

# HILLTOP HERALD



**SEPTEMBER 2016**

Dear Friends,

**Rev. Angela V. Wells**  
**Pastor**

**Michael Lewis**  
**Moderator**

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How I have missed seeing all of you so regularly! Many of you stayed local during the summer, and it was wonderful to see you each Sunday. But it's not the same as seeing you in the bustling and busy office during the week, or at one of our many monthly meetings, or at an event or fundraiser, or over a chat at True North. I have missed all the ways in which our paths cross during the week.

Now that our committees have started meeting again and I have had a few staff meetings, I am so excited about what's in store for us this year. For one thing, Laraine Wilson officially started in her new role as Youth Coordinator on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are a middle or high school student or parent, be sure to keep an eye on what she's up to. She has been working tirelessly with the CE Committee to plan the ministry of the BYG (Burlington Youth Group), and they have some awesome stuff in store for this year. The Vision Team has also been hard at work over the summer months. We finished all of our conversations, thank you to everyone who participated. We have analyzed all the data, and we are working on compiling it into a concise statement and visual image, which will reflect who God is calling us to be. That information will all be rolled out this fall. Additionally, Team Awesome is getting back into gear, as they begin to prepare for their trip in the summer of 2017. We also got a new banner! Sadly, our colorful banner was stolen at the beginning of the summer, but we got a new one! It's hanging up and it now has our worship times on it as well. If you are driving up Church Lane or Bedford Street, be sure to take a look at it. Last but not least, we received a very generous financial contribution from someone who believes in what we have to offer the world. You'll hear all about that on Welcome Back Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are primed for good things, my friends. I hope you took some time to rest and rejuvenate this summer, because we are going to need your energy as we boldly work together to be bearers of God's love in our town and in the wider world.

Your Partner in Ministry,

*Rev. Angela V. Wells*

Rev. Angela Wells



## **REV ANGELA'S OFFICE HOURS- RESUMING THIS FALL!**

Angela will resume her office hours this fall at the True North Coffee Shop (204 Cambridge St. in Burlington) She will be there on **Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm and Thursdays from 10am-12pm beginning on September 6th** Any changes to this schedule will be noted in the weekly emailing. Stop by for some caffeine and conversation!

*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.*

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A FEAST!**

**When: September 11th immediately following 10:30am worship**

**Where: Sewell Hall (our big hall)**



**COME ALL AND JOIN THE FEAST!**

**MUSIC NOTES**

**THANK YOU, SUMMER MUSICIANS!**

We were blessed with the talents of many people this summer. We are very appreciative of the contributions of these musicians to our services: Deana Tredeau, Sarah Clark, Lee Tirrell, Ted Brierley, Debbie Claar, Ann-Marie Messbauer, Geoff Fong, Theo Brierley, Julie Lewis, and Diana Sears. Their singing and playing greatly enhanced our worship services this summer.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Our choir season is starting! We are in need of singers in all sections of the choir. Come join us for a few rehearsals and services! Rehearsals are from 5:45-6:15 on Wednesday nights for youth and 7:15-9:00 on Wednesday evening for adults. We will rehearse every Wednesday this September.

**Deacons' Special Music Fund**

We are very grateful to these recent donors for their generosity:

- Laura Nowell, for all the fun years in Choir
- Kay Shute, in memory of summers past

The Deacons' Special Music Fund makes it possible for us to hire guest instrumentalists for our services and to purchase a wide variety of choral music. We are very thankful to all who have contributed to help enhance the music program of our church.

**The Workings of our Rodgers Organ**

Our church organ is a combination electronic and pipe instrument. That means that some of the sound is made digitally, and some of it is made by forcing air through a pipe. The tabs used to choose sounds on the organ are actually called "stops" because in a pipe organ the stop mechanism literally stops air from going through a set of pipes. Some stops on our organ only access digital sounds, others only access pipe sounds, and some access both.

