



February 2, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Welcome to the first edition of the eBridge!

As we move to more electronic communication, our new newsletter - the **eBridge** - will be sent out weekly to those on our email list.

As this is a work-in-progress the image in the logo above is of the unfinished Central Bridge! Please be patient as we develop this new form of communication. Let us know what you like, what you don't like, and what you'd like to see included.

And don't miss '**From the River's Edge**' - our new Pastors' Blog. A link to it is included later in this eBridge.

Deadline

Material for inclusion in the week's eBridge and Sunday Announcements should be sent to Christine at

office@bccucc.org

by

Wednesday at Noon.

Information received after the deadline will be included in the following week's publications.

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

Calendar

Thurs, Feb 2

1:30 - 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library
6 - 7 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

Sun, Feb 5

8:30 am Joint CEYM & Membership Team meeting, Library
10 am Children's Communion service in Library then Church School
10 am Worship Service with Communion
After church school Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9
11:15 - 1:15 pm Confirmation Class, Library
12:30 - 4 pm RICUCC Sliding with Faith, Peace Dale UCC then Yawgoo

Tues, Feb 7

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
7 - 9 pm Knitting for Others Group, Barbara Wuth's home

Wed, Feb 8

7:30 – 9 pm Choir Rehearsal, Vestry

Fri, Feb 10

4:30 pm Leave for Confirmation Retreat at Prindle Pond, Charlton MA

Sat, Feb 11

11 am Memorial Service for Matthew Vohr in Sanctuary, followed by reception in Fellowship Hall

6 pm Return from Confirmation Retreat

Sun, Feb 12

10 am Worship Service, Church School

11:15 am Sing and Celebrate Choir rehearsal, Room 9

1 – 4 pm OWL session, Library

5 – 7 pm Visioning Peace Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

The complete calendar can be found at [Church Calendar](#)

Help keep the calendar up to date by sending updates to office@bccucc.org

Thursday - Saturday

Women's Faith Group

Meets **Thursday, February 2nd** from 1:30 - 3 pm in the church library to finish reading and discussing *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. All women are welcome to attend. Their new book will be *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Barrington resident Mai Donahue. Copies are available for purchase from the church office (\$16 each).

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. It is open to anyone in the community and they meet the first Thursday of the month. Their next meeting is on **Thursday, February 2nd** from 6 - 7:30 pm in Room 6 and all are welcome. For more info contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

[Learn more about NAMI RI](#)

Sunday



Super Bowl Sunday

In recognition of the event, on **Sunday, February 5th** the congregation is invited to come to worship in their team colors. Then come celebrate the super bowl at coffee hour!

Historical Bible Month

Each week through February, Dale and Brendan will be reading from one of the church's historical bibles. This week's Bible is a King James Version presented to Barrington Congregational Church in 1879. Learn more about it in worship this Sunday.



Children's Communion

On **Sunday, February 5th** there will be a separate Communion service for the church school children in the Library. Parents are asked to drop their children off in the library for 10 a.m. After communion they will go to their regular church school classes

Sing and Celebrate Children's Choir

Rehearsals start up again this **Sunday, February 5th** and will continue each week after worship in Room 9 throughout the month of February, in preparation for singing in church in early March. Boys and girls in grades 1 - 5 (and any older children) are invited to participate and new children are always welcome. Questions? Contact [Marina Zabinski](#) or [Kate Colby](#).



Tickets on sale Sunday for the 'Visioning Peace Community Dinner'



The interfaith community in town will be hosting a “**Visioning Peace Community Dinner**,” on **Sunday, February 12th** from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Homemade soups, homemade breads, and salads will be served. This is a family friendly event.

All who attend will be invited to make a “peace lantern,” at one of the craft tables and write their prayers and/or messages of peace on a community banner. The peace

lanterns will be made out of used 2 liter soda bottles so please bring in any you may have.

Tickets are on sale at coffee hour or from the church office. **Adults/youth \$10, Children (under 12) \$6.** Please note that Takeout will not be available for this programmed event. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Farm Fresh Rhode Island!

Next week

Knitting for Others Group

Meets **Tuesday, February 7th** from 7 - 9 pm at the home of Barbara Wuth, 3 Fireside Drive, Barrington. Please let [Barbara](#) 245-7291 or [Mary Lou Slicker](#) 245-0085 know if you plan to attend so there are enough chairs!

