



July 16, 2020

The bi-weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church, United Church of
Christ.

Make sure you see ALL of this newsletter!

Some platforms (including gmail) will only show some of this email and then provide a small link to click at the cut-off point to see the remainder. So you don't miss anything and will know that you've seen everything there is to see, the words **THE END!** in green letters are at the very end.

**DON'T MISS
ANYTHING**

This friendly reminder is because I've been contacted by people who haven't been able to find what they were expecting to see in the eBridge, because it was below the 'cut off' point. They hadn't realized that there was more that they weren't seeing or how to access it. Thanks for taking the time to read this and happy reading!

Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice.

There are still no in-person worship services, meetings or activities at church until further notice and both building remain closed, so please do not enter.

Some things are happening virtually as listed below:

Fri, Jul 17

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 19

9:30 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#). At the time of writing our website is down, but hopefully it will soon be up and running again so this website link will work.

Mon, Jul 20

7 - 8 pm Bible Study with Linda via Zoom

Tues, Jul 21

9:30 am Book Group meets via Zoom

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

Fri, Jul 24

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 26

9:30 am Live-streamed Worship Service (No in-person worship). Watch at

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Mon, Jul 27

7 - 8 pm Bible Study with Linda via Zoom

Tues, Jul 28

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

2:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom

Wed, Jul 29

Deadline for the next eBridge

3 pm Vision 2020 meeting via Zoom

Fri, Jul 31

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Aug 2

9:30 am Live-streamed Worship Service with Communion (No in-person worship).

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

Please note that with so many uncertainties as to what the future holds, the calendar is probably only accurate for events happening soon.

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sundays, July 19th & 26th

During the summer our **online only worship service** begins at **9:30 AM** and can be found both on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc (click on the 'posts' or 'videos' link to find it) and on our website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/ **



**At the time of writing our website is still down so the service can only be viewed on the Facebook link. NOTE: You don't have to have a Facebook account in order to access the church's page or watch the service.

Please note that during the summer, we will not be preparing a bulletin or hymn sheet each week for the service. Instead, all of the information needed for worship will be shown on the screen during the service.

Altar Flower dedications

On Sunday, July 19th both arrangements are given by Pat Stoddard in gratitude for all of the dedicated health care workers, including her daughter Bethany who is an ICU nurse.



On Sunday, July 26th one vase is given by Rob, Helen, Holly and Ken in loving memory of their parents, Bobby Earl Sugg and Heather MacQuattie Sugg.

The other vase is given by Carol Louttit and family in memory of her late husband Bob's birthday.

Birthdays being celebrated.....

In the week of July 19th: Michael Collins, Wendy Forman, Eme Antone, Carole Costello, Andrew DiOrion, Fred MacDonald, David Morgan, Hope Robertson, Liz White, Lucia Grenier, and Jack Silva.



In the week of July 26th: Emily Waite, Matthew Bowman, Rob Bullard, Bonnie Parker, Maddie Peck, Lara Nicholson, and Steve Thurston.

Deacons for July

Amy Barkat (star deacon), Steve Fodor, Joe Judge, Pat Stoddard, Carol Strakosch, Jane Tonn, Nancy Arena, and Lory McCoy. In a pastoral emergency if you cannot reach our associate minister, The Rev. Linda Hartley (or *after July 27th only*, also our senior minister, the Rev. Dale Azevedo) please reach out to one of our deacons.

Clergy away

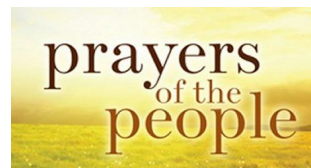
Dale is on vacation

Rev. Dale Azevedo is on vacation though **July 26th**. During his absence, please contact our Associate Minister, Rev. Linda Hartley for all pastoral and other matters at linda@bccucc.org or (401) 246-0111 x104, or (401) 286-6582. Thank you.



Please send prayer requests to Linda (while Dale is still away)

Deadline for submitting prayers to be included in worship is **8 am Sunday morning**. You can leave a message on the church's answering machine (401) 246-0111. You can also send prayer requests by email, which from July 6th - 26th should be sent to Linda Hartley at linda@bccucc.org as Dale will not be checking his work email while on vacation. Please be sure that the person you are lifting up is comfortable with them reading your prayer to the whole community, and consider using first names only.



What's happening at BCCUCC?

The church website still isn't working

Despite our best efforts, at the time of writing our church website is still down. If you need any information that you'd normally get from the website, please reach out to the church office (office@bccucc.org or 401 246-0111) and we'll do our best to get that information to you. As noted earlier, if the website is still down on Sunday, the worship service will only be visible on our Facebook page. It is not necessary to have a Facebook account in order to access the church's Facebook page and watch the service. Please know that we are working hard to get the church website back up and running again as soon as possible.



