



Sept. 14, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Thurs, Sep 14

3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 pm Hameho Garden Club "Art in Bloom Travel Show", Fellowship Hall

Sun, Sep 17 *Barrington Heritage Sunday*

Before and After Worship: Church School Registration, Foyer
10 am Worship Service, Church School Classes begin
11:30 am Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth, Room 6

Mon, Sep 18

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

Tues, Sep 19

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office

Wed, Sep 20

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 21

10 am - 5 pm OWL Class, Library
3 - 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6:30 - 8 pm Historical Group meeting, Tom Wegner's home

Sat, Sep 23

8 am - 6:30 pm JYG, SYG and others hike Mt. Monadnock
9 am - Noon Boy Scout Troop 4 Car Wash, Church Parking Lot

Sun, Sep 24 *Mission Sunday (Mission at home)*

8 - 9 am [Breakfast at Mathewson St Church](#) (Meet BCCUCC parking lot at 7:30 am)
9 - 9:45 am Confirmation Orientation (for youth and parents), Room 9
10 am Worship Service, Church School
11:15 am 7th and 8th Grade and JYG attend Pow Wow in Providence
4 pm [Concert by Elisabeth von Trapp](#), Sanctuary

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

Send calendar information to 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

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

Please note that some email platforms will only show the first part of the eBridge, and you will need to open it up in a browser to see the full content. The problem is that there's just so much happening at church that the eBridge is quite long!

Thursday - Saturday

Community Office Hours with Brendan



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

Hameho Garden Club - Art in Bloom Travel Show

On **Thursday, September 14th** at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall, floral designers from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will demonstrate interpretations of masterpieces through flowers. The event is being organized by the Hameho Garden Club (several church members belong) and is open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested. [More details](#) Questions? Contact Eileen Dennis at edteazels@aol.com



This Sunday

Barrington Heritage Sunday

2017 marks the 300th anniversary of both our town and our church. Come join us for worship in our historic church building at 10 a.m.

Church School Registration

If you have haven't yet registered your child(ren) for 2017-2018, you'll have the opportunity to do so **this Sunday** either before or after worship in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall. All children and youth from Nursery thru 12th grade need to be registered to participate in our programs of Church School, OWL, Confirmation, Youth Group, and the Mission Trip. Each child needs their own form. 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.](#)



Church School Classes begin this Sunday

Another exciting year of programs for our children and youth has been planned and you can read all about them in [A Guide to Christian Education & Youth Ministry at BCCUCC 2017-2018](#). Church School classes begin **this Sunday**. Children should go with their families into church for the first part of the service and will get the opportunity to leave part way through to go to Church School.

Mandatory Meeting for Volunteers who work with our children & youth

All volunteers who work with our children and youth should plan on attending a Mandatory Volunteer Training this **Sunday, September 17th** at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6. This will be a brief gathering to review all aspects of our Christian Education programs. For more information please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 ext. 107 or andrea@bccucc.org.

Updates

Homecoming Sunday was busy - and we have pictures!

Last Sunday was a busy one as we celebrated Homecoming Sunday in worship, registered children for church school, ate ice cream sundaes, and filled Clean-Up buckets with supplies to go to victims of Hurricane Harvey. Thanks to Abby Ashley, we have some great pictures which she posted on the church's Facebook page as videos. Click on the links to see them. [Video1](#) [Video2](#) [Video3](#)
You can Like Us on Facebook to get our newsfeed. [Click on this link](#) to see our page.

Our own set of rainbow doors!

We finally installed our very own set of Rainbow Doors! We painted the doors as a part of our Jubilation Sunday, celebrating the end of our Church School year. After being completed through the summer, we installed them in time to welcome people to Homecoming Sunday, celebrating the start of our new church school year. Special thanks to Francis Seader and Carol Strakosch (along with the rest of the CEYM Team) for shepherding this project to its conclusion!



Clean-Up Buckets Project Update

Thank you to all of the generous donors that contributed money and needed items for the Church World Service Clean-Up Buckets project. Special thanks to Center Ace Hardware in Barrington, who donated 34 of the buckets and some lids for the project. Based on the number of donations received by last Wednesday, we set a goal to purchase supplies for and assemble 35 buckets. Rev. Brendan, Andrea Bullard and Pat Stoddard did all of the shopping and assembled the materials. The "Bucket Brigade" took place after last Sunday's worship service, and the 35 buckets were filled in no time! The buckets were delivered to a local collection center and then sent by truck to where they are most needed. *(Photo shows the 35 buckets loaded onto the back of Pat's truck ready to go to the collection site).*



A number of folks contributed after our deadline (which was set to give us enough time to purchase all of the materials). While there is interest in preparing more buckets, given the severity of the destruction from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we have decided to send on all of the remaining donations to the UCC Disaster Ministries – Emergency USA Fund. This fund allows the UCC Disaster Ministries to respond to both large and small natural and human caused disasters in all 50 U.S. States and territories, with a variety of critically needed services.

