

HILLTOP HERALD

JUNE 2016

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter to you from sunny California. Now, when Martin and I moved up to Massachusetts, I quickly learned that New England has a faster pace of life than Florida. This didn't surprise me, because I know that Florida takes things slowly and I figured that everywhere moves at a faster pace than Florida. But since moving up to New England, I have been to the mid-west and the southwest and now that I'm in the far west, I am learning that you all, up in New England, you take life at a much faster clip than the rest of the country. It's not just Florida that's slow. You're faster than everyone. One refrain that I have heard more than once since I moved to New England is that the folks who are retired are working harder than when they were employed. And for those of you who are still working age, I know you work really hard too. The schedules we keep can be ridiculous at times. And even in the summer, when you think things might slow down, people are so eager to soak up the warmth and sunshine that we hurry to the beach or NH or the Cape to relax. We hurry so that we can relax!

I bring all of this to your attention not only because I want to give you a lecture about slowing down and relaxing. You know your needs, and if you are operating at a pace you can't sustain, I empower you think about how you might actually take some time to breathe and slow down during this summer season. But the main reason why I bring this to your attention is to hopefully help give you some perspective. If you've lived up here for any number of years, you might not realize that the rest of the country doesn't operate at the pace that we do. We could speculate as to why New Englanders

have such a fast pace of life, I am sure there are lots reasons. But regardless of why we operate this way, I want you to think about how it's affecting you. If you have a good balance in your life and you feel like you have space to breathe and rest, then by all means, carry on. But if you find that you're dragging, that you're tired, that your calendar is full for the foreseeable future, that you're being pulled in multiple directions, that you feel guilty when you just... sit... then let me remind you that it's not just you. Lots of people are experiencing this because this frenetic pace of life is in the air we breathe and the water we drink. You have to be intentional and explicit about stepping back any saying 'no,' or 'I'll do that another time.'

Friends, the world will not stop turning, it won't even slow down, if we slow down a bit. Let us not make idols out of that which we produce, that which we do. Let us remember that we are worthy just as we are and we don't have to work to earn our right to be happy, to be balanced, to be relaxed. In these upcoming summer months, may you take some time to reflect on the pace of your life and whether it's sustainable, and if it's not, may you have the courage to make some readjustments. There might be a reason why much of the country doesn't operate at the pace that we do, and we might have something to learn from those who take it a bit slower. May you have the strength to resist the temptation to *do*.

On the Journey with You,

Rev. Angela V. Wells

Rev. Angela Wells



We are on BCAT! Our services are being recorded so that they can be broadcast on BCAT, our local cable access channel. You can watch the service on Mondays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 6:00pm. Please note, the only people whose faces are on camera are the choir and those who lead the worship service.

MUSIC NOTES



Organ Recital on June 12

Come hear organist Sam Nelson in recital at our church on June 12 at 3pm. Sam has an incredible command of the expressive possibilities of our Rodgers organ. His hour-long program of Bach, Dupre, Widor, Vierne, and Messiaen will leave you wanting more! A free-will offering will be received for the benefit of the Deacons' Special Music Fund and the church's general fund.

Special Musicians

Thanks to organist Aline Beck and soprano Sarah Clark for their music on Memorial Day weekend!

June Rehearsals

The Youth Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, June 1 from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm. The Adult Choir will rehearse on June 1, June 8, and June 15 from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm.

Music Sunday

Come celebrate the music ministry of our church! Join us on Father's Day, June 19, to thank the choir members of our church for their service to our congregation. We will be treated to the music of trumpeter Tom Palance during the service.

Summer Musicians

We are in need of summer musicians – solos, duets, trios, quartets, instrumentalists, vocalists, musicians of any description! Volunteers only need to perform one musical piece for one Sunday service. Deana Tredeau and Sarah Clark will be singing on June 26, but all of the other Sundays this summer

are presently open. Give Joe Stoddard a call (781-346-3900) or send him an email (music@uccburlington.org) if you'd like to share your musical talents this summer!

