



August 30, 2018

Newsletter of Barrington
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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Calendar

Thurs, Aug 30

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Dale, The Coffee Depot
5:30 pm Stewardship Team meeting, Dale's Office

Sun, Sep 2

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

Mon, Sep 3 Labor Day

Office Closed

Tues, Sep 4

11 am Staff meeting
6 pm Softball Playoff Game #1 (Seeds 3 vs 6), Vet's Field (change of location)

Wed, Sep 5

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meeting, Library
7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 6

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours with Brendan, The Coffee Depot in Warren
6 pm Softball Playoff Game #2 (Seeds 4 vs 5), Vet's Field
6 - 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6
7 pm Membership Team meeting, Library

Sat, Sep 8

1 - 4 pm Renewal Team Retreat, Room 6

Sun, Sep 9 Homecoming Sunday

Church School Registration from 9:30 am and again after worship, Foyer
10 am Worship Service for All Ages with Dedication of Volunteers working with Children and Youth, Nursery Care Only

Mon, Sep 10

3 - 7 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
6 pm Softball Playoff Game #3 (Seeds 1 vs 4 or 5), Vet's Field
7 pm Buildings and Grounds Team meeting, Room 6
7 - 8 pm Mindful Monday, Meditation Room

Tues, Sep 11

11 am Staff meeting

1 - 2:30 pm [Memory Impairment Support Group](#), Library

6 pm Softball Playoff Game #3 (Seeds 2 vs 3 or 6), Vet's Field

Wed, Sep 12

No Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Sep 13

3 - 5 pm Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot

6 pm Softball Final, Vet's Field

Sun, Sep 16 Strengthening the Family Sunday

8:30 am CEYM meeting, Library

Church School Registration from 9:30 am and again after worship, Foyer

10 am Worship Service, Church School Classes begin

11:15 am Mandatory OWL Parent Orientation, Library

11:30 am Mandatory meeting for volunteers working with children and youth, Room 6

11:30 am Stewardship Team meeting, Dale's office

2:30 - 4 pm Kayaking on Hundred Acre Cove

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

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The deadline for information to be included in the next eBridge is
Wednesday, September 12th at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

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Worship Services and more!

Sunday, September 2nd

We hope you can join us for worship at **9:30 am** on Labor Day weekend when there will be a very special worship service with Rev. Dale Azevedo, that will be led by the Holy Spirit. Come find out what happens! The service will also include communion.

Homecoming Sunday is September 9th

We return to the **10 am** worship time on **Sunday, September 9th**, and look forward to welcoming back many who were away over the summer. The worship service will be for all ages and the sermon will be given by Rev. Dale Azevedo. The service will also include a dedication of all the volunteers who work with our children and youth, so we hope they're all able to attend. As is our tradition, there will be a special treat at coffee hour for everyone!

Church School Registration

Registration will take place from 9:30 am before worship, and again after the worship service on **Sundays, September 9th & 16th**. There will be a table in the foyer of Fellowship Hall where a parent or guardian who registered their child(ren) last year can just update the info and initial the form for this year, and parents/guardians of children new to the program can fill out a registration form. Save time and [download a registration form](#) to fill out ahead of time.

Please note that for insurance purposes *ALL children and youth from infants through Grade 12 are required to have an up to date registration form each year in order to participate in church programs*. Thank you.

Catch up on a sermon you missed!

If you missed a sermon or want to hear one again, you can listen to the sermons on our church website [at this link](#) (The word is that Dale's August sermons on "The Baddies of the Bible' were very good.)

From the church office

2018 - 2019 Church Calendar

The 2018 – 2019 Church Calendar is kept up to date and can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> (or from the bottom of any page on our website www.bccucc.org). If your team/group has dates for the church calendar, please send them to office@bccucc.org. Also, please notify the office of any errors/changes/corrections needed. Thanks.



Follow the church on Social Media

On Instagram at [BarringtonUCC](#) On Facebook at www.facebook.co/bccucc.

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog

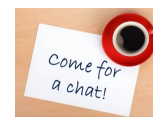


The next blog will be written by Dale and will be published September 1st. If you missed reading any earlier posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

What's happening at BCCUCC!

Community Office Hours

Community Office Hours are held every **Thursday afternoon** from **3–5 pm** at [The Coffee Depot](#), 501 Main Street, Warren. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by and chat with one of our ministers in this more informal setting. Dale will host them on August 30th, then Brendan will resume hosting them in September. All are welcome.



Co-ed Softball Playoff Games at different location

The Barrington Houses of Worship regular softball season ends on August 30th, and all six teams will participate in the playoffs being held after Labor Day. [Updated Schedule with Playoff games](#). Please note that the playoff games will be played at **Vet's Field (next to the Barrington Y)** where there are lights if needed, and all games begin at 6 pm. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer them on! At the time of writing, it's not yet known what seed BCCUCC will be in the playoffs, so contact the church office to find out when their first playoff game will be.



Mindful Mondays

Mindful Mondays with Brendan will resume on **Monday**,

September 10th from 7 - 8 pm in the Meditation Room. They will be ongoing, except on Mondays when the office is closed. The hour consists of a 20 - 25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion. The sessions are designed to be inclusive for people of all faiths and are open to the public. All are welcome.



Another Opportunity to go Kayaking with Dale!

Dale is planning another afternoon of kayaking on the Barrington River and Hundred Acre Cove for anyone interested on **Sunday, September 16th** from 2:30 - 4 pm. It's open to all ages and abilities. We will be launching from the boat ramp at Walker Farm where kayaks can be rented. <https://www.facebook.com/walkerfarmkayakrentals/>



PLEASE SIGN UP by *Wednesday, September 12th* by contacting Dale at 246-0111 x 103 or dale@bccucc.org. Let him know if you're bringing your own kayak OR if you need to rent one. Dale has contacted the kayak rental company and they'll give us a break on the fees as a group - cost will be \$20 for a single and \$50 for a double kayak – payable to 'Walker Farm Kayaks'. He'll reserve the kayaks when the final number is known.

