



**March 29, 2018**

Newsletter of Barrington  
Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

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## Calendar

*Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted.*

### **Maundy Thursday, Mar 29**

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot  
7 pm Tenebrae Service with Communion, Sanctuary  
7:45 pm Choir rehearsal after service, Vestry

### **Good Friday, Mar 30**

Noon - Good Friday Walk through town, starting at the church (in the event of bad weather this will take place in the sanctuary)

### **Easter Saturday, Mar 31**

9 am - 12:30 pm 'Healing Hands, Healing Hearts' Retreat, Meditation Room

### **Easter Sunday, Apr 1 EASTER**

6:15 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service with Communion, Osamequin Point  
9:15 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only  
10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for elementary age children and younger  
11 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

### **Mon, Apr 2**

*Office Closed*

### **Tues, Apr 3**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office  
7 - 9 pm [Knitting for Others](#) at Marion Fodor's home

### **Wed, Apr 4**

*Office open 9:30 - 12:30 pm only*  
7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Apr 5**

*Office open 9:30 - 12:30 pm only*  
1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library  
3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot

6 - 7:30 pm [NAMI Family Support Group](#), Room 6  
6 - 7 pm Final Viewing of 'God in America', Library  
7 - 8 pm Final Discussion of 'God in America', Library

### **Fri, Apr 6**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*  
Office open 9:30 - 12:30 pm only  
3 pm Usher Meeting, Library

### **Sun, Apr 8 Stewardship Sunday (Tithing Your Time)**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library  
10 am Worship Service with Communion  
10 am Separate Children's Communion Service in Library then Church School  
11:15 am Sing & Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6  
11:30 am - 1 pm Conversations about our Church, Library

### **Mon, Apr 9**

Office open 9:30 - 12:30 pm only  
11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library  
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room  
7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Vestry

### **Tues, Apr 10**

11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office  
1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library  
7 pm Church Council meeting, Library

### **Wed, Apr 11**

*Noon Deadline for the eBridge*  
5:30 pm SPRT meeting, Dale's office  
7:30 - 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Apr 12**

*No Community Office Hours today*  
3 pm Lay Visitation Meeting, Library

### **Fri, Apr 13**

*Dale on call for pastoral emergencies*  
10 am - 3 pm 'Church Alive and Thriving' Workshops, Seekonk Cong'l Church

### **Sat, Apr 14**

10 am - 3 pm 'Church Alive and Thriving' Workshops, BCCUCC

### **Sun, Apr 15 2030 Sunday (Emerging Church Sunday)**

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

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

Send calendar information to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is  
**Wednesday, April 11th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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

## **Holy Week**

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29th**

**Service of Communion and Tenebrae**. 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

All are invited to join the Deacons and Clergy as they celebrate communion then read the story of the Passion with the extinguishing of candles in the traditional Service of Tenebrae. This is a particularly meaningful way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter.



## Good Friday, March 30th

**Good Friday Walk** at Noon from the church. You are invited to join the ministers on a prayerful walk through town during which we will pause at certain points to reflect on each of the 7 final statements uttered by Christ from the cross. On the walk we will take time to honor Christ's passion together and meditate on the presence of the cross as well as the living Christ in our own community and in our lives. We hope you can join us for this sacred time. In the event of bad weather, it will take place in the Sanctuary.



## Saturday, March 31st

**'Healing Hands, Healing Hearts' Retreat.** 9 am - 12:30 pm in the Meditation Room. The retreat, led by Rev. Brendan Curran, will include Celtic Christian prayers and meditations on healing. Over the three hours, we will explore Christian contemplative and embodied prayer as well as the Christian healing traditions of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands. Participants are invited to come with open hearts and minds to learning about and experimenting with healing traditions. This will be a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives and our knowledge of prayer practices on this Easter Saturday. All are invited. [Learn more.](#)

# Easter Sunday

## Easter Sunday, April 1st

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with Communion** 6:15 am at Osamequin Point. All are welcome to attend this outdoor service held jointly with St James Lutheran Church. *Osamequin Point is located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Route 114)*



*Easter  
Services*

**Worship Services for All Ages** 9:15 am and 11 am in the Sanctuary. (Nursery Care only). All are welcome.

**Easter Egg Hunt** for Elementary aged children: 10:15 am (between the two services). Bring a basket!

**Coffee Hour** will take place between the two services in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Deacons.

**We look forward to you joining us for worship this Easter.**

## Chancel Fund thanks

Thank You to everyone who made a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Your generosity made possible the purchase of the plants that will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as well as the 16 plants that have already been delivered by the deacons to the homebound, ill, or recently bereaved. The Fund is also used to help pay for other things that enhance

the worship experience, or are needed in the sanctuary.