Deacons' Special Music Fund

We have \$1,150 left to raise towards our goal of raising \$1200 through individual donations for the Deacons' Special Music Fund. The Deacons' Special Music Fund helps make music events possible for our church, including Sam Nelson's organ recital and the Norumbega Harmony concert. In addition, it helps to pay for musical enrichment like the brass quintet we had on Easter Sunday (and have engaged again for next Easter!) and new music for the choirs. If you would like to contribute in celebration of Music Sunday, please use the form in this newsletter and note on your check that your contribution is for the Deacons' Special Music Fund. (form enclosed)

Keep in touch!

Email: music@uccburlington.org

Twitter: @uccbmusic

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs

Google+: Joe Stoddard

(music@uccburlington.org)

GIFT CARDS ARE AN ONGOING GIFT TO OUR CHURCH

When you buy or reload a gift card with Shop With Scrip, a percentage of what you spend comes back to the church. Our next round of ordering is timed perfectly for Father's Day and graduations! Also, remember all the local stores, restaurants, gas stations and movie theaters that you frequent on a regular basis.

Order by Cards Delivered by
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DEACONS' SPECIAL MUSIC FUND DONATION

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Donation: _____ Please make your check payable to UCC Burlington and write
"Deacons' Special Music Fund" on the memo line.

My donation is (please check one and fill out as appropriate):

___ in celebration of Music Sunday and the gifts of our church's musicians.

___ in honor of _____

___ in celebration of _____

___ in memory of _____

___ other (please specify): _____

THANK YOU!

SAM NELSON CLASSICAL ORGAN CONCERT JUNE 12, 2016 AT 3:00 P.M.

Sam Nelson held his first church organist position at the age of 13. He was a finalist in the Rodgers North American Classical Organ Competition and won second prize at the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival, both in 2012. He is currently the organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynnfield. In 2014, Sam became Tour Manager and Organ Technician for Cameron Carpenter and the International Touring Organ, handling all of Mr. Carpenter's touring outside of Europe. In his spare time, he is the keyboard player and backup vocalist for a local wedding band, Somerset.

Program will include the following:

BACH:

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

Fantasy and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 **DUPRE:**

Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op. 7 No. 3 **WIDOR:**

Symphony 5, Op. 42 No. 1 IV. Adagio **VIERNE:**

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54 No. 6

Symphony No 2, in E minor, Op. 20: I. Allegro **MESSIAEN:**

Apparition de l'église éternelle



Please join us for this very special event sponsored by the UCC Music Committee. Free admission with a reception to follow. Donations to support the music programs of the church are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

UCC CONGREGATIONAL
6 LEXINGTON STREET, BURLINGTON, MA



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On June 5th, Confirmation Sunday, we will honor our Confirmands and the efforts they have made in Confirmation class this church year. Margaret Forbush and Kristen Harder have participated in classes guided by Rev. Angela and assisted by Roberta Low. Please join us in recognizing their hard work, and as full members of our congregation. The Christian Education and Deacons committees invite the congregation to a special reception for the Confirmands during coffee hour after church.



It's hard to believe our Sunday School year will be coming to a close on June 12 with the celebration of Children's Sunday service followed by our traditional ice cream social.

Larainne has outlined for us a wonderful service in which many of the students and youth of our church are taking part. In addition, we will honor our Sunday School students, teachers and volunteer assistants in the nursery and Sunday School, our graduating seniors, and the church service award recipients. After the service, all are welcomed to enjoy the ice cream social provided by the Christian Education committee. You can make your own sundae with several choices of toppings!

HATS OFF TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!



- Brian Stahlinski-Bridgewater State University-Bachelor of Science/Exercise Science
- Rob Stahlinski-Endicott College-MBA
- Ashley Tomaswick, daughter of Cindy (Tirrell) and Jim Tomaswick, University of New England, Portland, Maine-Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Theo Brierley - Berklee College of Music with a double major in Music Education and Bass Performance

BOSTN PRIDE DAY June 11th



We are organizing a group from our congregation to march in the Boston Gay Pride Parade again this year. We will be marching with the delegation of Open and Affirming (ONA) churches from the Mass Conference of the UCC. Pride is a fun filled day and it is open to **EVERYONE**. There are two worship services in the morning and the parade kicks off at noon from Copley Square. At the end of the parade route there is a big festival at Government Center with food vendors, music, entertainment and much more. Participating in Pride is a great way for us to spread God's message of love and welcome for all people while demonstrating our commitment to being an Open and Affirming Congregation.