The group makes prayer shawls, baby hats and various other items to be given away. All knitters and crocheters welcome - especially new faces.

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held at our church on **Saturday, February 11th** at 11 a.m. for Matthew Vohr, son of church members Betty Vohr Gidley and Tom Gidley. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

[Obituary](#)

Interfaith Visioning Peace Community Dinner

Sunday, February 12th from 5 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. See article above under 'Sunday' for all the details.

From the River's Edge

The first post of our new Pastors' Blog - *From the River's Edge*:



From the River's Edge

The Pastors' Blog

Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo

Rev. Brendan Curran

The Reese's Dilemma

by Rev. Dale Azevedo, Sr. Minister - February 1, 2017 Do you recall the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup commercials from years ago? "Hey, you got chocolate in my peanut butter!" "And you got peanut butter on my chocolate!" For many churchgoers, that is ...

[Read more](#)

www.bccucc.org

Coming Soon

The Rainbow Doors are Coming!

A set of six rainbow colored doors proclaiming that God's Doors Are Open To All are going to be displayed along County Road in front of the education building for the month of February and perhaps longer. You may have seen or heard about them before. We are borrowing them from Newman Congregational Church where they were they first appeared in 2015. We are excited about this opportunity to proclaim our openness to all and to celebrate the UCC's tradition of extravagant welcome.



Women's Faith Group's new Book

On **Thursday, February 16th** the group will begin reading and discussing *Crossing the Bamboo Bridge* by Barrington resident Mai Donohue. 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

Copies of the book are available for purchase from the church office at the discounted price of \$16. All women are welcome to join the group including those from other churches and faiths. For more information contact [Carol Louttit](#), 245-2299 or [Nancy Martin](#) or 273-1078.

The Book Group

Meets **Tuesday, February 21st** at 7 pm in the church library. They will be discussing *Winterdance* by Gary Paulson. The book tells the story of how the author came to compete in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

All are welcome. For more information on the group, contact [Helen Schall](#) or 245-4724.

[Read a review of the book](#)

[Memory Impairment Support Group](#)

[Bereavement Group](#)

Meets **Tuesday, February 14th** 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 or Lois McCartney at 245-3288 or jrmcc@fullchannel.net

Next meets Monday, **February 27th** from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has lost a loved one at any time is welcome, and participants need not be from this church. For more information contact the facilitator, Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Mark your Calendar

Dale's Installation Service

The service when Rev. Dale Azevedo will be officially installed as the Senior Minister of BCCUCC will take place on **Sunday, February 26th** at 3 pm in the sanctuary of our church. All are invited. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.



Wanted



Empty 2 liter soda bottles

Brendan is collecting as many plastic 2 liter soda bottles as possible between now and February 12th when they will be made into peace lanterns. Please save your 2 liter soda/water bottles and bring them to Brendan's office!

Snow Shovellers

We are in need of additional volunteers who are willing to come shovel the paths and steps at the church following snowstorms - during the week as well as on Sunday mornings! We contract with a company to plow the driveways and parking lots, but they're not prepared to do any shoveling. We therefore need a list of volunteers willing to be called upon to come help as needed. Please contact Jay Buckley at (401) 578-6533 to sign up to help. The more volunteers we have the less time it will take!



Family Footnotes

The following changes took place in our church family since the publication of our last newsletter:

Baptisms:

- Amelia Forbes De La Torre. Daughter of Heather Williamson and Libardo De La Torre. Baptized 1/29/17.

Deaths:

- Isabelle 'Marty' Kee. Wife of Tom Kee. Died 12/30/16. [Obituary](#)

- Matthew Vohr. Son of Betty Vohr Gidley and Thomas Gidley. Died 1/27/17. [Obituary](#)

Change of Address:

- Mary Kutcher is now at Veterans Home, Rm H5, 470 Metacom Ave, Bristol RI 02809. (401) 824-6087

Family Footnotes will appear monthly. Please submit information for inclusion to Christine at office@bccucc.org.

Useful Links

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Our Church Calendar](#)

[Listen to the sermon](#)

[Our Weekly Announcements](#)

[Our Church Website](#)

[RI Conference UCC website](#)

[RI Conference UCC Newsletter](#)

[UCC Website](#)

Connect with us



Visit our website

Join Our Email List

Barrington Congregational Church | 461 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by bccucc@fullchannel.net in collaboration with



Try it free today