



June 22, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Thurs, Jun 22

3 – 7 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

Fri, Jun 23

Office Closed

There are NO Community Office Hours as Brendan out of town

Sun, Jun 25

Start of Summer Worship Schedule

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

Tues, Jun 27

11 am Staff meeting

Fri, Jun 30

Office Closed

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

Sun, July 2

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages with Communion, Nursery Care only

Tues, July 4 Independence Day

Office Closed

Thurs, July 6

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

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

Sun, July 9

9:30 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

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

Some of the new articles in this week's eBridge.....

Brendan's 'Community Office Hours' cancelled this week

Publication changes over the summer

Women's Self Defense Class at BCCUCC

Ministers days off changing in July

2017-2018 Calendar information needed

Conferences vote to move toward union

(Sorry, but it's not possible to add links to these - you'll have to scroll down to find each of them).

Thursday - Saturday

Summer Office Hours are in effect

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:30 - 1; Wednesday 11 - 1; Friday - Closed

Blood Drive

RI Blood Center is holding a blood drive in Fellowship Hall **TODAY, Thursday, June 22nd** from 3 – 7 pm. Blood donors are always needed so please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. No appointment necessary. Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification with you. More info about donating at www.ribc.org



Brendan's 'Community Office Hours' are cancelled again this week

Brendan apologizes but he has to cancel his Community Office Hours again as he is still out of town following a family death. He will resume them next Friday, June 30th. However, beginning July 6th, they will move to Thursdays as his day off is changing to Fridays - same time and place (3-5 pm at The Coffee Depot in Warren).

Great American Camp Out

Friday, June 23rd – Sunday, June 25th. Free camp-out space in the field by the waterfront at **Irons Homestead** – the RICUCC Camp and Retreat Center in Glocester, RI. Come alone or bring a crowd. Pitch your tent or sleep under the stars. People all over the US will be camping out that weekend - join the party. Registration required. For more details visit www.ricucc.org/ironshomestead



This Sunday

Summer Worship at 9:30 am begins

Beginning **this Sunday, June 25th** and running through

Labor Day weekend, our Sunday service will be at **9:30 am**. We hope you will come worship with us when you are in town. Rev. Brendan Curran will be back to lead worship and will preach on 'Original Blessing'. There will also be a chance to sing your favorite hymn as he'll be taking requests!



Next Week

Brendan's Community Office Hours

On **Friday, June 30th**, Brendan will be at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren from 3 - 5 pm for his last *Friday* afternoon 'Community Office Hours'because they're moving to *Thursdays* beginning **Thursday, July 6th** - same time and place. All are invited to visit with him during this time. Want to know more about his Community Office Hours - then read his latest blog [Listening Deeply](#)

Summer changes

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group is taking a break over the summer and will resume meeting in September. However, if anyone has any questions or concerns during the break they may contact Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group

They will NOT meet on June 27th as previously listed. During the summer they will meet on the second Tuesday of the month only, **Tuesdays, July 11th & August 8th**, from 1 - 2:30 pm in the church library. The group is open to patients and caregivers, and participants need not be members of this church. For more information contact Jim McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Publication changes over the summer

With shorter office hours and less activity, the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements will each be produced every other week on alternating weeks. Please take this into consideration when submitting items for inclusion to office@bccucc.org. Also over the summer, the weekly deadline is **Tuesdays at Noon**.

Coming Soon

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 **Thursday, July 6th** and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Women's Self Defense Class

R.A.D. (Rape Aggressive Defense) for Women is a 12 hour women's empowerment program that is being offered here at BCCUCC in July in collaboration with RADInstructors from the Barrington Police Department and RAD Instructor (and church member) JoAnne Waite. The 4-session program will be held **Mondays and Tuesdays, July 10th, 11th, 17th & 18th** from 5 – 8 pm each night in Fellowship Hall.



