



**March 9, 2017**

Weekly newsletter of  
Barrington Congregational  
Church United Church of  
Christ

## Calendar

**Sat, Mar 11**

*Turn Your Clocks FORWARD an hour at bedtime!*

**Sun, Mar 12**

*Daylight Savings Time begins*

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:20 am – 12:30 pm Speaker series, Library (Barb Silvis, Advocacy & Justice Commission, RISCC)

**Mon, Mar 13**

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

7 – 8:30 pm 'Just Mercy' book discussion, Library

**Tues, Mar 14**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

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

7 pm Church Council, Room 6

**Wed, Mar 15**

7 pm Lenten Service, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**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

**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

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

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

## Weekly Deadline

The 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](#)

### Clergy away

Rev. Brendan Curran is out of the office from Wed - Fri, March 8 - 10 at a three day continuing education opportunity, and will then take his Winter weekend off. He will be back on Tuesday, March 14th.



### The Rainbow Doors are moving on!



If you notice the rainbow doors are gone this weekend please don't be concerned. They are heading to Amicable Congregational Church in Tiverton to continue promoting inclusion and the UCC's extravagant welcome, before they return home to Newman Congregational Church. Thanks to everyone who helped make their visit to BCCUCC possible including Francis Seader, Duncan and Zane Maio, and Chris, Ellen and Emma Brady. Thanks also to our custodian, Paul Dziedzic, for setting up spotlights so they could be seen at night.

### 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).

## 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 12th**, Dale will give a sermon on 'Encountering God: Pray as Spoken Word'. We hope you can join us.

If you missed the first sermon in the series entitled 'Encountering God: Pray Without Ceasing' you can [listen to it here](#).

## After Worship Speaker Series continues this Sunday

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 some programs that they have supported this year that reach out to the wider community in both mission and advocacy.

**March 12th:** Barb Silvis, Chair, Advocacy and Justice Commission of the RI State Council of Churches.

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

## Mission Trip 'Envelope' Fundraiser - off to a good start!

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation to the Mission Trip Fund using a 'house' envelope from the board in Fellowship Hall. So far 52 envelopes have been taken, 30 envelopes returned 'filled', and we've raised just over \$2,000 - so we're off to a great start!!! The envelopes range from \$1 -

\$144 so that people of all means can participate - even children! Many thanks to all who have donated and we look forward to more envelopes being returned 'filled'. Thank you. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Mission Trip'.

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



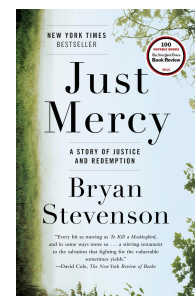
## Next Week

### '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 discussions of the book continue in the church library on **Mondays, March 13th & 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com), or Susan Rotblat-Walker 253-8969 or [srotblatwalker@gmail.com](mailto:srotblatwalker@gmail.com) for more information.



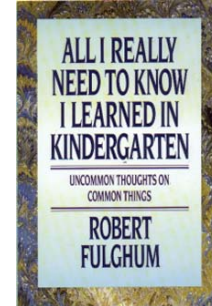
### Memory Impairment Support Group

The group meets **Tuesday, March 14th** 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](mailto:jrmcc@fullchannel.net)

### 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.



## Women's Faith Group - Meet the Author

When the group next meets on **Thursday, March 16th** 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](http://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](mailto:chl2299@aol.com) or Nancy Martin 273-1078 or [nancy.martin3@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.martin3@verizon.net).



## 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](http://www.ironshomestead.org). Register at (401) 710-9478 or [ironshomestead@ricucc.org](mailto:ironshomestead@ricucc.org)



## Coming Soon

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

This is an event to be held at Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, on **Sunday, March 19th**, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace, the Mission and Justice Ministry Team of BCCUCC, and American Friends Service Committee - South East New England, the event will feature a Potluck Lunch, Workshops, and a Sing Along.

The workshops and presenters are:

“Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World,” Rev. Brendan Curran

“Bystander Intervention,” Martha Yager, Director AFSC - SENE

“Talking Across the Divide,” Keith Morton, Professor at Providence College, and Barry Brown, MSW.

The Sing Along will be led by Nancy Hood, Keith Daniel and Barry Brown. 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](mailto:info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org) or call 401-433-3004.

### 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](mailto:helenschall@hotmail.com) or 245-4724.

## Considering 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.ironshomestead.org) or contact (401) 710-9478 or [ironshomestead@ricucc.org](mailto: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 have 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](#)

## Can You Help?

### 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](http://www.diiri.org) to learn more about the organization. Thank you.

## Community Bulletin Board

### Providence Singers Concert

Church member Beth Zarlengo and Office Administrator Christine Wallis both sing with the Providence Singers and would like to invite you to their upcoming concert of "**Music for Chorus and Percussion**" on **Saturday, March 11th** at 7:30 pm in Cranston, and **Sunday, March 12th** at 3 pm in Bristol. It's an intriguing program of music by contemporary American composers, including the world première of *Different Ways to Pray* by our own assistant conductor, Mike Galib. You'll hear unusual choral and percussive effects, including a rainstorm created by the chorus in Eric Whitacre's *Cloudburst*. We'll also present Ives' *Psalm 90* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, with a solo by members of the RI Children's Chorus. More information and tickets available at [www.providencesingers.org](http://www.providencesingers.org)



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