

## UCC WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST

January 24, 2016 - 10:30am Worship

Lay Leader: David Hooper  
Head Usher: Mark Flecchia  
Ushers: Mark-Donna-Nicole and  
Samantha Flecchia  
Collector: Marcia Rich  
Church School: Larainne Wilson-Deb Raymond  
Nursery: Sheri Wilson-Sue Eby  
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffre-Carol Downing  
Bakers: Jan-Carol-Bobbie Killilea

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Vision Meeting 10:00am  
True North Pastor Hours 4-6pm  
Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm

#### Wednesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Crafting for a Cause 1:00pm  
Junior Choir 5:45pm  
Adult Choir 7:15pm

#### Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

No True North Pastor Hours

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

#### Friday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

**FEBRUARY Hilltop articles DUE**

#### Saturday Jan 23

Vision Meeting 2:00pm

#### Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Meditation 8:45am  
Worship-church School 10:30am  
Called to Care Meeting 11:30am

\*Our services air on BCAT Mondays 4:30pm  
and Sundays at 6pm

### TRUE NORTH PASTOR HOURS AND MORE....



True North Pastor Hours will be today January 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 4-6pm. There are NO Pastor Hours on  
Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

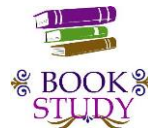
Rev. Angela Wells will be out of the office Jan 21  
through Monday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral  
emergency please call the office and leave a message.  
Someone will get back to you!

**IF we have to cancel worship on Sunday due to  
the predicted snow**, please stay tuned to Channel 7  
(WHDH) and Channel 4 (CBS) for cancellation notices.  
Check the church voice mail!



### **FEBRUARY 10TH AT 7:30PM SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY**

If Easter Sunday is the end of our Lenten journey,  
then Ash Wednesday is the beginning. Please join us  
as we mark this sacred beginning of our Lenten  
season, with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service.  
We will acknowledge our shortcomings and be  
relieved of the burdens which make our hearts heavy.  
In this way, we may begin Lent rooted in honest  
relationships with God. Come, and be anointed with  
ashes and know that you a perfectly imperfect child  
of God. All are welcome.



### **LENTE BOOK STUDY: BEING MORTAL**

Join us for 5 Thursdays in Lent, beginning Thursday,  
February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and ending on Thursday,  
March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will read the book, "Being Mortal," by  
Atul Gawande. He is a surgeon who practices here in  
Boston. Gawande believes that the medical  
profession does not address death appropriately, and  
that our end goal should a good life, not a good death.  
He writes about our cultural understanding of  
mortality, death as failure, where faith fits into the  
picture (including the resurrection), elderly  
independence, the role of the elder in our culture,  
retirement, how to discuss our mortality with loved  
ones, and more.

All are welcome to participate in this book  
discussion. Please email Angela  
(RevWells@UCCBurlington.org) if you plan to  
participate. You can purchase your own book, or if  
you'd like Angela to purchase a book for you, please  
let her know by Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the  
book is \$15.00. If this is prohibitive for you, please  
speak with Angela. There will be assigned reading  
before our first gathering. This is sure to be a  
poignant and sacred conversation that will carry us  
through the Lenten season. Join us.

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## UPCOMING VISION MEETING!

We launched the Vision Team conversations in November and we are grateful to all of you who have participated so far. Your honest and thoughtful contributions have affirmed that this process is valuable, meaningful and an opportunity to truly be the enlightened church we are and can become. We will be available after the services at coffee hour to sign up or you can email Debbie [dsclaar@bu.edu](mailto:dsclaar@bu.edu) or Ted [tedtina@rcn.com](mailto:tedtina@rcn.com) with your choice of dates. We look forward to meeting with ALL of you over the next few months. Here are the dates and times available for January and February and thank you for your participation! When we reach out to confirm with you, we will give you the address at that time.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, 1/23	2PM	Debbie Claar's house/has cats
Wednesday, 1/27	7PM	Janice Grace's house
Tuesday, 2/2	7PM	Janice Grace's house
Saturday, 2/6	2PM	Debbie Claar's house/has cats
Tuesday, 2/9	7PM	UCC Conference Room
Thursday, 2/11	7:30P	Debbie Claar's house/has cats
Saturday, 2/20	2PM	Debbie Claar's house/has cats
Tuesday, 2/23	7PM	UCC Conference Room

## MEDITATION CIRCLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:45AM



All are invited to join the Sunday morning meditation circle starting January 10<sup>th</sup>. Sessions start at 8:45 a.m. at the far end of the Montessori hall. Come when you can. There is no commitment required. The group will explore different types of meditation and different ways of using meditation to enrich life. See Deb Claar or Janet Knudsen if you have any questions.



## POTLUCK AND KARAOKE

Come out to the church on January 30 for an easy night of fun and fellowship. We will gather at 6:00pm and stay until we are done. Bring a prepared dish. Whether you want to sing or laugh or both is up to you. There will be a signup sheet, but you are welcome to come whether you sign up or not. That's the fun of potluck!



## Jazz and Chocolate February 6<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

A special event for music loves and chocolate lovers alike! Bring your valentine (or come solo- there will be plenty of folks to talk with). Jazz singer Lydia Harrell and her amazing piano man Steve Higgs will entertain us while we enjoy an array of delicious chocolate desserts (see signup sheet)

Tickets are \$15 per person!

## SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>!

### **Luke 4:14-21**

4:14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."