



June 8, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Fri, Jun 9

3 - 5 pm Brendan's 'Public OfficeHours' at Coffee Depot in Warren
6 pm Deacons Dinner and Meeting, Tom and Chris's home

Sat, Jun 10

9 am Meeting of delegates going to TriConference in Hartford CT, Library

Sun, Jun 11 *Mission Trip Sunday*

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Afterworship ANNUAL MEETING, Sanctuary

Mon, Jun 12

7 pm Buildings and Grounds meeting, Room 6

Tues, Jun 13

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's office
1 - 2:30 pm Memory Impairment Support Group, Library
6 - 9 pm Church Council Dinner and Meeting, Tom and Chris' home

Fri, Jun 16

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

Sun, Jun 18 *Father's Day*

10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only
Noon - 2 pm Church Tours of BCCUCC - part of the Town's 300th Celebration 'Heritage Weekend'

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](#)

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

Soup Kitchen - help needed

Loose Change Challenge

Great American Campout

Summer Worship Time and Office Hours

Minister Away

Did you know.....about our pews

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

Thursday - Saturday

2017 Annual Report

The final touches are being put on the 2017 Annual Report and it will be emailed out to the congregation **tomorrow, Friday, June 12th** so you can look at it before Sunday's Annual Meeting after worship.



Brendan's 'Public Office Hours'

Brendan makes himself available to anyone who would like to visit him at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main St, Warren on **Friday afternoons** from 3 – 5 pm. All are welcome!

This Sunday

Mission Trip Sunday

This **Sunday, June 11th** the youth who went on the recent **Mission Trip** to h.o.m.e. in Orland, ME, will report back on their experiences during the worship service. We look forward to hearing what they have to say.

Our Church's Annual Meeting

BCCUCC's Annual Meeting will take place **this Sunday, June 11th** in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. All church members are encouraged to attend. *Child care will be provided.* The Warrant with the agenda is below.



Warrant for the Annual Meeting of Barrington Congregational Church, Barrington, Rhode Island Sunday, June 11th, 2017

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC is hereby called to take place in the sanctuary following the regular 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 11th, 2017**. The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams, and delegates.
- ARTICLE III: To review and act on the proposed by-law amendments related to the Endowment Fund.

ARTICLE IV: To request formal approval for the change to a calendar fiscal year implemented in 2016, and authority for the Clerk to make appropriate changes to the by-laws.

ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

One agenda item (#3) is to review and vote on two proposed by-law amendments. One amendment covers the treatment of donations received without a designated purpose.

The second covers requirements to be met before distribution of endowment funds can be made for purposes other than the annual dividends.

[Read the details of the proposed amendments at this link.](#) They are also posted outside the church office, and a member of the Endowment Team will be at coffee hour on Sunday with copies of the proposals and to answer any questions.

Next Week

Memory Impairment Support Group

Meets **Tuesday, June 13th** 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

Soup Kitchen - help needed

On **Saturday, June 17th** our church is responsible for providing and serving the meal at the Christian Community Soup Kitchen at Park Place Church in Pawtucket. The teams responsible this time are both small and they could do with some help from the rest of the congregation. Kate Colby is organizing volunteers and she's created a [sign up sheet](#) using SignUpGenius. There are details of what is needed - both in food donations and volunteers. If you have any problems signing up, please either email Kate at kcolby@fullchannel.net or the church office at office@bccucc.org and we can sign you up. Thank you.



Coming Soon

Bereavement Group

Meets **Monday, June 19th** from 11:30 – 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 245-8031 or jsbeeb@aol.com

Summer Worship begins June 25

Beginning **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.



Summer Office Hours begin June 19

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

Minister Away

Dale will be on vacation from June 19th and will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 18th. If you want to know what he'll be doing while he's gone, be sure to read his latest blog 'From the River's Edge' [Where in the world is Dale Azevedo?](#)

Opportunities

Loose Change Challenge

Your loose change can bring about change at church! How many of us have a collection of loose change in various containers around our home just waiting to be counted and put to good use? One church member had the great idea of collecting all of his loose change, taking it to Shaw's to be counted in the Coinstar machine there and then donated the entire amount to the [Riverwalk Accessibility Project](#) – over \$400! Another church member was inspired by this and did the same thing – adding another \$100 to the project (rounding up what they'd collected). We invite you to join in the **Loose Change Challenge** as a way to help us raise the \$30,000 needed to make the project a reality this summer. Every little helps! Learn more about the project below or at the link above.



