

« We encourage you to take this sheet home, to refer to as needed. «

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer office hours: Open Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm; Wed 11 am – 1 pm; Closed on Fridays

Sun, June 23		Health Sunday
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Class on the Grass
	11:30 am	SPRT meeting, Dale's office
Mon, June 24	6 pm	Softball game BCCUCC vs Team Unaffiliated, Bicknell Field No Mindful Monday (Brendan is away)
Tues, June 25	10 am	Staff meeting, Dale's office
Wed, June 26	4:30 pm	Loaves and Fishes prep in kitchen then truck run to Providence
Thurs, June 27		No Community Office Hours (Brendan is away)
Fri, June 28		<i>Dale on call for pastoral emergencies. Office Closed.</i>
Sun, June 30		<i>Start of Summer Worship Schedule</i>
	9:30 am	Worship Service, Nursery Care only



Birthdays for the Week of June 23rd:

Matilda Grenier, John Wemple, and Susan Seader. Please keep them in your prayers.

If your birthday doesn't appear, please contact us at office@bccucc.org or 246-0111 so we can update the database.

JUNE DEACONS: Stephanie Edwards (star), Abby Ashley, Chris Brady, Bernie Hawes, Jon Stabach, Carol Strakosch, Kim Zeleznik. In a pastoral emergency, if you cannot reach Dale (860 301-6762) or Brendan (318-2447) please call on a deacon.

Clergy away: Brendan is currently in Milwaukee and will be away through this WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, as he is attending the 2019 General Synod of the United Church of Christ as part of his work with the Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI). Dale will be on vacation from MONDAY, JULY 1ST through SUNDAY, JULY 21ST.

Welcome Folders: If you're new to our church, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to pick up a blue Welcome Folder from the racks halfway down the stairs. We also invite you to fill out the Visitor Response Card located in the folder or in the pew rack, so that we can get to know you. We're glad that you're here and hope you'll come again!

Class on the Grass happens for the last time during church school time TODAY. All children from Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to participate. The children will hear a Bible story, do an activity or art project, and have a snack out on the playground (weather permitting) or inside if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Summer Nursery Care is provided every Sunday throughout the summer for children age 3 and younger.

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH and runs through SEPTEMBER 1ST. The Worship Service will be for All Ages and will begin at the slightly earlier time of **9:30 am**. Nursery Care will be provided each week for our youngest members up to age 3. We hope you will join us for worship over the summer when you are in town.

Summer Musicians wanted: During the summer while the choir is on hiatus, there is an opportunity each week for members of the congregation to share their musical talents during worship. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music during the offertory, please contact our organist/choir director Marina Zabinksi at 726-5118 or marina@bccucc.org. She is available to accompany you as needed. A sign-up calendar will be posted in the vestry so check out available dates, then sign up and contact Marina.

Summer Office Hours: The church office is on its summer schedule:

OPEN Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am – 1 pm; Wednesdays 11 am – 1 pm; and CLOSED Fridays.

Summer deadlines for Announcements and eBridge: The deadline for receiving information for inclusion in the eBridge and the Sunday Announcements (both of which are published every other week over the summer, on alternate weeks) is *Noon on the Tuesday prior to publication*. Deadline for the June 30th/Jul 7th Announcements is *Tues, June 25th*.

Our complete Church calendar can be viewed on our website www.bccucc.org or at <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Is it time to reimagine how we do church? During our annual meeting we noted that there were a number of seats on ministry teams that went unfilled due to a lack of willing volunteers. This made us ask during the meeting, are we structured correctly? Should we take a look at the Teams that we have and perhaps restructure them or maybe even combine or create new ones? Should we revisit our By-Laws to see if they are relevant in our Church today or do they need an overhaul? How do we tie in our work on the Renewal Team along with our recent "What is our Why?" into a Vision for our church beginning in 2020? Or a sort of Vision 2020? We do it with your help and with your ideas.

If you're interested in joining us and helping to shape our church for the next decade and beyond, please send an email to Vision2020@bccucc.org. Feel free to send your ideas along as well. We'd love to hear them.

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run: Our next Loaves and Fishes RI truck run is this WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH. Specific food and clothing items are still needed – check the online sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aace2aa75-mobile3> and sign up how you can help. Prep starts in the kitchen around 4:30 pm to prepare food and load the truck. All ages are welcome to help with food prep, but those going out on the truck must be at least age 16. For more information, questions, or if you are unable to sign up on line to donate items or help with prep etc, please contact Liz White (401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com) or Phyllis Buckley (401-742-7320 or pbuckley6@cox.net). Many thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help with prep, go out on the truck or provide items of food or clothing.

‘From the River’s Edge’ The latest blog is by Brendan, “2019 General Synod of the United Church of Christ”. Read it from the link on the home page of our church website www.bccucc.org or from the link in the latest eBridge. Printed copies are on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

It’s not too late to join the softball team! Every summer BCCUCC fields a co-ed softball team to participate in the Barrington Houses of Worship 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. The season just started last week and games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 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. The 2019 schedule has been published and is on the website. Printed copies are also available at the back of Fellowship Hall and on the rack outside the church office.

