



July 2, 2020

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

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:

Thurs, Jul 2

1 pm Moving Forward Team meeting via Zoom

Fri, Jul 3

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 5

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

Watch at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Tues, Jul 7

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

1:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom

7 pm Knitting for Others Group meet via Zoom

Fri, Jul 10

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sun, Jul 12

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

www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Mon, Jul 13

3 pm Barrington Interfaith Partners meet via Zoom

7 - 8 pm Bible Study with Linda via Zoom

Tues, Jul 14

11 am Staff meeting via Zoom

1:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom

Wed, Jul 15

Deadline for the next eBridge

7 pm Mission and Justice Team meet via Zoom

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](#)

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

Please note that looking ahead, cancellations and suspensions of meetings may not yet be noted in the on-line calendar as we don't know what the future holds.

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sunday, July 5th

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/



We hope you can join us live, but if not, you can watch a recording later at the same links.

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.

Communion this Sunday

We will be celebrating virtual communion again **this Sunday** – as is our tradition on the first Sunday of every month. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to have elements prepared ahead of time for you to join in this celebration. If you have bread and juice (or even wine) feel free to use it. However, we invite you to participate with whatever elements you have on hand. Christ is present and will not be denied if you do not have the “proper” elements. God understands and joins us however invited, if invited with an open and loving heart.



Deacons' Fund

It is an old custom in our church to receive a special offering for the Deacons' Fund on Communion Sundays - the first Sunday of the month. Administered by the Deacons, the fund is a remnant of one of the oldest traditions of the Christian church – extending a 'helping hand' to those in need in our church and immediate community.

Under normal circumstances, the fund is used to purchase Shaw's gift cards that are then available for the ministers and staff to give to those who come to the church seeking assistance. However, these are not normal circumstances so not only have we not been collecting donations for the Deacons' Fund on the first Sunday of each month, but money from the fund has been given to various local organizations that are better able to assist those in need during the pandemic. Dale mentioned several of these organizations during his June 28th sermon.

If you would like to make a contribution to our Deacons' Fund at this time, please make checks payable to "BCCUCC" with "Deacons Fund" in the memo line, then mail to Barrington Congregational Church UCC, 461 County Road, Barrington RI 02806. Thank you.

Clergy away

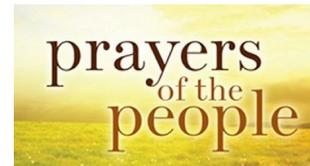
Dale taking vacation

Rev. Dale Azevedo will be on vacation from **July 6th - 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 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.



Summer at BCCUCC

Summer art project for all ages - painting rocks!

This fall when we hopefully will return to church, we will be revealing our Peace Pole that we had hoped to plant on Jubilation Sunday back in May. Part of the reveal will be placing painted rocks around the base of the pole and this is where you come in. Over the summer you are encouraged to paint rocks with sayings, pictures, slogans, etc. Once you have painted your rocks please go and walk the labyrinth behind Fellowship Hall and leave the rocks in the center of it. Andrea will be checking for and collecting the rocks over the summer. This is an all-ages project and you can paint as many rocks as you'd like. Any questions can be sent to Andrea at andrea@bccucc.org.



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.

Survey results

If you missed reading Dale's blog from last week 'Worshiping Together...' you can [read it at this link](#). It also contained the results of the Moving Forward survey that the congregation was asked to complete.



July happenings

Knitting for Others Group

No longer able to get together in person, this group of knitters has been meeting virtually each month. Their next get-together is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 7th** at 7 pm via Zoom. All knitters and crocheters are invited and new faces are very welcome – so do join in!

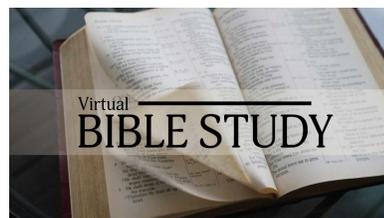


The zoom information needed to join the meeting was included in the email sent to the congregation but is not included in the version posted on our website or Facebook page for security reasons.

