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Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

During the summer, the eBridge is published every other week.

Calendar

Summer Office Hours (unless otherwise noted)

Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30 am - 1 pm; Wed 11 am - 1 pm; Fri Closed

Thurs, Aug 24

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot in Warren
6 pm Softball game (Seed 1 vs Winner of Play In game), Bicknell Field

Sat, Aug 26

10 am Memorial Service for Zoe Woodruff, Sanctuary

Sun, Aug 27

9:30 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
After worship Membership Team meeting, Library

Mon, Aug 28

Church Office Closed (Christine is away, but clergy and other staff will be in)

Tues, Aug 29

11 am Staff Meeting, Dale's Office
7 pm Book Group, Library

Wed, Aug 30

Church Office Closed (Christine is away, but clergy and other staff will be in)

Thurs, Aug 31

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

Sun, Sep 3 *Celebration of Vocations*

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

Mon, Sep 4 Labor Day

Office Closed

Regular Office Hours resume: Mon - Fri 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Tues, Sep 5

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office
4 - 5:30 pm Stewardship Meeting, Library

Wed. Sep 6

8 - 10 am Dale's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot in Warren
7 pm Deacons' Meeting, Room 6
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsals begin, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 7

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, Coffee Depot in Warren
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

Sat, Sep 9

2:45 pm BCCUCC Volunteers leave for Soup Kitchen

Sun, Sep 10 Homecoming Sunday

Before and After Worship Church School Registration, Foyer
10 am Worship Service for All Ages with Dedication of Church School Volunteers,
Nursery Care only
After Worship Special Coffee Hour for start of new program year, Fellowship Hall
11:30 am - Noon OWL Parent Orientation, Library

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

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

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

Memorial Service for Zoe Woodruff

Dale's 100 mile bike ride cancelled

Community Office Hours with Brendan resume

Dale's Community Office Hours on hold

Change in office hours for remainder of summer

Riverwalk Accessibility Project is going ahead

Homecoming Sunday

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

Thursday - Saturday

The phones are working

Verizon fixed our phone line and you can now successfully call the church office on our regular number of (401) 246-0111.

Staff vacation and change in office hours

Office Administrator, Christine Wallis is on vacation **from Wednesday, August 23rd**

thru Labor Day. During her absence the church office will be open from 9:30 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, and closed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The clergy and other staff will be in the office on their regular schedules - even when the office is closed. If you plan to stop by, you might still want to call ahead to make sure that someone is there.

Clergy notes....

Our Associate Minister, the Rev. Brendan Curran is back in the office after his vacation. He now has Fridays as his day off.

Following his recent shoulder surgery our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dale Azevedo, will be in the office only part time while he recuperates. Be sure to call ahead if you plan to stop by to see him. Dale's day off is now Monday.

Roof repairs

By the time you receive this, work should have begun on repairing several of the flat roof areas of the Education building. This includes the roof over the entire section of the building from Brendan's office and the workroom, up to the Foyer; and also the roof over Rooms 8 and 9. Past experience has taught us that debris comes down from the ceilings as they work on the roof, so those areas have been prepared by being covered in plastic, so many of the rooms will be unusable until the work is completed and the rooms put back as they were.

Community Office Hours with Brendan resume



Brendan will be resuming his Community Office Hours on **Thursday afternoons** from 3 - 5 pm at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren, beginning **Thursday, August 24th**. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting.

Memorial Service for Zoe Woodruff

A memorial service for Zoe Woodruff will be held on **Saturday, August 26th** at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial donations in Zoe's name to Barrington Congregational Church. [Obituary](#)

This Sunday

Summer Worship at 9:30 am thru Labor Day weekend

Brendan has returned from vacation and will be in the pulpit this Sunday, August 27th. We look forward to you joining us for worship at 9:30 a.m.

Last chances to request your favorite hymn!



During the summer, the ministers have been giving the congregation the chance to select the hymns. So think about what you'd like to sing and come ready at Announcements time with your request. There aren't many Sundays left this summer so don't miss the opportunity to request your favorite hymn.

Sermons 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](#).



We have a new curtain around the choir loft

The pew cushion project is now complete with the replacement of the curtain around the choir loft to match the new pew cushions. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who made it all possible, and to the Chancel Team and the Buildings and Grounds Team who oversaw the project. The old red pew cushions are now being used by another church and we've received a lovely note of thanks from them.

Next Week

BCCUCC softball result

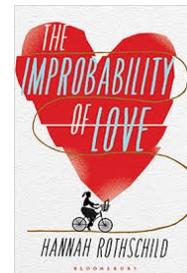
BCCUCC finished the regular season with another exciting win, this time against St Luke's. Down 2-6 in the sixth inning, they came back to win 7-6, securing a place in the playoffs. Unfortunately, they then lost their playoff game against St Luke's, so didn't make it to the final. Many congratulations to all who played on the BCCUCC Co-ed Softball Team for another great season, and for representing the church so well. Special thanks to Tom Strolla for all of his organizing and coaching.