Riverwalk Accessibility Project

Work began today on building a walkway behind the Education building to more closely connect the church and Fellowship

Hall for those with mobility issues. We've raised sufficient money to get the project started, but more donations are needed to complete everything needed. [Learn more about the project and how to make a donation.](#)



Opportunities to help

Ushers needed

Additional volunteers are needed to be ushers for the Sunday morning service. Volunteers will receive training and are only scheduled to serve once every 4 weeks from Sept - Jan. If interested, contact Bethia Rosner at 383-5538.



Altar Flower donor(s) still needed for Sept 24th!

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 on **Sunday, September 24th**, 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. 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!



Church School volunteers needed

It really does 'take a village' to nurture Christian faith in children and young people. We hope and expect that parents, caregivers, and other interested adults in the church community will offer their time and talents throughout the program year. We need 10 volunteers every Sunday to make Church School happen! We will provide you with the information and resources that you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith.

If you did not fill out a volunteer application form last year you will need to fill one out this year. [Download it here.](#)

For more information or to volunteer please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 ext. 107 or andrea@bccucc.org.



Diapers needed for Sayaanda and Robel

The two refugee families supported by Sts Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church each have a young boy in diapers. Needless to say, they use a lot of diapers! Our Mission & Justice Team has placed a bin in Fellowship Hall

for the collection of diapers for the boys in sizes 4 and 5. Drop packages off at any time and we will be sure that they get them. *Photo right is of the families visiting Roger Williams Zoo this summer with Ann Doran of our M&J team. Free passes had been provided courtesy of Howard Rotblat-Walker.*



Consecration Sunday is Coming

A letter from the Moderator

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Team has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. [Continue reading](#)

Next Week

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group will meet again on **Monday, September 18th** at 11 a.m in the library. 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.

Brendan's Community Office Hours cancelled

There will be NO Community Office Hours with Brendan on **Thursday, September 21st** as he will be teaching OWL that day. He hopes you can come visit him at the Coffee Depot some other Thursday.

Youth Groups (and others) go hiking

The junior and senior youth groups (JYG and SYG) are kicking off the church calendar year by climbing Mt. Monadnock together! *They also invite all interested hikers to come along and join them for the adventure.* On **Saturday September 23**, we will gather in the church parking lot at 8 am to leave by 8:15 to arrive at Mt. Monadnock by 10:30. Monadnock is 4-5 hour hike! We should be back at the church by 6:30 pm. This will be a great way to start the school year off together! Brendan, Hollie Ogden, and Kathy Sullivan are chaperoning this event. Please **rsvp** that you are coming to Rev. Brendan Curran **by Wed. Sept 20th** (401-318-2447) brendan@bccucc.org



Have Breakfast. Help a Neighbor!

On **Sunday, September 24th**, BCCUCC is going to breakfast at

Mathewson Street Church in Providence where they feed between 250 and 300 people every Sunday! They do this for those who are homeless/food insecure at no charge! All they ask from us is that we show up, eat a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage, fruit, pancakes, waffles, and soup with their attendees. Then, when we are through, to pay for our meal with a donation as if we ate at a restaurant. The excess from our "donations" helps pay for the meals of the other attendees. Not only that, there is worship and wonderful live music at the breakfast. And, don't worry, the breakfast is from 8 - 9 am, so we'll be back at BCCUCC in time for our regular worship service. Dale is going, won't you sign up in Fellowship Hall to come too!! (details with signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.) [More details](#) including how to be a part of the musical 'Breakfast Jam'.