Riverwalk Accessibility Project needs your financial support

If you've been reading the eBridge regularly, you'll know that we have a plan to make the Education building more accessible for those with physical disabilities coming from the sanctuary. It calls for a sidewalk to be constructed along the back of the Education Building running from the sanctuary to the terrace behind Fellowship Hall. This cuts the distance in half for those joining us at coffee hour who need ramp access. The estimated cost of the project is approx \$30,000. We need your financial support to make this happen. If you can make a donation, please send a check to the church office with "Riverwalk Project" in the memo. We need everyone's help to continue making our church truly welcoming to all. To learn more about this project and see pictures go to www.bccucc.org and follow the link to the [Riverwalk Accessibility Project](#).



Blood Drive

RI Blood Center is holding a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, June 22nd** from 3 – 7 pm. Blood donors are always needed so please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. You can either make an appointment at www.ribc.org, using sponsor code 1562, or you can just stop by as appointments aren't 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



Volunteer Greeters needed for Blood Drive

Greeters from the church are needed for the June 22nd Blood Drive (seeabove). If you can help for whatever amount of time you are able between 3 and 7 pm, please contact Barbara Wuth at 245-7291 or bwuth54@gmail.com Thank you.

Co-ed Softball

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 usually played Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays starting late June 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.



Heritage Days - for the 300th Anniversary

The Church and the Town's 300th Celebration!

Come join in! On the weekend of **June 17th -18th**, the Barrington 300 Committee for the Town of Barrington will be hosting the first of two HERITAGE WEEKENDS! These will involve narrated mini-tours of several of the most historic areas of our Town, with a bus leaving from behind Town Hall for a series of four tours on Saturday and two on Sunday. Stops will include homes from the 17 and early 1800's, our earliest churches and several of our fascinating cemeteries! In Prince's Hill Cemetery, adjacent to Town Hall, a walk-through will include presentation by volunteers of historical information on each of 5 separate areas representing different periods of the Town's 300 years. Many in Town may not realize that the Barrington Congregational Church was the original Colonial Meeting House and the focal point of the "Old Barrington Village" and its earliest development. Thus our Church will be prominently featured during Heritage Weekend, with tours of our beautiful historic Church building. Our Church is one of very few left in New England with 19th century carriage stalls.

For more information about the Town's 'Barrington 300' celebrations, [click here](#)

Come to church in Colonial Costume!

On **Sunday, June 18th** of the Heritage Weekend, a narrated tour of our Church will stop here at about noontime, and what better way to celebrate our exciting history than to bring to life the time of the individuals who first worshipped here!

Rev. Dale Azevedo's daughter Jesse, a costume design major at Smith College, has put together a packet of wonderful information with photos of how to dress in Colonial garb (link to it is below). So everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and **come to service that Sunday in your Colonial best!**

[A Quick Guide to Colonial Costuming](#)



'3 Centuries and Beyond'

Did you know.....

Pews were extremely important in 1773 and they cost 7 pounds 10 shillings. In 1806 with the new building came new pew owners. In 1851 or 2 the cost was \$150 which could be paid in installments and then taxed at 5 or 6% per year. In 1853 there were 62 pews and 66 owners so you could rent half a pew or one seat. #22 was owned by the estate of Rev. Heath. His daughter Helen Heath and three friends, Mona Baker being one of them,

occupied that pew. For many years Mona Baker continued to occupy the same pew. Some of the noteworthy pew owners were: #1 Nathaniel Smith, #5 Joshua Bicknell, #16 Joseph Martin, #28 Ellis Peck, #32 John Vial, #53 Rebecca Bosworth. Think of the history if you're sitting in one of those numbered pews!

'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

Photos

Send us your photos a.s.a.p!!

Photos from the Senior Ladies Lunch can be seen on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) or directly [at this link](#). Many thanks to the Women's Faith Group and the Membership Team for hosting this lovely event filled with delicious food and fellowship!



If you take photos at a church event and are willing to share them, please send to Dale@bccucc.org a.s.a.p. so that they can be posted in a timely manner.

News from the Conference

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



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

Boy Scout Troop 2 Car Wash

Saturday morning, **June 17th** in the church parking lot.

Useful Links

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