## 144 Envelopes Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

In Fellowship Hall you will notice a “tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations.” Each “leaf envelope” has an attached dollar amount. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount on it that appeals to you and return your offering to the church office. Your offerings will fund our service project/trip to the Navajo Nation where we will be restoring sustainable food systems on the reservation and learning about Navajo culture. If we all contribute what we can to this fundraiser, we will be very close to our goal for this year. Thank you for supporting the mission trip.



*“And then during coffee hour I saw a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” Rev:22:2 (slightly adapted!)*

## Church Renewal

### Renewal Team Update

On Saturday, March 17th thirty two congregational members shared a morning workshop with our consultant Rev. Steve Sterner. The morning included breakfast, worship, and information regarding our process. Rev. Sterner spoke about the changes churches are going through today and the challenges they face. Our seven strategic teams: Congregational Care, Communication, Community Connection, Capital Improvement, Building Usage, Grow Endowment, and Stewardship had the opportunity to meet and begin to make plans. All seven teams are now presently meeting. There is a shared enthusiasm and excitement present to keep BCCUCC the great church we are.



A shout out of THANKS to Dick McWhirter, Tom Colby, John Loerke, Barbara Wuth, Kate Colby, Paul Dennis and Bill Block for a great presentation they recently gave regarding our church's finances and goals.

The Renewal Team always welcome input and questions. Feel free to contact any of the team members: [Dale Azevedo](#), [Heather Williamson](#), [Helen Schall](#), [Erik Ela](#), [Tom Colby](#), [Larry Ashley](#) or [Marion Fodor](#).

### We want to hear from you..... about our buildings!

As part of the Capital Improvement Team's data gathering effort (a Renewal Team component), we'd be interested in hearing your thoughts on building repairs and improvements. Have you noticed something that should be repaired or could really use an upgrade? Or do you have a building improvement idea? Then drop us an email at [BCCUCCBG@gmail.com](mailto:BCCUCCBG@gmail.com). Like our church, all ideas are welcomed.

## There's a lot happening at our church.....

### Interested in joining our church, or just want to learn more about who we are?

If you answered 'Yes' then Rev. Dale Azevedo invites you to join him for 'Conversations about our Church' from 11:30 am – 1 pm in the library on **Sunday**,

**April 8th.** Whether you are new to our church community or have been coming for some time, you are very welcome to attend. The session will give you an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe, and will give you the information needed to decide if you would like to join our church at this time. Our next New Member Sunday will be May 6th.

For planning purposes, if you would like to attend 'Conversations' please RSVP to the church office *by Tuesday, April 3rd* at 246-0111 or [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org) – also let us know if you need child care.

## 'Church: Alive and Thriving' workshops - some here at BCCUCC!

Rev. Chris Davies from the national UCC office, along with other leaders from Southern New England, is coming to Rhode Island to lead four exciting workshops and talk about exciting ministries in RI and beyond. These workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both, lunch included. **Friday, April 13th**, 10 am – 3 pm at Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC and **Saturday, April 14th**, 10 am - 3 pm at Barrington Congregational UCC. [More info and register](#)  
*Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 8th.*



## Meditation opportunities continue

**Mindful Mondays** will be ongoing on **Monday evenings from 7 – 8 pm** in the Meditation Room, except on days when the office is closed (which includes April 2nd). The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. These sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.

**Mid-Week Recharge** during Lent has officially ended, but all are still welcome in the Meditation Room on **Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1 pm** when there will either be an opportunity to meditate on your own, or there will be a short guided relaxation meditation led by Brendan – depending on his availability. The meditation room is also available at other times for use by the congregation and community, but we ask that you call ahead (246-0111) to check on its availability.

## Mission and Justice Speaker Series

On **Sunday, April 22nd** at 11:30 am in the church library, Rev. Donald Anderson, Executive Minister for the RI State Council of Churches will join us to share the many activities that the Council provides, including advocacy at the State House. The Council just celebrated its 80th year in the fall. To watch a video of that service go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhuMqjQ5q80>. All are welcome.

## Community Dinner

On **Sunday, April 29th** from 5-7 pm there will be a community dinner in Fellowship Hall to support the 2018 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip. Tickets go on sale at coffee hour on Sunday, April 8th and are \$10 each. Children 6 & under are free.

