

# HILLTOP HERALD

February/2017

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Dear Beloved UCC Community,

I know that when in polite company, politics and religion are not supposed to mix. It's taboo. But as our Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Wendy Vander Hart recently said, *"But politics and religion **do** mix when it comes to envisioning and building the realm of God on earth. Our holy texts are full of prophets railing against the unjust practices of kings, rulers and governors. Jesus claimed a prophetic model for himself when he declared the words of Isaiah that he was "bringing good news to the poor, release to the captives and letting the oppressed go free." For centuries Christian theologians have called governments to account for their unjust practices that favor rich over poor and lead us farther away from the realm of God."*<sup>1</sup>

So that is why I went with a contingent from our church, down to Washington, D.C. on January 21<sup>st</sup>, to the Women's March on Washington.

I marched not against any single person, or political party, but in support of the realm of God.

I marched in support of a living wage for all workers.

I marched in support of a woman's right to choose what to do with her body.

I marched in support of just immigration policies that allow our nation to continue to be a beacon of light and hope for those who want to make a better life for themselves.

I marched in favor of climate justice, knowing that we have a moral responsibility to protect this one planet that we all share.

I marched in favor of economic reform that boosts the middle class, rather than giving tax cuts to those who are already exorbitantly wealthy.

I marched in solidarity with black and brown people who feel that their lives are at risk simply because of the color of their skin.

I marched for people of all religions and no religion, that no matter where we stand on the religious spectrum, we might feel safe to express our beliefs and practice our faith (or not) without fear of harassment or retaliation.

I marched in favor of rural, working-class people who feel that they have been ignored, that their plight has been sidelined, that their industries are never coming back.

I marched for all who feel forgotten.

I marched because I believe that love is a verb, and to be a Christian is a verb.

I marched because my faith compelled me to, because my love of God is made manifest in the way I love others, especially those who are the most afraid and the most vulnerable.

All of that being said, I realize that not everyone reading this will agree with everything I have said, and yet, if you are reading this, I am your pastor, and I want to hear you. This is our moment to hear each other, to model the kind of respectful dialogue so rarely seen in Washington. We as the church, we can do better, and I believe the most direct route towards understanding and repairing the breach, is dialogue. So, if this article has triggered a response from you, please be in touch with me. I want to hear what you have to say, so we can work together, as the body of Christ, to love one another and the world.

With Gratitude for Each of 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

### **Sue Trefethen**

We were shocked and saddened by the passing of Sue Trefethen in January. She was a beloved member of our soprano section who always had a smile on her face and gave her best at every rehearsal and service. We will miss her dearly.

### **February Rehearsals**

The choirs will rehearse every Wednesday in February except for February 22. Youth Choir will meet from 5:45pm-6:15pm, and the adults will meet from 7:15pm-9:00pm. We always welcome new singers!

### **Wanted: Children to sing at Easter!**

Joe is hoping to gather a group of kids to sing for the 10:30 Easter morning service. He will be getting in touch with families soon, but if you would like your child to participate, please feel free to email him at [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org).

### **Deacons' Special Music Fund**

We are very grateful to Aline Beck for her contribution to the Deacons' Special Music Fun in memory of Ruth Roach.

### **Keep in touch!**

**Email:** [music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org)

**Twitter:** @uccbmusic

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs](http://www.facebook.com/burlingtonchoirs)

**Google+:** Joe Stoddard  
([music@uccburlington.org](mailto:music@uccburlington.org))

### **MOMENT OF REFLECTION: TIME TO SIGN UP!**

During our stewardship campaign, do you love hearing people share about why they love the church? Well, good news! You are now going to hear those testimonies year-round, and you have an opportunity to share your own story.

This year, 2017, we will hear one reflection on the 3rd Sunday of each month, about why the church is a priority in someone's life.

If you'd like to participate and share your story, please see the signup sheet at coffee hour to choose your month. Please be in touch with Angela if you have any questions. Thank you!



### **TRUE NORTH HOURS**

Please note Rev. Angela Wells will be at True North Coffee Shop on the following dates. However, her door is always open!

Tuesday February 7 4-6pm  
Thursday February 9 9-11am  
Tuesday February 14 4-6pm  
Thursday February 16 9-11am  
Tuesday February 21 4-6pm  
Thursday February 23 9-11am  
Tuesday February 28 4-6pm

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Nursery:** We are happy to announce that Nicole Flecchia has agreed to be our new nursery attendant until she returns to school in the fall. Nicole has often volunteered in the nursery and will be a great nursery attendant! Welcome Nicole! (If anyone knows a person over 18 that might be interested in taking over after Nicole leaves, let us know!)

