



**March 30, 2017**

Weekly newsletter of  
Barrington Congregational  
Church United Church of  
Christ

## Calendar

### **Sat, Apr 1**

2:50 pm BCCUCC volunteers (CEYM and JYG) meet to go serve meal at Soup Kitchen

### **Sun, Apr 2**

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

10 am Children's Communion in Library, then Church School

10 am Worship Service with Communion

11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 6

11:15 am - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Room 9

### **Mon, Apr 3**

11:30 – 12:30 pm Bereavement Group, Library

3:30 pm Lay Visitation Group meeting, Library

### **Tues, Apr 4**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

7 – 9 pm Knitting for Others group, Liz Rosenholm's home

### **Wed, Apr 5**

7 pm Lenten Service, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Deacons meeting, Room 6

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

7:30 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library

### **Thurs, Apr 6**

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

6 – 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

### **Sun, Apr 9 Palm Sunday**

10 am Worship Service with Sing and Celebrate choir, Lenten Lollapalooza

1 – 4 pm OWL Session, Library

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

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

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

## Thursday - Saturday

### Soup Kitchen

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Christian Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Church in Pawtucket this **Saturday, April 1st** - CEYM and JYG are responsible for doing it this time. Servers who are carpooling, and volunteers who are dropping off hot entrees, should be at the church parking lot for **2:50 pm**. We will depart at 3:00 pm SHARP and return between 5-5:30 pm.

Questions? Please contact our Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Diane Todd at (401) 245-4681 or [diane.todd15@gmail.com](mailto:diane.todd15@gmail.com); or contact Carol Strakosch (CEYM) 247-1620 or [strakosc@gmail.com](mailto:strakosc@gmail.com), or Kathy Sullivan (JYG) 245-2416 [ksullivan@risas.org](mailto:ksullivan@risas.org).

### Public Office Hours

As a way of making themselves more accessible to the congregation, Rev. Dale Azevedo and Rev. Brendan Curran will be offering public office hours! In our current times people often think they can only come talk to a pastor or visit the pastors at the church if there's an emergency. The ministers want the congregation to know that they are here for you always whether you have a pastoral care concern, if you'd like to talk about faith and spirituality, or simply if you'd like to have a friendly visit. The pastors are here for you!

**Brendan will be having public office hours every Friday afternoon from 3pm-5pm at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, starting Friday, March 31st.** All who would like to visit him during that time are welcome! Stay tuned to find out Rev. Dale's public debut!

## Sunday

### Children's Communion

Children's Communion will take place in the library **this Sunday, April 2nd**. All church school children should be in the church library by 10 a.m. After their service, they will go to their regular church school classes.

### Thinking about joining the church?

If you were unable to make it to 'Conversations about our church' last Sunday, but are interested in joining our church on April 23rd – it's not too late. Please contact our Senior Minister, Rev. Dale Azevedo, to express your interest *by Sunday, April 9th*.

Contact him at [dale@bccucc.org](mailto:dale@bccucc.org) or 401 246-0111 ext 103. He looks forward to hearing from you.

### Mission Trip 'Envelope' Fundraiser - update!

Money received this past week has brought us \$433 closer to our goal. If you haven't yet taken an envelope from the board in Fellowship Hall you are encouraged to do so, and also to return envelopes that have been taken. Envelopes can be put

in the offering plate or dropped off or mailed to the church office and the fundraiser *will run thru Easter Sunday*. Your support will help cover the cost of the trip for those going to Orland Maine to help build homes for low-income families, with any additional money going to [h.o.m.e.](http://www.h.o.m.e.org), the organization they are working with on their mission trip.



## Chancel Fund donations requested

All are invited to make a donation to the Chancel Fund this Easter. Money from the fund is used in a variety of different ways that enhance the worship experience, including paying for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary at Easter. Read about other ways it is used [at this link](#), which also contains the order form. Deadline for donations is April 10th.



## Fundraiser for Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat

An Irons Fundraiser will take place **Sunday, April 2nd** from 2 – 4 pmat 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](http://www.ironshomestead.org) or contact (401) 710-9478 or [ironshomestead@ricucc.org](mailto:ironshomestead@ricucc.org).

## Next Week

### Bereavement Group

After a short hiatus, the Bereavement Group will start meeting again on **Monday, April 3rd** from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information, contact the facilitator [Betsy Brenner](mailto:Betsy.Brenner@fullchannel.net)

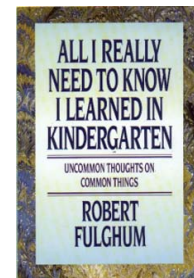
### Knitting for Others

Meets **Tuesday, April 4th** from 7 – 9 pm at the home of Liz Rosenholm, 15 Freemont Avenue, Barrington. They continue to work on prayer shawls and other projects and can provide patterns and help for newcomers. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! Please let Liz (245-9098 or [lizzozier@cox.net](mailto:lizzozier@cox.net)) know if you are coming. Contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 [rislick@fullchannel.net](mailto:rislick@fullchannel.net)) for more info.



