



**April 12, 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.*

**Thurs, Apr 12**

*No Community Office Hours today*

**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 Emerging Church Sunday**

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

11:30 am Community Connection Team meeting, Room 9

**Mon, Apr 16**

7 - 8 pm Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room

**Tues, Apr 17**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

**Wed, Apr 18**

6 - 8 pm Feasting at Fireside, Parsonage

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

**Thurs, Apr 19**

1:30 - 3 pm [Women's Faith Group](#), Library

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

**Fri, Apr 20**

*Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies*

**Sat, Apr 21**

9 am - 1 pm Church Clean Up Day

9 am - 11 am JYG and SYG meet for breakfast then help with Church Clean Up

### **Sun, Apr 22 Ecological Justice Day**

10 am Worship Service for All Ages with Sing and Celebrate Choir, Nursery Care only

11:30 am Mission and Justice Speaker # 3, Library

5 - 7 pm Senior Youth Group, Room 9 and Fellowship Hall

### **Mon, Apr 23**

11 am [Bereavement Group](#), Library

7 - 8 pm Mindful Mondays, Meditation Room

### **Tues, Apr 24**

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

11:30 am [Book Group](#), The Coffee Depot

1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library

### **Wed, Apr 25**

Noon Deadline for the eBridge

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

### **Thurs, Apr 26**

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes RI prep and truck run, Kitchen then to Providence

### **Fri, Apr 27**

*Brendan is on call for pastoral emergencies*

### **Sat, Apr 28**

8 am - Noon Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle, Parking Lot

9:15 am JYG and SYG leave for Community Clean Up

### **Sun, Apr 29 Choir Celebration Sunday**

10 am Worship Service, Church School

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

11:15 am Membership Team meeting, Library

5 - 7 pm Community Pasta Dinner (Mission Trip Fundraiser), Fellowship Hall

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**Wednesday, April 11th** at Noon. Send info to [office@bccucc.org](mailto:office@bccucc.org)

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## **April 15th - Emerging Church Sunday**

### **Guest Preacher**

Dale has invited a guest preacher to join us this Sunday. She is the Rev. Chris Davies and she is in town from the national UCC office for the 'Church: Alive and Thriving' workshops being held tomorrow and Saturday at Seekonk Congregational and BCCUCC. Chris is a Connecticut native and a Cleveland transplant and a wandering Irish Rover at heart. She loves the church deeply, and is committed to finding ways to continue to bring the gospel into the world. She attended Smith College for her undergrad work and Andover Newton for both a Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. Chris grew up in the United Church of Christ, and was baptized and ordained within her home congregation in Connecticut. She has served at



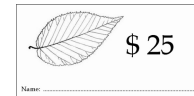
the local church level at two churches in Connecticut, on the Connecticut Conference Board of Directors (class of 2004), and as a delegate to the United Church of Christ's General Synod in 2005, 2007, and 2015. She is currently serving on the National Staff of the United Church of Christ as the Program Manager of Congregational Assessment, Support, and Advancement. Chris is a queer femme, a local beer enthusiast, and a creative networker of communities. She is passionate about justice and Jesus, and is the founder and curator of the Queer Clergy Trading Cards, a project bringing visibility to queer clergy, using humor and irreverence to help change the conversation highlighting the common awe (and absurdities) in faith work. Chris lives in Cleveland, OH, where she is still seeking community and continuing to learn in faith and live justly, serving Christ in all things.

We hope you can join us on Sunday to hear this dynamic speaker.

## 144 Envelopes Fundraiser for the Mission Trip

The "tree of life with leaves for the healing of the nations" is still on display in Fellowship Hall. 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 help 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 to everyone who has already made a donation.

*"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*



## Coming soon

### JYG and SYG meeting

The youth groups are invited to meet in Room 9 at 9 am on **Saturday, April 21st** for a light breakfast. At 9:30 we will help with the annual church clean-up until 11 am. While we help with the clean-up, the youth group will also work on preparing the youth group vegetable garden for planting. Last year the youth planted a thriving vegetable garden that provided Tap-IN with fresh produce on a regular basis. Let's continue the tradition this year! Questions? Contact [Brendan](#)

### 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.



### 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.

### 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> Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or [lizyw2@aol.com](mailto:lizyw2@aol.com)) or Jay or Phyllis Buckley (401-245-1098 or [pbuckley6@cox.net](mailto:pbuckley6@cox.net)).



