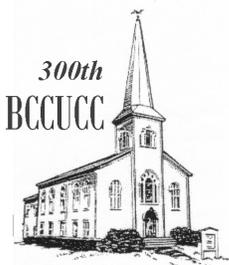
From 1683 to 1842 only freemen could vote. A freeman consisted of one with real estate valued at \$134.00 and an annual income of \$7.00. Therefore with a population of 230,000 only 8,642 votes were cast in the election of 1840! Thomas Dorr sought to change this. He believed that all freemen should be allowed to vote. A majority of the voters agreed with him and he was elected Governor. The then present Governor, King, refused to resign, thus the war. "Soon the Bristol, Warren and Barrington military companies joined the law and order forces in Providence for a March to Acote's Hill in Chepachet. Among this group were 28 members of our church. The Dorr forces were routed: Dorr was tried and imprisoned. In 1842 a new constitution gave all males of the designated age the right to vote. You might say Dorr lost the battle, but won the war". (taken from the Sounding Board of 1987.)



Flag carried by the Barrington Infantry

Barrington's 300th Lecture Series (part of the Town's celebrations)

On **Sunday, February 19th** at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, church member and local historian Van Edwards will give a lecture on "How did Barrington become part of Rhode Island, anyway?" This event is being sponsored by the Town of Barrington's 'Barrington's 300th' and is FREE and open to the public. This is the second lecture given by Van in a series of events for the town's 300th celebrations. All are welcome.



'3 Centuries and Beyond' merchandise

Items can still be ordered by emailing 300th@bccucc.org and all have the 300th logo embroidered on them: Tote \$22; T-Shirt \$18, Fleece Vest \$42. Prepayment is requested with orders. Proceeds benefit the yearlong celebration and the archiving and preservation of our historical documents and items.

Thank You

Superbowl Sunday Coffee Hour

A super big thank you to Pat Stoddard who came in last Saturday and spent a couple of hours decorating Fellowship Hall for Sunday's Superbowl coffee hour.

Fortunately Pat has lots of Patriots stuff with which to decorate! Anyone who knows Pat, knows that she's a HUGE Patriot's fan and we thank her for sharing all of her decorations and Patriots memorabilia with us!



Volunteer Opportunity!

Snow Shovellers

We are in need of volunteers who are willing to come shovel the paths and steps at the church following snowstorms. We contract with a company to plow the driveways and parking lots, but they're not prepared to do any shoveling. We therefore need a list of volunteers willing to be called upon to come help as needed (and as they are able). Please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. Thank you.



Useful Links

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Our Church Calendar](#)

[Listen to the sermon](#)

[Our Weekly Announcements](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Our Church Website](#)

[RI Conference UCC website](#)

[RI Conference UCC Newsletter](#)

[UCC Website](#)

Connect with us



Visit our website

Join Our Email List

Barrington Congregational Church | 461 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by bccucc@fullchannel.net in collaboration with



Try it free today