## Atwater-Donnelly Concert

Save the date of **Sunday, May 20th** at 3 pm, when the folk duo Atwater-Donnelly will return to BCCUCC to give another concert. Proceeds will support our church's service-learning trip with the Navajo Nation in June 2018.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteers needed to serve on Ministry Teams

The Membership Team is in the process of helping our ministry teams find members for the 2018-19 Church year. Anyone interested in serving – perhaps on a particular team – should speak with Beth Buckley or Joanne Ela at coffee hour, or contact Beth at 247-0324 or [elizabethbuckley21@msn.com](mailto:elizabethbuckley21@msn.com)

## Church Clean Up Day

Our annual Church Clean Up Day will be **Saturday, April 21st** from 9 am – 1 pm. Please plan to come help clean up the church grounds and tackle other projects needing attention. Volunteers of all abilities (skilled & unskilled) and ages are welcome, even if you can only be there for a short time. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 will also be assisting. Sign up is appreciated - contact Paul Dennis at 245-6296 or [wrbtwks@aol.com](mailto:wrbtwks@aol.com) to volunteer. Please bring work gloves and gardening tools if you have them.



## Loaves and Fishes RI truck run

On **Thursday, April 26th** volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the truck to Providence. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food and load the truck (beginning at 4:30 pm in the BCCUCC kitchen), go out on the truck and serve the people, and also donate the various food, clothing and toiletry items needed. There's a SignUpGenius with more info and to register for any of these things at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) - search using the e-mail [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org), or go directly to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aacae2aa75-mobile3>



If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizzyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizzyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).

## Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

### Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, April 3rd** from 7 - 9 pm at the new home of Marion Fodor, 12 Katie Drive, Warren. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Participants work on a variety of items to be given away including prayer shawls and baby hats. Please RSVP to Marion at [smfodor@cox.net](mailto:smfodor@cox.net) or 245-2003 so she knows how many to expect. [What is Knitting for Others?](#)

### Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, April 5th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They will be starting a new book *Girl at War* by Sara Novik. Copies will be available for purchase from the church office. The group welcomes women from BCCUCC as well as other churches

and faith traditions. For more information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net)

## Book Group

Meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tues, April 24th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan. In what feels like a very personal debut novel, the award-winning poet Alyan, her lyrical skills on full display, traces four generations of the Yacoub family as they are forced into the ranks of the Palestinian diaspora. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

## Please note....

### Dale's Day Off

Starting in April, Rev. Dale Azevedo will be taking Fridays as his day off. This is being done for a number of reasons, the most important of which is that it allows him to be more available to the congregation throughout the week. He will once again be in the office and open for evening meetings on Mondays. Since this also means that Dale and Brendan will share the same day off, one of them will always be “on call” each Friday for pastoral concerns. The “on call” pastor will be listed on the church calendar everywhere it is available. We hope this is a positive change.

### Office Hours and staff away

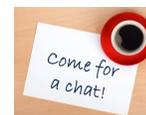
The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2nd. Office Administrator, Christine Wallis, will be out of the office from April 4th – 10th so the office will be open for shorter hours as follows: Wednesday – Monday, April 4 – 9 open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm only. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 10th being open 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

### Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsals

Rehearsals are now held every other week and boys & girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to come sing with us. The next rehearsal is on **Sunday, April 8th** at 11:20 am in Room 6 when they will prepare to sing in worship on April 22nd. For more information or questions, contact Kate Colby 246-1743 [kcolby@fullchannel.net](mailto:kcolby@fullchannel.net) or speak with our organist, Marina.

### Brendan's Community Office Hours

Brendan will be at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, from 3 - 5 pm on **Thursday afternoons** for anyone from the church or community who would like to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting. All are invited. *Please note that they will not be happening on Thursday, April 12th as Brendan is unavailable.*



### BCCUCC Jar Openers on sale at coffee hour

The handy blue jar openers have our church's name, address, phone, and website printed on them and also the words “Our doors are open to all.” They are available at Coffee Hour or from the church office for a donation of \$1. The money will be used for outreach and marketing.



### 2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

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](mailto: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](#).



## Family Footnotes

### Birth and Change of Address

Congratulations to Gloria Hwang-Forzano and Michael Forzano on the birth of their third child, Sofia, on February 26th, 2018. They also have a new address: 32 Woodland Road, Barrington RI 02806.

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



If you missed reading any 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](http://www.bccucc.org)

## From the RICUCC

### Unite to End Racism

The RI State Council of Churches has chartered a bus to D.C. to help Rhode Island faithful participate in the 'Unite to End Racism' event being held on **April 4, 2018** in Washington DC. [Details](#)

## Miscellaneous

### LAST CHANCE to shop using Amazon Smile for the first time and raise extra money for BCCUCC (ends March 31st)

Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase - through March 31st! If you've never done it before, go to

[smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0304531) and Amazon will donate 1.5% of the purchase price for eligible items to Barrington Congregational Church. All other purchases result in a 0.5% donation. It all adds up!



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