

March 16, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Thurs, Mar 16

1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group with Guest Author, Library
6:30 – 8 pm Historical Group meets, Tom Wegner's home
7 pm Church Council, Room 6

Sun, Mar 19

10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
12:30 – 3:30 pm 'We Are All In This Together' event, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Mar 20

7 - 8:30 pm 'Just Mercy' Book Discussion, Library

Tues, Mar 21

11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's office
7 pm Book Group, Library

Wed, Mar 22

7 - 7:30 pm Lenten Service, Sanctuary
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Mar 23

7 - 8:30 pm 'Just Mercy' Book Discussion with people from other houses of worship, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Mar 26 *'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering*

10 am Worship Service, Church School
After church school Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6
11:15 am - 1:15 pm Senior Youth Group, Room 9
11:20 am - 12:30 pm Speaker Series, Library - Emily Jones, RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our Church, Room 7

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The weekly deadline for information to be included in the eBridge and Sunday Announcements is Wednesdays at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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Thursday - Saturday

Women's Faith Group - Meet the Author

When the group meets on **Thursday, March 16th from 1:30 - 3 pm** in the library, they will be joined by the author Mai Donohue who wrote *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* – the book they are currently reading. 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. All women are welcome including those from other churches and faiths. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or chl2299@aol.com or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or nancy.martin3@verizon.net.



Shop TODAY at AmazonSmile to get 10x amount donated to BCCUC

On **Thurs, March 16th only**, Amazon will donate **5%** of eligible purchases to our church instead of the usual 0.5% when you shop at Amazon going through **AmazonSmile**. Offer valid 12:00 AM PST to 11:59 PM PST. Learn more and get started at smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531

Postponed Church Council meeting

Church Council will meet **Thursday, March 16th** at 7 pm in Room 6. The meeting was postponed from Tuesday evening because of the bad weather.

Maple Sugar Camp

Maple Sugar Camp for Grades 7-12 is being held at Irons Homestead in Glocester RI from **Friday - Saturday, March 17th – 18th**. Teens are invited to come play in the woods while learning how to make sugar from maple trees. Experienced counselors are waiting for the youth to join them for a fun overnight! Friday night includes supper, night games and outdoor fire. On Saturday, participants will tap trees, collect sap and boil it down to sugar. They'll eat maple sugar on snow and make maple candy to take home. The camp is being run by the RI Conference of the UCC. More info at www.ironshomestead.org. Register at (401) 710-9478 or ironshomestead@ricucc.org



Sunday

Sermon Series continues this Sunday

Dale and Brendan are exploring many of the different facets of prayer through a weekly sermon series called 'Encountering God'. They will not only be talking about these forms of prayer but providing opportunities for the congregation to experience them in the worship service and their daily lives.

This Sunday, March 19th, the sermon will be 'Encountering God: Prayer as Silence'. We hope you can join us.
If you missed the earlier sermons in the series [listen to them here](#).

'We're All in this Together' - Potluck, Workshops, and Sing Along

Sunday, March 19th at BCCUCC from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. Join us for an afternoon of potluck lunch and timely interactive workshops followed by an uplifting singalong. Choose from workshops on how to de-stress and take care of yourself, how to intervene effectively against bigotry and hate, or learn how to talk with family and friends with differing political views. We hope you will come for all or part of the afternoon and that you will leave with new friends, new skills and ready to "Keep on keeping on".

Potluck & Welcome (Starting at 12:30)

Workshops (Starting at 1:15)

"**Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World**" Rev. Brendan Curran

"**Bystander Intervention**" Martha Yager Director AFSC -SENE

"**Talking Across the Divide**" Keith Morton Professor at PC and Barry Brown

MSW Sing along: (Starting at 3:00) led by Barry Brown, Keith Daniel & Nancy Hood

This event is free and open to the public. Come for all or part of the afternoon – children welcome. To RSVP (desired but not required) or for more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or call 401-433-3004.

Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team of BCCUCC, and American Friends Service Committee - South East New England.

Mission Trip 'Envelope' Fundraiser - update!

Many thanks to all who have supported our mission trip by taking an envelope off our "board of many dwelling places" in Fellowship Hall. We are off to a great start with our fundraising but are still \$1500 short of our goal. If you haven't yet taken an envelope you are encouraged to do so, and also to return envelopes that have been taken. The fundraiser will continue all the way up to Easter Sunday. Your support will help cover the cost of the trip for the kids going to Orland Maine to help build homes for low-income families. Many thanks to all who are supporting the mission trip.

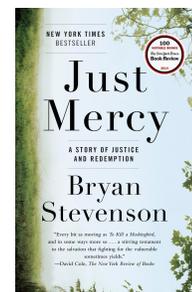


[Learn more about this fundraiser and the 2017 Mission Trip](#)

Next Week

'Read Across Rhode Island' book discussion continues

Barrington Interfaith Partners (BIP) is encouraging Barrington's houses of worship to read and discuss the 'Read Across Rhode Island' book *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. (Learn more about this program at <https://ribook.org/rari/>.) Here at BCCUCC discussion of the book continues in the church library on **Monday, March 20th**, from 7 - 8:30 pm and then all participating houses of worship come together on **Thursday, March 23rd** in our Fellowship Hall from 7 - 8:30 pm to share thoughts and information with each other. Contact Helen Schall 245-4724 helenschall@hotmail.com, or Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or srotblatwalker@gmail.com for more information.