If you would like to march with us in the parade please let Sara Goodrich know. There is a sign up sheet at coffee hour or you can contact her directly (goodrichsj78@hotmail.com). Parade staging is on Boylston Street, our exact location to line up will be announced 1-2 days prior to the parade. Sara will send out the information to those who want to march. There is also a photo release to sign for the MA Conference.

BOARD OF MISSIONS

RED WAGON



ROSIE'S PLACE

Thank you to all those volunteers who traveled into Boston on May 7th to prepare, cook and serve brunch to those homeless women at Rosie's Shelter. Also all the books and toiletries that we brought in were so very appreciated! One woman wanted us to know how grateful she and others were to have our books, an opportunity to escape the often harsh realities of their lives.

We will plan other dates for anyone who would like to join us in the near future! Stay tuned!

The last Sunday of the month we take a collection of specific items needed at the Burlington Food Pantry.

We have been asked to donate the following:

Coffee - Tea
Dish detergent
Bar soap
Toilet paper

Please bring items to worship on June 26th and we will bring them forward during the service.

BURLINGTON HISTORICAL SITES OPEN HOUSE—JUNE 11TH

On Saturday, June 11th, the **Francis Wyman House** will be open to the public from 11 AM to 4 PM.

These five sites will be open from 11 AM to 3 PM.

Grand View Farm - 55 Center St. - a 19th Century connected farm complex next to the Burlington Common.

Burlington Historical Museum - Corner of Cambridge St and Bedford St - helping to tell the story of Burlington

Burlington Colonial Burial Ground - Bedford St. - near the Museum - the last resting place of many of the founders of our town

United Church of Christ, Congregational - the Old Meetinghouse - 6 Lexington St. - this is the building around which Burlington was founded

The Old West School - 106 Bedford St. - built when Washington was President of the US - the last surviving one room schoolhouse in Burlington

The Museum, the Old Meetinghouse, the West School, and the Francis Wyman House are all on the United States Register of Historic Places.

There is no charge for admission. Guides will be available at all sites.

Further information - Mike Tredeau - Chairman, Burlington Historical Commission
mtredeau@burlingtonmahistory.com

FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY,
JUNE 4TH
9 AM - 2 PM
RAIN OR SHINE

Come shop!
Bring family, friends,
neighbors!
You never know what
you just might find!

CRAFTING FOR A
CAUSE
C4C

We will still meet during the summer months. Want to get out of the heat, come join us each Wednesday at 1pm in the church conference room!

SAVE THE
DATE!

HABITAT for
HUMANITY
LOWELL

Work date Saturday,
September 17th

PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Woody Knowles wife Betty and friend
 Jack McCabe
 Kendra's Grandfather Phil & Cousin Bucky
 Ruth Roach
 Joyce Carpenter's grandnephew
 baby Logan
 Bob Cuccio
 Claire Simas
 Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel
 Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach
 Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judy
 and brother Frank
 Lucy's cousin Brad Stanley
 Dot Drinkwater
 Frank and Ruth Reddig
 Dot Talalas-Hospice
 Elise Surko
 Everett Langley and his brother George
 John Heald's sister Susan & Mom

Aimee Tredeau's friend Amanda
 Barbara Moran's friend Heather
 Kerry Beyer
 Joe Stoddard's parents Joseph & Lillian,
 and niece Kari
 Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim
 Brenda Cahoon's dad John
 Karen and Doug Welch
 Fred Garside
 Laura Nowell's sister Christa
 Cindy Brown
 Sally Willard's friend Carol
 Deana Tredeau's Sister Linda
 Thea Killilea
 Luella Brown's Daughter-in-law's
 Mom Linda
 Larainne Wilson's brother Tom and his
 wife Alicia



A NOTE OF THANKS!

To all our friends at UCC,

We thank you so very much for the notes, cards and phone calls we've received during this time of Fred's illness. They mean to world to us and truly warms our hearts.

We are getting along and taking one day at a time, but it certainly helps to know that our church friends are praying for us! A special thank you to the "Called to Care Team" whose members we've known for so many years!

Thanks you again your kindness is deeply appreciated!