The volume of the organ should be able to be changed by using the expression pedals -- the Swell Pedal and the Great Pedal. These pedals, on a normal pipe organ, would make the sound softer by physically closing wooden shades built in front of the pipes for the Swell (upper keyboard) and Great (lower keyboard). On our organ, they seem to only have an effect on the digital part of the instrument, not on the pipes. So when I try using the Swell Pedal or the Great Pedal, the volume of the electronic part of the organ changes, but not the volume of the pipes. There are several ways of getting around this, each with its pros and cons. One way is to shut off the pipes, which I have chosen thus far not to do because the congregation wanted a combination digital and pipe organ. Another way is to scale back on the registration when I want to make the sound softer, which is what I have chosen to do. Registration means the choice of stops to use. Our organ has

a lot of stops available, and I use maybe half of them on any given Sunday. My reasoning in using the stops I have chosen so far is twofold: trying to get the range of expression called for in the pieces I play; and since the organ committee chose such a wide variety of stops for this organ, using half of them every week seems like the least I can do to use the breadth of the instrument. I usually make choices about the number and character of stops I use based on the church calendar. We had a long season -- Lent -- during which I purposely scaled back on stops I used in order to make the music more penitential in nature. Then there was a big contrast with the Easter season, in which I decided to open up the capabilities of the organ to express the triumphal and joyful nature of the season. The Time after Pentecost, sometimes called "Ordinary Time", is when I scale back to more ordinary settings and but sometimes use something grandiose, like I did for the postlude at Confirmation. If you'd like to stop by (no organ pun intended) sometime and learn more about the organ, come by after worship. Unless I have a rehearsal or meeting scheduled right away, I'll be happy to show you around!

**Keep in touch!**

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## Our Choir Needs New Members!

Do you love to sing? Do you have friends who love to sing? We're looking for some new choir members. All voices are welcome, especially tenors and basses. You do not need to read music. The only requirements are a love of singing and availability for Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning services beginning after Labor Day. If you're not sure, you're welcome to give it a try before making any commitment. For more information, see Joe Stoddard or email [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education committee welcomes everyone back to our regular church year activities! We love all the wonderful "Flat Jesus" photos that have been sent to our Facebook page and have been printed for viewing on the bulletin board in the Ed. Building. Make sure you check them out on Welcome Back Sunday to see what Flat Jesus has been up to this summer with members of our congregation.

**Our summer nursery** has been running smoothly with Alison Dunbar as our attendant.. Thanks to all assistants who helped out during the summer months!

CE along with our Sunday School teacher and Youth Director – Larainne Wilson have been planning some important changes for our Sunday School program and Youth programs! We have planned to have additional groups meeting to address the needs of our older Sunday School children and youth. Larainne has done much planning for the formation of our Youth Group: The multi focus of the group is "**Friends** – social events, **Faith** – Spiritual practices, interfaith dialogues

etc., and **Service** – church, community and Team Awesome trip" A kick off event for the Youth Group is planned for 9/11 from 4-5:30.

**At coffee hour on Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11,** CE will provide an information table with Sunday School registration forms, program calendars, as well as more details of our programs.. For these programs to be successful we will need the support of our congregation through volunteer teachers and assistants. Please consider volunteering in the following areas: nursery assistant, Sunday school teacher (lessons provided), Sunday School assistant, youth activities assistant/chaperone.

See you all on Welcome Back Sunday!

(Sunday School begins on September 18!)



## 6 WEEK ADULT ED STUDY "BOOK OF JOB!" JOIN US!

This September/October, we are going to dive into the Book of Job in the Old Testament. It's about a faithful and upright man, named Job, who gets tortured by Satan because God allows it. This story will challenge us to engage the age-old question, why do bad things happen to good people? It's also a fascinating story with complex and relatable characters. We will discuss how it applies to our lives, how Job could be connected to Jesus, and why it was written and put in the biblical canon. **This is a 6-week study. We will meet on Thursday nights at 7:30pm starting on September 22nd.** Full disclosure: there will be a little bit of homework in between each session, but don't let this dissuade you from participating! Please let Angela ([RevWells@UCCBurlington.org](mailto:RevWells@UCCBurlington.org)) know if you'll be part of the study, hope you will join is! It's sure to be an interesting and thought-provoking adventure.



**UCC FLEA MARKET  
SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH  
9 AM - 2 PM RAIN OR SHINE**

Our Fall Flea Market is on September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Come shop, you never know what treasures you may find!  
Bring Family, Friends and Neighbors!  
A nice way of raising money to support the needs and outreach of our church.