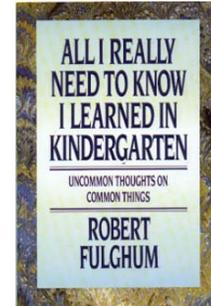


The Book Group

Meets **Tuesday, March 21st** at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank: "In Frank's deeply moving second novel, Matt Greene and Daniel Rosen, a couple in Northampton, Mass., cope with the deaths of Daniel's twin brother and his wife-Israeli citizens who are killed in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem" (Publisher's Weekly). All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schallat helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Wednesday evenings in Lent

This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We will gather each Wednesday through Lent at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year's meditations come from Robert Fulghum's classic book, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. This series ends on April 5th. All are welcome to come as they are able.



Thinking about joining our church?

Are you interested in joining our church, or are you new and just want to learn more about us? Then come to ***Conversations about our Church*** with Rev. Dale Azevedo on **Sunday, March 26th** from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Room 7. Attendees who decide to join the church will have the opportunity to do so during the worship service on Sunday, April 23rd. Please let the church office know (246-0111 or office@bccucc.org) by Wednesday, March 22nd if you will be attending *Conversations*. Child care can be provided if needed – let us know when you RSVP. The gathering is informal so older children are welcome to sit in.

'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering is Sunday, March 26th

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of the four national UCC offerings that we take each year at BCCUCC. Informational leaflets and special collection envelopes will be included in the March 26th bulletin. Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs

After Worship Speaker Series continues Sunday, March 26th

The theme chosen by the Mission and Justice Team for this year is 'Visualize Peace'. All are invited to a Speaker Series that is taking place after church during Lent from about 11:20 am - 12:30 pm in the library. Come hear about another program that they have supported this year that reaches out to the wider community in both mission and advocacy.

March 26th: Emily Jones, Interfaith Coordinator, Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. Emily is also giving the sermon on this date.

Can You Help?

Altar Flower Donors needed in April

There are several Sundays in April when donors are needed to pay for the Altar Flowers. Each arrangement costs \$30 and donors can choose to pay for one or both. They can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person or event and a dedication will be

included in the Sunday bulletin. Interested donors should contact Cheryl Muth at jccbmuth@aol.com or 433-2878.



Sanctuary Church? Ad hoc committee forming

Reports of immigration raids, along with the Trump Administration's stand on immigration and deportation of undocumented immigrants has caused some churches to declare themselves "Sanctuary Churches." Sanctuary churches offer a safe haven for individuals who fear deportation. There are many factors involved in deciding whether a church will declare itself a Sanctuary Church. We would like to form an ad-hoc committee to explore those factors and produce information to present to the congregation. The congregation would be asked to vote on any declaration of a sanctuary church. **If you are interested in joining this committee**, please email Steve Peck at steven.peck@cox.net.

Donate Items to Dorcas International

During the month of March, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team will be collecting items for Dorcas International. Right now there is a need for toiletries (shampoo, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, etc. - hotel or regular size). A collection bin will be in Fellowship Hall. [Click on this link](#) to learn what other items are needed, or go to www.diiri.org to learn more about the organization. Thank you.



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Coming Soon

Memory Impairment Support Group

The group meets **Tuesday, March 28th** from 1 - 2:30 pm in the church library and is open to patients and caregivers. Participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Fundraiser for Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat

An Irons Fundraiser will take place **Sunday, April 2nd** from 2 – 4 pm at Chepachet Union Church, 1138 Putnam Pike, Chepachet RI 02814. They will host a 'Sugar Eat' (Maple syrup on snow party), and also have maple candy, dill pickles, doughnuts, deviled eggs, and drinks. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. For more info go to www.ironshomestead.org or contact (401) 710-9478 or ironshomestead@ricucc.org.

Prayer Calendar Released in Preparation for Vote

'Together, As One' Prayer Calendar

Members of the Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts Conferences are being invited to

enter into an intentional season of prayer between now and the historic [Tri-Conference Annual Meeting](#) being held June 16 - 17.



The Planning Team that developed the [United in Ministry and Ministry Case Statement](#) will be publishing a weekly Prayer Calendar, available online and via email, that includes, an introductory quote from the statement, prayer themes, a Scripture verse, and a prayer.

The resources has been developed by the Rev. Dale Azevedo, Pastor of the Barrington Congregational UCC in RI and the Rev. Cleo Graham, Community Minister of the Beneficent Congregational Church in Providence, RI.

[Read more, including how to sign up to receive the Prayer Calendar emails](#)

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