Book Group

Next meets at the Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren, on **Tuesday, September 18th** at 11:30 am, to discuss *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott. "A portrait of the Irish-American experience is presented through the story of an Irish immigrant's suicide and how it reverberates through innumerable lives in early twentieth-century Catholic Brooklyn." For more information about the group contact Helen Schall helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome! [What is the Book Group?](#)

East Bay Kids Clothes Swap begins in October!

The East Bay Kids Clothes Swap is a place to trade in clean (non-stained) clothes and shoes, and get clothes the next size up! Ages newborn to 12 years old. Give what you can, take what you need! It's a great community resource, a place for parents and kids to meet up, and a way to reduce waste. It will be located here in Fellowship Hall of Barrington Congregational Church, UCC and will take place every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9:30 am-11:30 am starting **Saturday, October 20th**. \$3-\$5 donation at the door to cover space rental and expenses, but no one turned away. To find out more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/rikidswap>. If you have clothes to contribute, please email rikidswap@gmail.com or call Megan at 401-396-6430.

East Bay Kids Clothes Swap!

9:30-11:30am, starting October 20th, 3rd Saturday of each month

Barrington Congregational Church 461 County Road, Barrington RI

Have clothes to contribute? Interested in volunteering?

✉ Rikidswap@gmail.com

Trade clean kids clothes, newborn -12 yo



Volunteer Opportunities of all sorts!

Calling all singers!

If you enjoy singing, why not join the church choir - no audition needed! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings** from 7:30 - 9 pm in the Vestry **beginning Wednesday, September 5th**. 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!



Blood Drive at BCCUCC - Blood Donors needed

Our church is hosting another Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on **Monday, September 10th** from **3 - 7 pm**. You can make an appointment at www.ribc.org/drives - use donor code 1562 - or just stop by as no appointment is necessary. A blood donation can save 3 lives! With your help, cancer victims, individuals with traumatic blood loss, and surgical patients can receive the vital treatment they need. For donation information visit www.ribc.org/giving-101. Don't forget to bring a drivers license or another form of identification when you donate.



Elevette Operators needed

We are looking for three additional volunteers willing to run the elevette on Sunday mornings as some of our previous volunteers are either no longer able to do it, or have moved away. This important ministry enables those unable to manage the stairs to join us for worship in the sanctuary. Elevette operators are only scheduled 4 or 5 times a year and training will be provided - it's not difficult! If interested, please contact George Bolton at rmb18@yahoo.com as soon as possible as he's putting together the 2018-2019 schedule. Thank you.



Children and Youth

Church School classes begin September 16th

Our worship service on Homecoming Sunday, September 9th will be for All Ages. Church school classes for PreK through Grade 8 begin the following Sunday, September 16th. Watch your inbox next week for the *2018-2019 Guide to Christian Education and Youth Ministry at BCCUCC* that will be emailed to the congregation after Labor Day. It will contain lots of information about all the programs offered for our children and youth here at BCCUCC.

2018-2019 Confirmation Class

Youth entering 9th grade are invited to be a part of the 2018-2019 Confirmation Class. Brendan has emailed out a letter with information to all of the families of 9th graders, but if you didn't receive it, or are new to the church and have a 9th grader, please contact the church office (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111) and we'll be happy to send it to you.



Youth Group Cliff Walk - save the date!

All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited to walk the cliff walk in Newport, RI on **Sunday, September 23rd**. Everyone is asked to bring a bagged lunch for a picnic. They will be leaving after church from the church parking lot. Youth coming without a parent will need a permission slip. Families are welcome!



Church Groups

Information about all of the church groups that meet regularly - including who to contact - is available [at this link](#). Meeting dates are in the calendar above. **All groups invite and welcome your participation.**

Included below is additional information that some groups need for their next meeting.

Bereavement Group

The group took a break over the summer and will resume meeting on **Monday, September 17th** at 11 am in the library. However, if anyone has any questions or concerns during the break they may contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031. [What is the Bereavement Group?](#)

Other groups that meet regularly at our church include

[NAMI RI Family Support Group](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Next meets on **Thursday, September 6th** from 6 - 7:30 pm in Room 6.

[Memory Impairment Support Group](#) Next meets on **Tuesday, September 11th** from 1 - 2:30 pm in the Library.

Please note that the [Women's Faith Group](#) and [The Knitting for Others Group](#) don't start meeting again until October.

For more information on any of these groups, including the contact person, [click here](#). Check the calendar at the top of this email, or our [online calendar](#), for meeting dates.

From the RI Conference UCC

Changes at the RI Conference UCC

The Rev. Marilyn Baugh Kendrix began as the new Transitional Conference Minister for the RI Conference UCC on July 1st. As a member of the *Together As One* Planning Team, Marilyn arrives with an understanding of the mission and purpose of the new conference and is perfectly positioned to help the Rhode Island Conference live into this new conference. [Read more](#).

In an effort to reduce costs, the RICUCC office moved this month to [Edgewood Congregational Church](#), 1788 Broad St, Cranston RI 02905. The church is centrally located within the Conference boundaries, making it a good location for meetings.

Service of Welcomes

Sunday, September 30th at 4:30 pm at [Edgewood Congregational Church](#). Come welcome the new Transitional Conference Minister, the Rev. Marilyn B. Kendrix, and let the Conference welcome you to the new Conference offices at the Edgewood Church. (See article above).

Please note....

Church Calendar is available anytime on-line.

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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](#).



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