**NEXT GIFT CARD ORDERS  
DUE OCTOBER 16 AND DECEMBER 11**

The timing of our next gift card orders is ideal for Fall occasions and holiday gift giving. Cards will be ready for delivery a week after the order dates. Please pick up an order form from the gift card mailbox in the church office, or order online at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). (Use code BB483284315L1 to link your account to the church). Then leave your check in the "Gift Card Orders" mailbox. Visit the ShopWithScrip web site to learn about new merchants and special deals. See Nancy Todd for details about setting up a PrestoPay account. It's the fastest and easiest way to order and reload gift cards right from your computer. Remember that the church gets a percentage of every gift card purchased!

<u>Order By</u>	<u>Receive Cards</u>
Oct 16	Oct 23
Dec 11	Dec 18 (in time to mail for Christmas gifts)

**217TH ANNUAL MEETING  
MACUCC HIGHLIGHTS  
JUNE 17-18, 2016  
AMHERST, MA.**

Over 300 delegates from across the conference attend the 217th annual meeting on June 17-18 on the campus of UMASS Amherst. Rev. Angela Wells, Kate Byers and Chris Stahlinski attended.

"...proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." Acts 28:31 was the theme for the 2 day event. A number of informational forms were offered both days. The guest minister and keynote speaker was Rev. Otis Moss III from Trinity UCC in Chicago, IL.

Major votes were taken on the following:

Welcoming Immigrants-delegates voted unanimously in favor of sponsoring a General Synod resolution that will call on all settings of the UCC to enter into covenants promising to welcome immigrants. The final draft of this resolution will be submitted to the UCC General Synod June 2017.

An overhauled version of the Clergy Compensation Guidelines was passed. Up until now clergy compensation guidelines were presented and voted on at every annual meeting, but now with this vote, the guidelines will remain in place until such a time when the Clergy Leadership Ministry Council sees a need to propose substantive changes beyond annual cost of living adjustments.

Delegates took a number of votes related to Conference Finances.

-They voted to reduce the percentage of Our Church's Wider Mission basic support that is passed on to the national setting of the church from 53 percent to 50 percent and reduce the percentage of United Church Mission from 33 % to 30 %.  
-A vote to increase the membership dues from \$18.55 to \$19.00 was approved.

-Delegates approved a budget with income of \$2,195,900.00, expenses of \$2,245,200.00 and a transfer from operating reserves of \$49,300.00 in order to balance the budget.

For a more detailed account of the meeting and to hear the keynote address and sermon delivered by Rev. Moss go to the conference website, [macucc.org](http://macucc.org).

Anyone can attend these meetings, especially if you are interested in the wider UCC.



## BOARD OF MISSIONS

### ROSIE'S PLACE

Volunteers will head into Boston on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30-1:30pm. If you would like to join us just get in touch with Jan McSheffrey at 781-454-6050 or [afdove@verizon.net](mailto:afdove@verizon.net)



### RED WAGON



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**  
**Cereal**  
**Single roll toilet paper**

Please bring items to worship on September 25th and we will bring them forward during the service.

### SELLING PUMPKINS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY!

St. Mark's will be holding a Pumpkin Patch again this year. Proceeds from pumpkin sales will go to the Burlington Pantry. Our volunteering dates are October 6th and 15th. Please see Ginger Mungillo or Anne Stafford for signups! Remember to purchase local!



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are scheduled for a workday in Lowell for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**See the signup sheets at coffee hour** if you would like to help out in two different ways!

Work site 8-3pm 18 and over.  
Then The Restore in Tyngsboro. 9-3pm  
6-17 years of age.

### CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE 1PM

The crafters have enjoyed the air conditioning of the conference room all summer while being creative. We will continue to meet this fall and will be creating items for the Fall Fair along with making things for donation to worthy causes.

We extend an invitation to all of you to join us in the conference room on Wednesday afternoons at 1PM. We normally create together for 2 to 2.5 hours.

### Colored Sheets and Pillow Cases needed!

The Crafters for a Cause need colored sheets and both white and colored pillow cases. We would like to make several rag rugs for the Fall Fair. Also we have an opportunity to support a member of our community who makes dresses for girls in Africa out of pillow cases. Please leave the sheets and pillow cases in the office clearly marked for The Crafters. We thank you in advance for supporting our Mission work.

### FALL FAMILY FAIR UPDATE!

Hoping you all had a great summer & continue to!

There is lots to plan for the Fall Family Fair on November 5th!( FFF). Look for signup sheets on Welcome back Sunday, 9/11.

We hear people have been crafting & jamming all summer! Please inform us of your wares. We can start gathering these items & store at church. Let us know via email, text or in person what you have & we will find a place for it.