Book Group

Next meets **Tuesday, August 29th** at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *The Improbability of Love* by Hannah Rothschild: "Irreverent, witty, bittersweet, *The Improbability of Love* draws an unforgettable portrait of the London art scene, but it is also an exuberant and unexpected journey through life's highs and lows and the complexities of love and loss." (From the publisher).

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



Community Office Hours with Dale - on hold for now



Due to his recent shoulder injury and surgery, Dale has had to put on hold his Community Office Hours at The Coffee Depot on Wednesday mornings. He hopes to start them again after Labor Day. Stay tuned.

Riverwalk Accessibility Project - exciting update!



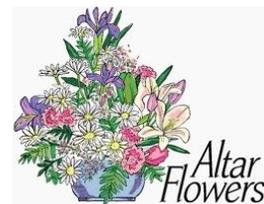
We're moving ahead with the Riverwalk Accessibility Project: Thanks to several recent generous donations we've now raised over \$26,000 which is sufficient to get the project started (but not enough to get everything done that is needed). The Buildings and Grounds Team have chosen a contractor to do the work and after the necessary permits have been obtained, work should begin in a few weeks.

Additional donations are needed if we're going to be able to complete more features of the original proposal like install an ADA automatic door from the terrace into Fellowship Hall, put up new fencing and gates, and do any landscaping. Donation forms are available from the table in the vestry or at the back of Fellowship Hall, or you can just put your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'Riverwalk'. **THANK YOU** to everyone whose donation is making this project become a reality! We look forward to making our church buildings more accessible and welcoming to ALL.

Opportunities

Altar Flower donors needed in September

The altar flowers each week are paid for by donors and a dedication of their choice is included in the bulletin. If you'd like to pay for one or both arrangements some Sunday in September (beginning Sept 10th) Cheryl Muth of the Chancel Team would like to hear from you. Flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person or event. If interested, please contact Cheryl at jccbmuth@aol.com or 433-2878.



Singers wanted

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir (no audition necessary). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry and will start up again on **Wednesday, September 6th**. All voice parts are welcome. To learn more, speak with our organist/choir director Marina Zabinski after church or at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord - we'd love to have you join us!



Ways You Can Help

Littlest State Biggest Heart Campaign

St Luke's Church in Barrington is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to send to Mustard Seed Communities in Jamaica - a place they've worked with on mission trips for over 10 years. Their goal is to collect 5,000 stuffed toys **by early September** and they can only do this with the help of others in the community. [Learn more](#). A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thank you.



Dale has had to cancel his 100 mile bike ride

Dale had registered to raise money for Autism awareness and support by riding in the "Bike to the Beach Century Ride" from Boston to Newport on Saturday, September 2nd. Because of his recent shoulder injury and surgery he will no longer be able to take part. But don't worry, Dale, there's always next year!



Bibles Needed

As part of their outreach ministry to those in need, Riverside Congregational Church, UCC, holds a breakfast every week followed by a Bible Study. In the last few months they have given away about 100 Bibles so are in continuous need for more! A collection bin is at the back of Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who has already donated Bibles. Questions? Contact Cheryl Muth jccbmuth@aol.com



Coming Soon

NAMI Family Support Group

RI NAMI (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, September 7th** and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 10th will be Homecoming Sunday and it's the day we return to our **10 a.m.** worship time. Dale and Brendan have some exciting plans for worship this church year, and we hope you can join us as often as you are able.

On **Homecoming Sunday** a lot will be happening:

- Church School Registration for 2017-2018 for all children and youth from Nursery thru 12th grade, and each child needs their own form. Registration will take place both before and after the worship service in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. If you completed a registration form last year, you will only need to update and initial it for this year. (Please do so, even if nothing has changed). [Download a registration form](#).
- During the service there will be a dedication of all the volunteers who work with children and youth here at the church. If you're one of those volunteers, we hope that you can be at the service.
- Following the service we will have a special coffee hour to mark the start of the new program year.
- OWL Parent Orientation will be from 11:30 am - Noon in the Library.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group will resume meeting on **Monday, September 11th** at 11 a.m in the library. Future meeting dates/times tbd. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Memory Impairment Support Group

In September the group resumes meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 2:30 pm in the library. Their next meetings are **Tuesdays, September 12th & 26th**. 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

Save the date - Concert by Elisabeth von Trapp at BCCUCC

On **Sunday, September 24th** at 4 pm, Elisabeth von Trapp will give a concert in our sanctuary. Elisabeth is the granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp of 'Sound of Music' fame. [Read more about her](#). In lieu of a standard ticket purchase, a collection will be taken at the end of the performance. The concert is open to the public to spread the word and plan to be there! [Concert flier](#).
Hosted by our church's Historical Group, this will be the last concert in our 300th Anniversary series.

Please note.....

2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

The church calendar for 2017-2018 is filling up and you can take a look at it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office of any errors or changes. Thank you.

'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

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/>



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