For more information on the group, contact Nancy Arena at 401 246-0212 or nancy.arena@outlook.com

A new Bible Study with Linda

Linda will be offering another Bible study beginning **Monday, July 13th**. This time, we will be looking at the motif of “wells” in the Bible. Wells are where people meet and often are where relationships start. We will be looking at three such meetings over the course of three weeks. Once again, each session will focus on a different “meeting,” so if you can't make it to all the sessions, that's okay. Join us for the sessions you can. We will meet via Zoom from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, July 13, 20, and 27**.



If you're interested in joining us for our first meeting on July 13th, you may want to prepare by reading chapter 24 in the book of Genesis – the story of how Isaac and Rebekah met.

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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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Flower donor(s) needed

Altar flower donor(s) needed for July 19th

A donor or two is needed to pay for the altar flower arrangements on **Sunday, July 19th**. Each arrangement costs \$30 and donors may choose to cover the cost of either one or both of the vases. The flowers can be dedicated in memory, celebration or honor of a person or a special event. If interested please contact Beth Buckley at (401) 247-0324 or elizabethbuckley21@msn.com. Thank you.



Mission Opportunities

Following up from Dale's sermon last Sunday when he talked about continuing to do mission as individuals during this time when we can't do mission in groups, below are a couple of mission opportunities available to help others.

If you missed Dale's sermon from June 28th, it starts at 22:56 mins [at this link](#).

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/>

Profiles in Change

Caroline Jackson Morgan

Caroline and her family - husband David and children Jessica (21) and John David (15) - moved from Little Rock,

Arkansas to Barrington in June 2017, because of her husband's job with PODS (portable on demand storage containers).

Caroline's Top 3 passions to "Be the Change" include reproductive justice, reducing gun violence, and equity in public education. Her super power is helping True Blue Democrat women to get elected in Rhode Island; she has spent countless hours working with Rep. Liana Cassar (Barrington), Rep. Terri Cortvriend (Portsmouth), and Rep. Marcia Ranglin-Vassell (Providence).



The vast majority of Caroline's time is spent working with The Womxn Project/TWP (<https://thewomxnproject.org/>), a grass roots organization that harnesses the power of art, activism, and advocacy to dismantle systems of oppression & uplift the voices of people in our communities throughout Rhode Island. She joined TWP as their voluntary lobbyist in January 2018, and is most proud of TWP's tireless efforts to help get the Reproductive Privacy Act passed into law on 6-19-2019.

She volunteers and shows up in a red t-shirt for Moms Demand Action (<https://momsdemandaction.org/>). Caroline is also a member of BCCUCC's Mission and Justice Team.

Her advice for anyone wishing to make their little corner of the world a better place - show up, listen, & help lift up the voices that do not have the power.

Caroline grew up in the Methodist church in the tiny town of Pocahontas, Arkansas (population 6,608). When looking for a "home church", she was inspired to attend BCCUCC after seeing the Rainbow Doors on the front lawn, and has since found the congregation to be lovely, warm, and welcoming to all.

From your Mission and Justice Team

Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voices Goes Digital!

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.

Traci Blackmon, UCC associate general minister for Justice and Local Church Ministries, will host several of the summer webinars, which she said are intended to promote "voter engagement." The series is still under construction, with several already scheduled as follows. Registration details, if not yet shown here, will be shared via the Calendar of Events on the ucc.org homepage and through social media channels as the dates approach:



- **Tuesday, June 30**, at 3:30 p.m. EDT: Interfaith civil rights activist [Valarie Kaur](#) on her book, "[See No Stranger](#)." Host: Traci Blackmon. *This webinar has already happened but you can watch a recording of it " Revolutionary Love: A Conversation between Rev. Traci Blackmon and Valarie Kaur" [at this link](#).*
- **Sunday, July 5**, at 6 p.m. EDT: Screening and panel discussion of the documentary, "[Suppressed: The Fight to Vote](#)." Host: Sandy Sorensen
- **Thursday, July 9**, at 3:30 p.m. EDT: Sen. [Elizabeth Warren](#) on faith and politics. Host: Traci Blackmon, with a debrief by Sandy Sorensen. [Register here](#).
- **Sunday, July 12**, at 6 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." Host: Traci Blackmon.
- **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](#).
- **Date and time to be announced**: 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

If you miss any of these, they may be available on the website for future viewing. To learn more about these and other opportunities, [click here](#).

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

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.



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 is 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)

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