**Sunday School:** We will be continuing our study of Unit 4, which is entitled "New World, New Day." As we move into the new year, fresh from the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we become increasingly aware of the new world that we are called both to live in, and to help bring about. Unit 4 is through the Epiphany season. Epiphany means "to show forth" or "make manifest." It is an "Aha" moment when something is revealed. During this season, we see Jesus showing forth God's love and more and more people recognizing him as the one sent by God, and choosing to follow him. For several weeks, we will read from Jesus' teaching known as the Sermon on the Mount. The last Sunday is the mountain story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

*We are in need of volunteers for Sunday School. Please contact Jan (jancosta124@gmail.com)*

*if you'd like to volunteer. There will be a sign up at coffee hour as well*

### **February Youth Activity:**

Youth of all ages are invited to join us on **Friday, February 17th from 5:30 - 7:30** for game night at the church. Bring your favorite game (we will also have some available) and a snack (no nuts!) or drink to share! Parents, you may drop off your child or stay with them, it is up to you!

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** (2/28/17)

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday. We are considering a church-wide, all ages Pancake Dinner to be held in the Ed Building. If you are interested in helping to make this happen, contact Angela or Larainne.

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

### **ROSIE'S PLACE**

Thank you to those volunteers who ventured into Boston to prepare, serve, cleanup for a luncheon for those homeless ladies at Rosie's Place. The toiletries were very much appreciated.

Our next date to volunteer for a brunch is on Saturday, May 6th.

If you would like to join us please contact 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:

**Stewed tomatoes**  
**Diced tomatoes**  
**Peeled tomatoes**  
**Tomato paste**

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

### **CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C**

We will meet every Wednesday at 1pm in the conference room at church. Our group is busy making a variety of items for donations to various organizations, our church, and some nice baptism blankets for our new little babies! Anyone is welcome! So come enjoy good company and a great cause!





## Jazz and Chocolate - February 11th 7pm

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 and more!

Tickets are \$15 per person! Call 781-272-4547 to reserve now!

### SOLAR PROJECT FOR OUR CHURCH

We are pleased to provide an update regarding our efforts to investigate the feasibility of having Solar panels installed. We have engaged (7) vendors of which (4) are interested, engaged and providing early proposals. The biggest issue we have is that there is a lot of change in process regarding incentives. Lack of clarity for incentives may impact our plans as we will not be able to completely nail down the financials. In the meantime we will continue to engage the vendors, and compare technical and cost aspects of the proposals. We are also exploring all options regarding purchase, lease and some hybrids of both. We will continue to keep you updated as our process unfolds.

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to be in touch with Dave Ierardi who can be reached at [david.ierardi@protonex.com](mailto:david.ierardi@protonex.com).



### TIPS FROM THE GREEN TEAM!

Often safety and savings go hand-in-hand! Remember to clean the lint trap before EVERY load. This step can save you up to \$34 each year and reduces the top cause of dryer fires. [masssave.org](http://masssave.org) & [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org)

### BIBLE STUDY: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

During Lent, we will study the Gospel of Luke.  
Our classes will be on **Wednesday's at 7:30pm,**  
**from March 8th through April 5th.**  
Details to follow in the March Hilltop-but please see the signup sheet or contact Angela (RevWells@UCCBurlington.org), if you plan to attend.

## PEOPLE TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Karwan's Mom Irene  
Larainne Wilson's Dad Allen Wilson  
Sheri Wilson's nephew Tyler and her Mom  
Larainne and Sheri's friend Alisa Safely Macone  
Deb Glancy's friend Mario  
Jan Blandino and her great grandson Brandon  
Contoni (only 6 and diagnosed with a rare cancer)  
Chris Cahoon  
Carol Downing's husband Ron  
Sheila Vitale  
Nick Ciano's Mom Jenny  
Bobbie Killilea's friend John Ford  
Joe's parents Joseph & Lillian  
Woody Knowles' friend Chris Carbeau's  
grandson-health is improving!  
Kendra's Grandfather Phil  
Jessy McNeil's Brother Mel, Mom and Sister Grace  
Anne Stafford's grandsons Tyler and Zach

Dorothy Murdoch's daughter Judy and brother Frank  
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  
Ginger Mungillo's son, Jim  
Fred Garside  
Alan Wright's Mom Mary



### BIRTHS!

Paul and Jane Raymond welcomed their first great grandchild, a girl!

Nancy Davis welcomed her 6th great grandchild, a girl.

And Tom and Bobbie Killilea had their 4th grandchild, a boy!