Come cheer on the team! BCCUCC’s softball season got off to a great start with an 11-2 win against St. Luke’s. Their next games are tomorrow, MON, JUN 24TH against Team Unaffiliated and MON, JULY 8TH against Temple Habonim. All games begin at 6 pm at Bicknell Field - see above for directions. The team loves spectators to come cheer them on so if you’re available, please stop by and support them!

Mindful Monday will not meet tomorrow, June 24th as Brendan is out of town. It will resume on MONDAY, JULY 1ST and is ongoing on Monday evenings through JULY 29TH from 7 – 8 pm in the Meditation Room. The hour consists of a 20-25 minute guided meditation, a contemplative reading or poem, followed by tea and discussion, led by Brendan. These sessions are for people of all faiths and are open to the public.

Protecting Yourself Against Identity Theft: On TUES, JUNE 25TH from 6 – 7 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 191 County Rd, Barrington, officers from Barrington Police Department and the RI State Police Computer Crimes Unit will talk about Internet Safety and the risks around Identity Theft and Fraud and what we can do to protect ourselves. All are invited.

Community Office Hours will resume on THURS, JULY 11TH. Brendan is unavailable to host them this Thursday, then it’s the July 4th holiday! Once they resume anyone from the church or community is invited to stop by The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren on THURSDAYS from 3–5 pm to visit with Brendan in this more informal setting. All are welcome.

Altar flower donors needed: Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and memories of loved ones with flowers in the sanctuary. We have openings for flower remembrances on SUNDAYS, JULY 7TH AND 14TH. Please be in touch with Chancel Team member Beth Buckley at 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com to donate flowers. Cost is \$30 per vase.

A Support Group for Young Adults (ages 18 – 30) with Asperger’s or Autism meets at our church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Due to the holiday, their next meeting will be a week later than usual on WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH from 4 – 5 pm in Room 6. Interested? Contact Nicco Palmisano at (401) 280-0462.

Calendar information needed: The staff is doing things a little differently this year and aren’t getting together to finalize plans for the 2019-2020 church calendar until August 13th. However, in the meantime information is being added to the calendar as it comes in and we’d like to include dates for regular meetings, events and anything else that teams, groups or others are planning. Please send all information to Christine at office@bccucc.org no later than Aug 5th if it’s to be considered at the planning meeting. The calendar can be viewed at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> but all information for 2019-2020 won’t be final until after the staff gets together on Aug 13th when they’ll sort out any conflicts and add additional information. Thank you for your help in putting together a cohesive and exciting schedule for our next church year together!

Do you have ideas for something you’d like to do or see happen at BCCUCC next year? Perhaps there’s a ministry you’d like to start? Send your ideas to Dale at dale@bccucc.org or call him at 246-0111 x 103 by July 31st. (Note: Dale will be on vacation from July 1 – 21).

We’re still looking for volunteers! At our recent Annual Meeting, Dale talked about the challenge the church is facing as a result of insufficient volunteers willing to serve as church officers and on ministry teams. While some restructuring may happen in the future, we still need to fill the vacancies for 2019-2020. Please prayerfully consider if you could fill one of them. If you’d like to volunteer or just learn more, please speak with Elizabeth Azevedo (860) 301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com. The table below shows the current vacancies. Please note that while some positions require you to have joined the church, others do not.

<i>Position</i>	<i># vacancies</i>	<i>Must be a member</i>	<i>Length of term</i>
Buildings and Grounds Team	2	No	1 or 2 years
Christian and Youth Ministries Team (CEYM)	1 youth	No	1 or 2 years
Endowment Team	1	Yes	1 or 2 years
Finance Team	1	Yes	1 or 2 years
Membership Team	4	No	1 or 2 years
Stewardship Team	2	No	1 or 2 years

Want to be on our mailing list? Send your info to office@bccucc.org and be sure to include your name. There are also sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex (by the greeters) and at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Help us stay visible on Facebook: For our church’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bccucc) to keep showing up in people’s newsfeeds and for it also to be seen by the wider community, there need to not only be ‘Likes’ but also comments of 5 or more words. So if you see something on our Fb Page that you like, **please both ‘Like’ AND comment**. Thanks.

Please wear a nametag for worship and coffee hour: If you don’t have one, there are stick-on ones in a basket beside where the greeters stand. Sign up for a permanent one on the list in the vestry hallway or at the back of Fellowship Hall. Wearing a nametag is both welcoming to newcomers and helps us all get to know each other! Thanks.

There is a Nursery Nook available in the vestry - located directly below the sanctuary - where a parent can retreat with a fussy child during worship, should they wish to, and still hear the service on the loudspeaker down there.

The playground gates should be left open, except when children are using the playground. That way anyone with limited mobility needing to access the CE building using the Riverwalk can do so more easily. Thank you.