Confirmation Orientation

Rev. Brendan Curran welcomes this year's confirmands into their year of deeper faith exploration, inquiry, and learning! On **Sunday morning September 24th**, the 2017-2018 confirmation class and their families are asked to come to Confirmation Class Orientation in Room 9 from 9-9:45 am. Welcome! The confirmation class is open to all 9th graders (or older). If you haven't yet signed up you are very welcome to do so by contacting Brendan at 401-318-2447) or brendan@bccucc.org

Youth invited to Pow Wow

The 7th and 8th graders are learning about world religions in church school this year and later this month they will learn about Native American spiritual traditions. On **Sunday, September 24th** the Junior Youth Group is invited to join the 7th and 8th graders in going to the Narragansett nation's annual pow wow in downtown Providence. We will be leaving from the church parking lot at 11:15. Kids are asked to bring a bagged lunch or money to buy lunch. We will be back at the church by 1:30 pm. Contact Rev. Brendan Curran to **rsvp**, or if you have any questions. (401-318-2447) brendan@bccucc.org

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 so 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.

Coming Soon

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 meeting is **Tuesday, September 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

Book Group

Book Group next meets **Tuesday, September 26** at 7 pm in the church library to discuss *Providence Rag* by Bruce De Silva: "The third entry in this gritty newspaper series spans 20 years, from 1992 to 2012, at the start of which a teenage male commits five gruesome murders, is imprisoned for them, and, years later, becomes the center of a campaign to free prisoners convicted as juveniles." (Booklist). Copies are available

through the library system or through Barrington Books (tell them you're part of a book group and they will offer 20% off). For more info on the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.

Meet our Church Consultant!

As many of you know, BCCUCC has contracted with The Center for Progressive Renewal (CPR) to engage in a visioning and renewal program for our ministries. To guide us through the first phase of the process will be Dr. William "Bill" McKinney. Bill comes to us with wonderful credentials and a lifetime of experience in the church on many different levels. More information on Bill, the BCCUCC Renewal Team, and the entire renewal process is found on the church website [at this link](#). What you need to know now is that Bill will be with us later this month (**September 28-October 1**) and he will be hosting a series of listening sessions. He wants to hear from you about your experiences with, and hopes for, BCCUCC. Your participation in these sessions is vital to our success, because you are BCCUCC! Please look to sign up for individual or small group sessions in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office.



Dr. William McKinney
Senior Consultant

2018 Mission Trip /Service Project Orientation & Senior Youth Group

The deadline to sign up for the 2018 Service Project with the Black Mesa Water Coalition of the Navajo Nation in Pinon, Arizona is *Sunday October 1st*. Approx. dates for the trip are June 24th - July 1st, 2018. The Senior Youth Group (SYG) will meet **Sunday October 1st** from 6-8 pm in the library. **This SYG meeting will also serve as an orientation for the 2018 mission trip/service project.** All who wish to participate are asked to attend. There will be refreshments!



Youth are especially invited to come on the mission trip and are given priority but *all who are interested in joining our youth in service are welcome*. If you want to join this trip please contact Rev. Brendan Curran to RSVP or to ask any questions you may have (401-318-2447.) brendan@bccucc.org

Women's Faith Group

The BCC Women of Faith reading group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30–3 pm in the church library beginning **Thursday, October 5th**. Bring book suggestions. We welcome women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. We share our faith journeys through stories of our own experiences and the stories found on the pages of the fiction and nonfiction we read. For information contact: Jane Tonn at 289-2349, Carol Louttit at 245-2299, or Nancy Martin at (741) 604-4703.

'Embracing an Adult Faith' - adult education series

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites everyone to join him for a fall adult education program entitled "Embracing and Adult Faith" running from **October 5th - November 2nd**. The program will be held on Thursday evenings in the church library for 5 weeks. Each class will run an hour and half and be largely discussion based responding to short videos led by Marcus Borg. The start time will depend on participants' availability. "Embracing an Adult Faith is an exciting, five-session, adult-formation resource for those seeking a richer understanding of the issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. *Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith?*" **Please RSVP to Dale or the church office by September 25th** if you are interested so we can make sure we have enough resources.

3 Centuries and Beyond

Did you know.....the history of our church organ?

As mentioned in a previous article, the first report of singing hymns was recorded in 1817 during the term of Rev. Luther Wright. Until 1852 when the balconies were removed, the singers (choir?) occupied the west balcony. A view of the sanctuary in 1854 showed a small melodeon on the floor on the left of the chancel. "Four dollars and fifty cents were appropriated for singing books, coal and oil were purchased for the singing school (choir?), and Elizabeth Peck, organist was paid \$20.00 in 1856." [Continue reading](#)

Please note....

Community Office Hours with Dale - on hold for now



While he recovers from his recent shoulder surgery, Dale has had to put on hold his Community Office Hours at The Coffee Depot. He plans to start them again as soon as he is able. Stay tuned.

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 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](#).



'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

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