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Rev. Angela Wells on the passing of her grandfather Howard Wells. He had a very interesting life with the United Way! Please keep Angela and her extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also Joe Calandrelli's grandfather Joseph Calandrelli recently passed after a long illness. Please keep Joe and Karen and their entire families in your thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Phillip's Dad had been in hospice. Sadly he passed away. Please keep Cindy and her extended family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Sadly our dear member Suzanne Trefethen passed away unexpectedly on January 19th. Please keep her sister Charlotte and Howie Blaney, their extended family, her partner Rob Carter and her many, many friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES

1	Craig Baker	16	Virginia Mungillo
1	Ted Brierley	19	Donna Flecchia
2	Gordon Brown	22	Robert Knudsen
3	Diana Barry	24	Julia Lynch
5	Mark Flecchia	27	Lynn Tirrell
7	Karen Crossman (Beck)	27	Sharon McDonough
7	Kellsee Marie Lynch	27	David Williamson
7	Christopher Cahoon		
10	Sue Staten-Kassirer		
13	Amy Todd		
14	Karin Keyser		
14	Elaine Carpenter		



## **Worship Participation Schedule**

### **ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON**

Feb 5 10:30am	Communion Prep:	Donna Ferro-Deb Glancy
	Lay Leader:	Dave Hooper
	Head Usher:	Marcia Rich
	Ushers:	Marcia-Michael Deluca Mark & Donna Flecchia
	Greeters:	Kay Shute-volunteers
	Church School:	Chris Stahlinski-Susan Eby
	Nursery Coverage:	Nicole Flecchia-Sara Goodrich
	Flower Deliverer:	Anna Karwan
	Collector:	Marcia Rich
	Coffee Host:	Parish Council
	<b>Potluck Luncheon:</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
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Feb 12 10:30am	Lay Leader:	Conrad Fong
	Head Usher:	Lucy Damiani
	Ushers:	Lucy-Bev Maher-Carol Downing-Barbara Moran
	Greeters:	Barbara Moran-volunteer
	Church School:	Laraine Wilson-Deb Ursino
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Paul Raymond
	Flower Deliverer:	Jessy McNeil
	Collector:	Carol Downing
	Coffee Host:	Barbara Moran-Nancy Davis
	Bakers:	Barbara-Nancy-Jean Baker
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Feb 19 10:03am	Lay Leader:	Karen Ciardi
	Head Usher:	Dave Ierardi
	Ushers:	Dave-Everett Langley-John Heald-Luella Brown
	Greeters:	Nancy Davis-volunteer
	Church School:	Laraine Wilson-Jessy McNeil
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Bev Maher
	Flower Deliverer:	Bev Maher
	Collector:	Karen Ciardi
	Coffee Host:	Janine Towle
	Bakers:	Janine-Sally Willard-Janet Hooper
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Feb 26 10:30am	Lay Leader:	Kendra Griep
	Head Usher:	Bill Hitchcock
	Ushers:	Bill-John Getsinger, Marcia Rich-Jane Raymond
	Greeters:	Susan Eby-volunteer
	Church School:	Laraine Wilson-Wendy Sanford
	Nursery:	Nicole & Mark Flecchia
	Flower Deliverer:	Marge Zamanian
	Collector:	Everett Langley
	Coffee Host:	Deb Raymond
	Bakers:	Deb Raymond-Shirley Fong-Bobbie Killilea
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March 1 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
	Lay Leader:	TBA
	Head Usher:	TBA
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March 5 10:30am	Communion Prep:	Kay Shute-Marge Zamanian
	Lay Leader:	Debbie Claar
	Head Usher:	Dave McNeil
	Ushers:	Dave-Dave Ierardi-Deb Glancy-Donna Ferro
	Greeters:	Ginger Mungillo-volunteer
	Church School:	Deb Raymond-Jan Costa
	Nursery:	Nicole Flecchia-Deb Ursino
	Flower Deliverer:	Cindy Phillips
	Collector:	Wynelle Scenna
	Coffee Host:	Kay Shute-Jane Raymond
	Bakers:	Kay-Jane-Lynn Tirrell-Deana Tredeau

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.

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	2 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	3	4
Montessori School M-F 8-5:30p						
5 10:30a Communion Service	6 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA 7:30p Trustees	7 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p Deacons	8 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	9 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	10	11 7-9p Jazz & Chocolate
12 10:30a Worship Church School- Love Offering	13 3:30p Irish Step 6:30p CE 7:30p AA	14 10a Missions 4-6p True North Pastor Hours	15 1p C4C 5:45p Youth Choir 7-9p Scouts 7:15p Adult Choir	16 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	17 5:30-7:30p All Youth Game Night	18 5-11pm possible Reception Rental-TBA
19 10:30a Worship Church School- Moment of Reflection	20 School Vacation Week! President's Day Office Closed NO Irish Step 7:30p AA	21 4-6p True North Pastor Hours 7:15p PC	22 1p C4C No Choirs 7-9p Scouts	23 9-11a True North Pastor Hours	24	25
26 10:30a Worship Church School- Red Wagon	27 3:30p Irish Step 7:30p AA	28 4-6p True North Pastor Hours Shrove Pancake Dinner				

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