Love,

Shirley & Fred Garside



JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

1	Nancy Davis	23	Ann Ayer
3	Susan Eby	23	Bobbie Killilea
4	Jessy McNeil	23	Kim Munch
5	Bailey Towle	27	June Landin
8	Rocco Candelino Jr.	27	Ruth Roach
9	Brenda Cahoon	28	Frances Nicoletta
15	Jan Costa	29	Valerie (Hooper) Rollo
16	Joyce Baylor	30	Donna Ferro
20	Joshua & Jason Cahoon		

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Sue Trefethen on the recent passing of her brother-in-law Philip. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers!



GREEN TIPS FOR JUNE

Get a free home energy audit. Masssave.com. It's free, you get discounts and rebates on lights to windows and insulation, and you learn about ways to increase comfort and value of your home.

June is the start of more weekends away. Save energy (and money) by UNPLUGGING the appliances and machines around the home that do nothing useful while you are away. Even in the off position, most electronics draw phantom energy. If the outlets are in a difficult position, use a power cord with a switch as a more convenient way to cut the power (And it protects the electronics when in use!) Many homes have 3 countertop appliances plugged in (coffee pot, toaster, mixer) which are within easy reach of unplugging before you go away.

Buy local. We are entering the season where that can easily include food! Farmers Markets restart in June. Arlington's are Wednesdays starting June 10. Burlington's are Thursdays, starting June 16th. (burlingtonfarmersmarket.org) Billerica's are Mondays starting June 20 (billericafarmersmarket.org)



Lower costs of cooling with simple actions: Close the south & west curtains/blinds in your house on hot sunny mornings to reduce solar heating inside. Open windows for cross breeze if you're not using AC. Open a window on more than one floor for airflow. Heat rises and this helps it rise and get out of the house. Wear season appropriate attire: linen suits instead of heavy cloth, short sleeves instead of long, and then the thermostat doesn't need to be set so low at home or work.

Experiment with your lawn mower height. Grass cut too short requires a lot more water to withstand the stress and heat. Grass left too long thins out and leaves space for unwanted seeds to start and pests to move in. Finding your ideal grass height will have you mow less often, use a bit less water and save green.



The town of Burlington has instituted the 2nd step water restrictions effective back on May 1st in order to keep the town water above the recommended minimum level. Essentially, only 'night' watering allowed for established plantings. (Which is when the water usage is most efficient). Decorative plants, containers etc can still be watered by hand at any time, but even this is most efficient before 10am or after 4 pm.

UCC CLEANUP DAY!

Thank you to all who came and conquered! We had a great group of people here including our Scouts!

The outside grounds got a pretty nice facelift and our dumpster took away many items that have been cluttering our classrooms and halls!

Thanks to Paul Raymond for mowing our grounds and resealing the mailbox!

The Trustees appreciated all your help!

FAIR UPDATE

A very fruitful 1st meeting was held in April where we gave a new name to the fair, "Fall Family Fair" and decided to bring back the Children's Fair.

Much is in place for the children's fair, but we are looking for a lead person to coordinate volunteers & be available for set up Thur. & Fri. before the fair.

For all those that are crafty, over the summer please make all those non-perishable items: jam, jellies, soap. Who made that delectable caramel sauce last year, we need that again!

This is the church's largest fund raiser & social event. We need all of you, yes you, to volunteer, attend & spread the word. **Please put Sat. 11/5/16 in your calendars for the Fair & dinner.** Have your friends & family do the same, we have!

Please contact Deb Raymond with your ideas, when you can volunteer, what you can provide for the fair.
857-373-9156,
email: angelfoods@msn.com