It is open to women age 14 and older – anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no upper age limit (80 year olds have taken the class!). To register and/or ask questions please contact JoAnne Waite **before July 5th** at jmwaite55@gmail.com. The program is open to all women in the community so invite a girlfriend to take the class with you! Learn more about [R.A.D.](#)

Book Group

Next meets **Tuesday, July 25th** at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. 'Tantalizingly thrilling, Ng's emotionally complex debut novel captures the tension between cultures and generations with the deft touch of a seasoned writer.' (Booklist starred review).

For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome.



Riverwalk Accessibility Project

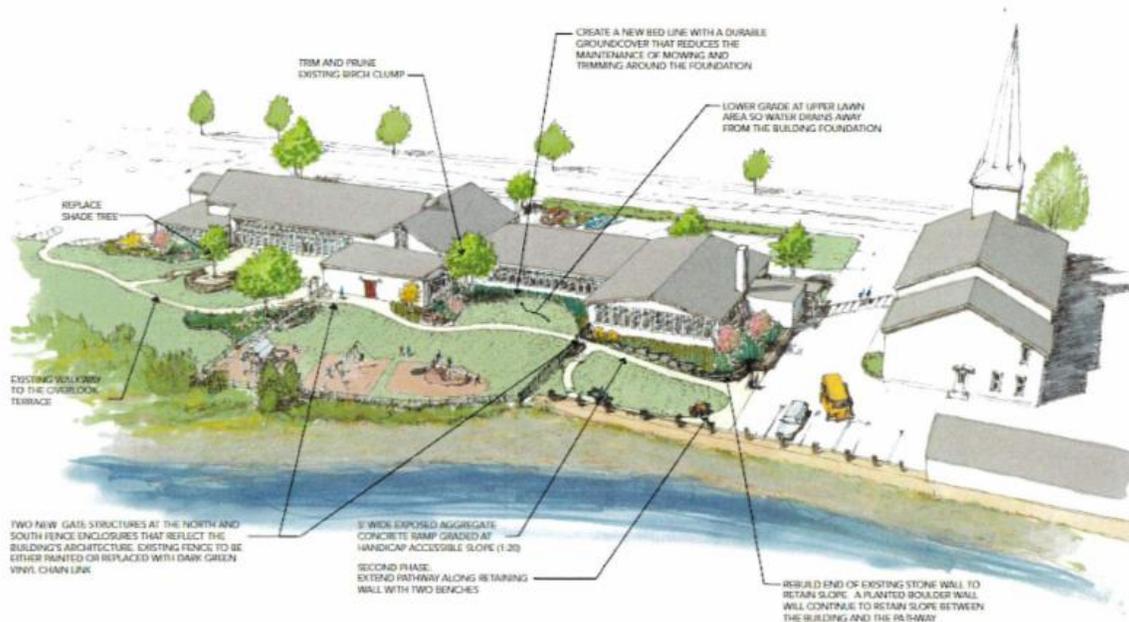
Loose Change Challenge

Why not do what some have done and collect up all the loose change in your house, take the coins to be counted, then donate the amount to the [Riverwalk Accessibility Project](#).

Some banks will count your change for free if you're a customer (Webster Bank does), or you can use the Coinstar machine at Shaw's (it takes a fee for counting your change if you want cash back, but there's no fee for choosing a gift card – there are a number to choose from including Amazon). Help us raise the money needed to make the project a reality this summer. Every little helps!



The Riverwalk Accessibility Project needs your support



A Donation form for the Riverwalk Accessibility Project is available [at this link](#). Our plan to make the Education building more accessible for those with mobility challenges coming from the sanctuary cannot happen without your financial help. We hope you will make a donation to support this effort. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. We need to raise a lot more money to make this project a reality – and our hope is to do it this summer! Learn more and see pictures at www.bccucc.org and follow the link to the Riverwalk Accessibility Project.

Opportunities

Strengthen the Church Offering

The 'Strengthen the Church' offering was taken last Sunday but it's not too late to make a donation. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Strengthen the Church' or 'STC'. Donations may be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Information about Strengthen the Church is available at www.ucc.org/stc where you can also make an online donation. Thank you to those who have already made a donation.