And as always get the Fair date on all your family, friends, dentist, doctor, everyone you know, calendars to attend!

Your FFF chairs, Cindy Gilpin & Deb Raymond

## 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 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  
Ruth Reddig  
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, husband Paul, parents Joseph & Lillian, and niece Kari, sister-in-law Claire, and former student Ian  
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim  
Fred Garside  
Allan's Mom Mary  
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny (Gianniana)



## CONDOLENCES

Sadly, long time member Frank Reddig passed away peacefully. Please keep his wife Ruth and their extended family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy to all!

Some may remember Iba Currier. She passed away in Florida this past August. Keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## BABY NEWS!

Cindy and Paul Gilpin's daughter Jenny and husband gave birth to a healthy baby boy on July 18th!

Congrats to Penny and Bob Marsh on the birth of their Granddaughter, "Sadie Elizabeth" on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Daughter of Jeff and Kerry Marsh.

On August 2nd Jan and Rob Costa became grandparents again. Kristen and Dan gave birth to a baby girl Rhiannon Mae O'Mara. Little Sister to Scarlett.

Then on August 17th Sara and Kate Goodrich-Byers had a baby boy, Jacob. Little brother to Ruth.

Tom and Bobbie Killilea became grandparents for the third time! Jaclyn and Brad Fraser had a baby boy Kellan on August 20th.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

4 Charlotte Blaney  
5 Amanda Miller  
7 Dominic Rameriz (Killilea)  
7 Nick Nowell  
7 Wayne Higden  
9 Steve Samarjian  
16 Katheirne Baker  
17 Kate Byers  
18 Samantha Flecchia

18 Jared Ciano  
18 Jackson Towle  
24 David Hooper  
25 Conrad Fong  
26 Lucy Damiani  
26 Shirley Garside  
28 Forrest Knowles

Thank you to everyone, who over the past few weeks, have sent flowers, meals, cards, and prayers to our family with the passing of my dad. Your thoughtful and loving gestures have been overwhelming and I am so proud that our family is part of this amazing church, that is always filled with love! The outpouring of love shown to our family during this time is heart-warming and will long be remembered. Thank you again,

The Cahoon Family  
Brenda, Chris, Jaime, Joshua & Jason

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To my church family,

I wanted to thank you all for the lovely surprise, and I mean surprise, when I was presented with a beautiful geranium plant and gift cards in acknowledgment for working in the church office. I find it a joy to work with our pastor Rev. Angela Wells and enjoy the company from my many visitors who come to chat during the week. Thank you all so very much for thinking of me!

Love  
Bobbie Killilea  
Administrative Assistant

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### **David Ierardi**

Dave Ierardi, his wife Kate, mother-in-law Terry McNutt and four adult children live in Dunstable. His wife grew up in Burlington. Dave started attending our church last October, after his father-in-law's funeral service was held here. He and his mother-in-law joined the church this past April. Dave grew up in Norwood and received a Bachelor's in Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Lowell, and a Master's degree in Computer-Aided Manufacturing from Brigham Young University. He is a mechanical engineer, but has been in management roles for the last 20+ years. He is now VP of Operations at Protonex in Southborough. Dave and Kate's three sons and one daughter range in age from 17 to 24. All live in Dunstable, although son Alec is attending school in Colorado. The family has one dog and three cats.

Dave says that he loves our church because the people are so warm and friendly; and Angela brings Bible readings to life in her sermons. He says that Sunday worship is one of the highlights of his week. Dave participated in the last book study and is cur-

rently doing research for the church about the feasibility of installing solar panels on the Ed Building roof.

In addition to church, Dave is involved with SOWW – Special Operations Wounded Warriors – a non-profit focused on helping wounded special operations veterans and active duty personnel resume normal lives. He attends a yearly event in February in North Carolina and organizes and hosts a summer event on Cape Cod. His other interests include physical fitness, saltwater fishing, and other outdoor activities.

### **Terry McNutt**

Terry McNutt joined our church with her son-in-law Dave Ierardi last April. Terry grew up in Somerville, but lived with her husband Don in Burlington for over 50 years, where they raised their two daughters, Kate (now of Dunstable) and Amelia (now of Plymouth). Don passed away last October. Terry now resides in Dunstable and enjoys reading, singing Irish songs and spending time with her family.