### Wednesday evenings in Lent

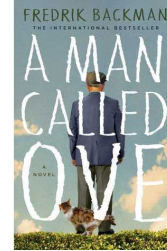
This Lent, join your friends at BCCUCC for a special Wednesday evening Lenten worship series. We will gather each Wednesday through Lent at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief read meditation followed by communion. This year's meditations come from Robert Fulghum's classic book, All I Really Needed to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



### Women's Faith Group

Meets on **Thursday, April 6th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library, to begin discussion of a new book, *A Man called Ove* by

Frederick Backman. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office (\$13). All women are welcome, including from other faiths and churches. For more info contact Carol Louttit 245-2299 or [chl2299@aol.com](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Jane Tonn 289-2349 or [jtonn2@cox.net](mailto:jtonn2@cox.net).



## NAMI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) holds a monthly support group at our church for family members of people with mental illness. The group is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. Their next meeting is on **Thursday, April 6th** and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or [cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org).

## Lenten Lollapalooza

CEYM (Christian Education and Youth Ministries) is hosting a Lenten Lollapalooza for all ages on **Palm Sunday, April 9th**. The children will leave worship after the children's message and go to Fellowship Hall for the Lollapalooza which will run into coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join them during coffee hour in making palm crosses, cards for One Egg Haiti, and other crafts.

# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

## Palm Sunday

Join us for worship on **Palm Sunday, April 9th at 10 am** as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palms. Following the children's message, the children will leave and go to Fellowship Hall for their annual **Lenten Lollapalooza** (see previous announcement). All are welcome to come over to coffee hour after worship where they can also participate in the Lollapalooza.

## Passion of Christ Retreat April 13 - 15

The RI Conference of the UCC is offering this experiential retreat at Irons Homestead from supper on Maundy Thursday evening (April 13) thru breakfast on Saturday morning (April 15). [Learn more at this link](#) *Registration deadline is April 10th.*



## Maundy Thursday

There will be a Service of Tenebrae on **Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. The deacons and ministers lead this worship service in which the story of Jesus' passion and suffering is read, with candles extinguished one by one. The service also includes communion. All are invited to deepen their experience of the resurrection by living through the passion and death of Christ in this contemplative service.

## Good Friday Walk

You are invited to join the ministers (Dale and Brendan) on **Good Friday, April 14th** for a prayerful walk through town during which we will pause at certain points to reflect on the seven 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. The walk will begin at the church at **Noon** and will be 3.2 miles long – ending up back at the church. We hope you can join us for this sacred time.

## Easter Sunday

On **Easter Sunday, April 16th**, there will be three different opportunities to worship as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. All are welcome:

**6am Ecumenical Sunrise Communion Service** at Osamequin Point, located 1.1 miles north of the church on the Wampanoag Trail (Rte 114).

**9:15am and 11 am Worship Service for All Ages** in the Sanctuary.

After the 9:15 am service only, there will be **Coffee Hour** and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children in the lower elementary grades and younger. Children are asked to bring a basket.

## Coming Soon

### Book Group

Meets **Wednesday, April 12th** (*note the change of date*) at 7 pm in the church library. They will discuss *The Keepers of the House* by Shirley Ann Grau: 'Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1965, *The Keepers of the House* is Shirley Ann Grau's masterwork, a many-layered indictment of racism and rage that is as terrifying as it is wise.' (Amazon) All are welcome. For info on the group, contact Helen Schall at [helenschall@hotmail.com](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724.

### 'The Settlers' film

*The Settlers*, a film about the Israeli settlers in Palestine, will be shown on **Monday, April 17th at 6:30 PM**, at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence. "*The Settlers*, a Shimon Dotan documentary, is a compelling, must see, tour de force outline of the Israeli Settlement issue fueling the last fifty years of Middle East Conflicts", according to Michael Berkowitz in The Huffington Post. Discussion will follow the film. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [eastbaycitizens4peace@hotmail.com](mailto:eastbaycitizens4peace@hotmail.com) or 401-247-3004. Co-sponsoring the event are the East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Weaver Library, the Mission and Justice Ministry of the Barrington Congregational Church UCC, and the American Friends Service Committee – South East New England.

### Yale Whiffenpoofs in Concert at BCCUCC

On **Sunday, May 7th at 7 pm**, as part of the '3 Centuries and Beyond' Concert series, the world famous Yale a cappella group *The Whiffenpoofs*, will be giving a concert in the sanctuary of BCCUCC. Ticket details to follow. [Learn more about the Whiffenpoofs.](#)

### '3 Centuries and Beyond' Birthday Picnic

On **Sunday, May 21st** there will be a special birthday picnic at Noon to celebrate our church's 300th anniversary. There'll be hot dogs, hamburgers, cake, ice cream, music and more! All are invited. Save the date!



## Can You Help?

### 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](mailto:steven.peck@cox.net).

## 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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