Summer Musicians wanted

During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. She is available to accompany you as needed. Marina will be posting a sign up calendar in the vestry so check out available dates, then be sure to contact her once you sign up.



Interested in playing co-ed softball? 2017 Schedule is published

Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Churches Softball League. Any interested men aged 30+ or women aged 16+ who would enjoy playing are invited to contact Tom Strolla at ostrolla@cox.net or (401) 246-0936. Games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 27th at 6 pm at Bicknell Field, located at the end of Walnut Road off Lincoln. It's fun and new players are always most welcome. (BCCUCC's first game isn't until July 13th)



[2017 Softball Schedule](#) Spectators are encouraged to come cheer on our team!

Please note.....

Senior Minister Away

Rev. Dale Azevedo is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 18th. Find out what his plans are while he's gone by reading his blog [Where in the world is Dale Azevedo?](#)

Ministers days off are changing

Beginning in July, Brendan's day off will change to Fridays, and Dale's day off will

change to Mondays.

2017 - 2018 Calendar information needed

On Thursday, July 20th the staff is getting together to plan the 2017-2018 church calendar. If you or your ministry team or group has activities/meetings or anything else that they'd like to be included on the calendar, please email it to Christine at office@bccucc.org by Sunday, July 16th. Thank you.



From your Mission and Justice Team

Update on Refugee Families

As some of you heard in church recently, the Mission and Justice Team has been talking with folks from Saints Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church on how we, BCCUCC, can help them support a refugee family. They are currently committed to supporting a family from Eritrea: a mother with four children, and now have been asked to help one or two new families to become settled over the next couple of weeks. These families have all been in camps for over two years and have been thoroughly vetted. One way to help is to take part in a fundraiser offered by the RI Film Fest. Tickets are available by contacting Helen Schall (245-4724 or helenschall@hotmail.com) and are available for opening night, Tuesday, August 8th at 7 pm. This event is being held at the Providence Performing Arts Center and cost \$10.00. Find out more at www.rifilmfest.org. The needs for continuing support of the families are many, but financial help is the most "all-purpose." Your check to BCCUCC with "Refugee Support" in the memo line will go directly to Sts. Matthew and Mark to help them in their budgeting of resources. As we learn of specific requests, we will pass that information on to you.

Advocacy Update

As the RI Legislative Session winds down with the end of June, your Mission and Justice Team would like you to be aware of agenda items that are still being considered. Barbara Silvis, chair of the Advocacy and Justice Commission of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches (and who spoke at BCCUCC last March) has put together a list of items endorsed by the RISCC's Governing Board with a short explanation of each one. Please take the time to look over this list (link below) and reach out to your legislators. Thank you. [Helping People Legislative Agenda](#)

'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

News from the Conference

Conferences Vote to Move Toward Union

The CT, MA and RI Conferences of the UCC voted decisively on Saturday, June 17, 2017 to move ahead toward forming a new combined Conference, so that they may have a stronger voice speaking for justice and may more effectively carry out mission and ministry together. The

votes, taken at the first-ever joint annual meeting of the three bodies, mean that Conference leaders will now develop a formal proposal for a new Conference which will be brought before a second joint Annual Meeting a year from now in Springfield, MA. Read more about the vote, questions and comments leading up to the vote, and the 211th Annual Meeting of the RI Conference UCC, at <http://www.ricucc.org/>



Looking ahead

OWL for Grades 10-12

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum and CEYM will be offering OWL for our 10th – 12th grade youth beginning in the Fall of 2017. We encourage families of 10th – 12th graders to start thinking about participating in the upcoming program year. Letters and information will be mailed to you this summer with an invitation to register. For more information about OWL visit <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/>



Community Noticeboard

Applied Analytics Camp at Bryant University

There are still a few openings available for this FREE one week camp (June 25th - 30th) for high school students. [Details](#)

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