## **Worship Participation Schedule**

Sep 4 10:30am	Communion Preparers:	David Ierardi-Terry McNutt
	Lay Leader:	Debbie Claar
	Head Usher:	Bill Hitchcock
	Ushers:	Bill-Kari Lynch
		Barbara Moran-Gordon Brown
	Greeters:	Claire Simas-Volunteer
	Nursery Coverage:	Alison Dubar-Susan Eby
	Flower Deliverer:	Sue Trefethen
	Collector:	Barbara Moran
	Coffee Hour:	<u>Barbara Moran-Jane Raymond</u>
Sep 11 10:30am	Lay Leader:	Lucy Damiani
	Head Usher:	Conrad Fong
	Ushers:	Conrad-Jane Raymond
		Barbara Moran-Gordon Brown
	Greeters:	Kay Shute-volunteer
	Nursery:	Alison-Dunbar-Janet Knudsen
	Flower Deliverer:	Anna Karwan
	Collector:	Marcia Rich
	Brunch:	<u>Deacons—CE</u>
Sep 18 10:30am	Lay Leader:	Craig Baker
	Head Usher:	Dick Butler
	Ushers:	Dick-Ann Miller-Carol Downing-Marcia Rich
	Greeters:	Luella Brown-volunteer
	Church School:	Laraine Wilson-Jan Costa
	Nursery:	Alison Dunbar-Damali Dakoye
	Flower Deliverer:	Marge Zamanian
	Collector:	Dick Butler
	Coffee Host:	TBA
	Bakers:	<u>Susan Eby-Sally Willard</u>
Sep 25 10:30am	Lay Leader:	Janet Knudsen
	Head Usher:	Janine Towle
	Ushers:	Janine-Kendra Griep-Kari Lynch-Gary Stahlinski
	Greeters:	Anne Stafford-volunteer
	Church School:	Laraine Wilson-volunteer
	Nursery:	Alison Dunbar-Bev Maher
	Flower Deliverer:	Cindy Phillips
	Collector:	Carol Downing
	Coffee Host:	Deb Raymond
	Bakers:	<u>Deb Raymond-Shirley Fong</u>
October 2 1030am	Communion Prep:	Jessy McNeil-Marge Zamanian
	Lay Leader:	Marcia Rich
	Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
	Ushers:	Dave-Ginger Mungillo-Mark and Donna Flecchia
	Greeters:	Jean Baker-volunteer
	Nursery:	Alison Dunbar-Lucy Damiani
	Flower Deliverer:	Jessy McNeil
	Collector:	Everett Langley
	Coffee Host:	Chris Stahlinski
	Bakers:	Chris-Jane Raymond-Hilary Bonnell

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.



# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rev. Wells Returns!	2	3
4 10:30a Communion Service	5 Labor Day- Office Closed!  7:30p AA	6   4-6p True North Pastor Hours	7 1p C4C  5:45p Youth Choir 7:15p Adult Choir	8 9-11a True North Pastor Hours  	9	10 9-2p UCC FLEA MARKET!  
11 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship 11:30a Welcome Brunch for all!  4-5:30p Youth Kickoff Meeting	12 3:30p Irish Step  7:30p AA	13   4-6p True North Pastor Hours	14 1p C4C  5:45p Youth Choir 7:15p Adult Choir	15 9-11a True North Pastor Hours  	16	17 Habitat for Humanity Work Day!  
18 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship And Church School 11:30a Called to Care	19 3:30p Irish Step  7:30p AA	20   4-6p True North Pastor Hours  7:15p Parish Council Mtg.	21 Rosie's Place Volunteers to Boston 1p C4C  5:45p Youth Choir 7:15p Adult Choir	22   9-11a True North Pastor Hours  7:30p Adult Ed	23	24
25 8:45a Meditation 10:30a Worship Red Wagon Church School 	26 3:30p Irish Step  7:30p AA	27   4-6p True North Pastor Hours	28 1p C4C  5:45p Youth Choir 7:15p Adult Choir	29   9-11a True North Pastor Hours  7:30p Adult Ed	30	

## WORSHIP TIME WILL CHANGE TO 10:30AM ON SEPTEMBER 4TH!

Join us on Sunday Mornings at 8:45am for quiet **MEDITATION** with Debbie Claar and Janet Knudsen downstairs in the CE Director's Office the near the Montessori classrooms!  
All are welcome!

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