## Belated Earth Day Community Clean Up

Youth from Grades 6-12 are invited to meet in Room 9 on **Saturday morning, April 28th**. We will leave the church at around 9:15 to go out and clean up our community by picking up trash along the bike path and/or by the river. In the past we have partnered with Save the Bay but we have noticed that there is plenty of garbage to clean up right here in the East Bay! We have developed the annual tradition of having a trash pick-up for Earth Day. We will return to the church by 11:30, wash our hands, and have pizza for lunch. Pick up between 12:00-12:30. Questions? Contact [Brendan](#)



## Community Pasta Dinner - Mission Trip Fundraiser

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. It will be a home-made pasta dinner with additional options of take-out, vegetarian and gluten free. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour on Sundays or from the church office during the week. Tickets are \$10 each. Children 6 & under are free. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the mission trip.



## 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.



## Be an active part of our church community

### Interested in joining our church? It's not too late!

If you answered 'Yes' but weren't able to make it to 'Conversations about our Church' last Sunday, please contact the Rev. Dale Azevedo a.s.a.p. so that he can arrange a time to meet with you and some of the other people who were also unable to make it.

If you did attend 'Conversations' and are planning on officially joining the church, we ask that you please return your completed 'Family Information Form' to the church office so that we have the necessary information for our records. Thanks to those who have already done so. We look forward to welcoming a number of new members on New Member Sunday, May 6th.

### 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). Please note that you do not have to be a member of the church to serve on many of our ministry teams - although we'd love it if you did chose to join our church (see above).

## Church Renewal

### 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.

### Renewal Team Update

The seven strategic teams that were formed are all busy working. The teams are: Congregational Care, Communication, Community Connection, Capital Improvement, Building Usage, Grow Endowment, and Stewardship. There is a shared enthusiasm and excitement among them to keep BCCUCC the great church that we are.

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](#).



## 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.

### Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, April 19th** from 1:30 – 3 pm in the church library. They are reading *Girl at War* by Sara Novik. Copies are 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 **Tuesday, 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?](#)

### Knitting for Others Group

The group will meet **Tuesday, May 1st** from 7 - 9 pm at the home of Pat Rude, 5 Seabreeze Lane, Bristol. 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

## Please note....

### Clergy Days off

Now that Dale and Brendan both have Fridays 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.

### 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. 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** is **Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1 pm** in the Meditation Room 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.

### 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.*



### 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](#).



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# '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 RI Conference UCC

### Tri-Conference Annual Meeting

The second joint Annual Meeting of the RI, CT and MA conferences will be held **Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16** at Mass Mutual Center, Springfield MA. [Traci Blackmon](#) will be the keynote speaker. At this meeting, delegates of the three conferences will be asked to officially create the new conference by approving a covenant agreement, set of new bylaws, establishing a unified Board of Directors, electing officers, and making minor changes to their existing bylaws. They will meet separately but simultaneously to conduct this and other business. For more information [click here](#) or go to the [RICUCC website](#) and click on the link from the home page.



### Conference Leaders to host 5 online forums on New Conference votes

Leading up to the second [Tri-Conference Annual Meeting](#) of the CT, MA and RI conferences, Conference leaders will be hosting a series of five online forums in May and June for discussion about the upcoming votes to formally create a new, unified conference. Learn more and register to join a webinar [at this link](#).

## Community Notices

### Tots' Annual Yard and Raffle Sale

Tots' Yard Sale and Raffle takes place **Saturday, April 28th** from 8 am – 12 pm in our Park and Ride lot. There's also face-painting from 9 – 11 am. Raffle prizes have been provided by over 30 local businesses. For a list of prizes or to preorder raffle tickets, please contact [tots.barrington@gmail.com](mailto:tots.barrington@gmail.com). 2018 marks the 60th anniversary of Tots' Cooperative Nursery School renting space at our church as they started here in 1958!

### Superpower Saturday - for middle schoolers

The East Bay Regional Coalition and Bayside YMCA welcome all East Bay middle school students to **Superpower Saturday, May 5th** at Bayside Family YMCA from 7 - 9 pm. Create cards and rocks of hope and encouragement for people in need (Community Service Certificates will be provided). Then enjoy free snacks, fun, and games! Call (401) 245-2444 for more information.

### 'Global Eats'

Please join Dorcas International Institute of RI at their Annual Culinary Celebration 'Global Eats' fundraiser on **Thursday, May 17th** at Fete Music Hall, 103 Dike St, Providence RI 02909. Renowned chefs, reinvented global recipes, live music. Get tickets and more info at [www.globaleats.org](http://www.globaleats.org)



# A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

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