Bible Study with Linda continues

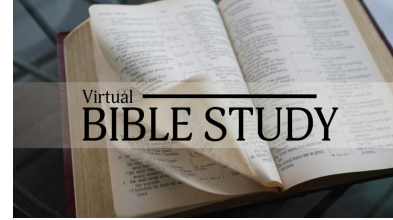
We will be meeting again on **Mondays, July 20th & 27th** from 7 – 8 pm. We will be continuing with our look at the motif of "wells" in the Bible. Wells are where people meet and often are where relationships start. Each session will focus on a different "meeting,"

so if you can't make it to all the sessions, that's okay – just join us for the sessions you can. New participants are also very welcome! For more info, contact Linda at linda@bccucc.org or call her at 246-0111 ext 104. If attending, please read through the Bible passages ahead of time.

On **Mon, July 20th** we will be looking at the story of Jacob and Rachel, and reading chapters 28 and 29 in Genesis.

On **Mon, July 27th** we will be looking at the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, and reading John 4:1-45.

For security reasons, the information needed to join the zoom meeting isn't included in this version of our newsletter that appears on social media. It was included in the email sent to the congregation.



Is the Bible still relevant?

The latest blog titled "Is the Bible still relevant?" was written by Linda. It was sent to you last Thursday via email. If you missed it or want to read again you can [read it here](#). It hasn't been possible to post it to the church's website yet.



Book Group

The Book Group will meet virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, July 21st at 9:30 am**. They will discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston: "Fair and long-legged, independent and articulate, Janie Crawford sets out to be her own person -- no mean feat for a black woman in the '30s. Janie's quest for identity takes her through three marriages and into a journey back to her roots." All are welcome to participate. For more information about the group, contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724.



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Have you painted any rocks yet? There's a new place to leave them!

As has been previously announced we are going to be 'planting' a Peace Pole on the church property this summer. As part of the reveal in the Fall, we want to have painted rocks around its base. Andrea has asked young and old alike to **please paint rocks** over the summer with sayings, pictures, slogans, etc. The original idea was that you walk the labyrinth with your painted rocks then leave them in the center for Andrea to collect from there. Because of concerns that the landscaper will run their mower over them, Andrea is now asking that you leave your painted rocks in a specially labeled container that will be on the patio behind Fellowship Hall. That way no painted rock will get damaged – and nor will any mowers! A number of rocks are needed so everyone is encouraged to get creative and paint as many rocks as they'd like. Many thanks to those who have already painted some. If you have any questions or need ideas, please contact Andrea at andrea@bccucc.org.



Editor's note: If you type 'painted rocks' into Google Images you'll find lots of pictures of painted rocks to give you some ideas. Or [click on this link](#) for some helpful advice.

Will your youth be part of the 2020-2021 Confirmation class?

It may only be July, but the staff is already at work planning fall programming. If you have a youth who is interested in being part of the 2020-2021 Confirmation class that will be starting up this fall we want to know. In the next couple of weeks, Linda will be sending an

email about Confirmation to those families in our church community who have a youth entering ninth or tenth grade in the fall. Just in case we miss you with that email, we would like to hear from you. If you do have a youth who will be going into ninth grade (or higher) in the fall, and who would like to be part of our Confirmation program this coming year, please email Linda at linda@bccucc.org, or leave a message for her at 401-246-0111 (ext. 104), or call the church office. Thank you.



SNEUCC - What's happening at the Conference level?

The Southern New England Conference, UCC (SNEUCC), publishes several newsletters - one of which comes out weekly and is titled '5 Things to Know and Share'. Read the latest edition [at this link](#). It includes information about conference staff restructuring; the online celebration for Rev. Kent Siladi who is leaving; upcoming conference events (including one for youth); and more. There's also a link to subscribe to receive it directly into your inbox.



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[Click on this link](#) to see the archive of all of the different SNEUCC newsletters - and subscribe to any that are of interest to you.

From your Mission and Justice Team

Community discussion of the documentary "13th" (via Zoom)

A RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT
Sunday, July 19th
7 - 9 pm

Hosted by the [Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island](#). All are invited to join them for a discussion of "13th," a critically-acclaimed documentary film that offers an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality.



1st - Community members are invited to watch Ava Duvernay's film, "13th," **on their own schedules**. The film is available on Netflix and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=krfcq5pF8u8>)

2nd - Community members are invited to join together via Zoom at **7:00 pm on Sunday, July 19th** for small group conversations and reflections from the film. Rev. Chontell Washington, Interim Executive Minister, Rhode Island State Council of Churches will offer opening remarks.

This event is free and open to the public, but **pre-registration is required**. Please register for the event here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfu-hrj0tHdSnu2jwzAgvhDkYyYXK6SZk>

For questions, please email Stephanie Hague at shague@jewishallianceri.org

Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices Goes Digital! - updated information

The COVID-19 pandemic is preventing the usual in-person voter registration, mobilization and education work that many churches do in a general election year. So the United Church of Christ's [Our Faith, Our Vote](#) program is offering new ways to help people do that work online. One way of doing that is

offered in a Summer Webinar Series. Some of the seminars have already taken place. The remaining ones are:

- **Tuesday, August 4**, at 3:30 p.m. EDT: Stacey Abrams, founder of Fair Fight, and the Rev. Leah Daughtry, pastor of The House of the Lord Church, Washington, D.C., on the right to vote. Host: Traci Blackmon. [Register here.](#)
- **Wednesday, August 5**, at 1 p.m. EDT: U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee on the Green New Deal and reparations, with panelists Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, 350.org, and the Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, UCC minister of economic justice. Hosts: the Rev. Brooks Berndt, minister of environmental justice, and the Rev. Michael Malcom, Alabama Interfaith Power & Light [Register here.](#)
- **Tuesday, August 11**, at 3:30 p.m. EDT: The Rev. Allan Boesak, South African activist and past president of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and the Rev. Curtiss DeYoung, CEO of the Minnesota Council of Churches, on "Sankofa: Reaching Back and Stepping Up." They are co-authors of the 2012 book, "Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism." Host: the Rev. Traci Blackmon. [Register here.](#) [NOTE: This is a new date, owing to storm-related technical problems that prevented the webinar on the original date, July 12.]



If you miss any of them, they may be available on the website for future viewing. To learn more about these webinars and other opportunities visit www.ucc.org/ourfaithhourvote or [visit this page.](#)

An important reminder from the RI League of Women Voters

"It is not certain that **mail ballot applications** will be sent to all registered voters for the Fall elections. But you can ensure you get one. Either call your local [Board of Canvassers](#) to request a mail ballot application or download an application from the Secretary of State website: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Voter/VotebyMail?ActiveFlag=4>. Pay attention to the deadlines, give election officials time to do everything properly. Your vote matters."

Dates to remember:

August 9: Deadline for registration

August 18: Deadline to submit mail ballot application for the Primary

September 8: Primary Election



Mission Opportunities

TAPIN

Tap-In is now only accepting donations of nonperishable food items, household linens and pots and pans. All these things are quarantined for a period of days before they are given out to clients. Tap-In is currently located at Barrington Presbyterian Church, 400 County Road, Barrington. Donations can be dropped off Mon – Fri, 9 am – Noon. Thank you. For more information about TAPIN visit their new website www.tapinri.org where it's also possible to make an online monetary donation.



Help the people of Central Falls

Barrington Farm School is asking for help in supporting our brothers and sisters in Central Falls - a diverse, densely-populated city of 19,000, including 6,000 children. Like many urban communities, Central Falls has been greatly affected by

COVID-19, especially its public health and economy. Barrington Farm School has partnered with [Progreso Latino](#) in Central Falls to help provide items for their large food pantry. Once a week, members from Barrington Farm School will take donated items to their food pantry and they're looking for your help with donations of unexpired nonperishable food products, boxed cereals and snacks for children, and diapers size 3 and up. There's a box at the farm stand - located on Federal Road at Middle Highway - for your donations. Thank you for anything that you're able to donate. Learn more about Barrington Farm School at <http://barringtonfarmschool.org/>



Community News

Theme songs and mascots needed for Barrington's Virtual Olympics

The Barrington Olympics is a series of daily challenges beginning on July 26, with the goal of bringing the community together during these trying times. Each Olympics has its own theme song and mascot, and we need your help in creating ours! Barrington residents of any age can submit a musical piece of their own creation and/or a drawing of their idea for a mascot at any point **before July 20th**. Both the theme song and the mascot should be based on the theme of **community**. The winning pieces will be revealed at the Opening Ceremony, and the community members who created them will receive points for their team! Submissions can be made via email to barringtonolympicgames@gmail.com and should include the artists' name, age, and address.

Learn more about [Barrington's Virtual Olympics](#)

Reminders

A reminder of changes during the summer

In addition to the **worship service beginning at 9:30 am** the following changes are in effect during the summer months thru Labor Day:

- There will be **no new bulletin or hymn sheet** each Sunday. Instead all of the information needed for following along with the service will be shown on the screen (the Call to Worship and the words to the hymns).
- The **eBridge** is back to being published every other week and emailed out to the congregation.
- There will be a new **Announcements** sheet produced every other week - on the same week as the eBridge - which will be mailed to those without email.
- On alternate weeks to the eBridge, the Pastors' blog "**From the River's Edge**" will be emailed or mailed to the congregation.
- **Llama Pajama Time with Andrea** is taking a break over the summer. Instead we encourage children to watch the Children's Moment during the Sunday morning online worship service. If you miss it live, you can always watch a recording at the same links listed above.
- There is **no Zoom Coffee Hour** after worship and **no Happy Hour** on Thursdays during the summer.



Building Safety

A reminder that the church buildings remain closed until further notice. If you need to drop something off, or have asked to pick something up, the items can be deposited or retrieved from the white wooden "Church Mailbox" that's located at the top of the stairs by the office entrance, next to the boiler room door. We ask that people not enter the

building. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you. *(Note: Dale is on vacation from July 6 - 26 and will not respond to any phone messages - so contact Linda during this time).*

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded. *(sorry, but the website isn't working right now)*



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds. Once on the church's Facebook page, you will need to click on 'posts' or 'videos' to find the live feed, or watch the recording later.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Until further notice, the church office will remain closed. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages will be checked regularly. Our contact information is:

Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103 (Dale will be on vacation from July 6 - 26, 2020).

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107





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