Have a relaxing & fun summer!
Your Fair Chairs
Deb Raymond, Cindy Gilpin

Worship Participation Schedule

June 5	Communion Preparers:	Jessy McNeil-Volunteer
Confirmation	Lay Leader:	Confirmands
10:30am	Head Usher:	Bill Hitchcock
	Ushers:	Bill-Kari Lynch-Janet & Dave Hooper
	Greeters:	Jan McSheffrey-Volunteer
	Kids Activities:	Larianne Wilson-
	Nursery Coverage:	Sheri Wilson-Damali Dakoye
	Flower Deliverer:	Marge Zamanian
	Collector:	Marge Zamanian
	Coffee Host:	Janet Knudsen
	Bakers:	CE and Deacons
June 12	Lay Leader:	Laura Harder
Children's	Head Usher:	Janine Towle
Sunday	Ushers:	Janine-Marge Zamanian-Kendra Griep-Jane Raymond
10:30am	Greeters:	Anne Stafford-Volunteer
	Nursery Coverage:	Sheri Wilson-Tina Brierley
	Flower Deliverer:	Not needed today
	Collector:	Barbara Moran
	Coffee Host:	Christian Education
	Ice Cream Social:	Christian Education
June 19	Lay Leader:	Laura Nowell
Father's Day	Head Usher:	Dick Butler
Choir	Ushers:	Dick & Karen Butler-Michael Deluca-Carol Downing
Appreciation	Greeters:	Jean Baker-Volunteer
10:30am	Nursery Coverage:	Sheri Wilson-Susan Eby
	Flower Deliverer:	Marge Zamanian
	Collector:	Marcia Rich
	Coffee Host:	Jan McSheffrey-Carol Downing
	Bakers:	Jan-Carol-Jane Raymond
June 26	Lay Leader:	Mark Flecchia
10:30am	Head Usher:	Everett Langley
	Ushers:	Everett-John Heald-Marcia Rich-Ann Miller
	Greeters:	Janice Grace-Volunteer
	Nursery Coverage:	Sheri Wilson-Lucy Damiani
	Flower Deliverer:	Bill Livezey
	Collector:	Carol Downing
	Coffee Host:	Everett Langley-John Heald
	Bakers:	Everett-John-Shirley
July 3	Ecumenical Service HERE with the Presbyterian Church	
*9:30am	Communion Preparers:	Kay Shute-Anna Karwan
	Lay Leader:	From Presbyterian Church
	Head Usher:	Dave Hooper
	Ushers:	Dave-Janet Hooper-Chris Stahlinski-Lucy Damiani
	Greeters:	Barbara Moran-Volunteer
	Nursery Coverage:	Dakoye Damali-Jan McSheffrey
	Flower Deliverer:	Anna Karwan
	Collector:	Marge Zamanian
	Coffee Host:	Chris Stahlinski-Kari Lynch
	Bakers:	Chris-Kari-Jane Raymond

If you cannot participate in Worship or Nursery contact: Donna Flecchia at 781-272-4756

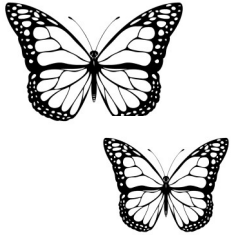
If you cannot host/bake contact Jane Raymond at 781-272-9647.

***Worship Time will change to 9:30am through all of July and August!**

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Montessori School M-F 8-5:30pm			1 1p C4C 5:45p Jr. Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Choir	2 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	3 10-noon Montessori Graduation Big Hall 6p Burlington Daycare Graduation Rental	4 9-2pm 
5  10:30am Confirmation Sunday Worship 11:30a Singing Rehearsal for all Kids! 11:30a Called to Care Meeting	6 7:30p Trustees 8p AA	7 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	8 1p C4C 5:45p Jr. Choir 7p Scouts 7:15p Choir	9 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	10 Montessori 1/2 day regular Session 2p World of Learning Graduation Rental	11  Boston PRIDE Day! 11-3p Town Historical Open House
12 10:30am Children's Sunday Worship  11:30am Ice Cream Social  3p Classical Music Concert	13 8am Mon-Fri Montessori Summer Session 8p AA	14 10:00a Missions 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	15 1p C4C 7p Scouts	16 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	17	18
19 10:30a Worship Father's Day! Choir Appreciation Day!	20 8p AA	21 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p PC	22 1p C4C	23 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	24 JULY/AUG Hilltop Article Deadline 6:30p Wedding Rehearsal	25 5pm Scenna Wedding & Reception
26 10:30a Worship Red Wagon 	27 8p AA	28 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	29 9:30p Hilltop Folding/Mailing 1p C4C	30 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	<div> Worship on July 3rd will be at 9:30am. We will host an Ecumenical Service with the Presbyterian church. All are welcome! </div>	

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JUNE 2016

UCC ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



**Come shop on June 4th 9-2pm
Rain or Shine!**

You just never know what you might find!

